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Subject: SITREP ***001-2026***

Dear Members:

Yes! My "Situation Reports" (SITREP) have started again. I am honored to be ***OUR*** Post Commander again during some challenging times. I would be remised if I didn't acknowledge the incredible work from ***OUR*** Past Post Commander Mitch Harding, his wife Torrie, Bar Manager Randi Shields, SAL, AUX, ALR, and **OUR** new 2nd Vice Commander Jim Murray – Jim stepping up has allowed us to stay open and move forward.

Harry Jorgensen (Post Adjutant/Finance Officer) and I have been very busy in putting ***OUR*** team together and strategize how WE can move forward with a new building. Summary of Post Officers:

Sonny Kirkwood assumed Commandership on Tuesday, July 21, 2026. (E-Board approved).

Jim Murray stepped down as Commander and will assume the position/role as 2nd Vice Commander.

Harry Jorgensen is currently filling two positions (Adjutant & Finance Officer). Will be starting Finance Officer turnover with Ben soonest.

Mike Shields/Harry Jorgensen – Operation "Post Clean-Up" was a huge success despite dumpster overflow!! Thanks to everyone who helped them with this Operation 😊

Ben Bishop nominated to become Post Finance Officer effective July 23, 2026 (E-Board approved). Ben brings a Corporate Financial Background along with entertainment experience – welcome aboard!

Mike McMahon is our 4th Vice Commander (Maintenance).

Catherine Jorgensen is Post Historian.

Ed Tsirigotis is 3rd Vice Commander (Maintenance).

 **Cindey Nordsman** (Executive Committee) is **OUR** Public Relations Officer and spearheading our Health Inspection punch-list. Randi Shields (Bar Manager) is working with Cindey to create a robust PR blitz.

 **Larry Vosmik** (Executive Committee) oversees the Queen of Hearts fundraiser.

 **Bob Broderick** (Executive Committee) assists with Steak Nights and other taskings.

 **Bill Jacobs** (Chaplain) oversees spiritual Post needs and assists with Steak Nights.

 **Roy Havekost** (E-Board/Past Commander's Club Rep) and manages Post website.

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OUR current priorities are (1) DOH Re-Inspection (Monday, July 27); (2) Overhead costs, (3) Pricing of drinks/increased margins. (4) Repairing current plumbing issues. Special thanks go out to Nels and Connie Frostenson along with Michael Borns for their donations to cover the cost of repairs! (5) Draft beer. We were looking at ending draft beer services due to CO2 costs; Mike Shields will install a portable CO2 tank, and we will continue to provide draft beer at the same time saving $100 a month. (5) Establishing an Escrow Banking Account (Committee) autonomous to Post accounts. Five-member Committee consisting of two Legionnaires (one Chair), Auxiliary rep, SAL rep, and ALR rep. Legal documents are being drafted by a local lawyer (pro-bono) to ensure donations/investors will get their donations back 100% refundable if the new building doesn't happen – more to follow. (6) Filing/submit all required Tax documents and permits. (7) External financial audit by District (my request) to fully understand what/where **WE** are financially in order to accurately file IRS required documents.

In closing, ***WE*** have some major hurdles to overcome, but with ***YOUR*** efforts, time, expertise, and donations, ***WE*** will survive this storm. It must be a **TEAM** effort! GOD Bless **OUR** Post Family.

For GOD and Country,

SONNY KIRKWOOD, PC 2015-2016/2023-2024
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