Chaplain’s Presentation
Chaplain’s Purpose

Express, by word and action, our founding principle of service to God and Country

• Provide spiritual and emotional guidance when needed or requested lending dignity and respect to whatever the occasion may be
• Celebrate diversity among people and faiths

It is the objective of the chaplain to:

• Reconnect with the heart of God, the Master of might, and promote our founding fathers’ desire to create one nation under God
• Act as spiritual ambassador of the organization
Comunication

Through Bulletins and other means of communication, the Chaplain should:

• Increase awareness of the actual wording of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, with regard to religious expression.

• Educate members on awareness of the diversity of all faiths and cultures.

• Provide and promote emotional and spiritual support to The American Legion Family by sending e-mails, prayers, etc., to members throughout the administrative year.

• Take responsibility for all invocations, benedictions and memorial services for deceased members at official meetings.
• Recommend educational materials that promote a spirit of unity and love.

• Schedule spiritual events throughout the year providing fellowship time and spiritual growth. e.g. 911 ceremonies; Chapel of Four Chaplains Services; Memorial services; etc.

• Each Unit Chaplain is encouraged to submit a mid-year and end-of-year narrative report to the Department Chaplain by January 1, 2012 and May 1, 2012 respectively, outlining the activities of the Unit.

• Each Department Chaplain is encouraged to submit a mid-year and end-of-year report to the national chaplain by February 1, 2012 and June 1, 2012 respectively, outlining the activities of the Units and the Department.
Four Chaplains

• Encourage Units, Districts and Departments to hold a Four Chaplains Service.

• Four Chaplains Ceremonies are usually observed on the first Sunday in February, as the actual event took place in the early morning hours of February 3, 1943.

• Invite other Units, Districts, etc. to come and share the remembrance.

• See handout for further details on Four Chaplains story.
Resources

- Unit Handbook
- Guidelines for National Chaplain of the American Legion Auxiliary
- Chaplains’ Prayer Book of the American Legion Auxiliary
- Handouts provided
National President’s Prayer Book

- All Department Presidents, Chaplains and any other officers wishing to provide a prayer or devotional thought to the National President’s Prayer Book, please send in the body of an email or email with a word attachment to:
  - ninifrog@comcast.net
- Please include Name, Title, Department, and Unit name and number. If submission is copyrighted, please include the name of the original author.
- Deadline: June 15, 2012
Directives....

- All prayers and devotional thoughts must be non-denominational.
- Non-denominational means: not restricted to or associated with a religious denomination.
- It is recommended that only the Old Testament be used as a Bible resource.
- In all things, Fully Rely On God......