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To: All Department & Chapter Officers

Re: Cancellation of Fall Conference
Authorization to Temporarily Cancel District & Chapter Meetings

Commander Kaster and other officers are concerned with reports of greater numbers of recent COVID infections and hospitalizations. After consultation with Auxiliary Commander Kimmel and other DAVA officers, the Department Executive Committee voted to cancel the Department of Ohio Fall Conference.

Department suffered no known COVID infections as a result of Department's recent Convention. A less contagious original strain was prevalent at that time. In contrast, a third of Ohio's attendees returned from DAV National Convention infected with COVID. We attribute that to a more contagious variant strain that was then prevalent at the site of our National Convention. Currently, Ohio faces that variant strain.

Unlike Department's Fall Conference, which requires significant advance preparations and expenditures, District and Chapter meetings have fewer attendees and can be cancelled on shorter notice without significant expense. District Representatives and Chapter Commanders are advised to consider their then current COVID situation as well as the availability of protective measures in deciding whether to hold their respective meetings. District and Chapter Commanders may cancel their meetings if situations warrant cancellation.

We wish all good health and will do our part to preserve it.

For Commander Kaster

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike Stith'.

Michael Stith
Adjutant