

# **KANSAS VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**

## **CHAPLAIN'S PROGRAM 2016-2017**

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

1. To encourage our Post Chaplains to be involved
  - a. Giving purpose
  - b. Providing direction
2. To equip our 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)
  - 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

RECOGNITION: To Award a "Chaplain of the Year" to a Kansas VFW Chaplain.

1. To recognize for activities of Involvement that can include:
  - a. One who reaches out to the local veterans in their homes, retirement center, nursing home, assisted care facility or Veteran's home.
  - b. Visit the sick Veteran or their family at home or in the hospital
  - c. Send cards to Veterans and to their Families for various occasions.
  - d. Conducts, supports and/or takes part in Funerals and Memorials for Veterans and their families
  - e. Take part in Special Ceremonies of their Post and in the Community on behalf of their Post
  - f. How their involvement in the community has promoted the VFW image.
  - g. National Chaplain of the Year Program lists the following:

### **Chaplain of the Year Criteria for the National Chaplain of the Year**

1. Performance of Duties:

A. Exemplary character and conduct: e.g., A person of upmost integrity, professional execution of duties, dependability, punctuality, and timely submission of reports, etc.

B. Exemplary performance above and beyond the normal expectations of the position and duties.

2. 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.

3. Commitment to the ministry and duties of the Chaplain, as reflected by service to comrades and their families and responsiveness to needs.

4. A member of the VFW in good standing with the Post, District, and Department

- i.
2. Nominations to be submitted by someone in the Post
  - a. In a letter, give a brief summary statement of their activities.
  - b. State how your Chaplain fulfilled the activities listed above in point 1:a-f.
  - c. Nomination sent to Department Chaplain and copy your District Chaplain by March 1st
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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