



FEB Chaplain's Corner



Dear Comrades and Friends,

Each February, I take time to remember and honor the heroic efforts of the Four Chaplains. The Four Chaplains Foundation, based in Philadelphia, PA, has designated February 3rd as Four Chaplains Day. On February 3, 2025, our nation will once again honor the memory of these four chaplains, who made the ultimate sacrifice when the USAT Dorchester sank during World War II.

These four chaplains—representing different faith traditions—gave their lives to save others, embodying the principles of interfaith cooperation and selfless service.

As VFW chaplains, we continue to uphold and promote these ideals, working together in unity to provide emotional and spiritual care to veterans and their families, regardless of background or belief.

That fateful night aboard the USS Dorchester, 674 veterans perished in that tragic event. Just last month, on January 29, 67 individuals lost their lives in a mid-air collision near Washington, D.C. Almost every week, a VFW chaplain encounters someone grieving the loss of someone or something precious to them.

This month, our goal is to help VFW chaplains understand how to assist those who are grieving—offering compassion, support, and guidance in times of loss.

With deepest gratitude and blessings,

Rev. Peter R. Hook
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