

Dept of California
Chaplains
Meeting 2023



Goals

1. Effective Communication
2. Clarify your role
3. Available training & resources for Chaplains





Communication flow

• National Chaplain

• Department chaplain

• District Chaplains

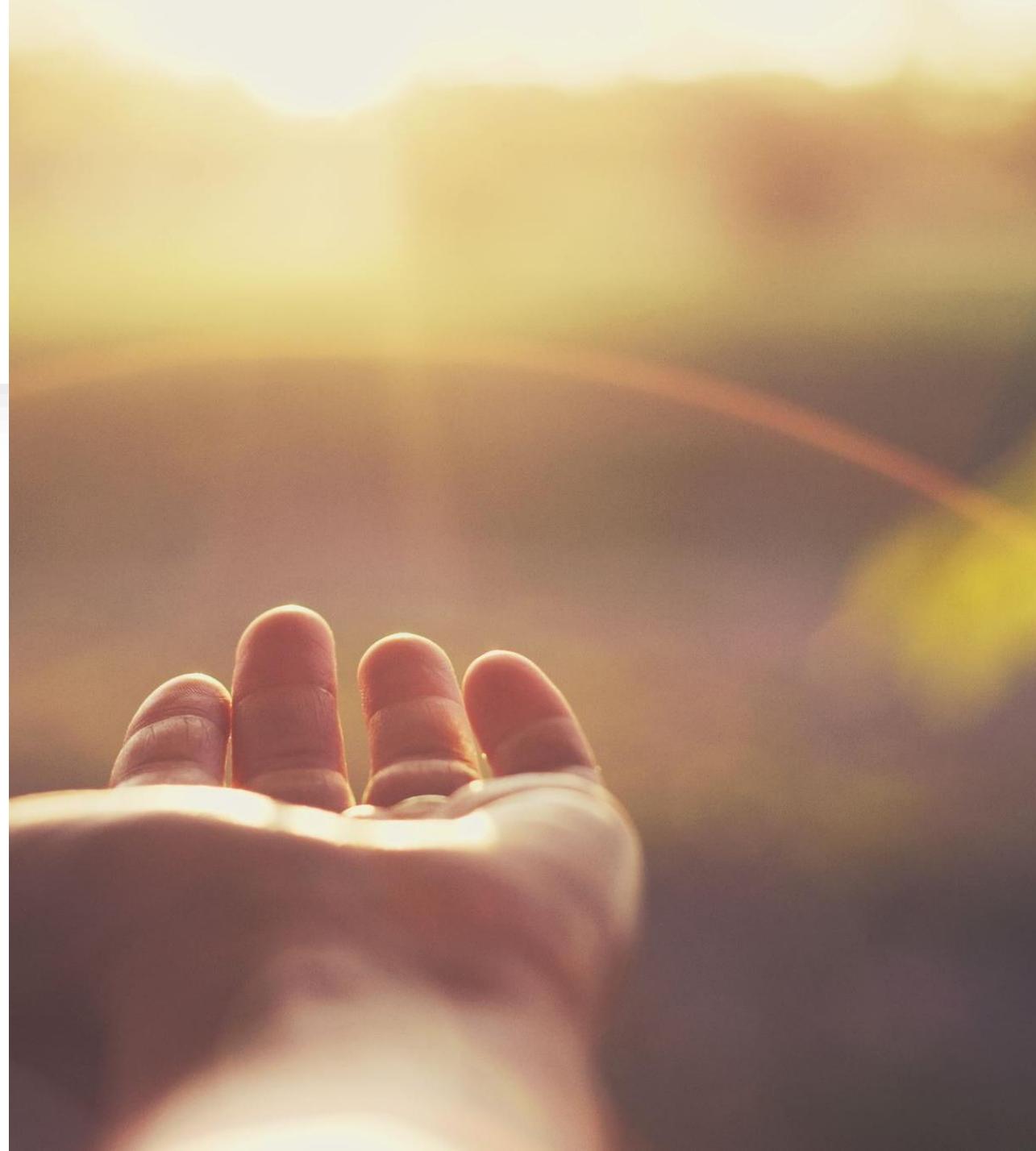
• Post Chaplains



Dept of CA Chaplain Frank Correa

Spirituality in America

- 89% of Americans believe in a god or universal spirit
- Only 50% of these believers regularly attend any religions services



Implications and opportunities for chaplains

- Chaplains are uniquely qualified to bridge this growing gap in our society which has pushed back against organized religion yet still strives to find meaning and relevancy in their spiritual selves



The Work of the Chaplain

**First, the Chaplain
nurtures the living.**

**Second, the Chaplain
cares for the dying.**

**Third, the Chaplain
honors the dead.**

How we can serve our members

- Chaplains can help fill that gap for the unchurched.
- Broach the topic of spirituality
- Be available and a good listener
- You don't have to be an expert; you just have to care.
- How to achieve this: Be a friend! We all know how to do this



PURPOSE OF CHAPLAINS

The office of Chaplain is not just to provide a "religious" officer to the organization to offer prayers at meetings.

