



VFW Chaplain Community Service Challenge

*Inspiring Service. Strengthening Communities.
Honoring Veterans.*

Overview

Community service is at the heart of who we are as VFW Chaplains. We are called not only to comfort and care for our comrades but also to bring hope and healing to the communities we serve. The VFW Community Service Program recognizes and records the countless hours chaplains give in service—whether visiting the sick, leading memorial services, supporting veterans in crisis, or partnering with civic groups to improve lives.

Now, the National Chaplain invites **YOU** to take part in the Chaplain Community Service Challenge—a nationwide effort to highlight, honor, and grow the extraordinary service chaplains provide every day.

What Counts as Community Service?

- Visiting hospitalized, homebound, or grieving veterans and families
- Leading prayers and services at civic and veterans' events
- Organizing food drives, clothing drives, or blood donations
- Supporting suicide prevention and mental health initiatives
- Partnering with local schools, faith groups, and veteran service projects

- Any activity that uplifts, comforts, and strengthens veterans, their families, and the community

The Challenge

1. **Get Involved** – Step up your chaplaincy outreach in your Post, District, or Department.
2. **Track Your Service** – Record your hours and report them through VFW's Community Service reporting system.
3. **Inspire Others** – Share your stories, photos, and testimonies to encourage fellow chaplains across the nation.

Why It Matters

Your efforts as a chaplain shine a light on the mission of the Veterans of Foreign Wars: “No one does more for veterans.” Every visit, prayer, and act of service brings hope to a comrade in need, strengthens our communities, and honors the sacrifices of those who served.

Reporting Reminder

When reporting on the CSR Dashboard, chaplains should include their title. For example:

- Post Chaplain organized blood drive
- District Chaplain counseled veteran family

Together, We Can Make a Difference.

Join the challenge, inspire your fellow chaplains, and let's show the nation what it means to serve veterans with faith, compassion, and action.

 *Report. Serve. Inspire.*

Yours in Comradeship,

Darren Atkins

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