

ARKANSAS AMERICAN LEGION 2020 STATE CONVENTION CANCELLED

The American Legion Department of Arkansas Department Executive Committee met Thursday, April 16, 2020 via teleconference. By majority vote of the D.E.C., Department Resolution 2020-1 was passed. Resolution 2020-1 postpones the 102nd Department Convention until June 18 - 20, 2021. Department convention scheduled for June 26 – 28, 2020 at the Wyndham Riverfront, North Little Rock, is now **CANCELLED.**

Resolution 2020-1 also states that all Department Officers, District Officers, department commission and/or committee members, elected and appointed, WILL REMAIN in office until the end of the 2021 Department Convention.

It was further resolved that all Posts of Department of Arkansas could be allowed to hold their annual elections according to their individual Constitution and Bylaws **OR** by Post Resolution also cancel their post elections for the 2020 year.

Because of the serious nature of the pandemic outbreak of COVID-19, The National American Legion has cancelled National Convention which was scheduled for August 28 – September 3, 2020 in Louisville, KY. This action was taken by passage of National Resolution 2020-3 which also strongly urged all Departments to take the same actions to protect our members.

At this time, no one knows the future course of this pandemic. Things may improvement dramatically or take a turn for the worse. All we can do is take all precautions possible to protect our American Legion Family. I can assure you that there is not one thing at convention worth the life of one of our members. The D.E.C. makes the decisions by majority vote and I am only one vote, but as your commander I give you my word that your safety is my number one priority. In the course of American Legion events and activities, I will do all I can to see that we all come through this without loss of life or serious illness. This means that we all follow social distancing guidelines established by our federal, state, and local governments.

If you have questions about any actions taken, please do not hesitate to contact us at 501-375-1104 or 501-375-1105. Our email is alegion@swbell.net