From the Desk of Eddy Seegers, March 12, 2020

Gentlemen,

I am sending this message to all Detachment Officers and District Commanders. However, there are several District Commanders without email addresses in the Blue Book so I am asking that Division Commanders please see that all of your Districts are notified.

Following the lead of The American Legion National Commander Bill Oxford, Department of Texas Commander Jeff Perkins and President Brenda Towers, we are asking that all Detachment Officers restrict their travel through the end of March. In addition, due to increasing health concerns stemming from the Coronavirus, CoVID-19, access to department offices is being restricted. Department is asking that you do not visit the offices while they attempt to keep them as "public free" so that they can maintain business operations. The situation will be reviewed daily and any adjustments made as the situation necessitates.

Commander Perkins has also requested that all District Conventions be rescheduled to either April or May and that all Division Conventions be rescheduled to June. I am asking that all Detachment Division and District Commanders work with your Legion counterparts so that changes can occur in a professional and orderly manner.

We are in a challenging time and situation. Please err on the side of caution. I spoke with my family doctor yesterday and he pointed out that beginning at age 50 the risks to individuals start to increase. He pointed out that this makes the potential for serious consequences for our organizations significant due to the age of so many of our members. Even those of us that might not fall in this danger zone, we could affect the health of others. Personally, I still believe that the danger of the flu and pneumonia is greater but all of the precautions being put in place will help everyone avoid any of these illnesses.

Please take care and take precautions. Be safe and in the interest of everyone's health, be smart.

Eddy Seegers Commander Sons of The American Legion Detachment of Texas