



Memorial Day Committee

4 May 2020

Voyageurs & Dames,

With what is going on in the United States right now, and since our Organization is made up of older Veterans, some of whom have severe health issues attributed to War, Ancestry, and just being men; we have decided to cancel this Year's 40&8 Memorial Day weekend activities in Lorton, Virginia and Arlington National Cemetery.

This was not an easy decision, partly in reason, right now plans are still going forward for the Memorial Day Ceremony in Arlington. We have some members who do not feel comfortable being around all those people, let alone those who must travel by plane. One issue that still has to be overcome for those going to the Ceremony is the fact that the Virginia Governor extended his stay at home order until June 10th. This would also cause some roadblocks for our Banquet we would have on Sunday night as well. With all of the unique challenges that have already come up and we have been able to plan for, there is still some that would not be known until we arrived.

We have always been told that your Health, and your family must always come first in this Organization and we do not want to end that philosophy now. For those who always miss Memorial Day activities being at home with their Posts, families, etc because of their attendance at Arlington, this is the perfect Year to spend this weekend participating with them and we will see you next year!!

For those who have sent in Registrations and Ads, Bob has a few suggestions

- 1) I can send you a refund
- 2) I can keep everything for next year
- 3) Thank you very much for your donation, it is GREATLY appreciated

We are working on making this weekend bigger and better than ever before and it is uniquely important to our Organization. When the general public comes into Arlington National Cemetery and they see us with our Chapeaus giving them an American Flag, it is THE Time & Place for us to get our Organization in forefront of the Public Eye. There are active Military personnel and Veterans all over the place that should be part of the future of this Organization. It is also part of our Duty to promote the principles of Patriotism & Americanism triumphant.

As much as this is a disappointment, it unfortunately goes along with the times we are in. If you have sent in Registrations, etc please contact me by email at taz2k@att.net

Sincerely

Dave Hill
Secretary/Treasurer