

# KANSAS VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

## CHAPLAIN'S PROGRAM 2020-2021

PURPOSE: To promote Mission of VFW by involvement of our Chaplains in their Communities.

1. To encourage our District/Post Chaplains to be involved
  - a. Giving purpose
  - b. Providing direction
2. To equip our District/Post Chaplains
  - a. by conducting Chaplain's Workshops
    - i. Department School of Instruction-(Friday 2:00-4:00 PM)
    - ii. Area Workshops hosted by local VFW Posts (looking for Posts to host a workshop-providing a place to meet)
    - iii. Workshops to be more focuses on questions from attendees. Open forum to discuss relevant issues Chaplains are faced with in everyday situations.
  - b. By being available to advise and/or assist
    - i. To help utilize resources gained from Chaplain's Workshop
    - ii. Working with our District Chaplains
    - iii. To Help Post Chaplains as needed
  - c. Chaplain Resources
    - i. Past Nat'l Chaplain Peter Hook  
<http://www.vfwpahq.org/districtpost-tools/chaplains-guide>
    - ii. MO State Chaplain Deb Halter <https://movfw.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=76106>
    - iii. Chaplains Handbook [https://vfworg-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/MY\\_VFW/Training-and-Support/Member-and-Officer-Training/Chaplains-Handbook.pdf?la=en&v=1&d=20180801T143458Z](https://vfworg-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/MY_VFW/Training-and-Support/Member-and-Officer-Training/Chaplains-Handbook.pdf?la=en&v=1&d=20180801T143458Z)
    - iv. Joint Memorial Service [https://vfworg-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/MY\\_VFW/Training-and-Support/Member-and-Officer-Training/Joint-Memorial-Service.pdf?la=en&v=1&d=20171011T140049Z](https://vfworg-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/MY_VFW/Training-and-Support/Member-and-Officer-Training/Joint-Memorial-Service.pdf?la=en&v=1&d=20171011T140049Z)
3. Encourage Monthly submission of the Chaplain's Report: that can be submitted on line:  
<http://vfwchaplain.puptent1.org/> Save a copy and email to your District Chaplain.

RECOGNITON: To Award a **"Chaplain of the Year"** to a Kansas VFW Chaplain. The Kansas Chaplain of the Year will be submitted to National for consideration for National Chaplain of the Year. Kansas Chaplain of the Year prior to 2016-2017 can be nominated again.

1. To recognize for activities of Involvement that can include:
  - a. Performance of Duties:
    - i. One who reaches out to the local veterans in their homes, retirement center, nursing home, assisted care facility or Veteran's home.
    - ii. Visit the sick Veteran or their family at home or in the hospital  
Send cards to Veterans and to their Families for various occasions.

- iii. Conducts, supports and/or takes part in Funerals and Memorials for Veterans and their families
    - iv. Take part in Special Ceremonies of their Post and in the Community on behalf of their Post
    - v. How their involvement in the community has promoted the VFW image.
  - b. Exemplary character and conduct: e.g., A person of upmost integrity, professional execution of duties, dependability, punctuality, and timely submission of reports, etc.
  - c. Exemplary performance above and beyond the normal expectations of the position and duties.
  - d. Personal attitude which is positive and professional in all contacts with others and which represents the VFW and the Department in the best possible way.
  - e. Commitment to the ministry and duties of the Chaplain, as reflected by service to comrades and their families and responsiveness to needs.
  - f. A member of the VFW in good standing with the Post, District, and Department
  - g. Monthly submission of the Chaplain's Report encouraged: that can be submitted on line: <http://vfwchaplain.puptent1.org/> Save a copy and email to your District Chaplain. (these reports are very helpful to determine what you as a Chaplain are doing each month and to help in consideration of receiving Chaplain of the Year Award.
- 2. Nominations to be submitted by someone in the Post or District.
  - a. State Chaplain's Name, Post #, Address, phone # and email (if one)
  - b. In a letter, give a brief summary statement of their activities. Chaplain's Monthly Reports and any Public Media and Social Media Coverage are very helpful.
  - a. State how your Chaplain has fulfilled the requirements listed above in point 1:a-g.
  - b. The more info you can provide the better.
  - c. Nomination sent to Department Chaplain and copy your District Chaplain **by March 15th**
  - d. Last year's Chaplains of the Year, if needed, may be called upon to assist the Department Chaplain in selecting the current year's Kansas Chaplain of the Year.
- 3. Department Chaplain of Year will be recognized at the Department Convention
  - a. Recognition Certificate
  - b. Check for \$50.00
- 4. April 1 the Department Chaplain of the Year will be submitted for consideration for the National Chaplain of the Year.

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