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Legionnaires of North Carolina,

I am happy to announce that on Wednesday 31 March 2021, the Board Executive Committee (BEC) of The American Legion Department of North Carolina voted unanimously to hold a live Department Convention at the Hilton Raleigh North Hills 10 - 12 June 2021. This decision is a major step forward in returning to a pre-covid schedule of events and programs for the department.

There will be certain modifications due to COVID-19 restrictions. Our staff in Raleigh is working closely with the Hilton to ensure protocols are in place to safeguard the health and safety of all participants. The hotel provided the following information regarding their CleanStay & EventReady programs:

As it has always been, the safety and security of our guests and team members remains our highest priority. We are doing everything we can to ensure your travel safety and provide maximum flexibility during this time.

We take great pride in maintaining the highest standards of cleanliness and hygiene. Given the effects of COVID-19, we have taken additional measures in our hotel today, developed in consultation with global and local public health authorities (including the WHO and CDC), to make our cleaning and hygiene protocols even more rigorous. Here are some things that we are doing:

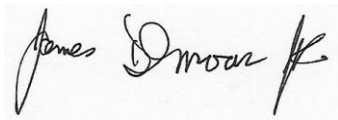
- *Increased focused disinfection of top 10 high touch areas in guest rooms like light switches and door handles*
- *Increased cleaning and disinfection frequency of public areas*
- *Guest-accessible disinfecting wipes at entrances and high traffic areas*
- *Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting of fitness center*
- *Enhanced cleaning & operational changes to restaurants, bars, in-room dining and meeting spaces*
- *Social distancing furniture adjustments in public areas, bar, and restaurant*
- *Meeting space alternative set ups to accommodate social distancing guidelines*
- *Utilization of Hilton Digital CheckIn and Digital Key for a contactless check in processes*
- *Enhanced Team Member safety and well-being with personal protective equipment and enhanced training and protocols*

In the coming days headquarters will be sending out information regarding registration, delegate certification, and schedule. Please contact the department staff if you have questions.

It is not trite to say that this past year has been a challenge. In my letter to you in April 2020, announcing the cancellation of the Department Convention, I said that we would overcome this pandemic and move forward as an organization. Legionnaires showed and continue to show through their resilience and commitment to our founding principles that The American Legion is prepared to continue its legacy of service to God and Country.

I look forward to seeing you in Raleigh in June.

Very Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James D. Moore, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "J" and a stylized "M".

JAMES D. MOORE, JR.
Department Commander