

# **POST MEETING**

Officers will take their respective stations

All persons NOT members of the VFW will kindly retire, and the guard will close the doors.

By the power and authority vested in me, I am about to open VFW Post 1234 for the transaction of any business that may lawfully come before it.

**Rap gavel Twice (2)**.....

**Officer of the Day or Quartermaster**.....satisfy yourself that ALL present are entitled to remain.

**Comrade Chaplain**.....please offer the Invocation

**Comrade Adjutant**...Please lead the post in the Pledge of Allegiance

**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 VFW Post 1234 duly opened for the transaction of business.

**RAP Gavel Once (1)**.....

The Guard will admit any in waiting who may be worthy.

*{Commander will recognize distinguished guests / visitors }*

**Congressional Charter:** {Leading all members in recitation}

The purpose of this corporation shall be fraternal, patriotic, historical 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, whomsoever.

1. Call the Roll of Officers
2. Any membership applications?
  - a. If so read each one then refer to the investigating committee.
  - b. Report of Investigating Committee for previous apps!
  - c. Vote on eligible applicants!
3. Reading of the Minutes
4. Quartermasters Report:
5. Reading of the Bills
6. Report of the Service Officer
7. Is there a Comrade of the Family of a Comrade in distress?
8. Reports of Committees
9. Remember our National Home

**Rap gavel Twice (2).....**

**Chaplain:** Ask divine blessing on our National Home

**RAP Gavel Once (1).....**

10.Unfinished Business

11.New Business

12.Good of the Order

13.Adjourn

**Rap gavel Twice (2).....**

**Chaplain.....Benediction**

Comrades...I now declare this business session VFW Post 1234 closed.

Our next meeting will be.....

This Post meeting guide is basic and intended as a quick reference. For COMPLETE GENERAL RULES (OPENING POST CEREMONIES) refer to your Podium Edition of the "VFW CONGRESSIONAL CHARTER and BYLAWS and RITUAL".

## **OPENING PRAYER**

O, Sovereign Ruler of the Universe who art the Lord of Hosts and God of Peace, without Thee our efforts are in 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 and help 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.

Pause.....

These and all other necessary blessings we ask of Thee, Mighty Ruler of the Universe.

AMEN

# NATIONAL HOME BLESSING

Each evening the children of our comrades, at the VFW National Home, kneel at their bedsides in reverent prayer to All Mighty God.

Let us turn our thoughts toward Eaton Rapids, Michigan,

And with bowed heads.....join them in their prayers.

## **REPAET AFTER ME:**

Suffer the little children to come unto me

And forbid them not

For of such....is the Kingdom of God.....**Pause**.....

My God Bless Our National Home.....**AMEN**