



CHAPLAIN

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Prayer Book Contest

Unit Chaplains are encouraged to create a book of prayers, inspirational poems and reflections, drawings and pictures to share with Auxiliary Members. Prayers are an important part of all members' daily lives. Gather prayers, poems, thoughts, reflections, drawings and pictures from all members including Juniors. Encourage each member to share at least one prayer.

A citation will be presented to each Unit Chaplain submitting a Prayer Book along with a small gift for the outstanding prayer book. **This is a Department contest ONLY. There will be no District or National Competition.**

Guidelines:

1. Book: A plain three (3) ring loose-leaf binder
2. Cover: Must have an Auxiliary emblem or seal on the cover
3. Contents:
 - a. Use White 8½ x 11 inch paper
 - b. May be typed, hand written or printed
 - c. Include a dedication on the first page
 - d. Pages may be illustrated with appropriate pictures, drawings or graphics
 - e. Please DO NOT cut prayers from the Reflection Page from National or the Wisconsin Chaplain's Corner to use in this prayer book.
 - f. Pages may be protected with cellophane or clear plastic
4. Categories:
 - a. Original prayers – signed by Members (Senior and Junior)
 - b. Interfaith prayers – favorite prayers not composed by Unit Members – Provide the name of author and source, and include the name of the person submitting the prayer.
 - c. Devotional thoughts and personal quotations. Provide the name of author and source and include the name of the person submitting the prayer.
 - d. Scripture passages – give book of Bible, chapter and verse or other religious scripture sources.
5. Last page:
 - a. Unit number, name, city and District number
 - b. Number of Senior members and the number of Junior members in the Unit
 - c. Name and Signature of Unit Chaplain (signed above typed name)

Please mail Prayer Books to the Department Chaplain by May 31, 2017.

Chaplain/Music Reports

Submit a narrative report (or use this page) by December 10, 2016 to Linda Coppock, Department Chaplain at 608 Division St, New London, WI 54961 or emailed to beatrice2554@gmail.com providing the following information:

Information submitted by: _____

- _____ the **number of prayers**, etc. received from members
- _____ the number of times prayers were given at special events, including **prayer services for deceased members**
- _____ the **number of times and the event *The Star Spangled Banner* was led by Unit members**
- _____ the **number of times music was included at a meeting or event**

Checklist of Objectives:

1. Pray for the Auxiliary, its members and leaders, for success in carrying out the American Legion Auxiliary mission.

- _____ Number of times meetings were opened with prayer.
- _____ Number of times meetings were closed with prayer.
- _____ Number of cards sent to members or The American Legion Family members.

2. Guide members through prayer experiences that are appropriate for the situation.

- _____ Number of times led prayers for invocations and benedictions at official meetings.
- _____ Number of times visited the funeral home and participated in the Auxiliary memorial services for deceased members.
- _____ Number to times led religious services for the Unit, such as draping the charter or performing memorial services.
- _____ Mentor Juniors chaplain.
- _____ Number of times explained why things are done the way they are —prayer before the Pledge, tradition, history, etc. and at what event.
- _____ Recommend educational materials that promote a spirit of unity and love.
- _____ Encouraged unit to hold a workshop to nurture a culture of goodwill.
- _____ Number of times the POW/MIA flag and prayer was presented at meetings.

3. Act as spiritual ambassador for the Auxiliary.

- _____ Hosted a workshop on nurturing a culture of goodwill.
- _____ Number of times visited members and veterans in nursing homes, in hospitals and who are shut-in at home.
- _____ Number of times of volunteering in church and community projects.
- _____ Number of times tools or resources were used at meetings.
- _____ Making a prayer and devotional book.

If you have prayers, inspirations or devotional thoughts you'd like to share in a Prayer Book for Department President Laurel, please send those anytime, now until May 31st, via letter, email, Facebook, or text message (920-851-5811). Thank you - Linda