



Good of the Legion

Items to share with your post members at your next post meeting or to display on the bulletin board.

Welcome Back Legionnaires!!

It has been roughly 11 weeks since Governor Whitmer issued her first “stay home, stay safe” Executive Order and her orders to close non-essential business that included American Legion Posts.

Through executive orders issued the second week of June, American Legion Posts with buildings, and lounges were able to begin reopening June 8. Gatherings of 50 people inside and 250 outside have been authorized, meaning Post meetings can start to happen again.

Like many, we miss our friends and the gatherings we had before the shutdowns began. We do not

want our Posts to fall on hard times, and we are eager to reopen and welcome everyone back home. As the Posts reopen, be flexible, be patient, and be kind. Be aware of our older veterans, for they are most at risk. The virus is not gone, so if you feel sick or feel a fever, please stay home.

Do not forget to check on your members with buddy checks, even if it means knocking on a door. We want everyone to be safe.

Welcome back, Legion Family.

American Legion Department Veteran Service Office Update

Department Veteran Service Officers Are Returning to the Field.

COVID-19 executive orders forced the American Legion Department of Michigan Veteran Service Officers to work from home. One might assume that meant they were not working. However, that was not the case. VSO Director Gary Easterling had his staff working from home. Using video conferences and online data storage, the VSO Team has been busy the entire time, helping veterans file claims, and do updates on current work.

As of June 8, the VSO's were returning to some of their scheduled offices. Not all VA or County facilities are open to having the VSO's in, but some are.



Also, if you need to see a service officer, please make an appointment ahead of time. Scheduled appointments will reduce the number of Veterans waiting in a lobby and maintain social distancing.

If you need to speak to a service officer or want to make an appointment, call 313-964-6640 to find out if a VSO is near you and, if so, make an appointment.

American Legion VSO's have been equipped with desk shields and other personal protection equipment to minimize exposure.

If you have already filed a claim, the office can handle the information over the phone.

What is the position of The American Legion on Current Events.

FIFTH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

San Francisco, California

October 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 1923

Resolution No. 407: Law Enforcement and Tolerance

Origin: Convention Committee on Resolutions

Submitted by: Convention Committee on Resolutions

WHEREAS, The fundamental law of our country guarantees to all peoples equal rights and equal opportunities and the right to worship their God as they see fit; and

WHEREAS, It is provided that our laws shall be made and enforced by representatives of our people, chosen under the law so to do; and

WHEREAS, Membership of The American Legion is made up of those who served our country in time of great national stress, without distinction as to race, color, creed or class; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion is pledged to the orderly enforcement of our laws through lawful agencies; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in San Francisco, California, October 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 1923, That we consider any individual, group of individuals, or organizations, which creates, or fosters racial, religious or class strife among our people, or which takes into their own hands the enforcement of law, determination of guilt, or infliction of punishment, to be un-American, a menace to our liberties, and destructive to our fundamental law; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That we consider such action by any individual, groups, or organizations, to be inconsistent with the ideals and purposes of The American Legion.

Do You have a question?

Is there something about the Legion you have a question about?

Do you have a question about an officer position?

Need information about services?

Question about your membership?

JUST ASK!

Send an email to info@michiganlegion.org with your question. I will be happy to get back to you and it may be answered in a future edition of this publication.

Let me know what you think

The Good of the Legion took a couple months off due to the pandemic, but we will be back to a regular publication each month.

Let me know what you think and if you have suggestions

for topics.

Send an email to info@michiganlegion.org.

Important numbers:

Don't Face the VA Alone! Use an American Legion accredited Veteran Service Officer. Find one near you by calling 313-964-6641.

Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency: 800- mich-vet (642-4883)

Veteran Suicide Hotline—800- 273-8255

VA Veteran Homeless resources—877-424-3838

Department of Michigan Headquarters: 517-371-4720