



TO: DISTRICT COMMANDERS

Under the guidance of the Department Chaplain, with the sanction of the Religious Emphasis Committee and the delegated authority of the Department Commander, Chaplains who have done an outstanding job during the past Legion year will be awarded the Chaplain's Cross or Star of David. The award will be presented to the selected chaplains at the Department Convention Memorial Service which will be held on the last day of Convention (Saturday).

Each District Commander, with the advice of their Executive Committee, is requested to select one individual from their district who is serving in the capacity of a Post, County, District or Division Chaplain and who has gone beyond merely performing his or her normal obligations of leading prayers at meetings.

Names of nominees with a short optional explanation of their work should be sent by posts and counties to their respective District Commanders for selection as the district nominee. **Each District Commander must send their nominee's name to Department Headquarters to be received no later than June 1st for review.** The nomination form must be signed by the District Commander.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Chaplains who have previously been awarded the Chaplain's Cross or Star of David will not receive another Cross or Star of David again. However, if the District Commander deems it appropriate, a certificate will be issued to the selected Chaplain for his or her current service and nomination who has received a Cross or Star of David previously.

Examples of outstanding work by a chaplain may include: Working with/assisting the Post or District Service Officer, working with the Auxiliary Field Service program, assisting needy veterans and families, Family Support Network of TS2 programs, visiting the sick (VA hospitals, homes or facilities, or in their own homes, hospitals or nursing homes), actively participating in memorial, patriotic and religious programs, visiting Boys State, involvement in children's programs such as Miracle Network, organizing or assisting drives to help homeless veterans, providing spiritual care at wakes, funerals, etc.

It is the Department Commander's and Chaplain's expectations that each District will nominate an individual worthy of its receipt. **Each District Commander is requested to complete the Nomination Form with a short narrative about the Chaplain's work. If you determine that there is no one in your District to nominate, please indicate that on the nomination form, sign it and return it to Department Headquarters.**

Chaplain's Award Nomination Form

District # _____
of Post # _____ (Name of Nominee)

Nominated for membership year 20_____

☐ I have no one to nominate.

Please select the preferred award:

☐ Chaplain's Cross
☐ Star of David

(District Commander) (Date)

This form **must** be signed by the District Commander and sent to The American Legion Department Headquarters in Bloomington, Illinois

Has the nominated individual been previously awarded the Chaplain's Award? Yes _____ No _____

***Will the nominated Chaplain attend the Convention Memorial Service?** Yes _____ No _____

If not, it is requested that a representative be appointed to receive the Chaplain's Award on the Chaplain's behalf. Please provide the name and position/Title of the representative to the Department Chaplain:

Name Title

Short Narrative indicating the nominated Chaplain's work (optional):

Reviewed: _____
Department Chaplain

Date: _____