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RE: 1) Update on local elections
2) Consolidated Report Form
3) Membership
4) Liberty Newsletter

As many of you have already heard our Detachment Convention has been canceled. That being said. Department of New York Executive Committee has instituted the following. All the current Detachment Officers, Committee, Commission members will remain in their current offices until our next convention in July 2021 in Westchester County. This does not include the Squadron, County, or District. Please read the following from Department.

The Department of New York Executive Committee (D.E.C.) met in special session called by Commander McDermott on April 5th, via telephone conference, regarding the current National COVID-19 Emergency, President Trump's National Guidelines and Governor Cuomo's Executive Action regarding "social distancing to slow the spread" and related limitations on the ability to physically assemble in a given space. Of immediate concern is how this situation impacts the up and coming 2020 elections and/or conventions for Sons' Squadrons, Counties, Districts, Detachment, American Legion Posts, County Committees, District Organizations, to and including the Department Conventions.

THEREFORE, due to the extreme urgency and uncertainty created by the current National COVID-19 Emergency, The D.E.C., pursuant to Article XIV, Section 1, of the Department By-Laws, has promulgated and adopted Temporary Regulation No. 1, dated April 5th. 2020, which reads as follows:

As far as Squadron, County, and District elections are concerned, "Beginning on April 5th,2020, and CONTINUING until President Trump's National Guidelines and Governor Cuomo's Executive Orders regarding the National COVID-19 Emergency concerning the limitations on unnecessary travel and/or physical assembly are lifted, CONSTITUTIONS and BY-LAWS are HEREBY TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED as they relate to the up and coming 2020 Sons' Squadron, County, District, American Legion Post, County Committee and District Organization NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS. THAT, **UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE** the elected officers of the ALR, Sons' Squadrons, Counties, Districts, American Legion Posts, County Committees, District Organizations, Detachment, Department and National Convention Delegates chosen for 2019-2020 shall remain in place until their successors are chosen at meetings to be held AFTER the limitations on unnecessary travel and/or physical assembly are officially lifted by President Trump and Governor Cuomo and local authorities. Said meeting(s) should be conducted only

after the respective General Membership is first notified by either Postal mail, e-mail, or Facsimile transmission, at least five (5) days prior to said meeting, of its date, time, place and purpose which can be held on the same day or night and the same quorum as for all other meetings will be required to conduct business, and at the convenience of the respective Sons' Squadron, County, District, American Legion Post, County Committee and/or District Organization."

Please check with your parent organization (i.e. Post, County, or District) to see what they are doing. If anything changes you will be notified.

Consolidated Report Forms should still be filled out and sent in as normal. Please remember that if you fill out the report online (it only get sent to national) so make sure you print out a copy and send it into Detachment Headquarters at the new address 1304 Park Boulevard Troy, NY 13180. Committee and Commissions should continue the work they are doing as to the best of their abilities. We will still have judging on the reports. We all the reports have been judged we will send out a list of all the award winners. All awards will still be issued at a later date.

Membership should continue as normal. The National Organization has changed the target dates due to the Covid virus. The new dates are as follows. 90% - May 13, 2020, 100% June 17, 2020 all other target dates remain the same. The 3rd and final 2020 renewal post card will be mailed on April 24, 2020.

The SAL per capita increase scheduled to go into effect starting July 1, 2020, for the 2021 membership year is still going into effect. Just to be clear, this is the national SAL per capita, which is increasing from \$2 per member to \$5 per member (a \$3 increase).

It's time for the Spring edition of the Liberty Newsletter, and all are asked to please submit information NO LATER THAN MAY 8. A specific shout out to Detachment Officers, Committee and Commission Chairs, District Commanders and others, please help us out with an article. Perhaps you are like most of us and your Post is closed or limited, that does not mean you don't have something to share. Perhaps you are orchestrating some relief effort for Veterans, needy, or 1st Responders. LET US KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING! How about prior to the Pandemic? You must have had activities taking place, success stories you want to share, and pictures you would like to convey. Please submit all information to PR Chairman Joe Guidice k9bigdog@gmail.com. Thank You!

If you have any questions pertaining to elections, The consolidated report, membership or anything else I can help with please let me know.

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