



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
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Hello Unit and District Chaplains. I would like to begin by letting you know that Patti Galatioto has resigned her position as Department Chaplain effective September.

Department President Linda Hayes asked that I step in and finish out this term as Department Chaplain. I was Patti's Mentor and struggled with her resignation. She has done an outstanding job as our Chaplain, and I now vow to do the same.

Let me introduce myself, I am Melanie Taylor, a Past Department President (2004-2005), and a National Program Chairman for the past 12 years. I am a member of The United Methodist Church. I am also a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and just recently joined my local Kiwanis Club.

DUTIES OF THE CHAPLAIN

The Chaplain will express, by word and action, our founding principle of service to God and Country.

- The chaplain will encourage the unit and district to celebrate the diversity amongst its members and their faiths.
- The chaplain will provide spiritual and emotional guidance to members and their families, as needed while maintaining confidentiality.
- The chaplain is responsible for presenting the invocation and benediction at Auxiliary meetings.
- The chaplain will participate as needed in installations; initiations of new members; dedication of halls, monuments, or colors; Four Chaplains services; POW/MIA recognition programs; and the memorial service of a member, always lending dignity and respect to the occasion.
- The chaplain should stay in close contact with the president and other officers of the unit and district and should attend all regular meetings and Executive Committee meetings.

MONTHLY BULLETINS

Monthly bulletins will be posted to the department website. I encourage you to check them out and share these with your members in your units and districts. www.calegionaux.org
Resources – Bulletins – scroll down to check each month for the bulletins submitted.

MID-YEAR UNIT AND DISTRICT REPORT FORMS

The Department Secretary Liz will be sending out the Mid-Year Unit and District Report Forms soon. Please keep an eye out for them. They will be posted on the Department website and mailed to those units and districts that have signed up for bi-monthly mailing and paid the required fee.

I would like to finish this bulletin with a prayer. Our department is struggling with turmoil and animosity and we need the Lord's help.

Lord, as we work in our great organization, help us look beyond outward appearances to the person underneath. Teach us to love and accept them. Forgive our critical thoughts and harsh words; replace our impatience with Your love and forgiveness.

Open our eyes to the needs of the world and fill our hearts with love. O God, help us to recognize and grasp the opportunities for service that each one of us might make a difference.

Let us reach out and touch someone with a helping hand. Help us to never lose sight of Your continual guidance in our lives as we work for our fellowman. Amen.

God Bless,
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