

After conferring with the State Adjutant and the State Judge Advocate, I have reached the following decisions:

1. District, Division and State Convention cannot be conducted with a virtual method. Facebook, Go-to-Meeting, Skype and other such methods are not authorized. These types of communication can be utilized for meetings but not conventions. Conventions are when all members have voice and vote. If even one member cannot attend due to not having a computer or smart phone; then any votes taken are voided. Post cannot be told to only allow one or two members for the same reason.

I **strongly** urge the Division Commanders to move their conventions to June to allow the District Commanders to move theirs to May and early June. We must allow time for the posts to have their elections also.

2. We are aware of the requirement but as a last resort, if the districts or divisions are unable to hold their convention before department convention, we are looking a make time and space available at the Dept convention site. We have to allow the posts time to conduct their elections also.

3. Boys State is being scheduled. Posts need to submit the paperwork and funds for the ones they intend on sponsoring to Boys State. If it does get cancelled, refunds will be provided. Contracts for buses will have to be negotiated by the District or Post themselves. The Boys State Committee is working with UT on alternative dates for Boys State due to the present situation.

4. The Department Convention is still on schedule.

I encourage all posts during these trying times to conduct their Buddy Checks on all their members.

I will provide more information as it becomes available.

Thank you for your service,

Jeff Perkins
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God Bless The American Legion Family