

Note on Coronavirus (COVID-19) — Wednesday 18 March 2020

Special Message from Post 291 on Coronavirus (COVID-19) to Members of the Post 291 Family

Within the last few days, official guidance and direction related to Coronavirus (COVID-19) has been very fluid, with many new rules and criteria for operation by establishments, organizations, and individuals. And these are continuing to evolve. Here is a status report for Post 291 on dealing with Coronavirus (COVID-19). Additional information will be sent out as updates occur.

Post 291 Bar and Restaurant are Closed — and Will Remain Closed Through at Least 31 March

As of Tuesday 17 March 2020, an Order from Orange County Health Officer Dr. Nicole Quick was received that closed, among other things, all bars and restaurants, both public and private, “Effective immediately and continuing until 11:59 pm on March 31, 2020.” (—And it is highly likely the Order will continue after that date.) However, the Post will attempt to retain limited administrative operations.

Cancellation of Events

Unfortunately, it has been necessary, in compliance with official direction, to cancel all Post events and meetings. Here’re specific cancelations.

- Vietnam Welcome Home Party scheduled for Saturday 28 March.
- Swift Boat visit to Post 291 Guest Dock scheduled for Thursday 26 March through Sunday 29 March.

Post 291 Family organizations have also canceled several events and meetings, and you will hear directly from those organizations about those cancelations.

Post 291 Actions for Your Safety

At Post 291, the safety of our guests and employees is our top priority every day. While health and safety standards and procedures are routinely followed on a daily basis, you need to be aware of the extra precautions being taken to ensure everyone stays healthy during this time of heightened concern about Coronavirus (COVID-19).

- If any additional Post events or meetings are canceled, the Post 291 Family membership will be notified as quickly as possible — primarily through the Post website at al291.com and Constant Contact emails.
- Close attention will be given to further announcements and direction from Government officials.
- Post 291 will comply with all official Government direction.
- The most credible, reliable sources for information are:
 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention coronavirus.gov
 - California Department of Public Health cdph.ca.gov

Things You Can Do — and Should Do

And here are good hygiene practices — recommended by CDC — that all of us need to adopt and apply.

- **Stay Home!** — If you're sick or not feeling well, or have other medical issues, or exceed the age threshold for self-quarantining.
- **Stop** handshaking, hugging, and other close contact with other people.
- **Maintain** “social distancing” of **at least six feet** in public areas.
- **Wash** and clean your hands **thoroughly and often**.
- **Cover** coughs and sneezes completely with Kleenex / tissue or with your sleeve / elbow.
- **Disinfect** and clean frequently touched surfaces.
- **Increase** ventilation by opening windows or doors.
- **If** you have symptoms, **call** your physician and follow his or her instructions.

Our priority remains keeping our employees, members, and their guests safe and well informed, while doing what we can to help minimize the potential spread of the Coronavirus. We appreciate your active involvement, and the Post will strive to provide a safe, healthy environment for our membership to enjoy.

We All Need to Work Together

Thank you for your support and cooperation. All of us are in this together, and we must work together and help each other as we navigate through this unprecedented challenge. As new information becomes available, additional updates will be provided on the Post 291 website at al291.com and through Constant Contact emails to the membership.

— Stay safe and healthy!

For God and Country,

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