

Subject: Status of Resolution 8 and COVID-19 impact on the SAL

Over the past few weeks, we have observed mandates issued by health organizations, local, state, and federal governments to minimize the spreading of the COVID-19 virus. Recently, the SAL Sr. Leadership and the SAL Internal Affairs Commission created and passed forward to the SAL-NEC a resolution to cancel the upcoming Spring Meetings in May. The American Legion has created its own resolution and taken the same measures and actions. Below is an official message from National Adjutant Daniel Wheeler outlining the current state of affairs in relation to American Legion's meetings and upcoming annual programs. Please take note and forward the cancelations to your detachment membership.

SAL Resolution 8 was voted on this past weekend, and although the constitution and bylaws (CB&L) state that an electronic vote is open for 30 days, time is of the essence. Enough votes have been cast and recorded by Adjutant Wright and Brian Compton, where a simple majority has been declared, and the motion will carry. With the passing of Resolution 8, the following will occur immediately.

- The 2020 SAL NEC spring meetings and training classes are canceled
 - All hotel reservations reserved via the meeting portal have been canceled
 - Flights booked through the convention office at HQ are canceled. You are responsible for flight reservations you booked outside of the convention office.
 - All travel for SAL National Officers and leading candidates is canceled until May 1st
 - Any further decisions or cancellations that may impact The American Legion and the Sons of The American Legion will be assessed and announced after April 8th unless something is known before that time.
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- What does this mean?
 - o Currently, all headquarters staff has been ordered to work from home until April 7th, to return on April 8th. In the meantime, all national staff has full capabilities to work remotely from anywhere. All staff is available during regular working hours 8 AM – 4:30 PM (EST). With our new phone and server capabilities, our office's numbers are connected with voice or texting capability, and all files can be accessed.

- Between now and the national convention
 - o The SAL Sr. Leadership and I will work together to determine the next course of action for future meetings and the convention. As something is known, all concerned will be notified soon as practical.
 - o HQ staff will work with convention staff to determine options for an NEC meeting that can take place at the convention.
 - o Commission and Committees are encouraged to work in the same manner as they do between meetings (phone conferencing). Make sure someone is keeping accurate minutes of each meeting you are conducting. C &C's will not meet at the convention, but each chair will be required to have an official roll-up report to be read, and hard copy turned in at the convention NEC. If you need an assistant adjutant assigned to your phone meetings, make a request through Adjutant Wright ahead of time. Allow time for scheduling; do not wait until the last minute to make your request.
 - o There may be more resolutions created so that we can make the necessary adjustments to conduct business at the convention and may not be addressed in the CB&L.

I would like to state that I appreciate everyone's patience and understanding as we face the challenges and make sacrifices in the face of a pandemic that threatens our friends and loved ones. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

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