

REQUESTING YOUR SUPPORT

Robbie Clark – National Chaplain
“God Has Plans for Me”



My goal as your National Chaplain is to assist members with growth in faith, trust, compassion, and support for comradeship among all people. May that faith remind us that God is the source of each right and privilege we are blessed with. May God Bless Our Country and its brave and loyal Veterans.

Commissioned Stephen Minister/Lay Minister United Methodist Church

Academic Disciplines

***Distinctive Christian Caring Process vs. Results in Care Giving;
Spiritual Confidentiality; Crisis Theory/Ministering those Undergoing Divorce;
Ministering those Experiencing Grief; Dealing with Depression/Suicidal Issues;
Performing Funerals and Ministry to the Dying and their Family/Friends;
Caring for People Before, During and After Hospitalization;
Ministering to Losses related to Aging and Long-term Care; Christian Care Giving: A Way of
Life; Veterans Combat Trauma Healing.
Performed Religious Services for Dept. State Conventions, conducting ceremonies for those
who have passed, in addition to
Sunday Services for the United Methodist Church***

Veterans of Foreign Wars Leadership

***Past Chaplain, VFW Department, District and Post
Past Chaplain OK Governor's War Veterans Commission
Past Chaplain Military Order of the Cootie (MOC) Grand (State)
National Council of Administration Member 2018 – Present
Past National Council of Administration Member Dist. 10 (OK/AR) 2010 – 2012
Past 14th District (OK-AR-TX) Supreme Council Member (MOC)
Past Department Commander
Past Department Quartermaster/Adjutant
Decorated as Oklahoma's Mr. VFW
Top Oklahoma Membership Recruiter Last Four Years 2016-2019
U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs & VFW Dept. of OK Accredited Service Officer***

RETIRED – Have the time and ability to devote & respond at any time, any hour!



Dear Comrades of the VFW Southern Conference

My name is Robbie Clark, from the Department of Oklahoma, and I am running for the esteemed position of National Chaplain. To maintain an even flow of data, the attached campaign poster lists my previous management/leadership positions for VFW National, Department/Post and Districts spanning 56 positions during my 42 years membership in the VFW. So, let me present my feelings about the position I am running for. In agreement with National HQ guidance, I submit that the National Chaplain is not available just to provide a "religious" officer to lead prayers at VFW meetings. There is a higher purpose involved. Chaplains endeavor to help persons grow in their relationships with God and one another. They must be a reminder of the divine nature of life; to help with developing an environment in which ALL persons are encouraged to excel in their personal and collective moral and spiritual growth. To remind every American that God is the source of all rights and privileges. It should be remembered that the VFW is comprehensive in nature, embracing all religions and faith groups within its ranks. The position of Chaplain is non-sectarian and ministers to the spiritual needs of all. The Chaplain needs to provide ministry wherever there is a need.

National HQ notes that qualifications for the VFW Chaplain are not academic or ecclesiastical, and there are no requirements to be a "professional" clergy person. The qualifications that DO exist are even more incredibly important: A willingness to serve the office with a sense of spiritual maturity, committed to providing a ministry with compassion and empathy, understanding the needs of those he is helping, while keeping things "confidential". This office requires the incumbent to be neutral and objective when settling disputes and have a sound voice, projecting and reading well in public. Additionally, they should have a positive attitude toward himself/herself and be proud of their position; determined to do a good job. Of utmost importance, the Chaplain needs to be prepared to listen to not just fellow comrades/sisters, but to all persons, providing aid and spiritual comfort in times of stress, sickness, or bereavement. They should work with their Service Officer(s) when applicable.

As we look to the future, it may seem appropriate to see our VFW Chaplains working in various lateral spiritual functions for our Posts, Districts, Departments and Communities. Are Chaplains considered for membership on House Committees or represent a Post, District or Department at local Religious/Civic Affairs? I realize we are now visiting the sick, bereaved, and sending cards of hope, but are we, as Chaplains, participating in Parades, 9/11 Memorial Services, Veterans Day Services, POW/MIA Services?

I passionately believe in what is stated at VFW meetings: "Do not let petty jealousies or trivial personalities interfere with our deliberations". We should strive to engage our spiritual personalities for what is best for ALL VETERANS, ALL PERSONS, because that is the right thing to do!

So, graciously, I request your vote of confidence in letting me help our great organization and all its members to ensure we provide the absolute best service to all. In comradeship and with God's new

grace *Robbie Clark*