



Department of NH
Chaplain 2017-2018
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Purpose:

Provide and promote emotional and spiritual support to the American Legion Family.

Objectives:

- Be non-sectarian
- Act as spiritual ambassador of the organization
- Pray for the American Legion Auxiliary, its members and leaders, for success in carrying out our mission.
- Guide members through prayer experiences that are appropriate for the situation.

Chaplain duties:

- Provide and promote emotional and spiritual support to the American Legion Family by sending emails, prayers, etc., to members throughout the administrative year.
- Promote our founding fathers' desire to create one nation under God.
- Responsible for all invocations, benedictions and memorial services for deceased members at official meetings.
- Recommend educational materials that promote a spirit of unity and love.
- Promote the Chapel of Four Chaplains program.
- Participate in Memorial Day, Veterans Day and POW/MIA services
- Keep a record of any deceased member in the units in order for them to be included in the Memorial Service and Department Convention and the Past President's Parley.
- Never forget our Veterans and deployed, especially at holidays.

Unit and District Chaplains:

- Call or email me if there are members who need cards. Please include their full name, addresses, unit numbers and the type of card that should be sent.
- Please submit prayers and inspiration quotes to me so that I may include them in the Department President's and/or the National President's prayer book.
- Send in mid-year and year-end report to me prior to the due dates so that I can send reports to our Eastern Division Chaplain. (mid-year is due before January 5, 2017, and end-year is due prior to May 15, 2017)

Rules for the prayer book:

- Size is optional
- Title page needs to have the name and number of the Unit, Chaplain's name, 2017-2018.
- Prayers submitted must have the Unit member's name listed under each prayer
- All prayer books must be submitted by April 15, 2018
- A narrative of the Chaplains year would be a special addition.

Department Awards:

- **The Marcoux Award** – awarded to the unit submitting the best book of prayers.
- **Ida Caouette Trophy** - awarded to the Unit Chaplain in District 3 who submits the best Chaplain's report.

Additional Resources You Can Use:

- www.ALAforVeterans.org
 - American Legion Auxiliary Unit Guide Book
 - Guidelines for National Chaplain of the American Legion Auxiliary
 - National Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules of the American legion Auxiliary
 - Chaplains' Prayer Book of the American Legion Auxiliary
 - Auxiliary Chaplains on Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/alachaplains.
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