

Amvets Dept of Michigan Family

“Hope this finds everyone well and safe!”

On Monday of this week, a written notification of the NEC to not hold the National Convention this year, due to the ongoing virus issues, was received.

This allowed our Dept to reconsider, if we were going to continue with our rescheduled July 24-26, 2020 State Convention or Cancel it for this 2020 year. A motion was made and seconded to Cancel this years State Convention, in line with the National and State requirements and along with the Cancellation of the National Convention. The SEC vote to Cancel, this years State Convention was approved by all voting members.

As the Dept was waiting, the chain of command, from the National Amvets, a couple of the Subordinates, of our Amvets’ Family, took it upon themselves to decide their attendance to the Convention, instead of waiting for the National’s NEC decision to Cancel this year’s plans. Thus, the Chain of Command was not adhered to, nor considered.

That said, we must continue to work as a family, especially during these trying times, as our Post’s are locked down and are having considerable difficulties staying in existence. With no money’s coming into the Post’s and still paying the utilities, rent, mortgage, etc. and support to our Veterans, our continued existence will be a major comeback issue. But, We Can Do It, because we are Veterans and have seen the worst and had worked as a team to bring back our Rights, Freedom and Future, moving ahead.

I had hoped that all our Post’s had applied for the Stimulus money’s available, but if you missed it, another one is coming up and you should have your application ready (paperwork made up) and available for this next wave of Federal help.

Our Dept H.Q. (Higgins Lake Lodge) has had no rentals this year due to the Virus and the Stay at Home regulations. We have started to cut back on all non-essentials, such as cable TV, Natural Gas and Electrical usage. This helps but does not stop the bills from coming in to be paid. Our Lodge budget, is being depleted, so we need to start generating revenues ASAP.