

FORWARD – TOGETHER

Hello everyone, I hope all is well.

I thought that it was time to update The Wisconsin American Legion Family on a few topics.

First, it is my hope that everyone is following all of the instructions and guidance that is being provided by our National, State, and Local governments. Most of these instructions are common sense, but they “Must” be followed. Ladies and gentlemen, please do not put yourself or others at risk. Remember that Angie and the Headquarters Team are updating all of the schedules and events as information becomes available. Please watch www.wilegion.org, under the *Get Connected* tab, the team is putting all updates under Headquarters news/Adjutant’s Note and the Calendar of Events.

The Department is receiving updated information from National concerning our programs. Here is a brief list as to what has been cancelled or postponed on the National level. New information is coming out and will be shared as we receive it. This is an ongoing process.

- All travel by National officers and staff - Canceled
- Boy’s Nation – Canceled, Twelve Departments have canceled their programs
- National Oratorical – Canceled
- Junior Shooting Competition – Canceled
- National Spring Meetings – Canceled
- American Legion Baseball – Many Departments have canceled

Here is an update concerning the Department:

- Commander’s Testimonial Dinner - Canceled
- Spring Meetings – A decision will be made on April 17th concerning these meetings. If they are canceled, we will move forward with electronic meetings, and phone conferences.
- Camp American Legion – Camp opening is being delayed until July 1st. We will adjust this date if and when necessary.
- Badger Boy’s State – No decision has yet been made. We are in contact with Ripon College as to what direction to take.
- American Legion Baseball – Discussions are being held. No decision at this time
- Department Convention – Still on schedule, Angie has been in contact with the Red Lion and our contract protects us from liability should we be forced to cancel due to the Pandemic. Therefore the decision will not be made until at least May.

Department Adjutant Search – There are multiple steps to be followed. Chairman Reigel and his committee have made a choice from 15 applicants. Interviews were conducted, and the individual that was chosen has accepted the position. The chairman and his Committee will be presenting the information about this person to the DEC very shortly. We will be seeking the approval to hire this individual at that time.

The Headquarters Team is currently working remotely. They continue to provide the Department with all needed support as we keep moving forward. They are providing weekly updates (sometimes more often) so please check your emails daily. You were supplied with HDQ contact information in two previous emails since the governor’s order came out. Please use the chain of command, and share this information with your Post, County, District.

This is a great opportunity to do a **“Buddy Check”**, information/resources were sent in today’s email blast.

Very respectfully;
David Wischer
Department Commander