



# American Legion Auxiliary

*A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans,  
Military, and their Families*

**TO: National Executive Committee Members, National Officers, National Chairmen, Past National Presidents**

**CC: Dept Presidents; Dept Secretaries, NHQ Staff; National Committee Members**

From: Kelly Circle, Executive Director

Re: **Weekly Briefing 11-25-2020**

I had planned on sending a general Happy Thanksgiving message to you all, but I received this from one of our directors and HAD to share! Poetic license was taken so please don't read this literally (my lawyer disclaimer). 😊 Happy Thanksgiving!

**Preparing for my 2020 annual review** by Colette Fike

At the first hint of COVID,  
Events team said to me,  
*What travel impact will there be?*

With the second glance at COVID,  
Programs said to me,  
Two Mission Trainers  
*And what about D-L-N-C?*

In the third month of COVID,  
Events team said to me,  
Three new restrictions  
Two events "rescheduled"  
*And who's going to tell the V-P?*

In the fourth month of COVID,  
Events team said to me,  
Four events are virtual  
Three groups are sobbing  
Two years of service  
*And one new baby Casey!*

In the fifth month of COVID,  
We all could agree,  
*Five pounds found me!*  
Four types of training  
Three new masks  
Two tested positive  
*And we hired Gary!*



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In the sixth month of COVID,  
Stress gave to me  
Six sleepless nights  
*Five more pounds!*  
Four desperate vendors  
Three virtual meetings  
Two new boilers  
*And no Girls Nation in DC*

In the seventh month of COVID,  
We all went back to see  
Seven feet of plexiglass  
Six, for safe distancing  
*Five pounds to go!*  
Four rare Aug vacations  
Three new symptoms  
Two masks per person  
*And only one in the bathroom at a time!*

In the eighth month of COVID  
Finance said to me,  
Eight days 'til closing  
Seven tech rehearsals  
Six virtual trainings  
*Five pounds to go!*  
Four Legion meetings  
Three content reviews  
Two NECs  
*And we saved a \$mill on travel!*

In the ninth month of COVID,  
There was more quarantine  
Nine officers fretting  
Eight people tested  
Seven hours cleaning  
Six virtual trainings  
*Five pounds of candy!*  
Four strategic revisions  
Big Three meeting  
Two significant life events  
*And a virtual Halloween*

In the tenth month of COVID,  
We paused to honor *thee*



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Ten decades of veterans  
Nine red poppies  
Eight V-CAF artists  
Seven new presenters  
Six branches of service  
*Five pounds for Thanksgiving!*  
Four forms to HR  
Three virtual trainings  
Two working websites  
*And there's finally a vaccine!*