

# National Chaplain

2009-2010 Celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the Auxiliary  
National President's Theme: Reconnect and Energize!

Plan of Action: National Chaplain

Purpose: To express, by word and action, our founding principle of service to God and Country. She will encourage all Departments to celebrate diversity among people and faiths. She will provide spiritual and emotional support when needed, with dignity and a respect for the diversity of faith traditions.

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## National-level Objectives

1. **Objective:** To reconnect with the heart of God, the master of might, and promote our founding fathers' desire to create one nation under God.

### Action Steps

- a. Increase awareness of the actual wording of the First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution, with regard to religious expression.
- b. Educate members on awareness of the diversity of all faiths and cultures
- c. Provide and promote emotional and spiritual support to The Legion Family by sending cards, emails, prayers, etc to members throughout the administrative year.

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2. **Objective:** To reconnect with the purpose of the National organization as stated in the Preamble by June 1, 2010.

**Action Steps**

- a. Educate members on the spiritual significance of our emblem by providing them with a copy of the emblem breakdown by October 15, 2009.
- b. Provide examples of our Preamble in action (for example the Americanism program) by sending bulletins throughout the administrative year.
- c. Inspire members to embrace their individual obligation to community by highlighting the work of influential women throughout the world who have enriched others lives.

3. **Objective:** To reconnect with the hearts of those within our organization by energizing them into spiritual service throughout the administrative year.

**Action Steps**

- a. Provide educational materials that promote organizing mentorships with a spirit of unity and love.
- b. Schedule spiritual fun events throughout the year providing fellowship time and spiritual growth.
- c. Obtain information regarding the impact of the objectives set forth in the Plan of Action by May 1, 2010.

**To be filled out by Department Chaplain:**

Department Goals relating to above. Should have no more than three department-level goals supporting the National objectives outlined above. Department Chaplain - Please share these with your Unit/District/County Chaplains. Share your plan with the National Chaplain. (This process does not need national approval.)

**I. Objective:**

**Action Steps**

- a.

**II. Objective:**

**Action Steps**

- a.

**III. Objective:**

**Action Steps**

- a.

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## Programs and Activities

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](http://www.answers.com/topic/nondenominational))

## Resources

### I. Preamble:

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations during the Great Wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and goodwill on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to participate in and contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of The American Legion; to consecrate and sanctify our association by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

### II. Publications:

#### A. Auxiliary

- i. *Chaplains Prayer Book* (355.111)  
(Sources: [www.legion-aux.org](http://www.legion-aux.org) <<http://www.legion-aux.org>> or <http://emblem.legion.org/> <<http://emblem.legion.org/>> )
- ii. *Chaplains Web Manual*  
(Source: [www.legion-aux.org](http://www.legion-aux.org) <<http://www.legion-aux.org>> )
- iii. *HomeFront* magazine  
(Source: [www.legion-aux.org](http://www.legion-aux.org) <<http://www.legion-aux.org>> )
- iv. *National News* newsletter (inside *HomeFront* magazine)  
(Source: [www.legion-aux.org](http://www.legion-aux.org) <<http://www.legion-aux.org>> )
- v. *Unit Handbook* (355.200)  
(Sources: [www.legion-aux.org](http://www.legion-aux.org) <<http://www.legion-aux.org>> or <http://emblem.legion.org/> <<http://emblem.legion.org/>> )
- vi. [www.legion-aux.org](http://www.legion-aux.org) <<http://www.legion-aux.org>>

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## B. The Legion

- i. *The Chaplain's Prayer Manual of The American Legion* (755.111)  
(Source: <http://emblem.legion.org/> <<http://emblem.legion.org/>> )
- ii. *Service to God And Country Handbook for Chaplains* (755.122)  
(Source: <http://emblem.legion.org/> <<http://emblem.legion.org/>> )
- iii. *American Legion Magazine*  
(Source: [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) <<http://www.legion.org>> )
- iv. *The Dispatch* newsletter  
(Source: [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) <<http://www.legion.org>> )
- v. [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) <<http://www.legion.org>>

## III. **Products:**

- i. Grace Cards (755.110)  
(Source: <http://emblem.legion.org/> <<http://emblem.legion.org/>> )

See program page on [www.legion-aux.org](http://www.legion-aux.org) for additional resources