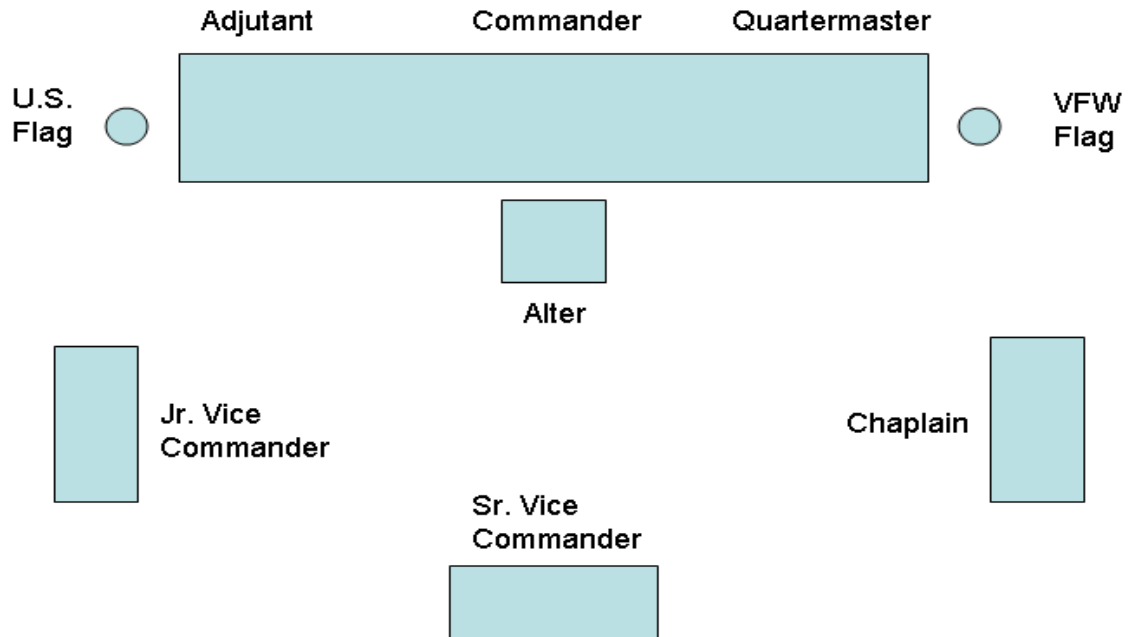


1. OPENING POST CEREMONIES



(The hour of opening has arrived, the Officer of the Day displays the Flag of the United States and Bible on the altar, leaving Bible closed, after which the Commander takes station and gives one rap for attention).

One (1) gavel rap for attention if sitting, one (1) gavel rap if standing, to sit down, two (2) gavel raps to stand.

COMMANDER: *THE OFFICERS WILL TAKE THEIR RESPECTIVE STATIONS. ALL PERSONS NOT MEMBERS OF THE VFW WILL KINDLY RETIRE, AND THE GUARD WILL CLOSE THE DOORS. (The Commander ascertains if nonmembers have retired). All unauthorized caps to be removed, only VFW regular caps allowed.*

COMMANDER: *BY THE POWER AND AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME, I AM ABOUT TO OPEN _____ POST NO. _____ FOR THE TRANSACTION OF ANY BUSINESS THAT MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE IT (two gavel raps). OFFICER OF THE DAY, SATISFY YOURSELF THAT ALL PRESENT ARE ENTITLED TO REMAIN.*

OFFICER OF THE DAY: *COMRADE COMMANDER, I FIND ALL, EXCEPT THOSE STANDING, IN POSSESSION OF OFFICIAL VFW DUES RECEIPTS FOR THE CURRENT CALENDAR YEAR.*

(COMMANDER INSTRUCTS THE QUARATERMASTER TO DETERMINE THE STATUS OF MEMBER'S STANDING. THOSE WHO HAVE NOT PAID THEIR CURRNT DUES WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY SAID DUES OR LEAVE THE MEETING ROOM. QUARTERMASTER WILL REPORT HIS FINDINGS TO THE COMMANDER.)

COMMANDER: OFFICER OF THE DAY, YOU WILL PREPARE THE POST ROOM FOR THE SALUTE TO THE COLORS. (two gavel raps).

COMMANDER: ATTENTION: COMRADE CHAPLAIN, YOU WILL DELIVER THE OPENING PRAYER.

COMMANDER: UNCOVER, PARADE REST.

CHAPLAIN OPENS THE BIBLE AND GIVES FOLLOWING PRAYER:

CHAPLAIN: LET US BOW OUR HEADS. O, SOVEREIGN RULER OF THE UNIVERSE, WHO ARE THE LORD OF HOSTS AND GOD OF PEACE, WITHOUT THEE OUR EFFORTS ARE VAIN.

CONTINUE THY BLESSINGS UPON US AND OUR FAMILIES, WE PRAY THEE, AND GUIDE US DURING OUR DELIBERATIONS.

WE BESEECH THEE, O GOD, TO BLESS THE DEPENDENTS OF OUR DEPARTED COMRADES, AND TO COMFORT ALL WHO GAVE THEIR LOVED ONES TO OUR NATION'S CAUSE.

BLESS AND STRENGTHEN THE SICK, THE NEEDY AND THE AFFLICTED.

BLESS, WE ASK THEE, THE WIDOWS AND CHILDREN IN OUR NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN, AND HELP US TO FULFILL OUR DUTY TOWARD THEM.

CONTINUE THY FAVOR UPON OUR ORDER, AND HELP US TO PRACTICE THE SPIRIT OF TRUE COMRADESHIP, BOTH IN OUR COUNCILS AND WITH THE WORLD AT LARGE. ENABLE US TO BETTER THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH WE LIVE THROUGH OUR DEVOTION TO DUTY AS CITIZENS.