He or she has higher purposes:

- 1-** To help persons grow in their relationship with God and each other
- 2-** To remind all Americans that God is the source of all rights and privileges.

We must be reminded that the Veterans of Foreign Wars is comprehensive in nature, embracing all religions and faith groups within its ranks.

QUALIFICATIONS OF CHAPLAINS

A VFW Chaplain candidate is not required to be a "professional" clergy person or have formal seminary training. . (Most Post/Auxiliary Chaplains are not.) The qualifications are simple yet important:

- 1-** A willingness to serve the office.
- 2-** A sense of spiritual maturity.
- 3-** Committed to providing a Chaplain's ministry.
- 4-** A caring person.
- 5-** A desire to help people.
- 6-** The ability to keep things confidential.(Extremely important.)
- 7-** Willing to be neutral and objective when settling disputes.
- 8-** Chaplains should be proud of their office and determined to do a good job.

A Basic Introduction on
informal counseling

Excellent and short easy read

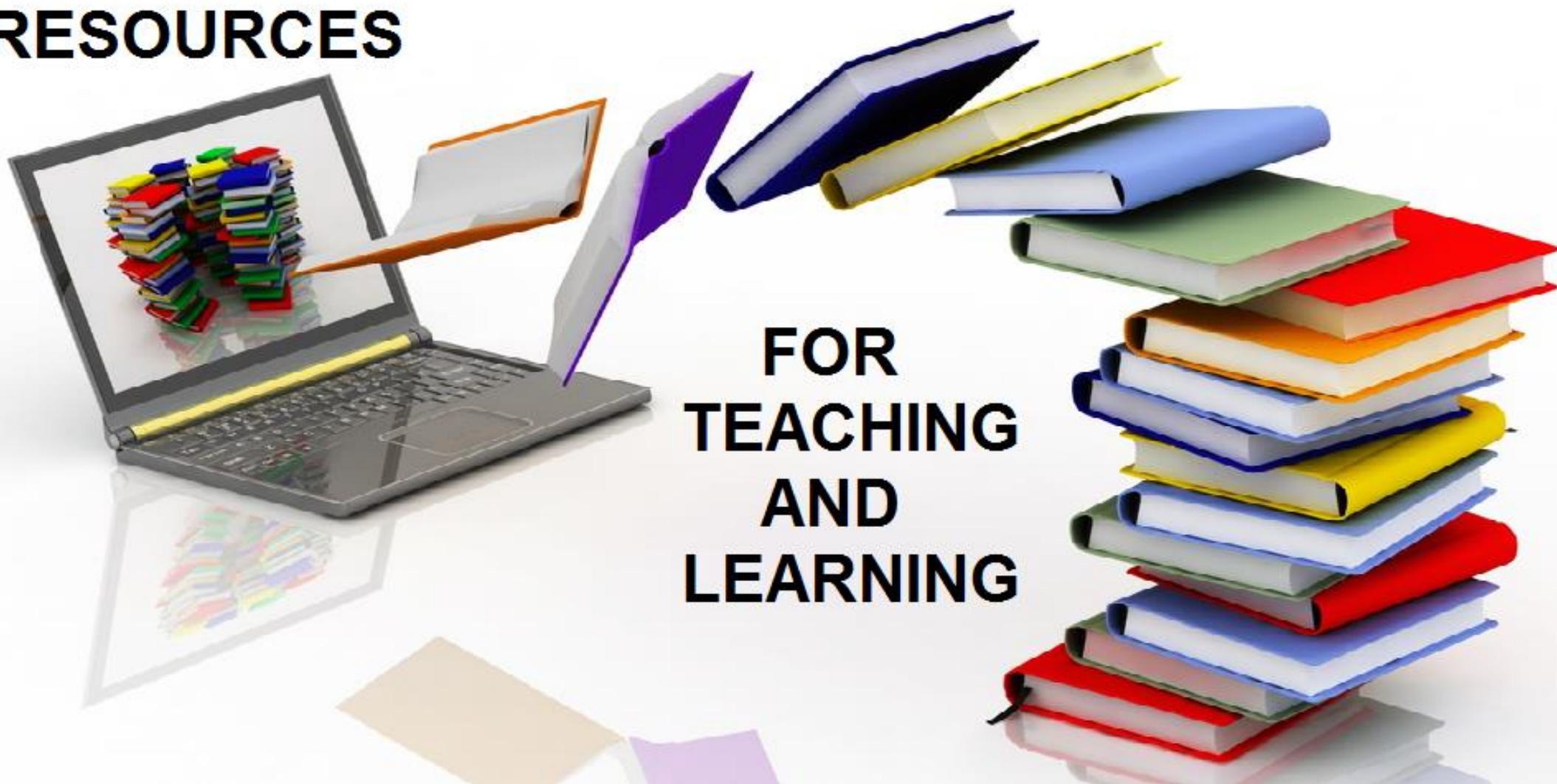
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How to be
ready when
friends ask
for help

