



# VFW AUXILIARY

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## MEMO

**Date:** October 7, 2021

**To:** National Line Officers  
NDCMs  
Department Secretaries  
All Members  
Past National Presidents  
Department Presidents  
Department Treasurers

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

**Subject:** National President Jean Hamil's Ruling on Wearing the Official Cap (which supercedes then National President Sandi Kriebel's ruling dated June 28, 2019)

In the absence of procedures in our Bylaws for wearing the official cap, National President Jean Hamil has issued the following ruling:

**“If you choose to wear the Official VFW Auxiliary Cap, it will remain on your head for TAPS, the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem. Caps will be removed for the prayer, IF the VFW or Auxiliary Chaplain removes their cap and/or IF the Auxiliary Chaplain is not wearing a cap.”**

Other information pertaining to the caps:

- (a) If uncovering, the hat shall be placed on the extended closed fingers of the right hand in such a way that the Cross of Malta is exposed and held over the heart; the left hand goes behind the back as in parade rest.
- (b) Official caps will NOT be worn during luncheons, banquets or other meals.
- (c) If you are unable to see the Chaplain and are unsure if they removed their cap, please remove your cap.

**We ask that all Departments forward this memo on to its members so that all are aware of the National President's ruling.**

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