

## September Parliamentary Corner

### THINGS TO SAY AND NOT TO SAY

As a new administrative year has begun, we should review some pitfalls and try to improve some of our actions and verbiage. Here are a few that are frequently misused.

When referring to an auxiliary member, say **“a member of \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_ ”** or **“auxiliary member of \_\_\_\_\_ Unit \_\_\_\_ ”**.

Do not say “member of Post“. or “member of the women’s auxiliary“. Unless a woman is a member of both the Legion and auxiliary she is not a member of the post. The auxiliary is chartered separately, If a post surrenders their charter, the auxiliary can still function and is known as a widow unit.

When referring to legion members, say **“legionnaires”**. Do not call them men. There are female members of the legion that have served in the military.

Officers, say **“Sgt-at-Arms”** not “Sgt-of-Arms”

Say **“Retiring President”** not “outgoing President

Say **“President-elect”** not “Incoming President”

Say **“Chairman”** not “chairwoman” or “chairperson.”

When the Vice President is presiding, she is referred to as **“Madan President”**, not as “Madam Vice President” or Madan Chairman”..

As a non –denominational organization every veteran with an honorable discharge or active duty personnel can be a member. There are many faith beliefs, and as such it is necessary to respect all religious practices. Prayers should also be non-denominational. The name of Jesus should not be used. **In thy holy name, Lord, God, Father are all acceptable.**

Preamble-Say **“associations during the Great Wars”**. There were more than one association so an “s” was added after WWII. The auxiliary has but one accomplishment, so we recite **“accomplishment of the aims and purposes of the American Legion”**. There is no s on the end of accomplishment.

When a guest is present, if he/she is **known to most of the assembly he/she is presented**. If he/she is **not known, he/she is introduced**.