

Official Visit Guidelines and Expectations

The Official Visit to the Auxiliary by the District President or other Representative assigned by the Department President is necessary to see that the Auxiliary is in good working order, to communicate with the membership on the current events, Programs, National Bylaws and Ritual, and any changes from the National and Department VFW Auxiliary.

Preparation	VFW Auxiliary President Duties	District President Duties
Prior to Official Visit	Coordinate with District President to schedule a date and time for the Official Visit. Confirm any meals and if any guests are coming.	Initiate scheduling process with the VFW Auxiliary to attend a regular business meeting. Inform the VFW Auxiliary of any guests or special needs.
Being Prepared	Current National Bylaws, Current Department By-Laws and Standing Rules, Robert's Rules of Order, current National and Department Program Books, current Department communications, Local By-laws and/or Standing Rules, President's and Treasurer's Bond, roster of VFW Auxiliary Chairmen, meeting agenda, and pen/paper for notes.	Current National Bylaws, Current Department By-Laws and Standing rules, Robert's Rules of Order, current National and Department Program Books, current Department communications, President's and Treasurer's Bond, roster of Department and District Chairmen, meeting agenda, and pen/paper for notes. Three (3) copies of Official Visit Report Form.
Meeting Room	Make sure that the room is set with the U.S. Flag, charter, altar cloth, Bible, and chairs for the meeting. Banner, POW/MIA flag, and Patriotic flag are optional.	You will be seated to the right of the VFW Auxiliary President.
Agenda & Gavel	Have an agenda/order of business to ensure the meeting is conducted according to the Ritual. Have the gavel present as an emblem of authority but use it according to the Ritual and with discretion.	Follow along with the agenda to ensure that the meeting is conducted according to the Ritual. Make notes on Programs covered, etc. Have comments. Be brief but truthful and complimentary. Always let the membership know how important they are. Have talking points on upcoming dates, events and Programs.
Books of Secretary and Treasurer	It is the President's duty to see that the Secretary's and Treasurer's books are available for review. Must have available a copy of the last 990 and/or any other state or local filings. Copies of President's and Treasurer's bonds and copies of audits are to be incorporated into the Secretary's minute book.	Sign and date each set of books after reviewing: Signatures of Trustees of audited books; incorporation of Treasurers report(s) and audit(s) into minutes by the Secretary; proof of a bond for the President and Treasurer in the Secretary's minutes and/or record book.
Chairmen's Reports	If a Chairman is absent, have a report given on that Program and describe the VFW Auxiliary participation.	Listen to each report, noting strengths and weaknesses. When called upon to comment, offer suggestions and encouragement. Offering a solution will lead to progress.
After the Meeting	Make sure the District President has what they need in order to complete the Official Visit report.	Complete Official Visit report and give a copy to both the VFW Auxiliary and Department. Be honest. Report any concerns.