



AUG Chaplain's Corner



Dear Chaplains and Commanders,

I am **Deborah "Debb" Halter**, and I am honored to serve as the VFW National Chaplain for 2026-2027. I also serve as the Department of Missouri Chaplain and the Big Ten Conference Chaplain.

This year, my focus is on providing VFW chaplains with the tools and support they need to carry out their duties effectively and confidently. Monthly **Zoom** training classes will be held on the third Thursday of each month, with the first class designed especially for newly appointed and first-time chaplains.

I am blessed to be working with several experienced chaplains, and together we have formed a training and support team. The team includes **Past National Chaplains Peter Hook, Jim Jenkins, Dave Frei, and Darren Atkins**, along with **Department of California and Western Conference Chaplain Frank Correa**. Their knowledge, experience, and willingness to serve will be tremendous assets to all of us. Maintaining our website https://lotcs.org/vfw_chaplain.html and providing technical support is Dale "Chappy" Iannello from the State of Washington.

Remember, the ministry of a VFW chaplain extends far beyond opening and closing prayers. We are called to care for veterans, their families, and our communities through compassion, encouragement, and service. Never underestimate the difference a phone call, a visit, a card, or a prayer can make in someone's life.

I look forward to serving alongside each of you. Together, we can strengthen our chaplaincy program and continue caring for those who have served our nation.

In Faith and Service,

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