

ORGANIZATION OF VFW

The National Organization

**There are 4 Conferences
We have 52 Departments
Currently has 5933 Posts**

Department of Washington

**In Western Conference
Has 13 Districts
Made up of 106 Posts**

Membership Types

**Post Member
Member at Large**

**Annual Member
Life Member
Legacy Life Member**

SPEAKING

Addressing Members

Members holding office shall be addressed as “Comrade” followed by the title of officer they hold. All other members shall be addressed as “Comrade”

GAVEL RAPS

Several Raps of Gavel

Used to get attention of the membership

2 Raps of Gavel

Used to get all membership to stand

1 Rap of Gavel

Used to get all membership to sit or maintain order

1 Rap of Gavel

Used to call to order, declare meeting open, declare recess, declare adjourned, declare meeting closed

1 Rap of Gavel

Used after completion of a business item

MOTIONS

Making a Motion during a meeting

Any Post member in good standing may make a motion

Only after being recognized by the Commander,

address the Commander

Comrade Commander and who you are

I make a motion and what it is

Another member must 2nd the motion or it fails due to lack of 2nd

Once motion is made and proper 2nd it is open for discussion by all

After discussion, Commander calls for a vote

Commander gives results of vote (pass or fail) and raps gavel 1 time

Order of Business

Opening in Due Form

Reciting of purpose of the VFW

Roll Call of Officers

Read and Ballot membership

Muster in recruits for initiation ritual

Read and approve previous minutes

Quartermaster reports and approval

Report of Service Officer

Comrades or families in Distress

Report of all Committees

Remember our National Home

Unfinished business

New Business

Good of the Order

Nominations, elections, installation

Closing in Due Form

Our Mission

Veteran Support
Veteran Advocacy

Our Responsibility

Take to heart the words spoken
in the obligation of induction

Learn the work of our order

Do the work of our order

Teach the work of our order

Mentor the future leaders of our
organization so we can continue
the legacy, traditions, and history
of our Organization into the
future to ensure every generation
of veterans before us, now, and
in the future are supported and
continue advocating for all the
benefits they earned



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS



DEPARTMENT OF
WASHINGTON



VFW 101

A QUICK GUIDE OF FOR
NEW MEMBERS IN OUR
ORGANIZATION

I HAVE BEEN INITIATED AND
RECEIVED MY OBLIGATION



I AM A MEMBER IN GOOD
STANDING OF THE VETERANS OF
FOREIGN WARS

NOW WHAT ??? ?