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Canteen Bar Rules Page 1

All members and guests will comply with the VFW rules, Post 5985 rules, and the existing federal, State and local laws.

- The on-duty bartender is the shift boss who has the responsibility and authority to administer the operations of the bar, per law, and take enforcement actions as required
 - All patrons will obey the directions of the bartender. Conflicts beyond bartender control will be resolved by the canteen manager, VFW Commander or VFW Quartermaster
 - Patrons who escalate situations based on the bar rules without the request of the bartender will be asked to leave and are subject to a temporary canteen privilege suspension
 - **Bartenders must be allowed to run the canteen**



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Good order shall be maintained at all times on the premises of the Post home.

- Canteen/Restaurant privileges shall be discontinued forthwith to any person and said person shall immediately leave the premises and be suspended, by the Canteen bartender on duty, until further action is taken by the House Committee who:
 - Discusses affairs of the Veterans of Foreign Wars or any of its members within the presence of, or hearing of, a non-member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.
 - Questions the service-connected disabilities of any veteran member
 - Openly disrespects an elected officer of the Veterans of Foreign Wars
 - Becomes obnoxious, offensive, or whose conduct reflects discredit in any way or manner on the Veterans of Foreign Wars or any of its members.



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- Racial, demeaning, or abusive language or behavior shall not be tolerated. Any instance will result in immediate ejection from the Post for 24 hours by the Bartender or any Post Officer present.
 - Any continued misconduct by any member may result in a restriction of Canteen privileges for up to ninety (90) days as a result of a House Committee closed hearing of all involved parties.
 - Any further or more serious infractions may result in the House Committee recommending to the Post Commander and general membership longer or more harsh restrictions to include transfer from a member in good standing of Post 5985 to “member-at-large”
 - Proper attire is required for all members and guests while in the Post. Personnel that wear clothing that is determined to be too revealing or containing offensive symbols or language or otherwise unacceptable may be asked by the on-duty Bartender, or any Post Officer to leave the Post property.



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All persons will show proof of age and valid VFW membership when requested by the bartender unless they have been a previous patron and the bartender recognizes them

- If any person suspects that an unauthorized individual has entered the Post or suspects that an underage individual is attempting to purchase or is consuming alcoholic beverages on the premises, they will notify the Bartender who will check their identity.
 - Verified guests of Post or Auxiliary members will not be allowed to purchase or pay for any alcoholic beverages under any circumstances. Said beverages must be ordered and paid for by the member accompanying the guest, or any other authorized member.
 - A bartender that is on the clock, regardless of whether the bartender is a member or Auxiliary member, will not be permitted to sponsor any guests. ABC violation of IRS 501(c)19



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Bartenders are the only individuals allowed to serve alcohol during normal Canteen operating hours.

- If the bartender on duty must leave the bar area for any reason (bathroom break, stocking, etc.), he/she will designate someone to monitor the bar area while he/she is away from the bar in the following order:
 - Any regular post bartender that is present in the Canteen.
 - Any veteran VFW officer that is present in the Canteen.
 - Any veteran member that is present in the Canteen.
 - The person monitoring the bar while the bartender is away will not serve drinks to patrons and is only designated to prevent unauthorized access to the bar.
 - No person under the age of 21 will be served alcoholic beverages.



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Animals/Pet Policy. Ref: CA Health & Safety Code 114259.5

- Pets of members and guests shall be permitted access to the Post with the exception of food preparation areas.
 - Pets are not allowed during meal services open to the public. VFW 5985 is a Private Club and only considered a restaurant during meal services that are open to the public
 - Pets becoming threatening, agitated or out of control must be taken off the premises immediately or locked in a private conveyance.
 - Pets may be asked to leave the canteen area by the on-duty bartender or when the members present object the pet for any reason
 - Any incident or biting or misbehavior by an individual animal will result in permanent pet exile from the post



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If the Canteen is open or used outside of normal operating hours and a bartender is not available, only designated VFW officers or house committee members may serve drinks.

- These individuals will be responsible for recording purchases and collecting any monies. All purchases outside of normal operating hours will be entered into the POS system at the start of normal operating hours.
- **Current Authorized Officers**
 - Bonded Commander and Quartermaster
 - Senior VFW Officers with the approval of the Commander
 - Canteen Manager
 - Canteen Staff with approval of the Canteen Manager



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Miscellaneous Bar Rules

- Posting of signs or flyer within the confines of the Canteen must be approved by the House Committee Chairman or the Post Commander
- The use of the Juke Box will be discontinued during all Post meetings or Government broadcasts that contain information of major impact to the general public and all major sporting events involving local teams during the regular season and all playoffs and championship games. The Bartender will enforce this rule in the interest of the majority of the customers.
- During sponsored events and functions where many guests are invited, those guests are considered a guest of the Post (Commander's Guest).
- Canteen Patrons will not enter private hall events without approval

Adopted By the VFW Pacific Beach Post 5985 House Committee
August 8th, 2024

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