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Comrades,

As the Commander of the Department of New York Veterans of Foreign Wars I must ensure the health and Safety of the Membership. After a discussion with the members of the Department Council of Administration I made the following decision **the Spring Conference** scheduled for March 20, 21, 2020 has been **cancelled due to the Coronavirus risk.**

With the current State of Emergency declared by Governor Cuomo and many of our members over 60 years old they would be at a higher risk.

According to the Center for Disease Control people 60 and older and those having chronic respiratory conditions should avoid large groups and stay at home as much as possible. As they are twice as likely to contract the Coronavirus.

State Commander Todaro urges the District, County Councils and Post to consider cancelling their upcoming meetings and events. As soon as additional information is available it will be disseminated.

If you have a reservation with the Radisson Hotel, 125 Dennison Parkway East, Corning, New York, you are responsible for cancelling your own reservation. Please call hotel reservation at phone number 607-962-5000.

Spring Conference business sessions and activities will be attended to at a later scheduled date.

By Order of

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