

VFW Chaplain Resources

PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING TO A VFW CHAPLAIN!

Below are some resources for **VFW Chaplains** to use that hopefully will give you guidance as you serve our veterans and their families:

Use your mobile device to scan the desired QR code below and access the corresponding resource page.



Are you a NEW Chaplain? Seek Out a Mentor (or Two):

One of the most powerful steps you can take in your growth as a chaplain is to find a mentor—someone you trust, respect, and feel comfortable calling on for guidance. A good mentor will challenge you, encourage you, and help sharpen your skills. In fact, don't stop at just one. Surround yourself with people who are strong in areas you want to grow. Every person you meet has something to teach you. Be humble, be curious, and **above all—ask questions!** Growth comes through connection.

Also...Connect and Listen:

Building meaningful relationships is just as important as finding a mentor. Whether it's a fellow chaplain, a veteran, or someone in your community, take time to truly listen. Connection begins with presence—and listening opens the door to trust, growth, and shared wisdom. The more you listen, the more you'll learn—not just about others, but about yourself.

Get trained up!

It is highly recommended that chaplains attend **ZOOM** training which is held online on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. CST starting in September 2025. The **Zoom** link comes through the chaplain's newsletter, so get signed up! Also chaplains can obtain the link under the "Training" tab at: https://lotcs.org/vfw_chaplain.html. This gives you an opportunity to get to know other chaplains and discuss things that are important to our work. **Good ideas are shared!**

Main VFW National Chaplain web page: https://lotcs.org/vfw_chaplain.html

Help note: On this page you'll find useful information on subjects such as: **Articles, Duties, Ethics, Forms, Handbooks, Links, Memorial, Prayers, Religions, Training, News and Events.**



Mobile device web page for VFW National Chaplain:

https://lotcs.org/VFW_Chaplain_Mobile.html

Help note: On this page you'll find the same useful subjects formatted for your mobile device. You don't have to download a specific app from a store.

It is recommended that Chaplains print the newest **VFW Chaplain's Handbook** and read it, highlight it, and share it with fellow Chaplains. The latest version can be found at: https://lotcs.org/VFW_Chaplain/Manuals/VFW%20Chaplain%20Handbook%202025%20JAN%2029th.pdf

Chaplain Peter Hook worked hard to expand it and it is a work that grows with us.

