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**TO:** National Executive Committee  
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**SUBJECT:** DAV Chaplains Guide

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Chaplains have played an important and historical role in supporting DAV's mission, members, disabled veterans, our families and survivors. With the support of National Chaplain Debra Varner Dancer, we have developed a guide to assist chaplains at every level and increase understanding of their responsibilities.

We hope [this guide](#), which is available on the [members resources section](#) of the website along with the many other valuable resources we offer, will dispel any confusion some may have about the "dos and don'ts" of serving in this capacity and lead to greater and appropriate utilization of those elected to serve.

A properly prepared chaplain can provide great comfort and enhance the camaraderie of DAV members. But it is important to note that chaplains are elected or appointed to meet veterans "where they are" based on their beliefs and not to proselytize or engage in any activity that could—even unintentionally—be detrimental to the good of the order.

Thank you all for your service and leadership with our great organization.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barry A. Jesinoski', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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