

# 2017/2018 CHAPLAIN BULLETIN

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American Legion Chaplains express, by work and action, our founding principle of service to God and Country. The Unit Chaplain is a position of care and dedication for our Veterans' and their families.

A Chaplains' duties are:

- Provide and promote emotional and spiritual to The American Legion Family by sending emails, prayers, etc. to members throughout the year.
- Reconnect with God and 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 education materials that promote a spirit of unity and love.
- Schedule spiritual, fun events throughout the year that provide fellowship time and spiritual growth.
- All prayers and devotional thoughts must be non-denominational.

Reporting:

- A mid-year progress report is due 12-27-17 and a year-end report is due 5-1-18.
- Prayer Books are due 5-1-17 for Seniors and Juniors.
- Award applications are due 5-1-17.
- Send prayers or poems for the Department Presidents' Prayer Book and the National President's Prayer Book anytime during the year. Illustrations and/or pictures as acceptable. Prayer Books: Prepare a Prayer Book for your Unit. Last day to submit is May 1, 2018.

Additional Resources You Can Use:

1. [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.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 Facebook: [www.facebook.com/groups/alachaplains](http://www.facebook.com/groups/alachaplains)

The Unit Chaplain goals for this year are for Units to:

- Have Payers for their opening and closing each meeting
- Hold Memorial Services
- Drape their Charter
- Send sympathy cards and get well cards
- Visit those in Nursing Homes
- Send Department Chaplain prayers and poems for the Department President's Prayer Book
- Contribute to the Chapel of the 4 Chaplains
- Send a report of Deceased Members and include a memorial for deceased members

**Chaplains provide guidance when needed or requested, always with dignity and respect to the occasion.**