

## Opening Post Ceremonies

COMMANDER:

The officers will take their respective stations. All persons not members of the V.F.W. will kindly retire, and the guard will close the doors. (The commander ascertains if non-members have retired).

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.

COMMANDER:

Call Attention.

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Comrade Chaplain, you will deliver the opening prayer.

COMMANDER:

UNCOVER - PARADE REST:

COMMANDER:

Attention! Comrades, you will join me in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

“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:

“Two (salute)

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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.

## Post Meeting Order Of Business

1. Opening Ceremonies
2. Commander; the objects of the Order of Business
3. Calling the roll of officers.
4. Reading, referring, membership applications.
5. Report of Investigating Committee.
6. Balloting for candidates.
7. Mustering in of recruits.
8. Reading of minutes.
9. Quartermaster’s report; disbursements.
10. Quartermasters 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.
15. Remember our National Home.

(Interrupt business at 9:00 pm or as close to 9:00 pm as is practical for National Home Prayer.)

COMMANDER:

(Raps Gavel Twice). All present will rise. Parade rest. Comrade Chaplain, you will ask the Divine blessings upon our National Home.

16. Unfinished business. (Reading of communications associated with unfinished business. Read and Vote.)

17. New Business. (Reading of communications associated with new business. Read and Vote.)

18. Good of the order. (Reading of communications associated with good of the order. Read and Vote.)

19. Closing ceremonies.

#### 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.

OFFICER OF THE DAY:

Retires the colors - Hand Salute. (One - Two!)

COMMANDER:

Comrade Chaplain, you will deliver the closing prayer.

COMMANDER:

Uncover - Parade Rest!

COMMANDER:

Attention! Recover.

COMMANDER:

Comrades, I now declare this business session of ..... Post No. .... Closed.

Our next regular meeting will be .....]