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ONLINE RESOURCES



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TEACHING
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LEARNING**

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VFW Dept of CA State Chaplain

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Department of CA District chaplains Zoom meeting planned for August 30 1700.
Get to know all your fellow post chaplains in CA. I have some valuable information and resources to equip us all for our chaplaincy work. For more information and the Zoom invite. email me at fcorreavfw@gmail.com
Department leaders and district commanders are welcome to join us
Frank Correa, Dept of CA Chaplain





Department of California

POW/MIA Ceremony Battleship USS Iowa Sep

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- TRAINING
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



I'm honored to have been elected Dept of California state chaplain this weekend at the convention. I'm looking forward to connecting with all our California chaplains. My first task is to make contact with our district chaplains who will in turn help me connect with all the post chaplains. Once I have the contacts Ill plan a Zoom meeting so we can get acquainted. My top two priorities for the coming year are communication and training. I can be reached at FCorreaVFW@gmail.com

Chaplain Frank Correa

Please check our or CA chaplain page on Facebook [VFW Dept of CA State Chaplain](#)

Please check out our [National Chaplain's Page](#) (its hosted on the Cootie Site)

[National Online Reporting System](#)

DEPARTED COMRADE

It is my sad duty to report the passing of Past District 15 Commander Robert "Bob" Morehouse. He served as district 15 Commander during the 2011-2012 fiscal year. He turned 97 last month. Bob lost his wife Sheri, age 91, on April 16, 2023. Bob served 30 years in the Navy during WWII, the Korean War and two tours in the Vietnam War. He earned the rank of senior chief petty officer. He spent most of the time in the South Pacific during WWII on an amphibious LST — Landing Ship Tank.





CHAPLAIN OF THE YEAR

Sample application for Chaplain of the Year - Due March 1st

CHAPLAIN TRAINING RESOURCES

Chaplain's Handbook Aug 2023 Revision*

Chaplain's Resource Manual

Resources for Chaplains ** Excellent list of Chaplain resources

Various Prayers for 9-11 Remembrance

We shall Never Forget

Remembrance Ceremony

Graveside Service basic template

Additional sites with useful reference materials

<https://vfwpa.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=88797>

<https://vfwmo.com/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=76106> includes duties of chaplains





The Chaplain's Handbook

Articles - Information - Prayers - Guidelines

Revised by Rev. Peter R. Hook
Past National Chaplain
August 14, 2023

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New 2023 Chaplain's Handbook (Revised)

Resources for Chaplains

Bible Ordering

Responsibilities of a Chaplain

BEING A CHAPLAIN

You were elected to the office of Post/District Chaplain.

You have an important responsibility to your Post/District.

Whether you have been selected for your religious training or past VFW experiences, you are expected to be the spiritual advisor to your organization and its members.

