



## Resources

- ▶ Word of the Day (Item 1415)

## ▶ WHEN YOU ARE THE **AH-COUNTER**

The purpose of the Ah-Counter is to note unnecessary words and sounds used by members who speak during the meeting. Words or phrases that may be used inappropriately or unnecessarily include *and*, *well*, *but*, *so*, and *you know*. Sounds may include *ah*, *um*, and *er*. Serving in the Ah-Counter role provides an excellent opportunity to practice listening skills.

### Prior to the Meeting

- ▶ Prepare a brief explanation of the duties of the Ah-Counter for the benefit of guests.

### Upon Arrival at the Meeting

- ▶ Be prepared to take notes as people speak during the meeting. You may need to use the Ah-Counter's log provided by your club. Collect it from the sergeant at arms.

### During the Meeting

- ▶ When introduced, explain the role of the Ah-Counter.
- ▶ Throughout the meeting, listen to speakers and note unnecessary words, sounds, and pauses. Tally the sounds or words each person uses throughout the meeting.
- ▶ When called on by the General Evaluator during the evaluation section, you may stand near your chair and give your report.
- ▶ The responsibilities of the Ah-Counter conclude with the meeting.