



*Memorial ~ Chaplain*  
*Cheryl Nymann ~ Chairman*



**Goals for this year's Memorial Program:**

**+Always try in advance to arrange for a Chaplain to do an Invocation, Meal blessings and closing/Benediction.** Encourage prayer for all. Learn how and where to pray. God is present everywhere and ready to listen. We pray for our fellow Legion family. We continue to pray for the needs of our community. We pray for those who serve overseas. We also pray for those in the Armed Services, our National Guard, Law Enforcement and Fire Departments. We also need to continue to pray for our nation which encounters much turmoil these days.

**+If you assist other Units, the Legion or Sons of Legion Chaplains, offer to write a prayer for those special occasions.** Many excellent resources are available: A Unit Handbook, A Manual of Ceremonies, A Chaplains Prayer Book, the National newsletter and online articles are just a few. The American Legion and Sons of Legion have books available as well. Many of these materials are available through National Emblem Sales and the Department of Minnesota. Sometimes handy to load some of these prayers on your phone so you are always prepared in a pinch to do so.

**+Prepare and give a Memorial Service for the deceased members in your unit.** Drape the charter for your deceased members and include them in your annual Service at your Unit and District meetings. Keep a list of these members throughout the year. This will be handy when preparing for your annual Memorial services and completing your annual reports.

**+Prepare a Book of Prayers for our Department President Mary Hendrickson.** Please encourage your members to send some prayers to include in her booklet. These can be emailed to me at [cheryljnymann@gmail.com](mailto:cheryljnymann@gmail.com) or snail mailed to me at Cheryl Nymann, 130 1<sup>st</sup> St SW, Plainview, MN 55964. They can be prayers previously used or if you are creative, write your own. I encourage Chaplains to send me one prayer that you utilized at one of your regular monthly meetings.

As we serve this year under the theme “**Remember, Honor, Serve**” may we use our voices to pray for our needs and others. God will never give us more than we can bear.