You are not expected to know everything but are expected to search for the answer and get back to the individual. Do not be afraid to ask questions when necessary. There are many ministers of faiths/denominations and chaplains that are willing to assist you. As you meet them,

VFW Chaplains



National Chaplains Training meetings

3rd Wednesday of most months

7:30 p.m. CST monthly ZOOM
training

Contact to be on notification list
peterhook@verizon.net

Chaplain Training for 2023-2024

- **September 20, 2023** –
 - Introduction to VFW Chaplaincy Information – recommended start of the year introduction
- **October 18, 2023** -
 - Praying in the VFW Environment
 - Lessons learned as a Chaplain, pit falls as in your lessons learned.
- **November 15, 2023** -
 - VFW National Home
- **January 17, 2024** -
 - Suicide Awareness

Chaplain Training for 2023-2024

- **February 21, 2024** –
 - Ethics, VFW Rituals, Confidentiality issues and talking to the commander, Active listening skills, Draping the Charter
- **March 20, 2024** -
 - Basic introduction to different religions and faith groups.
- **April 17, 2024** -
 - Hospital visits
- **May 15, 2024** -
 - Dashboard reporting, the importance of crediting chaplain work
 - Summary of year and open to questions and comments



Use your Resources



Many faiths and Worldviews

Use your
resources!



“Demographic and Military Service Characteristics of Military Families”

National Institutes for Health

- Christian faith (69%), with the most common denominational preferences being Catholic (20%) and Baptist (14%)
- Non-Christian reported affiliations that made up 1 percent or more of the force were
 - Humanist (4%),
 - Pagan (1%)
 - Jewish (1%)
- <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK547615/#:~:text=The%20majority%20of%20military%20personnel,2>) accessed 8/13/2023



THE WARFIGHTER'S STUDY BIBLE

VFW

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.



➤ BIBLE READING PLANS

Military Bible Challenge	B1
The Commander's Bio	B2
How It All Started	B9
Prophets and Poets	B16
The Church: Then & Now	B23
Mail Call	B30
Conclusion	B37
God Understands	B39
Anger	B40
Life is Meaningless	B40
Life is Unfair	B41
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➤ NEW TESTAMENT BRIEFINGS

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Romans	F6
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➤ BIBLE-BASED GUIDES FOR RESILIENCY

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Relationships in the Military	M5
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Christian Life in the Military	M77
Growing My Faith While in the Military	M111
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Important Topics

M34

➤ DEEP WOUNDS

Combat and traumatic events can sear painful images in the deepest recesses of a soul like ancient hieroglyphics etched on the walls of hidden underground caverns. Unlike hieroglyphics, which only record historical events, the painful memories of a soul struggle for discovery. The battle deep within rises to the surface and disrupts life the way an earthquake deep within the earth's crust shakes the surface. You don't see the earthquake, but the evidence manifests from a few broken dishes that fall from a shelf to homes left in piles of rubble. Often, the wounded and their loved ones cannot see the pain carried, only the evidence from disruptive behavior.

For some, a traumatic event can result in Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). When an ethical or moral principle is violated in the transaction of a traumatic event, the result can also produce moral injury. Moral injury can happen when an individual is personally responsible for a traumatic event or associated with one in authority who was responsible. On the surface, moral injury symptoms can look like PTSD. However, when a person has a moral injury they experience the added components of guilt and shame.

— 111 — images and memories that returning Veterans carry home

Teaching Guides and Introductory material

INTRODUCTION TO EPHESIANS

A horizontal timeline with three points marked by dots. The first point is labeled 'c. A.D. 33/34' and 'Conversion of Paul'. The second point is labeled 'c. A.D. 52-57' and 'Paul's third missionary journey'. The third point is labeled 'c. A.D. 62' and 'Paul arrested, writes Ephesians'.

AUTHOR, DATE, AND RECIPIENTS

The apostle Paul wrote this letter to the churches in Ephesus and the surrounding region c. A.D. 62 while imprisoned in Rome (Acts 28). During this time he also wrote Colossians and Philemon. All three letters were sent with Tychicus and Onesimus.

THEME

There are three main themes of Ephesians: (1) Christ has reconciled all creation to himself and to God; (2) Christ has united people from all nations to himself and to one another in his church; and (3) Christians must live as new people.

PURPOSE

Ephesians offers general instruction in the truths of God's redemptive work in Christ; the unity of the church among diverse peoples; and proper conduct in the church, the home, and the world.

KEY THEMES

1. All people are by nature spiritually dead. They disobey God's law and are ruled by Satan (1:7; 2:1-3, 5, 11-12).
2. God predestined his people to redemption and holiness in Christ (1:3-14; 2:4, 8-9).
3. God's rich mercy in Christ has saved sinners. This free gift is by grace through faith alone (1:7-8; 2:4-14).
4. Jesus' saving work was part of redeeming a fallen creation for God. For this he deserves glory, honor, and authority in this age and the next (1:15-23; 3:1-13).
5. Jesus unites Jews and Gentiles into his one body, the church, as a new creation (1:23; 2:10-22; 3:1-21; 4:1-6).

