



Branch 480 Update to the members

Dear Comrades:

Your Executive team has been working for the last six months on addressing the pressing concerns facing the Westboro Legion Branch 480. Throughout this process we have endeavored to keep the membership informed of the concerns and how we are addressing those concerns, knowing that things cannot remain the same. We are not alone in this journey. Many Legions across the country are facing the same challenges we are.

Westboro Legion Branch 480 is in a period of change, reviewing all aspects of our business model and making clear decisions focused on what is best for Veterans and balancing that with financial sustainability over the long-term. A period of change and adjustment can often cause some short-term discomfort as new ways of doing business are implemented. That is an unavoidable part of change management when hard decisions have to be taken.

On January 31st, there was a special meeting of the Executive called in order to deal with recommendations from our Finance Committee which recommended immediate action. As a result the following decisions were voted on and approved by your elected Executive.

- * Saturday Night paid entertainment will be cancelled after February 4, 2017 which will be the last paid entertainment in the upstairs' lounge
- * A new program of live music/dances once a month in the main floor hall will be planned, implemented, monitored and evaluated beginning in March 2017
- * Orrin Kerr and Brent Craig were appointed to the Ways and Means Committee
- * All expenditures other than on-going upkeep or those requiring Poppy or Lottery funds must first be approved by the President
- * A focused recruitment campaign for the volunteer positions of Treasurer, 2nd Vice President and Hall Rental Agent will be undertaken immediately
- * A Budgeting Workshop on February 11, 2017 has been scheduled and Executive member participation is mandatory

The Executive regretfully accepted the resignations of Phil Whitehead (1st Vice President) and Stuart Pomphrey (Financial Review Committee). We would like to take this opportunity to thank both Phil and Stuart for their valued contributions to the Legion.

All decisions will remain focused on doing what is best for our Veterans as we head into the future and re-establish a solid financial foundation.

Respectfully,

Brent Craig,
President
Westboro Legion Branch 480