

Religious Emphasis Committee Minutes  
1 Oct 2022  
Dept of Illinois  
Bloomington, IL

- Called to order at 10:00 Hrs at Dept Headquarters by Dept Chaplain Ralph Rounds with a salute to the Colors
- Prayer was given by 4<sup>th</sup> Div Chaplain Annette Tincher
- Floyd Henderson, 3 Div Chaplain lead The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
  
- Attendance:
  - Present:
    - ✓ Dept Chaplain Ralph Rounds, 5<sup>th</sup> Div
    - ✓ Floyd Henderson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Div.
    - ✓ Annette Tincher, 3<sup>rd</sup> Div.
    - ✓ Willie Evans, 2<sup>nd</sup> Div. Chaplain & Guest
  - Excused:
    - ✓ Assist Dept Chaplain Danny Eison, 1<sup>st</sup> Div.
    - ✓ Virgil Oikion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Div.
  
- All members were asked to introduce themselves and tell a little history about their time in the American Legion
  
- There was some discussion on the District Chaplain's Award and how we can get all of the districts to submit someone for the award and we need to promote the program. The award is not restricted to the District Chaplain. This can be presented to any Chaplain within the district. The final decision is the District Commanders of each district. If needed, the Commander of that district may call on their Executive Committee for assistance in deciding who receives the award. It was mentioned that if the individual is not going to be present to receive the award, the District Commander can fill in for them at the award ceremony.
  
- Another topic of discussion was getting prepared for the Department Memorial service and getting individuals to their places faster.
  
- It was agreed by those who had attended the 2022 Memorial Service at Department convention that with the divisions going forward to light one candle showed unity and help condense the ceremony in a positive way.
  
- The committee also discussed why it is so important that everyone is aware of the importance to defend the religious rights of veterans at all levels.
  
- There being no other business Chaplain Ralph closed the meeting at 10:55 Hrs with a salute to The Colors.



Ralph W. Rounds II, Dept Chaplain  
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