The American Legion
Department of Tennessee
Executive Committee

Held on
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Resolution

No.: 2020-40
Title: Cancellation of 2020 American Legion Department of Tennessee Convention in Franklin, Tennessee and Awarding of 2022 Department Convention
Origin: Resolutions Committee

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 1 of the Department Constitution of The American Legion, Department of Tennessee calls for a Department Convention to conduct business at a location and time as determined by the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion Department of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 1 of the Department Constitution of The American Legion, Department of Tennessee, allows for the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion Department of Tennessee to change such location and time for sufficient reasons to it appearing; and

WHEREAS, The United States of America and the world 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, Upon the recommendations of the United States President, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO) the emergency actions taken include, but are not limited to, restriction of mass gathering sizes, restrictions on unnecessary travel, closure of restaurants and other public gathering spaces, implementation of “social distancing” guidelines and an overall emphasis on personal hygiene and virus/germ abatement actions; and

WHEREAS, Numerous departments of The American Legion are contemplating the cancellation or postponement of their own Department Conventions, the primary purpose of which is to conduct the business of the department and elect officers and elect/appoint delegates to the national convention; and

WHEREAS, The Governor of the State of Tennessee declared in Executive Order #23 on March 30, 2020 that the State of Tennessee is in a public health emergency as a result of the COVID–19 virus requiring numerous actions to follow including that all people maintain safe social distancing, stay at home whenever possible and that hotels are used only for lodging as needed; and

Resolutions Committee Recommendation

Approved ☐
Rejected ☐
Referred to: ☐
Other Action ☐

Committee/Commission, Chairman Name, and Signature

Joel Pipkin, Chairman
Resolutions Committee

Signature Chairman Resolutions Committee
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Origin: Subcommittee on Resolutions

WHEREAS, A gathering of the members of The American Legion Department of Tennessee at the Department Convention at Franklin, TN would be in conflict with the imposed restrictions set by local and federal authorities and therefore place our members at an unnecessary health, safety and medical risk; and

WHEREAS, The Marriott Cool Spring Hotel, Franklin, Tennessee understands and agrees with this course of action; now; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion, Department of Tennessee, by electronic mail vote pursuant to Rule 12 of the Rules of the National Executive Committee, That due to the uncertainty of the duration of the disease known as Coronavirus (COVID-19), the numerous government regulations being enforced to contain it and concern for the safety of all members of the American Legion Family, the American Legion, Department of Tennessee Executive Committee (DEC) agrees that present circumstances constitute sufficient reasons to cancel the 2020 American Legion, Department of Tennessee Department Convention; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That all Department elected and appointed officers continue serving in their current positions, if willing, until the close of the next Department Convention scheduled in Franklin, Tennessee, for June 5 and 6, 2021; and, be it further

RESOLVED, The Department of Tennessee committee chairpersons and committee members continue serving in their current positions until they resign and their replacement appointed by the Department Commander; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That any resolutions needing to come before the American Legion Department of Tennessee Department Executive Committee, may be brought forth through the Department Resolutions Committee and subsequently considered and voted on by video meetings, electronic mail or any other allowed means prior to the 2021 Mid-Winter Conference; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the National Executive Committee recommended that departments retain their current member of the NEC if they so desire until the post-Convention meeting of the NEC at the Phoenix, Arizona, National Convention on September 2, 2021; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That due to numerous health and safety reasons and needs of our members, the American Legion Department of Tennessee Department Executive Committee strongly urges that the Tennessee Detachment Sons of The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Tennessee follow a similar course of action, to-wit: (1) cancel their 2020 conventions and elections; and (2) maintain the status quo of their officers until next year; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, Due to the Marriott Cool Springs Hotel, Franklin, Tennessee, accommodating the American Legion 2020 Department Convention’s cancellation decision in such a prompt manner without penalty or other financial cost to The American Legion, Department of Tennessee the Department Executive Committee is hereby awarding the 2022 Department Convention to the Marriott Cool Springs Hotel, Franklin, Tennessee, July 2 and 3, 2022.