

## **CANDIDATE FOR STATE CHAPLAIN**

### **Wesley S Anderson**



I am seeking the support from the Members of the Department of Washington for the position of Chaplain of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Washington.

Honor the Dead by caring for the Living. As I progressed thru the chairs of the Post, County Council and District I learned what it meant. After the Chaplain cares for the Deceased he must now turn his attention to the living, as well as the Veterans of the State of Washington.

Earned eligibility serving as a Hospital Corpsman with the 3rd Fleet Marine Force in Viet Nam from 1966 to 1969. Joined Post 7480 Davenport Washington in June of 1969.

At the Post level I have had the honor of serving as Post Commander of Post 884 Fresno CA, District 9 Commander and currently the Chaplain of the Department of Washington Veterans of Foreign Wars. Also, I am currently I am Post Chaplain of Post 51 and have been for the past 6 years. I have been 100 percent reporting on all reports for that time frame. A Chaplain must care for his Post first and foremost, as the post is the building block for this Organization.

On the District level I have had the honor of serving in Different positions as well as District Commander,

I am currently serving as Your Department Chaplain, as well as having served in the position in the past.

I am currently serving on the Department Membership Committee, four years as the Hero's in the Ball Park East Side. The Department Chainman for Youth Essay and Patriots Pen. National Veterans Services Committee. Chaplain on call at the Veterans Cemetery, On Monday Mornings for over the pasts years I have Volunteered at Veterans Outreach Center helping Veterans with their Claims for Benefits from the VA.

I am a Certified Drug and Alcohol Counselor, have acted as the on-call Chaplain at the State Vets Home in Spokane. Assisted with the Missing in America Program at the Veterans Cemetery.

A Chaplain must be

1. Someone experienced in counseling
2. Someone to offer support, prayer and spiritual guidance
3. Someone that ministers to those in need without impudence
4. Someone that performs clergy functions.
5. Someone that helps the family of a fallen hero through their grief.

I have the experience, desire and firsthand knowledge to be the State Chaplain and would consider it a privilege to serve the Veterans of this State with same dedication, I have endeavored to do my best to represent this Organization, and the Veterans and their families of this State in a dignified and honorable manner. They come first and foremost in all my endeavors. I am hoping for your support at the upcoming State Convention in Yakama.