

HOUSE COMMITTEE FOR THE FORTUNA VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING

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Dear Humboldt County Board of Supervisors,

The Fortuna Veterans Memorial Building Budget for Calendar Year 2020 had been decimated due to the order by the State and County to ban meetings of any kind until further notice, following the recent outbreak of the Corona Virus (COVID-19).

As you are aware, the operation and maintenance of the Fortuna Veterans Memorial Building is overseen by the Veterans Memorial Building House Committee comprised of six members, three members representing VFW Sunset Post 2207 and three members representing the American Legion Post 205. VFW members include Alvin Dunnegan (Chairman), Bill Hummel, and Ronald Eldridge. American Legion members include Rhett Imperiale, Jeff Stanfield, and Ivan Brownell.

In order to maintain the building and associated grounds, the House Committee has relied on income from rentals to various civic organizations and private community events, as well as holding fund raiser events such as the pancake breakfast served on the second Sunday of each month.

Obviously, since the building has been placed off limits for such events, our income has been reduced to zero. However, we are still required to pay for power, water, phone, building custodial maintenance, and grounds upkeep. Listed below is a summary of the income and expenses for the first quarter of 2020 vs April income/expenses:

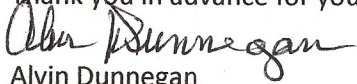
<u>Month</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
January	\$1851	\$2526
February	\$2280	\$2822
March	\$1412	\$2131
April	\$0.00	\$2158

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Further depleting our operating funds, is the fact that we are required by the County to maintain property and liability insurance for the Veterans Building at a cost of \$2254 for the upcoming policy period due May 15, 2020.

Therefore, the Fortuna Veterans House Committee has voted to request additional funding for our Annual Maintenance Allowance fund in the amount of \$2500 to help offset the loss of income due to the closure of the Fortuna Veterans Building as mandated by the County and State during the COVID-19 crisis.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in these matters.



Alvin Dunnegan

Chairman, Veterans House Committee

VFW Sunset Post 2207, Commander