Extensive footnotes

⁶Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. ⁷Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for ^awhatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For ^bthe one who sows to his own flesh ^cwill from the flesh reap corruption, but ^dthe one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹And ^elet us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, ^fif we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, ^gas we have opportunity, let us ^hdo good to everyone,

¹Or *Brothers and sisters*; also verse 18 ²Or *through whom*

6:1-10 Paul illustrates a life of love in the Spirit.

6:1 you who are spiritual. This does not refer to an elite class of Christians. It describes mature and experienced Christians. They are able to help their troubled brother or sister.

6:2 and so fulfill the law of Christ. In a broad sense this means the entire body of ethical teaching that Jesus gave and endorsed (see note on 1 Cor. 9:21). In a specific sense it probably refers to the command to love one's neighbor as oneself (Matt. 22:39; John 13:34).

6:7-8 whatever one sows, that will he also reap. Paul's reference to "reaping" has in view the blessings of eternal life that belong to the believer as the result of "sowing" his life **to the Spirit**.

6:10 While believers await their rewards (vv. 7-9) they should **do good**. The primary focus should be on serving other believers, but not to the exclusion of people outside the church.

Lord Jesus Christ, by which⁷ the world⁸ has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For ^pneither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but ^qa new creation. ¹⁶And as for all who walk by this rule, ^rpeace and mercy be upon them, and upon ^sthe Israel of God.

¹⁷From now on let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

¹⁸The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be ^uwith your spirit, brothers. Amen.

6:14 the world has been crucified to me. The world no longer attracts and influences Paul.

6:15 On Christians as a new creation, see 2 Cor. 5:17.

6:16 Israel of God. In contrast to the children of the "present Jerusalem" (4:25), the true people of God are the *believing* children of Abraham (3:7, 29). They belong to "Jerusalem above" (4:26-27).

6:17 The false teachers, and perhaps some of the Galatian Christians, have been misrepresenting Paul. Paul insists on the respect that is due his ministry. He is a genuine minister of Christ and has the scars to prove it—what he calls **the marks of Jesus** that resulted from his being persecuted (see 2 Cor. 11:23-27).

6:18 Paul's final prayerful blessing shows that he has not given up on the Galatians. He still refers to them as **brothers** and calls on Christ to give them grace.

VFW *War Fighters Bible* Ordering Information

“The Armed Services Ministry of the American Bible Society printed 1,000 Warfighter Study Bibles stamped with our VFW logo. These are available free of charge, VFW member. Learn more about this special Bible at <https://warfighterstudybible.org/>.

Ordering: contact John Koo at: jkoo@americanbible.org

He'll need to know that you are part of the VFW, how many WSBs you want, where send, and an email address and phone number for you.

Equipping Chaplains

1. Communicate your needs and interests
2. Network with other chaplains
3. Ask for help
4. Take advantage of any training available
5. Share all resources with other Chaplains

