



District Chaplain of the Year

Each year district chaplains and commanders are encouraged to solicit nominations for their most deserving post chaplains. The Chaplain selected for each district will receive a certificate of achievement and they will be submitted to the department chaplain for selection of the Department Chaplain of the Year award. This award winner will then be nominated for the national chaplain of the year award.

Criteria

1. Performance of Duties:
 - A. Exemplary character and conduct: e.g., A person of upmost integrity, professional execution of duties, dependability, punctuality, and timely submission of reports, etc.
 - B. Exemplary performance above and beyond the normal expectations of the position and duties.
2. Personal attitude which is positive and professional in all contacts with others and which represents the VFW and the Department 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 needs.
4. A member of the VFW in good standing with the Post, District, and Department.

Procedure

1. Provide a letter of nomination listing the above information that makes the chaplain a stand out deserving of recognition. The more information you can provide the better.
2. Please use bullet statements listing their achievements and contributions as opposed to only opinions. Compliments about their character and devotion are important but specific facts make your nominee a much stronger contender. Think of the military awards nominations or performance evaluations you wrote up during your military service.
3. For post chaplains nominations please try and attach a letter of endorsement from the district chaplain. Commander and chaplain endorsements from the district will enhance your nominations.

Please feel free to reach out to district leadership or the Department Chaplain for assistance in writing up the nominations.

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