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Hope all are well. Below please find and share this information with your members.

Listed are more Auxiliary Traditions you can find on page 4 and 5 in the yellow pages section of your Bylaws and Ritual.

- No member is allowed to enter the Auxiliary room during the opening or initiation ceremonies unless required to do so by work of the Ritual, or by order of the President.
- When a member desires to enter the Auxiliary room while the Auxiliary is in session, he/she will knock and as soon as possible will be admitted, upon presenting his/her paid-up dues card for the current calendar year to the Guard. He/she will proceed directly to a seat.
- In meetings of the various bodies of this organization, members shall be addressed only as "Brother" or "Sister," except when holding office, when they shall be addressed by the title of the office which they hold, said title to be preceded by the word "Mister" or "Madam". The chair should always be addressed as "Mister/Madam President" other Officers with the word "Mister/Madam" preceding same.
- All remarks must be addressed to the President and not by one member to another...
- The voting sign shall be by "Ayes" and "Noes."
- It is suggested that the Patriotic Instructor instruct new member how to stand at attention, parade rest. Etc. The Patriotic Instructor should also try to read some portion of the Bylaws at every meeting. • No alcoholic beverages or smoking will be permitted during Auxiliary meetings.
- Clapping is allowed while the Flag is in the room, or when Color Bearers enter with the Flags, however, members should not clap to the music when guest is escorted in. The reason for this is is sounds too much like the Nazis during WWII.
- Gifts are never presented at the Alter, with the exception of the retiring President's pin, which may be presented to him/her at the Altar following the Installation of new Officers.

When preparing the room (Traditional) see page 118 under the title floor plans on page 118 in the Bylaws and Ritual Book. This plan lays out where every position is located including the color bearer chairs.

If you are having your meeting in the (Contemporary) manner, floor work is optional. The room can be set up but without the floor team. This way everyone should be able to see the correct floor plan when they attend District, Department and National meetings.

Round Table Meetings. This includes no floor work or Ritual and is designed to use members' time as efficiently as possible. It is highly recommended that newly instituted Auxiliaries use either Traditional or Contemporary meetings for six (6) months until they become more familiar with the Ritual of the VFW Auxiliary.

The following items must be included in the Round table Meeting. • Checking Dues Cards • Roll Call of Officers • Opening Prayer (Open Bible) • Pledge of Allegiance • Minutes • Treasurer's Report • Business (to include program information) • Closing Prayer. (Close Bible)

This type of meeting goes smoother when all the items are completed in the order they are listed. Take care and share this information.