

Chapter Oath of Office

SAA: "I present to you the officers-elect, with the exception of the President and the chaplain of AMVETS RIDERS Chapter(#), Department of (name), for the purpose of installation. "

Installing Officer: "Fellow AMVETS RIDERS, you have been chosen by the members of your chapter to represent them in your respective capacities. Are you prepared to take your oath of office?"

Assembled Officers: "I am."

Installing Officer: "Raise your right hand and repeat after me, using your name where I use mine."

(Raps gavel three times; all stand)

Assembled Officers: *(repeating oath):*

"I *(name)*
solemnly swear
that I will support and defend
the Constitution of the United States
that I will defend and support
the United States
from all her enemies
both from within and without
and that I will support and obey
the Constitution and
The Principles of the AMVETS RIDERS
and that I will carry out
the duties of my office
to the best of my ability
so help me God."

Installing Officer: "You may lower your hands."

Installing Officer: "SAA , you will lead the President to this rostrum so that he may be installed."

SAA: *(He leads the President elect to the rostrum.) (He salutes and takes two steps back, covering the commander.)*

Installing Officer: "You have been chosen by your fellow AMVETS RIDERS to lead them for the following year. The responsibilities will be great. Your leadership will be tested and questioned. Knowing this, are you willing to assume your duties and take your oath of office?"

Incoming President: "I am."

Installing Officer: "Then you will raise your right hand. Repeat after me, using your name where I use mine."

I (*name*), solemnly swear
that I will support and Defend
the Constitution of the United States
that I will defend and support
the United States
from all her enemies
both from within and without
and that I will support and obey
the Constitution
and the Principles of AMVETS RIDERS
and that I will carry out
the duties of my office,
leading by example and
demonstrating the principles of
Loyalty, Respect and Brotherhood
to the best of my ability so help me God."

(Gavel is rapped once; all are seated.)

Installing Officer: "SAA, you will escort the President to the rostrum." (*The SAA complies.*) "You have been elected to the highest office that this chapter can bestow upon any member. This office exemplifies authority. Use it wisely and with discretion. Congratulations."

(The installing officer hands the gavel to the new President)

"Having complied with our rules and regulations, with the power vested in me by the National AMVETS RIDERS , I hereby declare AMVETS CHAPTER (*number*), Department of (*state*), duly and legally installed for the years 2016 and 2017."

(The provost marshal salutes, does an about face, salutes the installing officer, does an about face and retires.)