



## **American Legion 21<sup>st</sup> District**

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### **Leaders of the 21<sup>st</sup> District,**

Just a quick note to let everyone know that the Department Executive Committee voted yesterday to cancel this year's department convention. What is the impact? Basically, it just prevents us from having Department level elections which in-turn means the current Department level Officers will remain in place until we are able to have a convention in Jul 2021. How does this affect us at the District and Post level? It doesn't, as we will continue to do what we do for our Veterans and our communities.

As mentioned in our last memo, we are moving forward with a teleconference application called Zoom for our Convention call in lieu of the Convention itself. We haven't heard back from anyone in regards to not being able to use the Zoom application, so we're going to hold a Convention call on 30 May at 1000 hours. We will keep the meeting as short as possible, but expect it will take 2 ½ to 3 hours as we have 30 Posts that will need some time to provide information and express any concerns.

To prepare for the meeting, please review our hubmaster's guidance on page 2 of the attached agenda. The Zoom website also has video training on how to use it. Please familiarize yourself with this application prior to the meeting as this will help keep the meeting to a minimum.

As you will see in the attached draft agenda, we plan on approving our updated District Constitution & By-laws and a new resolution to improve our ability to assist veterans with their disability claims. In addition, each post will be called upon to provide the following information: 1) How did your "Buddy check" go and any relevant story to go along with it, 2) upcoming events you are having or planning to have, & 3) any comments, questions, or concerns you may have for your leadership team.

Hot off the press, we just found out that we can use Zoom or another platform called "Go To Meeting" to install new officers. We would much rather accomplish in person, but this is available if the need arises.

As always, please feel free to contact me or any other District officer for questions or concerns.

"For God & Country"

William "Joey" Bess, Jr.

