



Auxiliary Chaplain Program

"The chaplain shall perform such duties in connection with their office as the Ritual may prescribe, or the President may require". VFW Auxiliary Bylaws

This program was new to the Department for the year 2020-2021. It couldn't have come at a better time. With Covid running our lives we lost physical contact with our members. Then here come the phone angels keeping in touch with all the members. The virus might be letting up and that will make in person events possible. The program goals and reporting are still viable, so I have not changed any of the content just some formatting. If you have any questions or concerns, please give me a call at 843-343-8202. Thank you, Donna Marie King.

BEING A CHAPLAIN

As Chaplain you have an important responsibility to your Auxiliary. Whether you have been selected for your religious training or past experiences, you are expected to be the spiritual advisor to your organization and its members.

PURPOSE OF CHAPLAIN

The office of Chaplain is not just to provide a "religious" officer to the organization to offer prayers at meetings. He or she has higher purposes:

- To help members grow in their relationships to one another and become a true brother/sister to one another.
- To develop an environment of friendship and service.

We must be reminded that the Auxiliary is comprehensive in nature, embracing all religions and faith groups within its ranks. A Chaplain must administer his/her duties without regard to either church/synagogue/mosque affiliation or non-affiliation.

The Chaplain, as requested by the Department President, shall attend to the needs of the members, encourage fellowship within the organization and represent the organization whenever her position calls for it.

Duties and responsibilities of the Chaplain shall include:

- Provide aid to members and their families in time of need.
- Offer the ritual prayers at each meeting of the Auxiliary; also offer appropriate prayers at the initiation of new members, installation of officers, or at the memorial service of a member.
- Serve as a member of the Auxiliary's bereavement team which will provide an opportunity for contact with the grieving family.
- Conduct and/or participate in Memorial, and Funeral Services when called upon.
- Send cards to sick and bereaved, as well as special occasions.
- Visit sick, bereaved, and hospitalized.
- Participate in 9/11 Memorial Services, Veterans Day Programs/Services and POW/MIA Services when called upon.
- Serve as the Auxiliary's official representative at Religious and Civic Affairs.
- Recognize member for "everyday occasions": Birthday's, Anniversaries and Congratulatory events.
- Promote harmony and unity in the Auxiliary.
- Send quarterly reports to the Department Chaplain.
- Notify President and/or Department Chaplain of any deaths immediately so that a representative of the Department can attend the service.