

AMERICAN LEGION POST _____ MEETING GUIDE

Commander: "Sgt at Arms, please close the hall doors."

Rap the Gavel 3 times

Commander: "Sgt at Arms, please pay respect to the flag of our County."

Commander: The Chaplain will offer prayer. All members/guest in attendance shall remain standing with **caps removed** and placed over the heart from the reopening prayer, through the POW/MIA ceremony, and concluding with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHAPLAIN PRAYER

Almighty God, we ask you to look down on this meeting and help us to make the right decision to keep this great organization growing in goodness and forever striking for truth. We ask this in Your Name. Amen

Resolution 288, adopted at the 67th National Convention, and originating in the 4th District of the Department of Minnesota, calls for a POW/MIA Empty Chair cover to be placed at all official meeting of the American Legion as a physical symbol of the thousands of American POW/MIA still unaccounted for from all wars and conflicts involving the United States of American. This is a reminder for all of us to spare no effort to secure the release of any American prisoners from captivity, the repatriation of the remains of those who died bravely in defense of liberty, and a full accounting of those missing. Let us rededicate ourselves for this vital endeavor! Sgt at Arms, Place the POW/MIA cover on the empty chain.

Please join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Please join in the Preamble to the American Legion
Constitution. **Re-Cover**

**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES
TOGETHER
FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:**

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America.

To maintain law and order.

To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism.

To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars.

To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation.

To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses.

To make right the master of might.

To promote peace and goodwill on earth.

To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy.

To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

ONE GAVEL RAP

"I know declare this regular general membership meeting of American Legion Post____, Department of Minnesota, regularly convened. The Adjutant shall conduct a roll call of Post Offices and Committee.

ADJUTANT CALLS ROLL

Commander: Introduction of guest and new members

Sgt at Arms, how many members are present today?

Adjutant: Reading of the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting.

Committee Chairperson Reports:

- Adjutant
- Gambling Manager: Is there any discussion? **Can I get a motion and a second? Those all-in favor say Aye, those that opposed say nay. The motion is carried.**
- Bar Report
- Finance Officer
- 1st Vice Commander
- 2nd Vice Commander
- Service Officer
- Chaplain
- Honor Guard
- VA Hospital Visitation
- Americanism
- Public Relations
- Special Activities Director
- Baseball
- SAL
- Judge Advocate
- Children and Youth
- Blood Donor Program
- American Legion Riders
- Auxiliary Report

Any unfinished business:

Any new business:

Anything for the good of the American Legion

“Is there any further business to come before this meeting of American Legion Post____? Hearing none, members shall stand for the benediction by the Chaplain, the removal of the POW/MIA chair cover, and to honor the flag. **PLEASE UNCOVER.**”

RAP Gavel 3 times:

Chaplain delivers closing prayers. Our Heavenly Father; With heads bowed in tribute to our fallen comrades, we bring this meeting to a close. Let us not only remember the POW's and MIA's still unaccounted for but let us also remember our brave men and women now on peace-keeping missions throughout the world. We ask that you keep them safe. Before we part and go our separate ways, we pause to think of our members who are experiencing difficult times. For them and their families, we pray for strength and courage, and finally, Dear Father, in the silence of this moment, we dedicate ourselves anew. For God and Country, Amen.

Commander: “Sgt at Arms, please remove the POW/MIA Chair cover.”

Please Re-Cover. Till we meet again let us remember our obligation to our country can be fulfilled only by the faithful performance of all the duties of citizenship. Let service to the community, state, and nation be ever main objective of the American legion and its members. Let's be ever watchful of the honor out our country, our organization and ourselves, that nothing shall swerve us from the patch of Justice, Freedom, and Democracy. Sgt at Arms, please pay respect to the Flag of our Country.”

“I now declare this regular general membership meeting of American Legion Post____, Department of Minnesota, Adjourned. “

ONE GRAVEL RAP.