

Comrades,

In light of Governor Whitmore's Executive Order 20-21 ("Stay Home, Stay Safe"), the Department of Michigan Headquarters will be closed until April 14th. Amanda will be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Jay Benner will be in the office on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to process transactions. All other personnel will be working from home. Questions can be left on the answering machine that will be checked daily. Emails can be sent to the following individuals: State Office Employee Amanda at amanda@vfwmi.org; Jay Benner at jay.benner@yahoo.com; Su-jen Mauldin at sujenchin@mi.rr.com; Harry Doran at hkdoran48@yahoo.com; State Commander Mike Fineis at Mike.fineis@gmail.com; or State Chief of Staff Jerry Gorski at geraldjgorski@aol.com. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your District Officers.

Attached is a copy of Commander-in-Chief William "Doc" Schmitz's guidance regarding meetings and conventions during these trying times. Although the health and safety of our members is our primary concern, we must still conduct business required by our bylaws. There is plenty of time to explore every avenue available to ensure elections are conducted and reports submitted in a timely manner.

Since post business has been interrupted, I am waiving the deadline for the January-March audit and Election Reports only for the All State Program. All other requirements remain the same including District Convention attendance.

As of now, we will continue planning the State Convention as usual. We will monitor developments for any needed modifications.

Everyone, please stay at home if you can, stay healthy, and safe. We will adapt; we will overcome; and we will get through this together. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

God Bless,

Michael Fineis
Commander
Department of Michigan
Veterans of Foreign Wars
