

**The Sons of The American Legion
Detachment of Minnesota
Resolution**

Resolution Number: 2020-1

Title: Cancellation of 2020 American Legion Detachment of Minnesota Convention At Legionville School Patrol Camp near Brainerd Mn

Origin: Immediate Past Detachment Commander Detachment of Minnesota

Whereas, Article 10, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Detachment of Minnesota of the Sons of The American Legion calls for a Detachment Convention to be held annually, and said convention was scheduled to be held on June 26-27 at Legionville School Patrol Camp , and

Whereas, Article 5, Section 1 of the Minnesota Department Constitution provides that in the event that, due to an emergency, National or State, it is for any reason impossible to convene the annual Department Convention, and

Whereas, The American Legion Nationally has passed Resolution Number 3 cancelling the National Convention, all meetings, and all travel of the National Officers and Staff through 30 September 2020 and all National Officers elected and appointed will continue to serve until the 2021 National Convention, and

Whereas, The American Legion Department of Minnesota, has approved Resolution Number 2020-02 that all Article 7, Section 2 Department Constitution, officers elected at convention, namely: the Department Commander, the five Department Vice Commanders, the Department Chaplain, the Department Sergeant at Arms and the Department Historian continue serving in their current positions until the close of the next Department Convention in 2021, and

Whereas, The State of Minnesota and the United States in general are currently experiencing a pandemic associated with the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) therefore causing communities, cities, states and the federal government to enact unprecedented emergency actions in order to contain and combat the impact and risks of spreading the COVID-19; and

Whereas, the Governor of Minnesota has declared 33 Emergency Executive Orders to address the health crisis, and on March 13, 2020, Emergency Executive Order 20-01 declared a peacetime emergency in Minnesota, the Governor encouraged all Minnesotans to stay at home, to practice social distancing, and to avoid gatherings of ten or more people , and

Whereas, a gathering of the members of the Sons of The American Legion of the Detachment of Minnesota in Legionville School Patrol Camp on June 26-27 for our Detachment Convention would be in conflict with the imposed restrictions set by state and federal authorities and therefore, place our members at an unnecessary health, safety and medical risk, and

Whereas, the Detachment Executive Committee has thoroughly discussed the situation, weighed all options including utilizing electronic communications applications for meetings, and determined that the course of action herein recommended is the correct and prudent course for the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Minnesota; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that By the Detachment of Minnesota Executive Committee of the Sons of The American Legion, by electronic communication, that due to the uncertainty of the duration of the disease known as the coronavirus (COVID 19), the numerous state emergency executive orders imposed to contain it and concern for the safety of all members of the Sons of The American Legion Family, the Detachment Executive Committee agrees that present circumstances constitute an emergency making it impossible to convene a Detachment Convention and therefore said convention is cancelled, and be it further

RESOLVED, that all Article 5, Section 2 Detachment Constitution, officers elected at convention, namely: the Detachment Commander, the five Detachment Vice Commanders, the Detachment Chaplain, the Detachment Sergeant at Arms and the Detachment Historian continue serving in their current positions until the close of the next Detachment Convention in 2021, and be it further

RESOLVED, that all Detachment Committee Chairs and the current committee members and the Detachment Membership Director continue serving in their current positions unless any said member offers to resign or is reassigned or reappointed at the 2020 Detachment Fall Conference, and be it further

RESOLVED, that due to the numerous health and safety reasons and needs of our members, the Department of Minnesota Executive Committee strongly urges the Detachment of Minnesota Sons of American Legion Districts, and all programs and committees of the Sons The American Legion follow a similar course of action, namely: cancel their 2020 convention, elections, all gatherings and maintain their current officers until 2021, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be forwarded to the Detachment of Minnesota Executive Committee via electronic means, for approval at the called emergency meeting to be held 10 April 2020.