



***2017-2018 American Legion Auxiliary Plan of Action
Unit Chaplain***

American Legion Auxiliary chaplains express, by word and action, our founding principle of service to God and Country and encourage your unit to celebrate diversity among its people and faiths. Auxiliary chaplains provide spiritual and emotional guidance when needed or requested, always sending dignity and respect to the occasion.

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Programs and Activities

It should be the objective of the chaplain to:

1. Pray for the American Legion Auxiliary, its members and leaders, for success in carrying out our mission.
2. Guide members through prayer experiences that are appropriate for the situation.
3. Act as spiritual ambassador of the unit.

Through bulletins and other means of communication, the chaplain should:

1. Provide and promote emotional and spiritual support to The American Legion Family by sending cards emails, prayers, etc., to members throughout the administrative year.
2. Reconnect with the heart of God, **the master of might**, and promote our founding fathers' desire to create **one nation under God**.
3. The chaplain is responsible for all invocations, benedictions, and memorial services for deceased members at official meetings.
 - * Conduct the Charter draping service in the Unit with the president
 - * Please keep your District/Department informed of your deceased members
4. Recommend educational materials that promote a spirit of unity and love.
5. Schedule spiritual, fun events throughout the year that provide fellowship time and spiritual growth.

6. Offer assistance at the ceremonial retirement of unserviceable flags with your post/unit.
7. Organize/assist in preparations of bereavement dinners for members of your post or unit (as needed/requested).
8. I would encourage you to initiate your own unit prayer book
9. Please send in prayers and or poetry for the president prayer book to your Department Chaplain

Unit Prayer Book:

The Unit prayer book can be of your choosing, as far as design and color, get creative. It should include all patriotic holidays, celebrations within your community and your monthly meeting prayers as well. These must be submitted by Thursday, July 12, 2018 at the state convention or mailed to your chaplain by July 7, 2018 for judging.

Senior Prayer Book Best overall 10-150 Cash Award

Senior Prayer Book Best overall 151 and over Cash Award

Department President's Prayer Book:

Any Unit member is eligible to submit a prayer or poetry for this book and in turn these will all be forwarded to the National Chaplain for the National President's prayer book. These will need to be to the Department Chaplain by May 1, 2018 so they may be presented at State Convention.

Your **end of year reports** will be judged and plaques will be presented accordingly:

Patricia Moore Department Traveling Plaque: Unit 10-150 with the best overall end of year report.

Nina Mason Department Traveling Plaque: Unit 151 and over with the best overall end of year report.

All prayers and devotional thoughts must be non-denominational. (Source: Guidelines for National Chaplain)

Non-denominational means "not restricted to or associated with a religious denomination."

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

Additional Resources You Can Use

1. www.ALForVeterans.org:

- a. American Legion Auxiliary Unit Guide Book
- b. Guidelines for National Chaplain of the American Legion Auxiliary
- c. National Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules of the American Legion Auxiliary
- d. Chaplains' Prayer Book of the American Legion Auxiliary

2. Auxiliary Chaplains on Face book: www.facebook.com/groups/alachaplains

