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Commander's Comments

My Fellow Post 159 Family,

As I sit to write this article, Corona Virus/COVID-19 is what we are all dealing with. In line with what is happening our post is closed to all activities. Our membership meeting on April 2, has been cancelled. You have also noticed that our Thursday morning coffee and donuts has also been put on hold for the time being. I wish I could tell you that this will be over by this time next month, but there is no way to know what the next couple of months will bring. I hope and pray that by this fall we'll be telling stories about what we did during the COVID-19 of 2020. Again, I'm asking for support for our boys and girls state program. This program is still a go for June and these young men and women are in hopes to attend. If you have not donated or know of someone that would like to help, please contact Gary Banta, Bob Ellis or myself. Phone numbers are on the inside flip of this newsletter. I'll put a little positive information here before I go. Did you know that the State of Texas issues license plates to honorability discharged veterans at no cost? The plates have your branch of service on them. I have the Air Force logo. I just got plates for both of our cars. It cost me \$14.00 to extend the registration to the first of the year. The plates are registered to you and go to a new vehicle when you purchase one. You can download the forms from the DMV web site, and you'll need a copy of your DD form 214. If you have questions,

give me a call. As a retired policeman I'll close with a line from one of my favorite TV cop shows. Hill Street Blues. The sergeant would end rollcall with "Remember, Let's be safe out there."

As always thank you for allowing me to serve as your Commander.

Tom Marty

Commander Post 159



Thank you all for the donations for the teen volunteers heading on a mission to LA!

Our veterans are so good to our community!

God bless

Chaplain Hince

*The April 2nd General Membership Meeting has been cancelled.

*Thursday morning coffee and donuts has been suspended at this time.

* Please check our web page and Facebook for up to date information.

One of our members has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. If you were at the Coffee/Donuts social on March 12 or the Veterans Breakfast on March 24, you may have been exposed.

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Adjutants Call

I hope that this article finds you all well. It's been a trying time for all of us. To me, the grocery store shelves resemble when a hurricane is headed this way. We will get through this!

Thank you to all of you who have renewed for 2020. If you haven't renewed, last month would have been your final newsletter, but we made the decision to send this one in order to get as much information out as possible. Membership is 89.64% as of this writing. When we all support the Post, we support each other too.

Be sure to call one another to check on friends or keep up with them on Facebook. We're supposed to keep physical distance, but don't let that mean we lose track of one another.

Dale Hutchcraft

Chaplain's Corner

What a way to start the spring season! While many were looking , so good for the traveling Hinces. I forward to spring showers, instead we were hit with THE virus and BCS was turned upside down.

John and I returned from DC the night before everything hit the fan but so far believe the Legion was the last group to walk the halls as a group on Tuesday hitting our Congressmen and women and Senator Cornyn and the

staff of Senator Cruz. If you are ever given the opportunity to attend, please consider it for it is truly seeing our democracy at work! For God and Country is at the front of each day.

Just a task I would like to toss out to all those reading this. We are a large Post and have many seniors among our ranks. If you would be willing to make some calls to check on them, let me know and I will try to work on a list. Remembering we are family is very important and as one of those seniors with family no where near us, I know a call would be nice!

Please know that your Chaplain is here for you and yours and you all are in daily prayers. Please know all you have to do is call and we can pray together or just talk! Our District and our Division conferences are now in the replanning stages and we all must remain flexible. Commander Marty and his staff are working on all the calendars so know Post 159 is alive and well. A recent National Dispatch covered our successful Resource Fair... thank you Susan and TJ!

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****articles due
 April 24****

Auxiliary News

What a strange existence we have to live now – social distancing – covid 19 – and the hoarding of toilet paper. I don't understand the tp thing, but I do understand staying at home.

When talking to my girls when this started, they asked me not to go out, and when I asked why they reminded me that I'm in that older age category with a couple health issues. When did I get into that group?

We all have older friends and relatives. Are you checking on them, calling them to see if they are okay, or need anything? Please do, a phone call may make their day.

I'm not sure how this is going to affect the projects and programs of the auxiliary, but I know that we will weather whatever gets thrown at us. If we are able to have a May meeting, we do need to present a slate of officers. So please consider holding an office. Membership is at 90%, way to go ladies.

As a reminder, the April 2nd meeting has been cancelled, along with coffee and doughnuts for the rest of March. Events are changing day by day in this new life we are living. If you have any questions or concerns about the auxiliary, please give me a call or email.

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Please stay safe.

Marjean Neve

Junior Shooting Sports Program

First, our thoughts are heavy with our fellow Americans and with all those across the world who suffer and die as a result of the Chinese Coronavirus pandemic.

"I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance inflict and pollute others and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me and I have done what he has expected of me and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbor needs me however I shall not avoid place or person but will go freely as stated above. See this is such a God-fearing faith because it is neither brash nor foolhardy and does not tempt God." (Sixteenth century Reformer Martin Luther, ~500 years ago, responding to the Black Death plague. Sources linked at JSSP Facebook page)

Due to the Chinese Coronavirus, regular JSSP program activities are currently limited to at-home practice and individual practice by appointment only. Connect electronically for updates:

Post 159 official pages:
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facebook.com/LegionPost159

For JSSP specific information:
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email JSSP159@gmail.com or
call James at 979-571-7834

The NRA Foundation generously donated new air rifles and competition equipment to help our JROTC youth members from Bryan ISD.

The NRA Foundation also donated the Orion Scoring System software, scanner & targets plus several dozen "old school" Daisy Red Ryder and Daisy Buck traditional BB rifles to our regular shooting program. These items will be used to conduct several "American Legion Great Americanism Road Trip" events across Texas to promote the Legion's Americanism pillar, the Second Amendment, and youth shooting sports in general. Simple diversions like a bunch of kids smiling and having fun shooting Red Ryder BB guns at targets will be needed in the coming months as we seek to reestablish normal after the present storm.

As veterans, our time of service is not yet over. With God's strength, we will still be needed to support each other, Legion programs, our community, and to help restart our economy and to make our country great again. Start by asking God, "What should I do and where should I serve?", then listen and move forward when He presents an answer.

For God & Country,

James Andrews

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Dear Legion Family,

You might note the absence of a calendar for April. This is because while we are hoping and praying to be able to resume our many Post activities soon, we don't know for sure when that will be.

You should check the website and facebook for the most up-to-date information.

www.alegion159.org <https://www.facebook.com/LegionPost159/@LegionPost159>

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