WE NOW HAVE A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER FOR OUR DEPARTED COMRADES AND FOR THOSE MISSING IN ACTION AND THOSE HELD AS PRISONERS OF WAR.

(Short Pause).

THESE AND ALL OTHER NECESSARY BLESSINGS WE ASK OF THEE, MIGHTY RULER OF THE UNIVERSE. AMEND.

COMMANDER: ATTENTION, COMRADES, YOU WILL JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. ONE (salute) 'I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO

THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL'.

COMMANDER: COMRADES, WE ARE ASSEMBLED AGAIN TO TRANSACT BUSINESS OF MUTUAL BENEFIT. DO NOT LET PETTY JEALOUSIES OR TRIVIAL PERSONALITIES INFLUENCE OUR DELIBERATIONS. LET US UPHOLD ALWAYS THE OBLIGATIONS OF UNSELFISH COMRADESHIP AND LOYALTY TO OUR ORGANIZATION AND TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

I NOW DECLARE _____ POST NO. _____ DULY OPENED FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS. GUARD, YOU WILL ADMIT ANY IN WAITING WHO MAY BE WORTHY. (One gavel rap to be seated).

2. ORDER OF BUSINESS

(Post)

COMMANDER: (Leading all members in recitation of Section 230102 of the Congressional Charter).

THE PURPOSE OF THIS CORPORATION SHALL BE FRATERNAL, PATRIOTIC, HISTORICAL CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL; TO PRESERVE AND STRENGTHEN COMRADESHIP AMONG ITS MEMBERS; TO ASSIST WORTHY COMRADES; TO PERPETUATE THE MEMORY AND HISTORY OF OUR DEAD, AND TO ASSIST THEIR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS; TO MAINTAIN TRUE ALLEGIANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND FIDELITY TO ITS CONSTITUTION AND LAWS; TO FOSTER TRUE PATRIOTISM; TO MAINTAIN AND EXTEND THE INSTITUTIONS OF AMERICAN FREEDOM; AND TO PRESERVE AND DEFEND THE UNITED STATES FROM ALL HER ENEMIES.

3. CALLING THE ROLL OF OFFICERS
4. READING, REFERRING, MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS.
5. REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP.
6. BALLOTING FOR APPLICANTS.
7. MUSTERING IN OF RECRUITS.
8. READING OF MINUTES AND APPROVAL.

9. QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT; DISBURSEMENTS.
10. QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT; RECEIPTS
11. READING OF BILLS.
12. REPORT OF SERVICE OFFICER.
13. IS THERE A COMRADE OR THE FAMILY OF A COMRADE IN DISTRESS?
14. REPORT OF ALL COMMITTEES (Membership, Buddy Poppy, etc.)
15. REMEMBER OUR NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN.
16. (Interrupt business at 9:00 p.m. or as close to 9:00 p.m. as is practical for the National Home Ceremony).

COMMANDER: *(Raps gavel twice). ALL PRESENT WILL RISE. PARADE REST. COMRADE CHAPLAIN, YOU WILL ASK DIVINE BLESSINGS UPON OUR NATIONAL HOME).*

CHAPLAIN: *ALMIGHTY GOD, WE ASK FOR YOUR DIVINE BLESSING ON THE CHILDREN, FAMILIES, AND STAFF OF OUR NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN IN EATON RAPIDS, MICHIGAN. MAY YOUR SPIRIT DWELL WITH THEM FOREVER, GIVING THEM HEALTH AND GUIDING THEIR LIVES. HELP US TO ALWAYS BE FAITHFUL TO OUR FALLEN COMRADES BY PROVIDING (SHELTER AND GUIDANCE) SUPPORT FOR THEIR FAMILIES. WE ASK IN YOUR HOLY NAME. AMEN.*

(Commander raps gavel).

17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

(Reading of communications associated with unfinished business. Read and vote).

18. NEW BUSINESS.

(Reading of communications associated with new business. Read and vote).

19. GOOD OF THE ORDER.

(Reading of communications associated with Good of the Order. Read and vote).

20. CLOSING CEREMONIES

COMMANDER: THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, WE WILL HAVE OUR CLOSING CEREMONY. (Two raps, all rise).

COMMANDER: OFFICER OF THE DAY, PREPARE TO RETIRE THE COLORS.

COMMANDER: COMRADE CHAPLAIN, YOU WILL DELIVER THE CLOSING PRAYER.

COMMANDER: PARADE REST!

PRAYER

CHAPLAIN: ALMIGHTY GOD, THE HOUR HAS COME WHEN WE MUST PART. WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO THY CARE. THOU, WHO ART OUR STRONG TOWER OF DEFENSE, AND OUR PROTECTION, GRANT THAT IN LIFE'S BATTLES WE MAY BE STRONG AND BRAVE, LIVING SUCH LIVES OF STAINLESS INTEGRITY AS SHALL REFLECT HONOR UPON OUR COUNTY AND THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, AND GLORIFY THY GREAT AND HOLY NAME.

MAY THY GOOD PROVIDENCE SHIELD US FROM ALL HARM, WATCH OVER THOSE WHO EVEN NOW GUARD THE GATES OF FREEDOM, AND BRING US TOGETHER AGAIN IN TRUE COMRADESHIP AND PEACE, AMEN.

COMMANDER: ATTENTION! (Chaplain closes Bible).

COMMANDER: COMRADES, I NOW DECLARE THIS BUSINESS OF _____ POST NO. _____ CLOSED. OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE _____.