

Greetings Chaplains,

I hope you are well. I'm excited to get to know each of you and grateful for the opportunity to learn from and support one another. Please join the Idaho Chaplains Facebook page and introduce yourself.

I've listed goals and challenges for 2026-2027 and hope you, your Units, and your Districts are already working on many of them. Please share reports and pictures of your accomplishments. I look forward to meeting you and learning about your work. Let us remember why we were chosen to share Our Father's word as we work together for God and Country. I will continue to pray for you, your Units, and your Districts. Please send me your year-end reports by April 30th, 2027.

Chaplain Goals for every Unit Chaplain:

- **Provide Spiritual Care and Support**
  Offer spiritual guidance, prayer, encouragement, and compassionate support to unit members and their families as needed. Conduct regular check-ins and provide appropriate spiritual care throughout the year.
- **Promote Member Welfare**

  Identify members experiencing personal hardships, grief, family challenges, illness, or other difficulties and connect them with appropriate support. Follow up on referrals and provide support while respecting confidentiality. Please report any names of any members who have passed away during the year to Department Chaplain Angie Thies and to the Department Secretary Sharon Clark.

- **Support Unit Activities**

  Participate in appropriate unit meetings, ceremonies, memorials, special events, and other activities where chaplain support is beneficial. Provide chaplain services at scheduled activities and upon request.

Chaplain Challenges for every Unit Chaplain:

- Each Unit Chaplain is challenged to complete these five **acts of caring** during the Auxiliary year.
- Send at least one card each month to an ill, grieving, homebound or otherwise struggling member.
- Reach out to members who are sick, bereaved, or an in need of encouragement.

- Ensure deceased members reported promptly through the appropriate Auxiliary channels.
- Participate in a memorial service or other meaningful ceremony when appropriate.

Chaplain Goals for every District Chaplain:

- **Strengthen Unit Chaplains Programs**- Maintain regular communication with Unit Chaplains to assess their needs, provide guidance, and encourage consistent chaplain services. Contact each Unit Chaplain at least quarterly.
- **Develop and Mentor Unit Chaplains**- Provide mentoring, resources, training opportunities, and practical guidance to Improve the Unit Chaplains. Conduct at least one chaplain training or development session annually.
- **Monitor Chaplain Activities and Progress**- Establish a simple reporting process to document activities, training, member-support efforts, and program needs without disclosing confidential details. Review chaplain activity reports quarterly and identify areas for improvement.

District Chaplain Challenges:

- Make contact with every Unit Chaplain at least every quarter.
- Encourage every Unit to participate in the **5 ACTS OF CARING** challenge.
- Share prayers, memorial resources, and ideas for supporting resources. Help Unit Chaplains understand reporting responsibilities and available resources.

How to measure success:

At the end of Auxiliary year, each Unit Chaplain will report the number of cards sent, members contacted, memorial services supported, and other chaplain activities completed. District Chaplains can report unit participation and identify needs for the coming year. Protect members' privacy and keep personal circumstances confidential.

I look forward to meeting you during the year. Please contact me at:

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