

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

INSTALLING OFFICER:

“The Officer of the Day will take his (or her) place to the right of the Altar. The Adjutant will call the roll of the newly elected or appointed officers. As your name is called, you will take your place to the left of the Officer of the Day.” (When all have presented themselves to the left of the officer of the day and are facing the installing officer, the installing officer will say:) “Your comrades in the Disabled American Veterans have great confidence in your moral integrity and your executive ability. Because of that confidence, they have elected or appointed you to your respective offices. Do you accept the office to which you have been elected or appointed?”

NEW OFFICERS:

“We do”

INSTALLING OFFICER:

“Are you ready to receive the oath of office?”

NEW OFFICERS:

“We are.”

INSTALLING OFFICER:

(Entire assembly rises at three raps of the gavel) “Raise your right hand, say I, state your full name and repeat after me.”

“I, , upon my word and honor, as a member of the Disabled American Veterans, in the presence of Almighty God and my comrades, and before the flag of my country, accept the office to

which I have been elected or appointed. I promise to perform the duties of such office to the best of my ability. I pledge to act and conduct myself, in such a manner, at all times and places, as will only affect the good of the order. I promise to enforce and sustain the Constitution and Bylaws of this organization. When my successor has been duly elected, or appointed, and installed, I promise to surrender to him or her, all the property of the order, in my possession. All of which, I now affirm.”

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“Upon the promise you have just solemnly made, I now install you in the office to which you have been elected or appointed. I charge you to be earnest, faithful and devoted, and to remember that our mission as a Disabled American Veterans organization is not fulfilled until all our country’s war-time disabled, and their dependents and survivors, have been adequately cared for.” (One rap of the gavel seats audience.)

“Newly installed officers, about FACE!”

“My comrades, I now present to you, your newly installed officers.” (Applause.)

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“Officer of the Day, escort the newly installed officers to their respective stations, leaving the Commander to the last.” (Officers remain standing.)

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(To newly installed commander.) “I now hand you the gavel, which is the symbol of your office.” (They salute. The new commander then introduces the newly installed officers, starting with the senior vice commander, and, as introduced, each officer salutes, and is seated.)

NOTE: The retiring commander, now the junior past commander, or the installing officer, presents the new commander with the commander’s lapel emblem or badge, with appropriate, brief remarks. This is followed by presentation of a past commander’s ring, emblem or badge to the retiring commander.