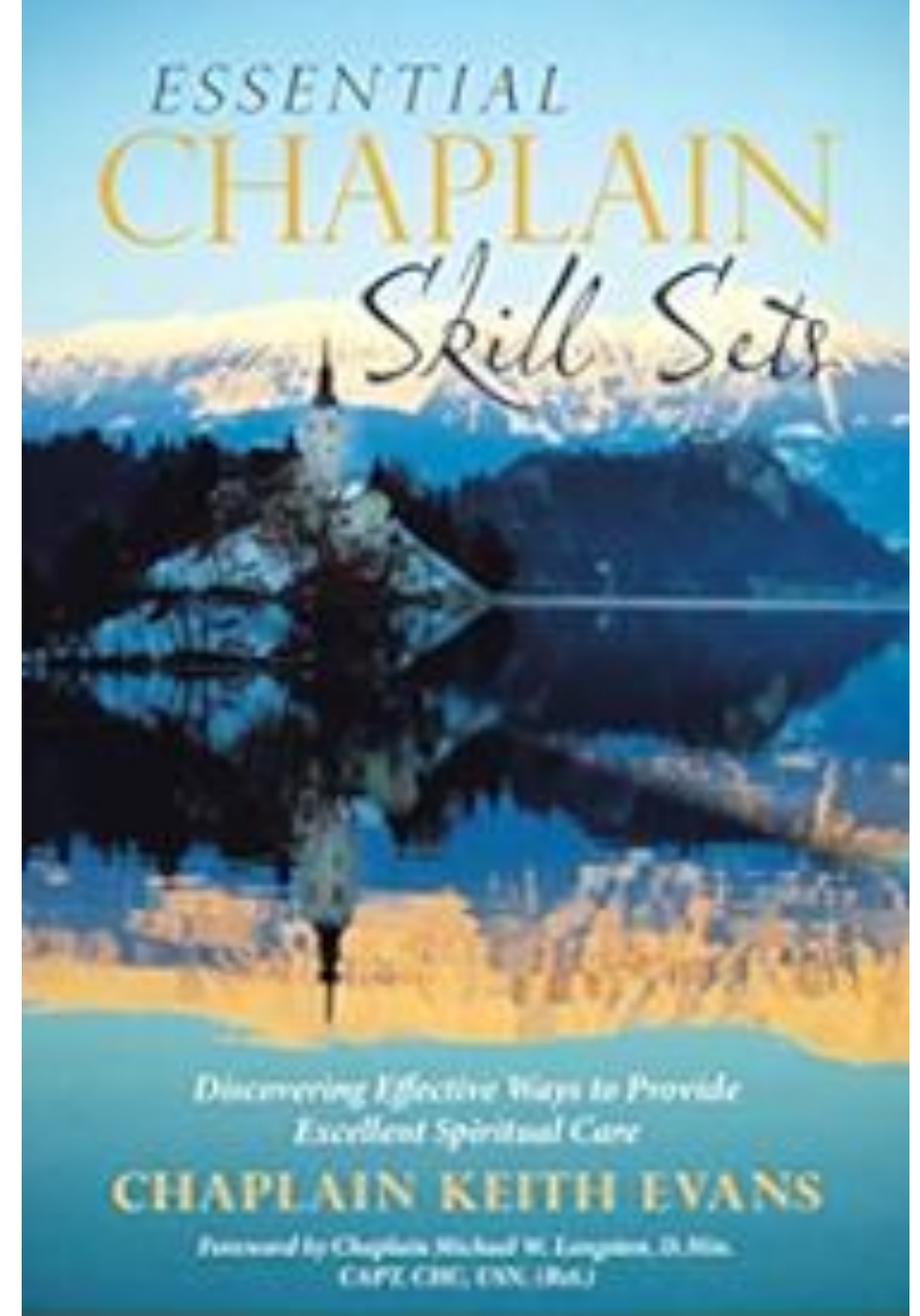




Chaplain
Learning
opportunities



Great Introductory book On Chaplaincy Basics



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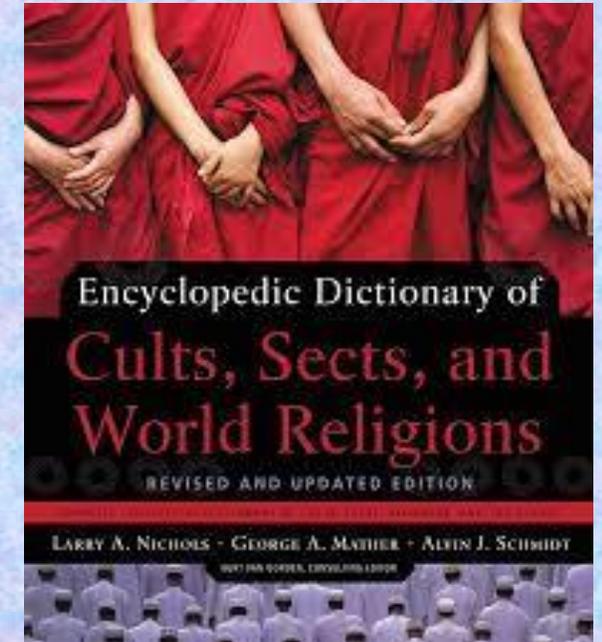
