



Chaplain of the Year Awarded to Robert Stricklin

Rev. Peter R. Hook, State Chaplain



At the Council of Administration meeting held in January 2011, approval was given to present a Chaplain of the Year Award. The award is given annually at the Department Convention. It recognizes a District or Post Chaplain who demonstrates a commitment to the ministry and duties of a Chaplain and who exhibits exemplary performance above and beyond normal expectations.

The recipient of the Chaplain of the Year Award for 2013 is Robert Stricklin. Bob serves as Chaplain of Marilao Post 33 in Greensburg, PA and was recommended by his Post Commander, Clifford T. Smith. According to Commander Smith, “Robert Strickland serves with passion and touches the lives of so many of our veterans and their families.”

Bob became his Post’s Chaplain in 2008 after having served at the highest levels in his Post and District. He was an All-State Post Commander, and as District 27 Commander in 1992-93, he was recognized as an All-American District Commander. At the state level, Bob has served as the POW/MIA Chair on three different occasions.

This past June 22, Bob and his wife, Judy, celebrated 45 years together. They have two daughters and five grandchildren. He served in the Navy during the Vietnam War aboard the *USS Hancock* (CV/CVA-19), one of 24 *Essex*-class aircraft carriers.

It was truly an honor for me to present this award to Bob, a true servant and model for those of us who are called to serve those who served.

On the Department Website <http://www.vfwpahq.org> you will find my Chaplain's Page which has information concerning the award, the Monthly Chaplain's Report, and various resources to help comrades.

Blessings as you serve.

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