

President

The President, as the senior executive Officer, shall preside at all meetings and the executive committee but may delegate a Vice President to serve as a temporary substitute when needed. The President is an ex officio member* of all committees. The President directs and supervises the activities of all elected and appointed officers and committees. The President will ensure that the membership meets regularly on the appointed dates. It is the President's responsibility to disseminate, to the membership, all pertinent information that is sent from the Department and National Headquarters, in addition to announcements at meetings. The President should have an understanding of all the positions the Officers hold under him.

The President, or a member appointed by him, shall represent the Chapter at memorial services and community functions, where it is customary that AMVETS Riders or a veteran's organization be represented. The President shall be the official spokesman on all matters of public interest concerning Riders activities. The Communications officer may be called on to assist with press releases, position statements and speech preparation. The position of President is filled in regular elections as prescribed by the Unified Constitution and Bylaws. It is customary to elect two Vice Presidents who may be assigned duties by the President or executive committee.

Use your authority wisely. Do not hesitate to use your gavel to maintain order at all meetings. Do not allow personal conversation to interfere with business, however, each person who wishes to speak on a subject should be allowed to do so. The majority rules when a vote is taken, but remember it is the right of the minority to be heard. The President is the face of the Chapter and Department; you should act accordingly and take the position seriously. All eyes are on you and how you conduct yourself in public 12 wearing our vest. You are the Quarterback of the team; you set the tone of how your Chapter or Department conducts themselves and how involved they are. If you are rude or disinterested, your Chapter will be also. You can't make everyone happy all the time but you must recognize the will of the members.

In the absence of the President, the Vice-Presidents in order of their rank shall preside at meetings and represent the President.