



Chaplain of the Year Awarded to WWII Veteran Philip Atwood

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 2014 is Mr. Philip Atwood. Phil serves as Chaplain of the Herbert W. Best Post 928 in Folsom, PA. He has also served as Post Commander and District 7 Commander.

Chaplain Atwood has shown an unbelievable dedication to his duties as a Chaplain. He visits ill and hospitalized comrades from his Post and regularly visits veterans at the VA Hospital in Philadelphia and the VA Hospital in Coatesville, PA. He has attended and performed funeral and memorial services for departed Post Comrades and many other veterans who have no Post affiliation. In addition to his duties as a VFW Chaplain, Phil serves as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels. Phil is also quite involved at School House Senior Center in Folsom, PA. Phil serves as President of their Advisory Council at the Center which provides social, educational, nutritional, and recreational services and activities for seniors.

According to the Center's director, Kim McDaniel, Phil is an exceptional leader who is quite involved with the people at the center, and "he will do whatever needs to be done." Phil was instrumental in establishing Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies at the Center.

Chaplain Atwood was recommended for the award by Gus Ober and Tom Brown, both Past Commanders of Post 928. Each Commander stated how blessed they have been to have a Chaplain like Phil at their post.

Phil is a WWII veteran who served in the Navy on an aircraft carrier.

It was truly an honor for me to present this award to Phil, 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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