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## Memo from National Secretary-Treasurer Ann Panteleakos

**VFW Auxiliary Members,**

Please see the memo from National Secretary-Treasurer Ann Panteleakos regarding meetings and the business of the Organization in relation to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) below. [Click here to print this memo.](#)

This memo was sent to Officers of local Auxiliaries, Districts, County Councils and Departments yesterday, March 18. All members with an email address listed in MALTA are receiving this memo today, March 19.

Please contact your corresponding President, Secretary or Treasurer with any questions you may have regarding the information below.

**Communication is key!**

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**Date:** March 18, 2020

**To:** All Auxiliaries, Districts, County Councils, Departments and Members

**From:** Ann Panteleakos, National Secretary-Treasurer

As you know Coronavirus has hit all 50 states. The severity varies from state to state. We sent out an email to Department Presidents and Secretaries to share with Auxiliaries about conducting Auxiliary business. Now we are following that up with some guidelines that can be used by all for a longer period of time.

A) If you can hold your April meeting, nominate and elect Officers and Delegates please do so. You can also install at this meeting if you would like. (Be proactive)

B) If you need to cancel your April meeting but can have your May meeting, you can nominate, elect and install in May.

C) If you can't meet in April or May you have two choices:

1. Per order of the National President, if your Auxiliary agrees, you can have a virtual meeting without having 5 members in one location. You must have a quorum to hold the meeting, but the members can be in different locations. You must make every effort to notify your members of this meeting change.
2. Your current Officers will remain in office until the virus is clear and you may then have your elections at that time.

D) If your Post home is closed, you can meet elsewhere i.e. someone's house. Since we are being warned about large gatherings, some could attend in person with others by phone or Skype, whatever is available to you. Or you can postpone until the Post is open and you can hold your meeting there. We will not put you on suspension for not electing or installing Officers, or for not holding 10 meetings this year due to the virus.

E) Don't stress over deadlines. If your audit is late because you can't get the members together to do this, then it's late. If your previous 3 audits are in, we are asking Departments not to penalize them for voting at the Department Convention. We need to be flexible at this time.

This is an unprecedented time in our country and in our world. We need to remember to be flexible, kind and above all, safe and healthy.

The VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters office will be closed Monday, March 23 – Friday, April 3. We plan to reopen Monday, April 6. We will be doing most of our work remotely.

**If you need any assistance please email [info@vfwauxiliary.org](mailto:info@vfwauxiliary.org) and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.**

As more information is made available to us we will keep you informed. Thank you for your understanding and patience.