

MENTORING FOR LEADERSHIP

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“R is for Remember”

Do you remember what it was like at your 1st auxiliary meeting when someone said “Don’t do that” when you were talking when the Bible was being opened. We must make sure that our new members understand our traditions so they don’t feel left out or get embarrassed at our meetings. Have a copy of the Understanding Auxiliary Traditions ready to give to each new member and explain what will be going on during the meeting.

Understanding Auxiliary Traditions - This is a guide to help our members learn about our Ritual and the unique things we do at our meetings. Make sure the new members know the following

1. Membership cards will be checked at the start of each meeting
2. What the raps of the gavel mean
3. How to stand at Attention and Parade Rest
4. How to show proper respect to the Flag
 - a. How to Salute the flag during the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem
 - b. That members should stand when the flags are moving in the room
5. How to show proper respect for the Altar & Bible
 - a. That members will remain seated while the Chaplain opens and closes the Bible
 - b. That while the Chaplain is opening and closing the Bible everyone should stop all movement and talking
 - c. That members will not cross between the President’s station and the Altar, at this is considered sacred ground when the Bible is open, however when the Bible is closed members may walk there.
6. How to Address the President and Make a Motion
 - a. That members must address all remarks to the President
 - b. That a member wishing to address the President will rise and say “Mister/Madam President” and wait to speak further until they are recognized by the President.

VFW Auxiliary Acronyms and Common Terminology

Explain the difference between

AUXILIARY - the local unit of the VFW Auxiliary

DISTRICT - a geographic area within a Department, they are liaisons between the local Auxiliary and Department

DEPARTMENT - the VFW Auxiliary National Organization is organized into 51 Departments, with one representing each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia. The Department is the liaison between National Hdqts and Auxiliaries.

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