



AUG Chaplain's Corner

Comrade Chaplains,

August sits quietly between the heat of summer and the winds of change. It's a time when many families wrap up vacations, children prepare to return to school, and communities begin to gear up for fall activities. Yet for us, as VFW Chaplains, this month offers a special moment to pause, reflect, and re-engage with purpose.

On August 7th, we observe National Purple Heart Day, honoring the brave men and women who were wounded or killed while serving in the U.S. military. It's a solemn reminder that freedom comes with sacrifice — and that behind every medal is a story of courage, pain, and resilience. As Chaplains, may we recommit to being present for our Purple Heart recipients and their families. Whether it's a phone call, a prayer, or simply a listening ear, your ministry of presence matters.



August also reminds us of transitions — the changing of seasons, rhythms, and responsibilities. This is a good time to check in with your Post or Auxiliary:

*Are there members who have been absent or quiet lately?
Is someone preparing for surgery or grieving a recent loss?
Are school-aged children or grandchildren facing new challenges?*

As spiritual leaders, we are called to be watchful shepherds — not just during crises, but in the everyday changes that shape our comrades' lives.

I encourage you this month to make space for intentional outreach. One simple card, one unexpected prayer, or one thoughtful visit could be the light someone desperately needs. And don't forget to care for yourself, too. Even chaplains need rest, renewal, and moments of peace.

Let August be a month of remembrance, readiness, and reconnection — with our fellow veterans, with our mission, and with the One who equips us to serve.

Yours in Comradeship,

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