

## VFW Order of Business-District \_\_\_\_\_

**Commander:** (One gavel rap) “The officers will take their respective stations. All persons not members of the VFW will kindly retire, and the guard will close the doors.”

**Commander:** “By the power and authority vested in me, I am about to open VFW, Department of Arkansas, District \_\_\_\_\_ for the transaction of business that may lawfully come before it (two gavel raps).

“Officer of the Day, satisfy yourself that all present are entitled to remain.”

**Commander:** Attention!!! Comrade Chaplain, you will deliver the opening prayer... (**Uncover, Parade Rest**)

**Commander:** Attention Comrades!!! You will join me in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. (**PRESENT ARMS; ORDER ARMS**) (One gavel rap)

**Commander:** “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.”

**Commander:** “I now declare VFW Department of Arkansas District \_\_\_\_\_ duly opened for the transaction of business. Guard, you will admit any in waiting who may be worthy.”

**Commander:** The purpose of this corporation shall be fraternal, patriotic, historical charitable and educational; To preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; To assist worthy comrades; To perpetuate the memory and history of our dead, and to assist their widows and orphans; To maintain true allegiance to the government of the United States of America, and fidelity to its constitution and laws; to foster true patriotism; To maintain and extend the institutions of “American freedom; and to preserve and defend the United States from all her enemies.

**Commander:** (if any present) Introduction of any VIP & GUESTS.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Roll of officers

Roll of Posts

Reading of minutes of last meeting

Quartermaster report

Any Bills

Service Officer Report

Reading of any communications

### **Unfinished business**

### **New business**

## **Good of the Order**

**Commander:** There being no further business, we will have our closing ceremony. (Two raps). All rise. (**Attention**)

**Commander:** Comrade Chaplain, you will deliver the closing prayer. (**Uncover, Parade, Rest**)

**Commander:** Comrades, I now declare this business session of VFW Department of Arkansas, District \_\_\_\_\_ closed. Our next regular meeting will be (date)\_\_\_\_\_, (time)\_\_\_\_\_ and (location)\_\_\_\_\_.