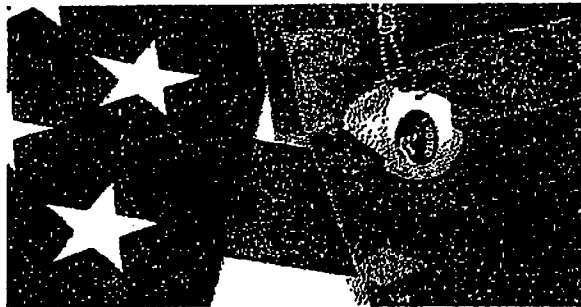


**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA
CHAPLAIN**

PROGRAM ACTION PLAN



2018-2019

“THE REAL HEROES WEAR DOG TAGS”

“Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. Joshua 1:9”

**ALA Department Chaplain
Rev. Mattie C. Carr
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Chaplain

Program Action Plan

American Legion Auxiliary chaplains express, by word and action, our founding principle of service to God and Country and encourage all departments to celebrate diversity among people and faiths. Auxiliary chaplains provide spiritual and emotional guidance when needed or requested, always bringing dignity and respect to every opportunity presented by God.

During the year 2018-2019 as Department Auxiliary Chaplain of the **Dream Team**; The Department President and I wish to continue the objectives of **Stability and Goodwill** as we work together towards **unity for Service and Not Self**.

Programs and Activities

It should be the objective of the chaplain to:

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

Through bulletins and other means of communication, the chaplain should:

1. Provide and promote emotional and spiritual support to The American Legion Family by sending emails, prayers, etc., to members throughout the administrative year.
2. Reconnect with the heart of God, the master of might, and promote our founding fathers' 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 materials that promote a spirit of unity and love.
5. Schedule spiritual, fun events throughout the year that provide fellowship time and spiritual growth.

All prayers and devotional thoughts must be non-denominational. (*Source: Guidelines for National Chaplain*) Non-denominational means "not restricted to or associated with a religious denomination."
(*Source: www.answers.com/topic/nondenominational*)

Annual Reporting

An annual report is not required; however, a year-end summary and a mid-year progress report are suggested as tools to gauge the direction and effectiveness of department activities. Both items should be forwarded to Department Chaplain Rev. Mattie C. Carr by December 1, 2018, for mid-year and April 15, 2019, for year-end.

Additional Resources You Can Use

1. 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. Chaplain's' Prayer Book of the American Legion Auxiliary
 - e. Auxiliary Chaplains on Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/alachaplains



DECEASED MEMBER NOTICE

2018-2019

[PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT]

Unit # _____ Unit Name _____ Dist. _____ Zone _____

Name of Deceased: _____

Address: _____

Date of Death: _____ Denomination: _____

Name of Next of Kin: _____

Address: _____

Relationship to Deceased: _____

Name of Person Submitting Form: _____

Title: _____ Unit: _____ Phone # _____

**Mail Form to Department Chaplain: Rev. Mattie C. Carr
741 N. Main Street
Halifax, Virginia 24558**

Units submit a copy to District Chaplains, and a copy to Department Chaplain.
If you have any comments, a picture or a copy of obituary concerning Deceased member; please include as on a separate page along with this form..

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN
MID-YEAR REPORT
FORM 2018-2019

Please complete and return to: Rev. Mattie C. Carr, 741 N. Main Street, Halifax, Virginia
24558, on or before December 1, 2018.

District: _____ Unit: _____ Zone: Eastern () Western () Northern ()

Unit Chaplain Name: _____ Phone# _____

Address: _____

1. Number of Deceased Members in your unit: Seniors: _____ Juniors: _____
2. Did your unit hold a Memorial Service? Yes () No ()
Were Junior members included? Yes () No ()
How many memorials were held? Total Dollar Amount \$ _____
3. Did you drape your Charter? Yes () No ()
4. Did your unit use Grace Cards? Yes () No ()
5. Did your unit participate with the post in the Four Chaplains memorial service? _____
Did your unit hold a Four Chaplains memorial service? _____
Did your unit donate to the Chapel of Four Chaplains? _____
If yes, total amount donated: \$ _____
6. Did your unit participate with the American Legion Family in observing:
Veterans Day: Yes () No () If so, how many: _____
Memorial Day: Yes () No () If so, how many: _____
Independence Day: Yes () No () If so, how many: _____
7. Did your unit prepare a Senior Prayer Book? Yes () No ()
8. Did your unit use the Reflections Page at monthly meetings? Yes () No ()
9. Describe how your unit used the Prayer Chain: (If more space is needed, please attach a separate list.

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN YEAR-END REPORT FORM 2018-2019

Please complete and return to: Rev. Mattie C. Carr, 741 N. Main Street, Halifax, Virginia
24558, on or before April 15, 2019.

District: _____ Unit: _____ Zone: Eastern () Western () Northern ()

Unit Chaplain Name: _____ Phone# _____

Address: _____

1. Number of Deceased Members in your unit: Seniors: _____ Juniors: _____
2. Did your unit hold a Memorial Service? Yes () No ()
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