



VFW AUXILIARY

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MEMO

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TO: National Line Officers National District Council Members
Past National Presidents Department Presidents
Department Secretaries

FROM: Ann Panteleakos, National Secretary-Treasurer

Recently, we have observed a significant increase in information being posted on publicly accessible websites and social media platforms that contain personal data, including individuals' signatures. If members are not required to log in or sign in to access the content, it should be considered publicly accessible.

In light of this, we respectfully request that you refrain from posting screenshots or posting ANY official correspondence from VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters in its entirety on public platforms, including VFW Auxiliary websites and social media channels (such as Facebook, Instagram, etc.). If information must be shared, please extract only the relevant portions and place them into a new document, ensuring that all personal information is fully redacted. This includes, but is not limited to, signatures, phone numbers, email addresses, and physical addresses.

The public distribution of unredacted documents, particularly those containing signatures, may pose a security risk and may expose individuals to fraud or identity theft. This risk is comparable to sharing images of checks that display banking information.

Additionally, please do not publicly post the mailing addresses of VFW Auxiliary National Line Officers, Past National Presidents, Department Presidents, or other Auxiliary officers and members, particularly those recovering from illness or surgery. Such information is intended for internal use only. Public dissemination could place these individuals at risk, especially if their homes are unattended during extended recovery periods.

We ask for your continued diligence in safeguarding the privacy and security of our members by ensuring that all personal information is omitted before sharing any materials publicly. Thank you for your cooperation and for your ongoing commitment to protecting the members and the integrity of our organization. Please share this information with your members.

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