



Buddhist



Christian



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Chaplain Meritorious Service Award

The Religious Emphasis Committee of The American Legion, Department of Pennsylvania wants to recognize the ministry that our Post Chaplains are doing for our Veterans, their families and their community. We established the "Post Chaplain of the Year Award" several years ago. In addition to that award we understand that there are many chaplains who have served faithfully and well over long periods of time but may not be eligible for the Chaplain of the year award. In order to qualify for this award the chaplain must have served for at least 20 years as his post chaplain. They should also meet most of the criteria for Chaplain of the Year award. A letter from the post detailing the qualifications should be sent to the department Chaplain by February 15.

Chaplain of the Year Criteria

1. Performance of Duties:
 - A. Exemplary conduct of normal duties: e.g., attendance, dependability, and punctuality.
 - B. Exemplary performance above and beyond the normal expectations of the position and duties.
 - C. Nominations should include some detail about how the chaplain has nurtured the spiritual life of post members, cared for those who are ill and honored fallen veterans. It may also include mention of how as chaplain they serve the larger community.
2. Personal attitude which is positive and professional in all contacts with others and which represents The American Legion and Post 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 their needs.
4. A member of The American Legion in good standing with the Post, District, and Department.

Review Committee Composition and Instructions

The Religious Emphasis committee will review recommendations for this award in the same procedure as the Post Chaplain of the Year. This reward will be presented at the chaplain's home post by the Dept. Chaplain or his/her representative.

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