

**The American Legion
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Legionnaires of North Carolina,

On Monday 13 April 2020, a telephonic meeting of the board of directors of the American Legion Department of North Carolina was held to discuss procedures and processes in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Taking into consideration the actions of our national organization, the uncertainty of when our nation will overcome the COVID-19 virus, and because we want to ensure that a minimum number of people are infected, the board has taken the following steps to limit exposure of Legionnaires and program participants:

- Legion Baseball/Softball is canceled for 2020.
- The Department Convention scheduled for 10 - 14 June is canceled.
- Tarheel Boy's State scheduled for 21 - 27 June is canceled.
- North Carolina Student Trooper Program scheduled for 19 - 24 July is canceled.

The decision to cancel these events and programs was extremely difficult but deemed necessary, first and foremost in the interest of health and safety, and in the face of uncertainty. There's no doubt it will be a disappointment to the youth across North Carolina looking forward to these programs this year. However, it would be a much, much greater tragedy if even just one of those youth or a Legionnaire were to fall ill during these programs.

Please accept my most sincere appreciation for your dedication to the founding principles of our great organization. Together, we will overcome this recent unpleasantness and continue the honorable work of service to God and Country.

James Moore



Department Commander