

March 30, 2020

To the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Texas:

I know that many of you have been wondering what is happening and I apologize for taking so long to get this update out. However, I wanted to avoid putting out conjecture and partial information if possible. That means that this update will be fairly lengthy. And regardless of efforts otherwise, some information may change as the situation warrants.

On a Detachment level, we are going to do what we can to follow and assist the direction of the Department of Texas. I will attach Commander Perkins most recent letter in total, in summary, it states:

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· Department is open to trying to make time at the State Convention if any District or Division is not able to have their convention earlier. I am hoping we are not going to have to deal with this but if your Legion District or Division is not able to have their sessions prior, we will attempt to work with each situation individually. Our Detachment convention session is different from the Department's so we may have to make other arrangements, if necessary. ·

Boys State is being scheduled. Posts and Squadrons need to submit paperwork and funds for anyone they are sponsoring. Should Boys State end up getting canceled, refunds will be provided. For more details, see the full message from Commander Perkins, Travis Arreaga's letter, and www.texasboysstate.com. ·

Detachment Convention is still on the schedule.

I do want to emphasize that as of now Boys State is still on schedule. Posts and Squadrons need to follow through on registration paperwork and funding so that proper preparations can be made.

On a National level · The National Oratorical Finals scheduled to be in Indianapolis near the end of April have been canceled.

- The Spring Meetings including have been canceled.
- The Junior Shooting Sports competition scheduled for July has been canceled.
- Boys Nation, also scheduled for July, has been canceled.

As we are constantly reminded in the media, we are going through a challenging time. This is a chance for The American Legion Family, including the Sons of The American Legion to show we truly are a service organization serving our nation's military, veterans, veterans' families, and our nation as a whole.

I want to encourage all of you to stay safe, be healthy, and follow the guidelines put in place for the protection of everyone. I also ask for our members to keep our nation in your prayers. Pray for our leaders and the medical leaders as they try to fight this pandemic. I am a strong believer in the power of prayer and believe that if we join together, we can call on Providence to bring us through.

I will provide updates as they become available.

[Letter from Commander Perkins](#)

[Letter from Ken A. George, Member Engagement Coordinator/ National SAL & ALR Liaison](#)

[Boys State Letter from Taravis Arreaga](#)

[COVID-19 Update – National Headquarters](#)

For God and Country,

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