

CHAPLAIN BULLETIN 2024-2025

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American Legion Auxiliary Chaplains express, by works and actions, our founding principles of service to God and Country and encourage all Units to celebrate diversity among people and faith. Auxiliary Chaplains provide spiritual and emotional guidance needed or requested, always sending dignity and respect to the occasion.

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

All Chaplains should try and reach the following objects for their position:

- Pray for the American Legion Auxiliary, its members and leaders, for success in carrying out our mission.
- As Chaplain you need to guide your members through prayer experiences that are appropriate for the situation.
- As Chaplain you are asked to act as the spiritual ambassador in your Unit as a part of our organization.

Through various means of Communication, the Chaplain should:

- Provide and promote emotional and spiritual support to The American Legion Family by sending emails, prayers, etc., to members throughout the administrative year.
- Unit Chaplains need to help the Units reconnect with the heart of God and to promote the wish of our founding Fathers to create one Nation Under God.
- The Chaplain is 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.
- Schedule spiritual, fun events throughout the year that provides fellowship time and spiritual growth.

All prayers and devotional thoughts must be non-denominational. Non-denominational means “not restricted to or associated with a religious denomination.”

(Source: www.answers.com/topic/nondenominational).

ANNUAL REPORTING

- Dec 15, 2024 Mid-Year reporting with 2024 information included.
- April, 2025 Year-End reporting for Junior and supplemental reporting for awards.
- May 1, 2025 Year-End reporting for seniors and supplemental reports for awards.
- April 1, 2025 Prayer Book entries for juniors.
- May 1, 2025 Prayer Book entries for seniors.
- Anytime: Send prayers or poems for the Department Presidents Prayer Book and for the National Presidents Prayer Book to me throughout the year, but no later than May 15, 2025
- Illustrations and/or pictures are acceptable with your prayers. Each prayer or Inspirational Thought needs the following information:
 - Who wrote the Prayer or Poem.
 - The name and Unit number of person submitting the Prayer or Poem.
 - If the person submitting the Prayer holds an office in your Unit, District or Department it should be included.

GOALS FOR UNITS

- Prayers or inspirational quote at opening and closing of each meeting.
- Do a Memorial Service for each deceased member.
- Drape your charter when holding a Memorial Service.
- Send sympathy cards and get-well cards to members as soon as you get the information.
- Send Department Chaplain prayers and poems for the Department and National Presidents Prayer Books from Unit members.
- Visit members who are in nursing homes or hospitals.
- Send a report of Deceased Members and include a memorial for your deceased members.
- Do group prayers for your Unit, those who serve our country, and its leaders.
- Do your Mid-Year and Year-End reporting in a timely manner.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES YOU CAN USE:

- www.ALAforVeterans.org.
- American Legion Auxiliary Unit Guidebook.
- Chaplains Manual on National website.
- National Constitution and By-Laws and Standing Rules of the American Legion Auxiliary.
- Chaplains Prayer Book of the American Legion Auxiliary on the National website.

AWARDS:

- a) CHERITA POTTER, PDP, CHAPLAIN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. Awarded to the most outstanding Auxiliary or Legionnaire as submitted by
- Must be a narrative report and entries will be judged on activities in Auxiliary Programs.
 - Do not include the chosen Auxiliary or Legionnaire members name in the nominating letter.
 - Place the letter in a sealed envelope. In a second envelope, include the nominee's name, Unit number, name of Unit President and name of Unit Chaplain. The second envelope will be opened after the selection is made by the Chaplain and judges of their choice. This will help to ensure an impartial selection
 - Entry not to exceed 500 words.
 - Report must include the Unit name, number, name of Unit President and name of Unit Chaplain.
 - The current Department President cannot be the recipient of this award.

All entries judged by Department Chaplain and selected judges will determine the winner.

- b) CHAPLAINS PRAYER BOOK AWARD:
- Awarded to the Unit Chaplain submitting the best Prayer Book including prayers and inspirational thoughts. The Department Chaplain and selected judges will determine the winning Prayer Book.
 - Prayer Book must have a dedication page with the President of the Unit's name, the Chaplains name, the Unit name and number.
 - It must have a Prayer section and an Inspirational Thought section
 - Must include a list of members who contributed to the Prayer Book.

