

Greetings Comrades,

I hope this week's edition of the Adjutants Blast finds you all well

On this day way back in 1980, Mount St. Helens erupted killing 57 of our neighbors and dumping an estimated 900,000 tons of ash around the state in the ensuing fallout. Many, of you as loyal legionnaires responded to the crisis of the aftermath of the eruption of Mount St. Helens in your own communities across the state and have been doing so ever since. In the spirit of remembrance of the events that happened that day and the days after and the charity bestowed among our members since its inception in 1919 through our "devotion to mutual helpfulness".

I am sharing with all of you a link to the National emergency relief fund a program that has been assisting veterans and legionaries in disasters since its inception in 1989 to assist those suffering from the aftermath of hurricane HUGO. <https://www.legion.org/emergency>

I would also be remiss, if I did not mention this morning's sad news of an ongoing situation involving a school shooting in Texas. I would ask, that all of you reflect in your own understandings of faith on those hurt and lost and the lives impacted by this tragedy.

For your consideration and distribution this week I offer the following:

1. Please see the attached Department Resolutions for your distribution, these will also be available to view on the Department website
2. Please see the attached revised JOB Fair flyer as we are pleased to announce Walmart has joined our employer partnerships
3. Please see the attached Master Reservation form for the convention
4. Please see the attached cover memo for delegates along with the certification of delegate forms and registration the time table for certification of these delegates is approaching fast June 15th so please help me spread the word on getting these back to the Department office ASAP.
5. Please see the attached hotel reservation information (all) reservations made for rooms after June 16th will be at the standard room rate so again please help me spread the word on getting rooms booked prior to the cut-off date.
6. Please see the homeless action plan "open forums" flyer
7. Please see the most recent report from the national Veteran Employment & Education Division if you have any questions on the report, please don't hesitate to contact our VR&E Chairman Chris Brock.
8. We have been asked by national to support you can read more about it here:
9. We need to support senate bill S. 2372 that provides essential services to disabled pre-9/11 veterans also known as the VA MISSION ACT please consider supporting this endeavor and contacting your representative and urging them to do so as well you can find their information at the link provided from national here:
<http://www.legionemail.com/t/35095762/975780883/76717748/0/84772/?x=97752ba5> and you can read more about the Legions efforts in this regard and its support here:

<https://www.legion.org/legislative/241918/va-mission-act-easily-passes-house-committee-veterans-affairs>

One additional note: that being the application deadline for the Physician and Provider of the Year Awards has been extended to September 7th the online application has been converted to an online fillable form, which you can access here: <https://www.legion.org/veteranshealthcare> Both awards can be located at the bottom of the page. If anyone has questions, please don't hesitate to contact our VA&R Chairman Bob Wallace

Keep up the good work out there and let me know how I can be of assistance, and most importantly enjoy your weekend!

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Please follow this link to see all attachments associated to Department Convention..

<http://walegion.org/events/department-convention/>