

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Department of Arizona

District 10

Post 1677

General Order #3

Series 2026-2027

This Command is committed to conducting business in a professional manner in accordance with guidance contained in the National By-Laws, Manual of Procedures, Ritual, and Robert Rules of Order. The intent is to improve quality and length of our Regular, and, as needed, Special, Business meetings with attention to effectiveness, efficiency, timeliness, and accuracy. This will involve changes which may be uncomfortable to some during initial implementation. The changes will include:

1. Use of an agenda- The agenda will be determined primarily by the Executive board prior to business meetings and shall include summarized reports on activities and resolutions initiated and/or completed by all committees during the previous month, intended motions by members, and updates on action items identified as unfinished business.
2. Standing Rules – The Post, by majority vote shall adopt, and enforce Standing Rules for use during business meetings. By definition, a Standing rule is a parliamentary procedure which is neither identified, nor prohibited by VFW documentation , Roberts Rules of order or State law. References used to determine validity of proposed rules shall include, but not be limited to National By-Laws, Manual of Procedures, Ritual, Roberts Rules Policies and procedures established by National, Department, and District headquarters
3. Annual Budget- An annual budget shall be developed and published following a vote by the membership and shall include projected spending and income from all Post activities as required to identify allocations for operational expenses, requirements from District, Department, and National Headquarters, charitable donations, internal service and social activities, and as well as membership benefits and incentives and facility improvement.
4. House Rules- Rules for conduct of members, tenant organizations, guests and family members will be posted prominently in a font readable to all patrons at a distance to be determined by the House committee, in the Canteen area
5. Post By-Laws – The current Post by-Laws will be reviewed and, as determined by the By-Laws committee revised and presented for approval by the Post assembly. Proper notice, as identified by National By-Laws shall be given to all active membership prior to vote on final version.

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6. Canteen By-Laws – The Current Canteen By-Laws will be reviewed and, as determined jointly by the By-Laws and House committees revised and presented for approval by the Post assembly.
7. The timeline for initiation, review and vote on will be as follows
 - a. Agenda – reviewed and ratified – 23 June 2026, monthly at at each business meeting
 - b. Standing Rules – 28 July 2026, review and amendments – on going as identified by assembly
 - c. Annual Budget – initiation 22 Sept 2026, Review 20 October 2026, ratified 24 November 2026
 - d. House Rules – initiation 23 June 2026, reviewed 28 July 2026, ratified 28 July 2026
 - e. Post By-Laws – initiation 28 July 2026, Post meetings Aug, Sept, ratification October 2026
 - f. Canteen By-Laws – initiation September 2026, review October 2026, ratified November 2026

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