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**Chaplains “Check in” 21 January 2025**

Attendees were VFW post and district chaplains, Auxiliary chaplains, and Guest Kathy Cash American Legion, California State chaplain

**Resources**

All your fellow chaplains in the VFW and other VSOs. We all serve veterans and therefore are on the same team. Work together.

Please reach out with questions or assistance. Contact your district of state chaplains. They are there to help.

American Legion State Chaplain Kathy Cash. Introduced self and addressed all chaplains present about our common cause and working together. She shared some words of encouragement to all of us. She is a great resource and colleague.

**Online resources**

VFW National Chaplains page (hosted by Cooties) <https://lotcs.org/vfw_chaplain.html>

Department of CA chaplains corner

<https://vfwca.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=81843>

Department of CA Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1626491330976493>

**Monthly Chaplains Zoom Training Classes**

3rdThursday of each month 1730 Pacific time

Rotating topics and speakers. Consider this continuing education!

\*\*\*\*\*\*To get on the list to receive the Zoom link\*\*\*\*\*

email Reverend Peter Hook at: PeterHook@verizon.net. Be sure and enter the following information . **Message Body**: I wish to sign up for the VFW Chaplain training sessions. My name is: My email is: My phone number is: My state is: My district is: My post is:

*Please get the word out regarding this valuable training opportunity for ALL chaplains. VFW comrades, Auxiliary etc. I rely on district chaplains and Auxiliary leaders to spread the word*

**Discussion Points**

* Chaplain Barry shared how helpful he found the memorial service templates in the VFW Chaplains Handbook
* Do Chaplains have the right of confidentiality similar to clergy. Yes since we serve is a “clergy” type role. That also makes us mandated reporters of child abuse and can and should break confidentiality (contact authorities; call 911) if there is a danger to the person themselves or others. Danger to self is not limited to suicide. It can include gross self neglect.
* Is it OK to read written prayers from your phone. Of course. It’s a great back up we have.
* Auxiliary Chaplains. Point of clarification. The dept chaplain can only serve for one year, but post and district chaplains can serve more than one year terms.
* Chaplain Robbs suggested district chaplains try to meet in person for a get together and mutual support. Each region is encouraged to so as feasible