



Roles & Responsibilities Sheet

Officer Title:	SAL National Chaplain	Classification:	Appointed
Oversight Body:	LEGION S.A.L.Commander's Advisory COMMITTEE/ INTERNAL AFFAIRS	Code:	SAL/Chaplain
Location:	INDIANAPOLIS, IN	Travel Required:	Minimal
Salary:	N/A	Position Type:	VOLUNTEER
National Legion Staff Contact:	Kevin Mook	Direct Report:	NATIONAL COMMANDER

National Chaplain Personal Information

FAX OR EMAIL:

Fax number or email:

MAIL:

Name

Address

City, ST ZIP Code

Overview of National Chaplain R.R.E.

[Qualification Requirements:](#)

SAL member in good standing and endorsed by your Detachment and Department
Recommended by SALCA & National Commander
Appointed by National Commander, Approved by Post Convention NEC and SALCA

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Serving as the National Chaplain of The Sons of The American Legion is a privilege and is a privilege and honor bestowed by the National Commander of the SAL and approved by the National Executive Committee and The Sons of The American Legion Commander's Advisory Committee, approved at the Post Convention NEC and by the Sons of The American Legion Advisory Committee. Your term in office is for one year and will offer many opportunities to meet many individuals in the American Legion Family and the public.

As Chaplain, your role has many purposes. One of its primary purposes is to help persons grow in their relationship with God and one another. Also, you serve as a reminder of the transcendent and seek to develop an environment within which SAL members are encouraged in their personal and collective moral and spiritual growth.



The Sons of The American Legion is comprehensive in nature, embracing all religions, faiths, and denominations within its ranks. The chaplaincy being non-denominational and non-sectarian, wishes to minister to the spiritual needs of all without regard to either affiliation or no affiliation.

Chaplains seek to minister to people wherever there is a need. For many, chaplains are the only ministers they will ever know, as they have no affiliation with church, synagogue, or other religious institution. The role of the chaplain is ever increasing due to the wide range of ages of our membership. Each SAL member should be alert to the physical and spiritual needs of their comrades. The chaplain should be notified when there is death, illness, or special concern within the national level of officers, chairmen or Com/Com members. At that point the chaplain should provide all ministry and service available.

The elected national officers include:

- Commander
- Five Vice Commanders

The appointed national officers include:

- * Adjutant and assistant Adjutants
- * Historian
- * Sgt-at-Arms and three assistant Sgt-at-Arms
- * Parliamentarian
- * Chaplain

***Non Officer Appointments includes:**

- * Aide to National Commander
- * Comm/Comm Scribe

Responsibilities & Expectations

- The Chaplain is required to attend all national meetings and be prepared to offer Invocations and Benedictions when called upon by the National Commander.
- The Chaplain may conduct a non-denominational service on Sunday mornings of the National Executive Committee meetings prior to reconvening.
- The Chaplain is required to plan and participate in a memorial service at every SAL National Convention and to also participate in The American Legion Family's joint Memorial Service during the American Legion's National Convention.
- The Chaplain may be asked to participate in various meetings or other social gatherings throughout the administrative year.



- The Chaplain is a person of prayer. He should practice the four W's of Prayer. (a) God, (b) Self, (c) Audience, (d) Who
- The Chaplain should practice neutrality in all matters concerning the national organization of the Sons of The American Legion.
- The Chaplain represents our preamble that ends with 'God and Country'.
- The Chaplain shall represent with dignity and grace the respect, reverence, and reliance on God necessary for the success of our mission as members of the Sons of The American Legion.
- In your role as National Chaplain, it is important that you serve in the forefront of the defense of and the respect for freedom of religion.
- As National Chaplain, always remember the SAL is a Non-Sectarian organization that respects all expressions of faith.
- A national meeting of the SAL does not exist for the expression of a particular faith or sect. Nor is it a place to evangelize or proselytize.

As National Chaplain, you will have many opportunities to serve not only in giving invocation, benedictions, or table graces, but also in other capacities as the National Commander and fellow members seek your council and services.

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