



## **Chaplain Report October 2023**

### **October is Education Month**

As an American Legion Auxiliary Chaplain, the most important thing for you to remember is that the American Legion Auxiliary does not promote any one religion. We must not offend anyone by promoting our own religion or being insensitive to others' beliefs.

### **Traditional roles of ALA Chaplains:**

- Attend all meetings and being prepared to deliver an opening and closing prayer
  - Report the names of members who are ill and send them cards
  - Send sympathy cards to family members. If possible, visit the funeral and/or do a memorial service for the deceased member.
  - Send cards of "joy" for special occasions.
  - Be in charge of religious services for your unit.
  - Visit members and veterans in nursing homes or those who are shut-ins.
  - Keep in contact with Gold Star and Blue Star Families and remember them on holidays.
  - Make a prayer book or devotional book. In doing this, encourage member participation.
- Why? Because:

- Prayer calms our heart & mind
- Praying grows our trust
- Prayer provides guidance
- Prayer gives us perspective
- Prayer leads us to forgiveness

### **Resources**

**Join the National Chaplain Facebook Page:** American legion Auxiliary Chaplains

**Chaplains Manual** - This American Legion Auxiliary Chaplains Manual was created to aid ALA chaplains.

**Chaplains' Prayer Book** - The prayers are a compilation of those submitted by past chaplains of the American Legion Auxiliary.

**Manual of Ceremonies** - This manual provides examples of suggested ceremonies for Unit meetings and special occasions.

Please send me prayer for The Department President's Prayer Book. Please remember to sign them for President Rose will remember you 20 or 30 years down the road.

If you know of someone who could benefit from a card or phone call, please let me know:

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