



# DUTIES OF THE CHAPLAIN

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## 1. SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

The Chaplain is available to help individuals and their families with their spiritual needs.

## 2. ASSISTANCE IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

In times of crises such as hospitalization, injury, or death, the Chaplain will help and provide assistance to veterans and their families.

## 3. CONDUCTING/ASSISTING AT FUNERALS

The Chaplain is available to assist families with funeral arrangements and to officiate at the service or assist the family minister. Additionally, the Chaplain can help with organizing an honor guard, having a bugler present at the cemetery, and having a presentation of the flag as a token of service and honor on behalf of the \_\_\_\_\_ Post \_\_\_\_\_ and fellow veterans of military service.

## 4. WEDDINGS

The Chaplain is available to assist with weddings. When properly credentialed, the Chaplain is available to conduct weddings.

## 5. COUNSELING

The Chaplain is available to provide pastoral care and counsel and when necessary to help veterans and their families find appropriate resources for dealing with such issues as post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, or other critical incident stress management problems.

## 6. VISITATION

Visitation with veterans and their families to provide comfort and encouragement is an important function of the Chaplain.

## 7. ATTENDING FUNCTIONS

The Chaplain may be called upon to represent the Post at official functions or public meetings, and asked to give invocations, dedicatory prayers, or benedictions.