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**Subject: POST SITREP 06-2023**

Members of Post 233,

Given our current situation with the water pump and chlorinator installation being "approved" by the Health Department, recommend was stay closed and continue to prepare the post for opening next week (prep work required, cleaning, and open the Post fully insured, sanitization requirement are in code, inventory be procured, Health Department blessing, and moving forward.). Yes, we could technically opening using strictly plastic plates, glasses, utensils, bottled water, etc; however, I am reluctant to open the post to membership and guests with a potential liability (NON-POTABLE WATER FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION).

We have worked hard to take measures to open the Post correctly "right;" let's just be a little more patience and let us get the documentation in place to make us 100% above board. We have hired a bartender/Canteen Manager that has lots of experience in our area and you we meet her soon - see will help us tremendously with moving forward.

GOOD NEWS: Our Post has an Adjutant, Gregg Cressman (Army) paratrooper has stepped up. We still need a 1st Vice Commander (Membership), 2nd and 4th Vice Commanders (Entertainment), along with House Committee. Additionally, I am going to create a Committee of five (Three legionnaires, one SAL and ONE ALA); this committee will make recommendations for the future of 233.

My vision would be: OPTION 1: Sell the property and relocate (don't know the ramifications of this option with the liquor license, etc.). Option 2: Still operate out of the current building, build behind the building and keep the Pavilion. Third, modify the Pavilion with central air/heat; replace existing post and the pavilion for receptions, parties, etc. The Committee can make any of those options. The greatest asset we have is that the membership owns the property - lets not lose sight of that "ACE" in the hole option,

In closing, staying in our existing building and the materialistic state of condition is a liability. That's my two cents and welcome any help and inputs. Just rest assured there are a "hand-full" of 233 members trying to keep the Charter alive. Special thanks to our SAL, ALA, and local Post 129.

For God and Country,

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