

All Concerned,

I wanted to take a moment to reflect and give words of encouragement as we go into the weekend. I first would like to say that your headquarters staff is working remotely with full capabilities as if we are in the office (phone, email, reporting.) It may take a little longer to complete certain tasks, but nonetheless, everything can be completed.

I also wanted to state that it is during the trying times where we, as a country and an organization, are at our best. We make an extra effort to look after one another, we check on members of our communities, and see to their needs. At the VA, many volunteer for VAVS, but your post, needs volunteers to perform "Buddy Checks." Now more than any other time, we should make the extra effort to check on our fellow SAL members and Legionnaires. Though these are all very important, it is also essential to keep up with post/squadron administration tasks. For example; membership transmittals, now that they can be done online for most detachments. Membership processing becomes a much simpler and safer task with having the ability to complete transmittals you're your home. The world may have stopped for a moment; our post and squadron needs have not if your detachment does not have membership transmittal capability talk to your department leadership and request the capability. The SAL membership is on record to surpass last year, let's keep up the pace to get over the hump.

Please stay safe and healthy. Wash your hands and face regularly and check on your members. Pick a battle buddy and make it a point to check on each other a few times a week. Reach out to those you have not heard from in a while.

The HQ staff and I are here for you in the event you need anything from us.

On a separate note, if your squadron or members are doing something above and beyond, take a few pictures and write a short story about it. Forward it to me and post to legiontown.org. Your stories and actions are a beacon of hope for others around the country. They also provide ideas on how to serve your community best.

Regards,

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