

## Commandant's Message

March 21, 2020

The world is a crazy place right now, and it seems that things will not return to normal for quite some time. Every time our televisions are turned to the media more bad news enters our living rooms. As you know, we had to cancel our March meeting due to the Corona virus. I want everyone to know this is a serious pandemic we are facing.

Please take every precaution necessary when going outside of your home. Unfortunately, I know two people that have tested positive for Corona virus, and they are currently in the hospital. We must all take this very seriously, and I pray that this will be over soon. If anyone needs anything, please reach out to me or the detachment officers. I will ensure that whatever your needs are they will be met.

This morning, I spoke to the Department Commandant Roy Smith about the Spring Conference. We will be deciding in the next couple weeks if we should cancel the event. Once a decision has been made, I will let everyone know. Rest assured, our priority is to our members and their safety.

Earlier this month, our Department Senior Vice Joe Hoadley lost his house to a fire. As many know, I started a GoFundMe account for Joe and his family. Currently, we have raised \$3,325.00, and I want to say thank you to those that donated. If you would like to donate to Joe please let me know, and I will send you the information. Joe and his family are doing well, and they are staying with family. We know possessions can be replaced, but a brother cannot be. Please keep the Hoadley Family in our prayers.

We are facing some dark days but know the Lord is with you. Things will get better, and we will become stronger. During these times, spend time with your loved ones. Sometimes we get so busy in our daily lives that we forget what is important. WE WILL SEE THIS TO THE END!

I will leave you with a verse from scripture which has helped me this past week. I hope it helps everyone as well. Pray for this nation, our President, our families, our military, and our Marine Corps League.

**Deuteronomy 31:6** Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he *it is* that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

Semper Fidelis,

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