

DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
December 18, 2020

Resolution No. 2: Postponement of the 2021 Midwinter Conference

WHEREAS, Article I, Section 1 of the Bylaws of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin, provides that between Department Conventions, the administrative power of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin, is vested in the Department Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, Every year in January, The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin, conducts a “Midwinter Conference” for the purpose of training of Legionnaires, committee meetings, and Department Executive Meetings; 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, local governments, 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, The Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Wisconsin Dept. of Health Services, and local health officers recommend and/or have ordered that a number of emergency measures be taken to control and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, and reduce the impact on local health care capacities, including the wearing of masks, social distancing, limitations on group gathering sizes, avoidance of unnecessary travel, closure or limitations on use of restaurants and other public gathering spaces, and a broad public outreach emphasis on personal hygiene and virus/germ abatement actions; and

WHEREAS, In April 2020, the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin, voted to cancel the 2020 Department Convention out of concern for the safety of Legionnaires and all other attendees in light of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has continued throughout the state and nation, with the State of Wisconsin currently experiencing rapid spread; and

WHEREAS, A gathering of the members of the American Legion Family, The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin, at the Midwinter Conference in January 2021 would be extremely difficult to implement and control consistent with the recommendations to control and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and reduce the impact on local health care capacities, and would place our members in an unnecessary health, safety and medical risk; and

WHEREAS, The Department Executive Committee has thoroughly discussed the situation, weighed all options, and determined that the course of action herein recommended is the correct and prudent course for The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin at this time; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin that due to the continued spread of COVID-19 in Wisconsin, the numerous related recommendations, and concern for the safety of all members of the American Legion Family, The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin Department Executive Committee agrees that present circumstances constitute sufficient reasons to postpone all training sessions and activities, and in-person Department meetings scheduled for the 2021 Midwinter Conference until May 6, 7, 8 and 9, 2021, in conjunction with the Department Spring Meetings; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That all business meetings of committees, commissions, and Department Executive Committee, regularly held at the Midwinter Conference shall be held as virtual meetings instead of in-person.