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All Posts, Districts and Auxiliaries  
Department of Rhode Island

SUBJECT: Rhode Island State Convention

As a result of the uncertain future status of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the VFW State Convention on May 29, 30 & 31 is being postponed until further notice.

In addition, our mandatory monthly post meetings policy is waved until the limits on public gatherings is revoked.

The VFW is also adapting its rules to ensure that our fraternal operations remain strong. VFW Posts, Districts and Departments are asked to proceed with elections of local and state officers within the limitations imposed by the State of Rhode Island. If elections need to be delayed, current officers will remain in position until gatherings are allowed to elect new leaders. Units that must delay elections will not be sanctioned by the VFW.

I would like to suggest that all Posts organize telephone contact teams from home to reach out to check on all members and other veterans in our communities to make sure that their needs are being met.

All the best,

Mike

Michael Carter  
Commander