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MEMO

Date: December 2, 2020

To: National Line Officers
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From: Ann Panteleakos, National Secretary-Treasurer

Subject: National Mid-Year Cruise

The word is out about the cancellation of our mid-year cruise. See Val's email below.

Planning has begun for scheduling mid-year activities in Tampa, Florida. Once we have more details, that information will be sent out.

Hi Everyone,

It is with a broken heart that I have to inform you our cruise for February has been cancelled.

I have asked that Royal Caribbean process refunds for what has been paid to Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines. These payments will go back to the credit cards they were placed on or if you paid by check, then eventually, we will receive a check back from the cruise line and forward on to you.

The main reason for requesting the refund, they just keep cancelling and cancelling and frankly, you have to wonder when they will start cruising again! To not sail for almost 1 year is something I have never seen in this industry and not sure how long the recovery will take.

With that being said, there will still be a Mid-Year meeting in Tampa and we are working on something for that to coincide with the dates of the airline tickets that many of you have already purchased.

The airline tickets that were purchased are non-refundable. If you choose not to come to Tampa for what we do put together, then please let us know so we can get the space cancelled immediately. We will give you the ticket numbers and hold with our information as well for future use.

Also, if you would please check with your roommates to see if this email was received by them, if not can you please forward to them. We tried to get everyone's email but there were a few people we did not have their contact emails.

Always, please keep us in mind for your other travel plans, my staff and myself have worked on this tirelessly and now that this is cancelled, we could use all the business possible. Even if it has nothing to do with the VFW or Auxiliary business, we handle personal travel as well.

I appreciate your understanding.

As soon as we get options for Tampa, we will be sending a flyer to all of you. What we are thinking is doing the hotel package, one morning will be the Council meeting, another night will be the banquet then have optional trips to sign up for.

For many that had decided not to go, this is great for you to get your money back. For those that really wanted to go, it's a sad day!

Take care and thank you!
Val Cooper

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