

**American Legion Auxiliary
Chaplain
Programs Action Plan
2018 – 2019**

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the American Legion Auxiliary Chaplain is to express, by word and action, founding principles of service to God and country, and encourage the celebration of diversity among people and faiths. American Legion 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 e-mails, prayers, etc. to members throughout the American Legion Auxiliary administrative year.
2. Reconnect with the heart of God, the master of might, and promote our founding father's desire to create on nation under God.
3. The Chaplain is responsible for all invocations benedictions and memorial services for deceased member at official meetings.
4. Recommend education materials that promote a spirit of unity and love.

** 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)

REPORTING:

The mid-year report is the progress of the Unit and District activities. Submit a paragraph or two explaining your spiritual activities. Mid-year narrative report is due to your District Chaplain by December 1, 2018 and to the Department Chaplain by December 15, 2018

A year-end Chaplain Annual Report Summary is due to your District Chaplain by April 15, 2019 and to the Department Chaplain by April 27, 2019.

RESOURCES:

- The American Legion Auxiliary Unit Guide Book
- Guidelines for National Chaplain of The American Legion Auxiliary
- Chaplains Prayer Book of The American Legion Auxiliary
- National Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules of The American Legion Auxiliary
- Church Bulletins
- National American Legion Auxiliary Magazine
- Auxiliary Chaplains on Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/alachaplains

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Book or Prayers & Devotional Thoughts Rules

- “Book of Prayers and Devotional Thoughts” should be centered on the front cover of the book. The book may be decorated in keeping with a spiritual theme.
- Use 8.5” x 11” paper in a three ring binder.
- You may use colored paper or clip art, in a tasteful manner.
- Use Department President Betty’s theme “Celebrating Their Service And Ours”.
- The first page must be a cover page with the Unit name, Unit number, and 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 the 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, the Unit name and the Unit number. If you are sending a copy of the Prayer or Devotional for the District or Department Prayer Book, include the name of the Department – Indiana – and your District number.
- Rules for handwritten entries will be the same as above and must be legible.
- Junior Chaplain “Book of Prayer and Devotional Thoughts” must be taken to the Department Junior Conference for judging.
- Unit Senior Books are due to the District Chaplain by June 1, 2019. District Books and the winning Unit Book are due to the Department Chaplain by June 15, 2019.

Awards

Department 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

Certificate to each Chaplain that submits a “Book of Prayers and Devotional Thoughts” for judging

Personal Gift to the District Chaplain that receives the highest percentage of Units submitting the year-end report

Junior Awards

Personal gift to the Junior Department winner

Personal gifts to the Junior Unit and District winner

Certificate to each Junior that submits a “Book of Prayers and Devotional Thoughts”