

## Religious Emphasis

The Religious Emphasis meeting began at 10:00 am on Saturday, April 14, 2018.

In attendance were:

Assistant Department Chaplain	Robert Meier
Bartonville Post Chaplain	Floyd Henderson
Spring Bay Post Chaplain	Ron Matheny
SAL Detachment Chaplain	Jeff Trout

There was a salute to the flag which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by SAL Detachment Chaplain, Jeff Trout. Invocation was given by Robert Meier.

The meeting was led by Assistant Chaplain, Robert Meier as Department Chaplain Virgil Oikion was not in attendance due to his wife being in the hospital. We asked that everyone keeps Virgil and his family in your prayers.

Starting with Assistant Chaplain Meier, each member of the committee related stories of the past year relating to their positions as Chaplains.

Chaplain Matheny said he mailed a letter to all Post Chaplains in the 4<sup>th</sup> Division asking them to stress the importance of the Four Chaplains Ceremony.

Chaplain Henderson said that his Post holds a drawing every Wednesday night with some 500 people in attendance. He did the Four Chaplains ceremony on the Wednesday before Four Chaplains Sunday. It was agreed by the committee that it is a good idea to adjust the Memorial time if it insures a large crowd such as Chaplain Henderson does. Chaplain Meier agreed that we must do what it takes to get the word out to the public about the Four Chaplains. Along those lines he is trying to bring the story to the local schools.

Chaplain Meier spoke of a funeral service performed for a young man from Tamaroa who was killed in Afghanistan. There was a 2 mile procession from Scott Air Force Base to Du Quoin. He spoke that seeing semis stopped on the road with drivers saluting or hands over their hearts. Tractors parked in their fields with flags flying. The massive turnout for this soldier warms the heart and shows the purpose of the Chaplain.

Closing prayer was given by Chaplain, Robert Meier

A salute to the flag was given.

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.