



Edward C. Headman American Legion Post 217 “News & Views” Updates

An update on our post regarding the COVID-19 virus:

Our first concerns and top priority are of the health and well-being of our members. Together, we all share in the responsibility of smart hygienic practices. Please stay home if you're not feeling well. Use proper hygiene when in public and at home. Wash hands for 20 seconds and cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze. Avoid handshakes as pleasantries. We take pride in our post and providing a safe and calm atmosphere to our members and we will remain safe and calm as this situation develops. With patience, awareness, kindness, and God's grace, we will get through this together. During this trying time we need to stay as calm as possible, reach out to our elderly Brothers & Sisters, make a Personal phone call, check in with them, see if they need prescription pick up... groceries sometimes just a chat with a common voice can be calming. American Legion Post 217 is here if and when needed; our Veterans are our TOP Priority PERIOD!! I am posting Phone numbers of our Family Officers along with mine... Please call us if something is needed... Medicine... Food, information or just to chat we are here to help. The Post is closed but we are available.

Peace and Solidarity - Commander Huber

Commander- Mike Huber 616-335-4697
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POST EVENTS

March 21, 2020 - Post 217 Policeman of the Year - Postponed

March 29, 2020 - Vietnam Veterans Day Program - Postponed

April 1, 2020 - Executive Board and General Membership Meetings move to April 15, 2020

April 8, 2020 - Breakfast - Postponed

April 4, 2020 - American Legion Department Testimonial Dinner is rescheduled to May 23, 2020

American Legion Officers Elections will not be held due to all candidates being unopposed.

Per Governor Whitmer's order, the Post will be closed until March 30, 2020. Please check website americanlegion217.com or Facebook page for updates.



Edward C. Headman Post is
partnering with the American Red
Cross to impact lives.

You are Part of the Solution
March 31, 2020 Noon - 6pm

Be a Champion
Be a Donor





From the Office of Pampee Young, Chief Medical Officer

Dear Valued Red Cross Partner,

With constant news coverage of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), it's easy to be swept up in misinformation and fear. Please know that the American Red Cross is monitoring and adapting daily to the evolving situation. There are a few key points I'd like to share with you.

ESSENTIAL ACTIVITY

As organizations limit all “non-essential activity”, **your blood drive is an essential activity, as outlined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)**. It is an imperative part of community health and public preparedness plans to maintain blood collection during this challenging time to ensure patient survival. **For more from the CDC on the urgent need for blood collection, [watch this video](#).**

NO TRANSMISSION BY BLOOD

There have been no reported cases of **any** respiratory virus being transmitted by blood, including this coronavirus (COVID-19). Donating blood is a safe process and people should not hesitate to give blood.

ALWAYS CAUTIOUS

The Red Cross always employs thorough safety protocols to help prevent the spread of any type of infection. In response to COVID-19, we've implemented additional precautionary methods, including but not limited to:

- All donors are temperature-screened before being permitted into the blood drive. If bodily temperature is above 99.5°F, the donor is asked to donate another time instead
- All Red Cross staff are asked to check their temperature before presenting to work, and will not to report for work if they are showing any symptoms or test above 99.5°F
- Blood donors are asked to use hand sanitizer before and during the donation process
- Staff wear gloves throughout the donation process, changing gloves between every donor
- Donor beds are sanitized between every donor
- We're implementing medically-recommended space between donors wherever possible. Building drive locations are especially helpful in facilitating social distancing.
- Each day we assess the need and opportunity to enhance our precautions; We will always put the safety of our volunteer partners and staff first.

NEED NEVER STOPS

Our commitment is tested every year with unexpected weather and illness events—it is during this time that we must hold tighter to our humanity and protect the most vulnerable among us.

Thank you for your steadfast support. We will continue to update you on our response at RedCross.org.

With sincere gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pampee P. Young". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pampee P. Young, M.D., Ph.D.
Chief Medical Officer
American Red Cross