

American Legion Auxiliary

Chaplain

Programs Action Plan

2019-2020

Purpose:

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

Objectives:

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

Activities

1. Provide and promote emotional and spiritual support to the American Legion Family by sending emails, prayers, etc. to members throughout the American Legion Auxiliary administrative year 2019-2020.
2. Reconnect with the heart of God, the master of might, and promote our founding father's 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,
4. Recommend educational material that promote a spirit of unity and love.

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

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Reporting:

Annual reporting is not required; however, a year end summary and a mid-year progress report are suggested to advise National on the direction and effectiveness of Department activities.

The Mid Year Report: Unit Chaplains submit their Mid-Year narrative explaining spiritual activities to the District Chaplain December 1, 2019. District Chaplains submit the Mid-Year narrative to Department Chaplain December 15, 2019.

Annual Report Unit Chaplains submit their Annual Report Summary to the District Chaplain April 15, 2020 District Chaplain submit their Annual Report Summary to the Department Chaplain April 27, 2020.

Additional Resources

1. www.alaforveterans.org

- A. American Legion Auxiliary Unit Guidebook,
- 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 for the American Legion Auxiliary

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

3. Church Bulletins, Daily Devotions

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Prayer Book Rules

- “Book of Prayers and Devotional Thoughts” should be centered on the front cover of the book. The book may be decorated any way you please, but remember it is a Book of Prayers.
- Use 8.5” X 11 “paper in a three-ring binder
- You may use colored paper or clip art. Please ensure it is tasteful.
- Handwritten prayers and devotions written legibly are accepted.
- Incorporate President Jennie’s theme “Stepping up for 100 years” Still Serving Those Who Served.
- The first page must be a cover sheet with the Unit name, Unit number/District number, Chaplain’s name.
- **If this is a District Book of Prayers, the first page must have the District number and District Chaplain’s name.**
- Prayers and Devotional thoughts should follow next and be centered on each page.
- Double space between the last line of the prayer and enter devotional information in the next bullet point.
- At the bottom of each page enter the author’s name, the name of the individual submitting the prayer, Unit name and Unit number.
- If you are sending a copy of the prayer or devotion for the District or Department Book of Prayer, include the name of the Department-Indiana and your District number.
- Handwritten entries are the same and must be legible.
- Junior Chaplain “Book of Prayers and Devotional Thoughts” must be taken to the Department Junior Conference in June for judging.
- Unit Senior Books are due to the District Chaplain for Judging by June 1, 2020. District books and the winning Unit book are due to the Department Chaplain by June 15, 2020.

Awards

Karen Lowe Monetary Award to the Senior Unit Chaplain who has the winning entry in the contest for "Book of Prayers and Devotional Thoughts."

Janet Barnaby Monetary Award to the District Chaplain who has the winning entry in the contest for "Book of Prayers and Devotional Thoughts."

Personal Awards

Unit winner 1st and 2nd place

District winner 1st and 2nd place

Unit and District Chaplain who submits the best mid-year narrative explaining spiritual activities

Unit and District Chaplain who submits the best year end narrative explaining spiritual activities

Personal Award Junior

Award to Junior Department winner of Book of Prayers 1st and 2nd place