

Patriotic Instructor

July 2026

Department President's Theme
"Growing Stronger for Our Veterans"

National President's Theme
"Serving America's Heroes"

Patriotic Instructors assist the President during meetings, ensuring ceremonies and floor work align with the VFW Auxiliary Ritual.

Podium Edition Bylaws and Ritual

BYLAWS

Sec. 902—Meeting Etiquette, page 92

A. Cell Phones

1. All cell phones and electronic messaging devices shall be set to the "off," "mute," or "vibrate" position during the entire meeting.
2. Cell phones may be used for meeting-related purposes, i.e., calendar, calculator, MALTA, research, taking notes, etc.
3. All calls shall be answered outside the meeting room.
 - a.) The only exception shall be during the National Convention, where walkie-talkies or similar devices are used by the National President and National Headquarters staff for meeting purposes only.

B. Audio/Video Recording

1. Individual members cannot record (video/audio) any portion of any Auxiliary meeting without prior knowledge of the body.

C. Smoking

1. To include but not limited to tobacco products, e-cigarettes, etc., is not allowed during an Auxiliary meeting.

D. Alcoholic Beverages

1. No alcoholic beverages will be permitted during Auxiliary meetings.

BOOKLET OF INSTRUCTIONS

To Help Clarify the Official Look, page 32

1. Section 1001 explains the Official Look
 - a. The look may be worn open over any color top or a black dress. The look may be worn tucked in.
 - b. You may wear it with a jacket or sweater, preferably black.
 - c. The collar pins should be worn flat on the collar, not on an angle. VFW over the heart.
 - d. The official membership pin should be worn on the left, above the emblem.
 - e. The name tag should be worn on the side without the emblem.
 - f. If you wear an American Flag pin, it should be highest on the shirt (not including collar pins), over your heart.
 - g. Caps are optional. Caps may be worn with pins attached.
 - h. Caps are to be removed for prayers, if the Chaplain removes their cap or is not wearing one.
 - i. When removing the cap, place the cap over the heart with the emblem facing out, fingers just inside the cap.



Patriotic Days

July 2nd - Made in the USA Day (celebrates American-made goods).

July 4th - Independence Day (celebrates the 1776 adoption of the Declaration of Independence)

July 26th - National Disability Independence Day (commemorates the 1990 ADA signing).

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