



Dear Chaplains and Some Commanders, Greetings!

I am Deborah Halter usually called Debb and I am this year's VFW National Chaplain. I am also the State Chaplain from the State of Missouri and the Big Ten Conference Chaplain.

My focus this year will be to get our VFW Chaplains the tools to help them do their job effectively and with more ease. These tools will include two websites, a Chaplains Handbook, and ZOOM classes on various topics.

Along with these tools, I add mentoring. I encourage each of you to find a senior chaplain to become comfortable with asking questions. Ideally, that would be in your chain of command, but we often find good mentors elsewhere. Look for them, they are out there. Don't limit yourself to just one either!

I am working with three other senior chaplains who form an unofficial committee to train other VFW chaplains. They are Past National Chaplains Peter Hook and Jim Jenkins and Western Conference Chaplain James Wright. You will learn more about them as we work together this year.

We are going to start by inviting you to ZOOM training! Here are the dates and times and a link to join the meetings. Come to any classes you can.

Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at CST 19:30

Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at CST 19:30

Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at CST 19:30

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at CST 19:30

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at CST 19:30

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at CST 19:30

Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at CST 19:30

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at CST 19:30

Please note all sessions are CST. Check your time zone and adjust accordingly. The following is the link:

[Link to be posted prior to the first scheduled training session](#)

The link will be good for all dates. I suggest you put the link in your calendar on your phone, so you are reminded of the class and have the link available immediately.

- I will open the room about 15 minutes early so everyone can get in and get the ZOOM Room working properly. I PLAN TO START PROMPTLY. So, please try to be early so we can have less interruption.
- To cut down on background noise all mikes need to be muted EXCEPT when you are addressing the group. It makes it easier for all to hear and participate.
- I will need an “usher” or two - So, if anyone is good with ZOOM wishes to assist, please contact me at dihalter@gmail.com.

During question-and-answer time please type the question in the chat area and we address as many of them as possible.

PLEASE SHARE THIS LINK WITH ALL INTERESTED CHAPLAINS AND COMMANDERS.

Blessings! Deborah Halter, National Chaplain 2022-2023