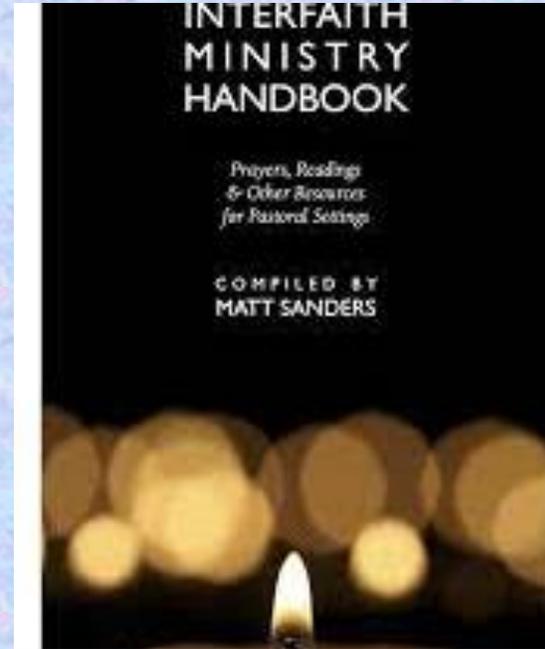
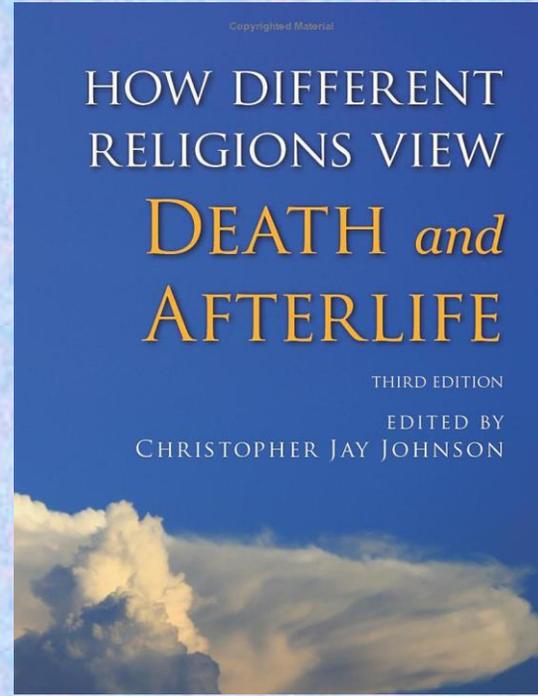
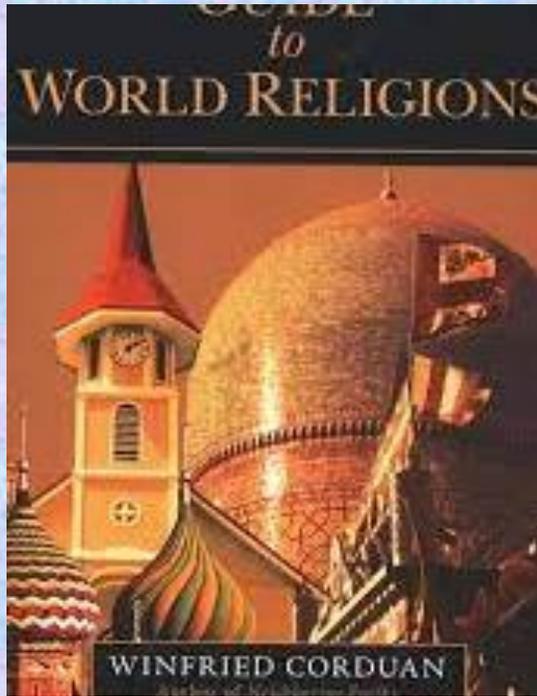
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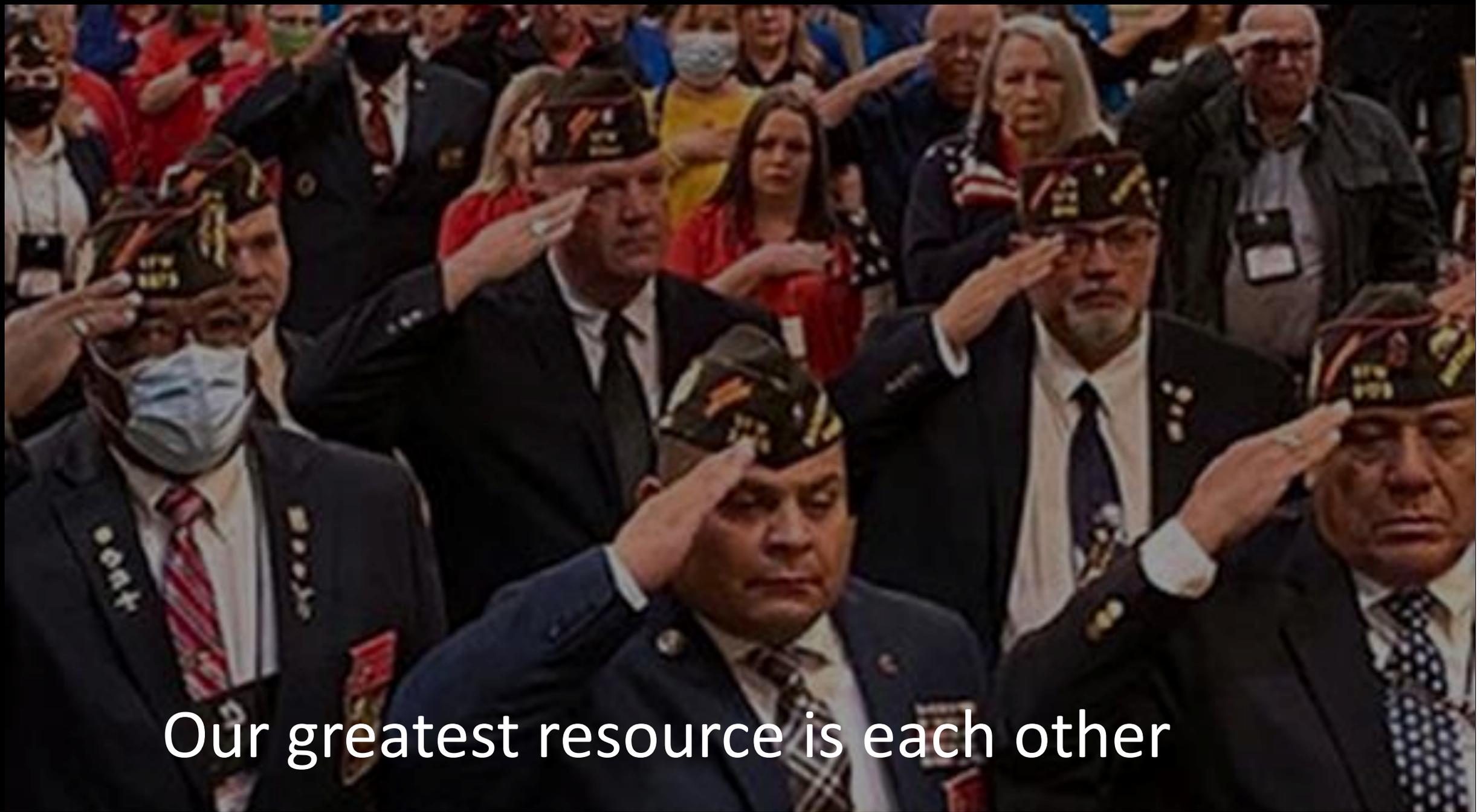
GOOD GRIEF

