

Motion made to NOT consider the recommended revisions to the National Bylaws. Motion carried.

Bylaws Sec. 1202 – Amendments – Ritual

NOT ADOPTED

WHEREAS, Ritual revisions may be recommended by a National Officer or Ritual Revision Committee, and

WHEREAS, the current Bylaws state:

- The Ritual of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary may be amended or altered by the National Convention only every (5) years. And

WHEREAS, the last Ritual revision was in 2015, and the next full revision is planned for 2020; and

WHEREAS, valuable membership questions, and changing technologies may pose an earlier need for a change or correction;

THEREFORE, a recommended change to this bullet follows:

- The Ritual of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary may be amended or altered by the National Convention when recommended by a National Line Officer or the Bylaws and Resolution Committee during the interim years between a full review by the Ritual Revision Committee. A Ritual Revision Committee shall be appointed for a thorough review of the Ritual every (5) years. Years ending in 0 or 5 shall be complete reviews.

Submitted by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee

If this Bylaw Resolution is passed by the National Convention members, please see the following recommended changes to the current Ritual:

Amend the Ritual, as follows:

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ROUNDTABLE MEETING

(This meeting version includes no floor work or ritual and is designed to use members’ time as efficiently as possible. It is highly recommended that newly instituted Auxiliaries use either the Contemporary or Traditional meeting Agendas for six months until they become more familiar with the Ritual of the Auxiliary.)

At the wish of the Auxiliary, meetings may be conducted according to Robert’s Rules of Order, 11th Edition.

The following items must be included in the Roundtable Meeting:

- Checking Dues Cards
- Roll Call of Officers
- Opening Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Auxiliary Pledge
- Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- ~~Old~~ Unfinished Business
- New Business
- Closing Prayer

AUXILIARY PLEDGE

I, _____, pledge to always be professional and respectful to my brothers, sisters and comrades, as we work together in unity and harmony providing "Unwavering Support to Uncommon Heroes." ... I do so promise.

[This pledge is recommended for ALL meetings. It reminds our members of our mission.]

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CONTEMPORARY MEETING

(Floor work is optional with this version. If floor work is performed, it shall be as directed in the Traditional meeting.)

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Opening Ceremonies
2. Escort and Introduction of National, Department, County Council, District Officers, and any Guests who are members of the VFW Auxiliary
3. Roll Call of Auxiliaries (District/County Council and Department)

Renumber the remaining items here and beginning on page 14.

11. Introduction of non-member Guests

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Following the President's opening statement: "We have been permitted to assemble again in this room" (and before seating Officers and members, insert the Auxiliary Pledge while members remain standing.)

President: All members will please recite our Auxiliary Pledge.

All: I, _____, pledge to always be professional and respectful to my brothers, sisters and comrades, as we work together in unity and harmony providing "Unwavering Support to Uncommon Heroes."... I do so promise.

President: **Officers, please return to your stations.**

2. ESCORT AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE VFW AUXILIARY/DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCIL/DEPARTMENT/NATIONAL

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Before Item #3., insert the following:

C. Department Chairman, County Council President and any visitor is recognized from the floor.

Move two paragraphs from Page 16 to here following item C (recognition of other member Guests).

D. All National Officers and Past National Presidents are to be seated to the immediate right of the Presiding Officer.

E. At the time of the Official Visit of the Department or District President, he/she shall be seated to the immediate right of the Presiding Officer. His/her official representative shall be accorded the same courtesies.

Insert Agenda Item #3

3. ROLL CALL OF AUXILIARIES (District/County Council and Department)

(Motions made during a Department Conference or Convention meeting are not valid without a Quorum of Auxiliaries. See Bylaws Sec.604---Quorum. This includes Resolutions to National, Department Bylaws or Standing Rules.)

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10. Introduction of non-member Guests

Delete the language and insert:

Welcome any non-Auxiliary member as a guest. They shall not be allowed to enter the room until the Treasurer's Report and Presentation of Bills has concluded.

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TRADITIONAL MEETING

Same recommended changes as in the Contemporary Meeting:

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AUXILIARY/DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCIL/DEPARTMENT OPENING CEREMONIES

1. AUXILIARY/DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCIL/DEPARTMENT OPENING CEREMONIES

Page 25 after President recites the Opening Paragraph:

Brothers and Sisters, by dispensation of Divine Providence ...

(and before seating Officers and members, insert the Auxiliary Pledge while members remain standing.)

President: All members will please recite our Auxiliary Pledge.

All: I, _____, pledge to always be professional and respectful to my brothers, sisters and comrades, as we work together in unity and harmony providing "Unwavering Support to Uncommon Heroes." ... I do so promise.

President: **Officers, take your stations.**

Page 26. Similar Changes for Agenda Item #2 as in CONTEMPORARY MEETING.

2. ESCORT AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE VFW AUXILIARY/DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCIL/DEPARTMENT/NATIONAL

Insert:

A. Department Chairmen of standing committees to be recognized from the floor.

B. County Council President to be recognized from the floor.

C. All National Officers and Past National Presidents are to be seated to the immediate right of the presiding Officer.

D. At the time of the Official Visit of the Department or District President, he/she shall be seated to the immediate right of the presiding Officer. His/her official representative shall be accorded the same courtesies.

E. All Department Officers are to be seated to the immediate left of the presiding Officer.

3. ROLL CALL OF AUXILIARIES (District/County Council and Department)

(Motions made during a Department Conference or Convention meeting are not valid without a Quorum of Auxiliaries. See Sec.604---Quorum. This includes Resolutions to National or Department Bylaws.)

Page 28, delete the 11. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS. . . , and insert,

INTRODUCTION OF NON-MEMBER GUESTS

Welcome any non-Auxiliary member as a guest. They shall not be allowed to enter the room until the Treasurer's Report and Presentation of Bills has concluded.

Page 34, at bottom of page, delete reference to Demeter's Manual of Parliamentary Law.

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Delete the Installing Officer's statement regarding the reading of the warrant.

**SUGGESTED DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Add new Agenda Item and renumber the remaining items

3. Roll Call of Auxiliaries

(See Sec. 604---Quorum. If a majority of the Auxiliaries are not present, a Roll Call of Auxiliaries may be taken numerous times during the Convention to determine a quorum. For Example: Each day, or on a morning/afternoon when attendance is at its peak.)

Last Sentence of Installing Officer's command after requesting the President's escort to the Presiding Officer's station.

... All newly installed Officers will ~~remain standing~~ be seated.