

February 3 - National Four Chaplains Day:

Since 1988, February 3 has been designated as National Four Chaplains Day. It is a day set aside to remember February 3, 1943, when one of the most remarkable and inspiring acts of heroism in the history of warfare took place in World War II.

February 3rd is supposed to be a day to remember and honor the heroism of the Four Chaplains, who selflessly gave their lives "that others may live." However, many Americans, including some of our VFW members, will not even know that there is a National Four Chaplains day, or why.

Therefore it is up to us to tell the story. Tell it at your Post meeting and share it with your local newspapers. Attached are three items.

- The first one will help you understand what took place.
- The second one gives you insight from Earnest Heaton, who at age 19 survived that horrific night. Of the 900 troops and crew on board, he was one of only 270 that survived.
- The third is a summary of *No Greater Glory*, a book about the incident. About three years ago I started a Book and Film discussion group that meets the second Monday of each month at our Post in Yardley, PA. In April 2013 we had an inspiring discussion about this incident using this book. Check out www.abebooks.com/?cm_mmc=gg|-US+AbeBooks+Brand|-Top+Brand|-abebooks&gclid=CKmXlfPm9LsCFXPNOgodf2IAqw or www.BetterWorldBooks.com for some great price on books.

Resources for Chaplains: Check out my Chaplain's Page at the PA Department Web Site - vfwpahq.org Just look under District/Post Tools and you will see Chaplain's Guide. I have posted a number of items you may find helpful as you continue to serve those who serve.