Granger E.
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A Companion for Every Loss



Many Resources on world religions



Our greatest resource is each other



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Department Dashboard

Programs

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Select a Program*

Community Service

Youth Development

Veterans Assistance

Legislative Advocacy

Select an Activity*

Citizenship/Americanism

POW/MIA

Membership Drive at a Community Event

Disaster Relief

Other

Honor Guard

VA Volunteer Services (hospital/clinic)

Public Servant Recognition (LE/FF/EMT)

Stand Down Participation

Flag Etiquette

Buddy Poppy Drive

Teacher of the Year

Safety Recognition

Hours*

Miles*

Members*





Post*

District*

Submitter Email*

Date of Activity*

Select a Program*

Community Service

Youth Development

Veterans Assistance

Legislative Advocacy

Hours*

Miles*

Members*



Other

Hours*

1.5

Miles*

21

Members*

1

Dollars Spent/Donated*

0

Dollar Value (Calculated)

\$27.63

Total Dollars (Calculated)

\$27.63

Description *

Flag picks up in community|





Select a Program

Community Service

Youth Development

Veterans Assistance

Legislative Advocacy

Select an Activity *

Adopt-a-Unit/MAP activities

VFW Mental Wellness

Claims & Benefits assistance

National Home

Sport Clips Help a Hero Scholarship submission

Other

Unmet Needs/Relief

Military & Veterans Support (Women Veterans, Homeless, Iraq/Afghanistan)

Hours*

Miles*

Members*

Dollars Spent/Donated*

Dollar Value (Calculated)

Total Dollars (Calculated)





Other

Hours*

15

Miles*

21

Members*

1

Dollars Spent/Donated*

0

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Description *

Visit to hospitalized post member



*Thank
You*
for your time





Questions?