

Chaplain

Program Action Plan – 2016-2017

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Purpose: To express by work and action, our founding principles of service to God and country. To encourage the celebration of diversity among people and faiths. Auxiliary Chaplains should provide spiritual and emotional guidance when needed or requested, and always showing dignity and respect to the occasion.

Objectives:

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

Activities:

- Provide and promote emotional and spiritual support to the American Legion family by sending emails, prayers, etc. to members throughout the Auxiliary year.
- Reconnect with our Father and promote our founding father's desire 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.

Please understand that all prayers and devotional thoughts must be non-denominational.

Resources

- Unit Handbook
- 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

Department Senior 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**.

Department Chaplain Personal Awards

- Certificates to each Chaplain that submits a **Book of Prayers and Devotional Thoughts** for judging.
- Personal gift and certificate – 1st & 2nd place District winners
- Personal gift and certificate – 1st & 2nd place Unit winners
- Certificate for each Unit and District Chaplain submitting a mid-year narrative. Unit narrative due to District Chaplain by December 1st. District Chaplain narratives are due to Department Chaplain by December 15th.

Junior Awards

- Personal gift and certificate – Junior Department entry winner
- Personal gift and certificate – Junior Unit and District entry winner
- Certificate to each Junior Member that submits a **Book of Prayers and Devotional Thoughts**.

Prayer Book Rules

- The words - **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, but again, be tasteful.
- Please try to use Department President Peggy's theme - **Pride in Giving Service**.
- You may also use the National President's theme - **ALA Member Pride**.
- First page – centered with Unit Name, Unit Number and Unit Chaplain's Name.
- **If this is a District book, be sure to use the District Number and District Chaplain's Name only.**
- Prayers and Devotional Thoughts should be next and centered on each page.
- Double space between the last line of the prayer and enter the information from the next rule in the next bullet.
- At the bottom of each page you should enter the Author's Name, the Name of the individual submitting the prayer plus the Unit Name and Number of the individual who submitted the prayer/devotional thought.
- If you are sending a copy for the District or Department Book of Prayers, please be sure to include the name of the Department – Indiana – and your District number.
- Rules for handwritten entries will be the same and must be legible.
- Junior Chaplain **Book of Prayers and Devotional Thoughts** must be taken to the Department Junior Conference for judging.
- Unit Senior Books are due to the District Chaplain before June 1st, 2017 for judging.
- The District Book and the Unit 1st Place Winner from each District are due to the Department Chaplain before June 15th, 2017.

Being the spiritual leader in your Unit or District will be a very rewarding experience as you pray for American Legion Auxiliary members during the various events of their life. Creating a Book of Prayers and Devotional Thoughts allows your creativity to show to others. If you have any questions about your responsibilities, please contact me.

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