

### **Message from the Post 403 Commander:**

Fellow Veterans, Auxiliary members, and citizens of the Van Meter community,

In response to the quickly evolving situation regarding Coronavirus, I want to let you know that Post 403 takes the health of all members and the surrounding community very seriously. Post 403 is committed to meeting the utmost standards of safety, cleanliness, and service for our Members, our guests, and the Van Meter community.

Due to the current restrictions placed by the Governor of Iowa on food service and bar establishments, we are suspending the operation of the Post 403 Lounge as well as the Friday Night Fish Fry through the remainder of March. As the situation develops and we gain accurate information on the impact in our local community, we will re-evaluate and consider re-opening or operating in a reduced capacity such as supporting take-out options. Our team is in contact with our food and beverage suppliers, sanitation professionals, and local community leaders to ensure we are following all health & safety guidelines as well as any new protocols that may be required as the situation evolves. At this time, we cannot project when the Post will resume normal operations at the VRC.

For those with upcoming meetings or functions planned at the VRC through the remainder of March, we strongly recommend postponing these events until the situation stabilizes. If there is a compelling requirement to support a small family gathering following the burial of a loved one at the Iowa Veteran's Cemetery, we may allow use of the Veteran's Reception Center, but the size of the event as well as support provided by Post 403 will be severely limited. Most importantly, we will remain vigilant to adapt to this threat to ensure the safety of our Members as well as the local community.

We will get through this crisis as a team and we will be stronger because of it. Our number one priority remains the support of all veteran's, their families, and the community, and we will demonstrate this support by working hard to ensure the safety and health of the citizens of Van Meter and surrounding communities.

Sincerely,

Vince Junker  
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