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Legionnaires Support!

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During the COVID-19 Pandemic many of our “normal” have been turned upside down, and we can’t ignore that. We have to step up and support those the most affected by, and the most vulnerable to, the uncertainty and dangers associated with this event. The Veterans in our hospital, and those in our Veterans Homes, as well as those that care for them. While we are not seeing the effects of COVID-19 like other area’s we will probably get our turn.

I am calling on all Posts to reach out to their members however you can and ask them to support our initiative to send letters, cards, donations to those facilities or any CBOC in their area. [#LegionSupportsU](#)

Donations to the VA – Since the lockdown the KC VA cannot accept material donations that are not delivered by a recognized carrier. That can get expensive to the donor. The best way is to send a check made out to Voluntary Services. Voluntary Services can then buy what they need at that moment to support the Veterans in their care. But we have also all seen the effects these times have on a stressed-out medical systems staff. They do not have a support fund like the Veterans, but donations of gift cards to Dunkin’ Doughnuts, Krispy Kreme or a healthier option like HyVee, Walmart or Price Chopper can be used to have the staff bring in something to share in the breakroom.

When making those donations make sure you specify whether it is for the Veterans (Check only please) or the Staff (Gift Card only please) so that there is no confusion. Make checks out to Voluntary Services. VS will make sure to get the gift cards to where they need to be.

Donations to the Veterans Homes – Make checks to the homes out to the Veterans Assistance League. They will decide on what is immediately needed for their locations.

Cards and Letters of support – On top of that, a kind, supportive message can always lift somebody out of a funk, or give them a second wind when things get tough. Send cards and letters marked “A Veteran” or “Valued Staff Member” to the VA. Cameron has put out a call on their Facebook page for letters from school children who may need a little writing skill in their home schooling. And Warrensburg is trying something different to keep the mail coming in down to the minimum, the 1-minute looped video (See flyer).

Please try to include the staff of all three when possible. We can’t forget those that care for us. And please use the [#LegionSupportsU](#) when sharing or if you a campaign of your own, it would be nice to link many efforts together to show the impact the Legion can have.

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Thank you for what you do,

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