



MEMBER RIGHTS

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National Bylaws & Manual of Procedure
Bylaws Section 105 – Member in Good Standing.
Bylaws Section 110 - Rights of Members.

- **Must be eligible for the VFW.**
- **Dues must be paid for the year.**
- **Membership not suspended or terminated.**
- **Entitled to all membership rights.**

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- **Right to transfer to another Post or Member at Large.**
 - They do not have to accept.
 - Must prove eligibility per Section 107.

- **Right to challenge.**
 - Only in your Post.
 - Eligibility, election results, etc.

- **Right to be a Life Member.**
 - Upgrade to life and never worry about dues being paid.
 - Legacy Life members get discounts at store.

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- **Right to attend meetings.**
 - Your Post, District, Department & National Convention.
 - Guest at other Posts, Districts and Departments.

- **Right to speak at meetings.**
 - Can only speak at your Post, District, Department.
 - As a guest you can speak but only if recognized.
 - Can always speak at National Convention.

- **Right to vote at meetings.**
 - Can only vote at your Post meetings.
 - Can vote at District, Department and National if elected as a delegate at your Post.

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➤ Right to hold office.

➤ For any officer position at your Post, District, Department and National. Includes as a delegate of your Post.

➤ Right to be informed of Post business operations.

➤ You should attend Post monthly meeting and listen to what is happening at your Post, and you can make an appointment with Post officers if you want to review the books and records.

➤ Right to question.

➤ Anything and everything.

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- **Right to appeal.**
 - **Section 109. Decisions at any level if aggrieved.**
 - **Section 904. Findings and process of Disciplinary Action**
 - **Section 220, 420, 520 & 620. Removal from office.**

- **Right to express your opinion.**
 - **In person, on social media, etc.**
 - **Be warned that your opinion may violate our rules.**

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➤ At meetings, the following rules of decorum are enforced.

- No Profanity
- No Yelling
- No Name Calling
- No Throwing Objects
- No Smoking
- No Alcohol
- No side conversations when others are addressing membership.

You can be asked to leave or removed.

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➤ General Rules listed in the Ritual.

- (a) All members who are able will stand during the offering of the prayers; (b) members will follow the action of the Chaplain or presiding officer relative to removal of caps during prayers; if uncovering, the hat shall be placed on the extended closed fingers of the right hand in such a way that the Cross of Malta is exposed and held over the heart; (c) official caps will not be worn during luncheons, banquets or other meals; **(d) Official caps will be the only head covering allowed to be worn at regular meetings of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.**

IMPORTANT



- Familiarize yourself with the National Bylaws and Manual or Procedure, specifically;
 - Section 109 – Right of Appeal
 - Section 211 – Suspension and revocation of Charter.
 - Section 220 – Vacancies and removal of elective officers or committee members.
 - Section 222 – Delegates.
 - Section 213 – Arrearages, deficiencies and omissions.
 - Section 215 – Eligibility to office.
 - Section 223 – Commemoratives Tributes
 - Article X – Rules of Order

IF EVER UNSURE



OF PROCEDURES OR ACTIONS;

1. Study the Bylaws
2. Discuss with Post Officers.
3. Discuss with Past Post Commanders.
4. Discuss with Post Commanders from other Posts.
5. Discuss with District Commander and/or District Officers.
6. Discuss with State Headquarters Staff
7. Discuss with State Adjutant
8. Discuss with State Commander and/or Department officers.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



- **Commanders Guide.**
- **Quartermasters Guide.**
- **Trustee's Guide.**
- **Guide to Protocol.**
- **Parliamentary Procedure. Roberts Rules.**
- **Presiding and Leadership practice.**
- **National training videos.**
- **VFW Discussion Groups on Facebook.**

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QUESTIONS?