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News and Notes

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EDITORIAL COMMENT— FOR THE ANNALS OF HISTORY— WE ARE NOW (MAY 2020) IN THE MIDST OF THE CORONAVIRUS EPIDEMIC!! TIME WILL RECORD CORONAVIRUS AS ONE OF THE MOST IMPACTFUL ILLNESSES OF ALL TIME!! WE ARE DEVASTATED!!

VFW...REMEMBERING, CARRYING ON

FOUNDED OCTOBER 12, 1988



FROM THE COMMANDER VFW Post 10523

FROM THE COMMANDER: We managed to have our meeting on April 9th despite the COVID-19 quarantine and we still maintained social distancing. There were nine of us in attendance which gave us more than a quorum to vote on the officers for 2020-2021 VFW new year. We received 12 votes via e-mail on the 9th with yes votes on the list of the officers to vote on as well as 8 votes prior to the 9th. I want to thank all of you that took the time to vote and this shows that even as we self-isolate we still want to participate in matters of the post. We met in the garage of Quartermaster Bob Vance and wearing mask and maintaining social distancing we had a brief but productive meeting and Gregg Isett was there to take photo's for posterity.

I'm hoping that our May 14th meeting will be able to be at the community center with social distancing and wearing mask; more on this later as we will send out an e-mail if this will happen.

I was asked by the incoming District 11 Commander, Rick Curry, to be his district 11 chairperson for the VFW National Home and I accepted his offer. Not sure what is all involved in this position but I think I can handle it and represent our post with dignity and honor. I will brief what my duties will be as soon as I get with him and the past chairman Fred Lavery, our incoming state commander.

Since there is not a whole bunch to talk about, I will close for now but please keep yourselves safe and follow the instructions that were put out to protect yourselves from the COVID-19 enemy the nation and the world is fighting.

"Veterans in Action - Because we Care."

J. Rick Williams, Commander
VFW Post 10523

NOW HEAR THIS — THE VIRUS AND VFW —



COMMANDER WILLIAMS IS FIRMLY "ON TOP" OF THE "VIRUS DEBAUCLE" — AS IT APPLIES TO OUR HIGH-QUALITY VFW POST. REST ASSURED, HE'S "ON IT".

Our Commander — and his super team of dedicated officers are staying fully up-to-date on matters relative to our post. In addition to media — they stay in touch with National, State, and District VFW officials to assure smooth operations.

"SUMMARY" NOTES

- ★ We are "highly managed" (VFW)
- ★ Follow all media and VFW News
- ★ Post operations will resume as soon as possible

Commander Williams summarized, *"We will try to follow all guidelines — while continuing to operate on a limited basis."*

Let's Work Through This — Together!!!!

REMEMBER — WE ARE WELL-MANAGED!!
Commander Williams and the Officer team are fully committed to taking "top care" of us and... "our" Post!!

LET'S ... "HANG" TOGETHER!!

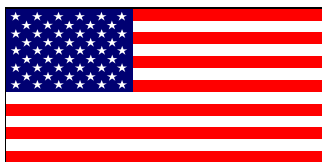
COMING UP ... IN 10523



- May ... Limited Activity (virus)
- May 14... May VFW Meeting (limited)
- May 30... VFW Memorial Day Ceremony (CANCELED)
- May... Limited Operation (virus)
- June 30... End of VFW 2019-20 Fiscal Year



KEEP COOL



WE WILL ALL WANT TO "KEEP COOL" AS WE FIGHT "THE VIRUS" TOGETHER!! LET'S BE — ASSURED COMMANDER WILLIAMS IS "ON TOP" OF OUR VFW MATTERS, ALONG WITH OUR OFFICER TEAM!!

WE ALL NEED TO BE ALERT TO MEDIA REPORTS AND POST 10523 REGARDING THE LATEST INFORMATION.

COMMANDER WILLIAMS — DISTRICT APPOINTMENT

COMMANDER RICK WILLIAMS HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED THAT HE HAS BEEN APPOINTED — DISTRICT 11 CHAIRMAN FOR THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOME IN GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN!!

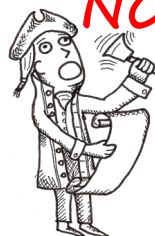
THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT APPOINTMENT — ONLY THE SECOND DISTRICT POSITION IN THE ENTIRE HISTORY OF POST 10523 — FOR OUR POST!!

THE SPECIFIC DUTIES ARE BEING DEVELOPED, ACCORDING TO DISTRICT 11 COMMANDER — RICK CURRY.

Congratulations, Commander!!

You make Post 10523 — Look Good!!

NOW HEAR THIS...



SUMMARY OF APRIL POST MEETING



- The April VFW Meeting was held in the 2-Car garage of Bob Vance with the garage door open (out of the weather, cold and windy)
 - Officers observed Social Distancing and wore face masks (virus standards)
- Commander Rick asked everyone for patience and prayers for the families, friends and the world.
- Nine (9) members were present (quorum) (virus)
- Members in Distress: Ed Morast is home (doing well)
- "Thank You" from Mott's Museum for donation in the name of Margaret Marshall.
- "Thank You" from Judi Eckles for Final Salute, and support. Also for the VFW donation to Mott's Museum in Ray's name from the Post and post members.
- Rich Holter announced the next Golf Committee meeting will be on April 21 by conference call
- Voting for Officers for 2020-2021—25 by email 4 in-person = 29 total.
 - 29 Yes — 0 No, for the nominees.
- Meeting adjourned (one hour)

HIGHLIGHTS IN THE POST



POST MEETINGS — DEPENDING ON VIRUS — APRIL LIMITED — MAY PENDING



OFFICER ELECTIONS — COMPLETED ELECTRONICALLY — INSTALLATION, MAY — PENDING



POST ACTIVITIES — ALL NON-ESSENTIAL CANCELLED — NATIONAL/STATE LAW



MEMORIAL DAY — PUBLIC CEREMONY CANCELED. PRIVATE CEREMONY TBD



GOLF CLASSIC — A "MAJOR" FOR 10523 — SET FOR SEPTEMBER

NEXT VFW POST 10523 MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2020

LOCATION TBD

DATE: Thursday, May 14, 2020

TIME: TBD



FOR: VFW Business Session, Comradeship