

THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

“THE FATHER JOHN E DUFFY POST AWARD”

THE OUTSTANDING POST CHAPLAIN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Special “Service to God and Country” certificate will be awarded to each Post Chaplain who has actively participated in the program during the year.

Posts entering this contest must turn this score sheet in to their DISTRICT COMMANDER at least ten (10) days prior to the DISTRICT CONVENTION. At the District Convention, the Commander will announce the three (3) top high scores in the District. He shall then transmit these forms to Department Headquarters, designating them as his District Winners: First, Second and Third.

FOUR ITEMS are necessary for the POST CHAPLAIN to know from cover to cover:

- a) “THE CHAPLAIN’S MANUAL”
- b) “SERVICE TO GOD AND COUNTRY” – Chaplain’s Handbook
- c) “AMERICANISM MANUAL”
- d) “Description of Chaplain Duties and Ceremonies in the current Officer’s Manual.

OTHER ITEMS needed are the following:

- e) Buy a NOTEBOOK BINDER that has a cover that you can insert the Post Stationery and a photo of the Post Chaplain on the front cover.
- f) Enter current year Post Report on Religious Activities on the first page of Notebook Binder before all other literature.

The POST CHAPLAIN can keep an account of all the following 25 items by using lined notebook paper. In the middle of May of each year, each number item of the report can be typed and the required photos; newspaper clippings; newsletters; copies of printed programs; copies of correspondence; reports of radio, television stations and newspapers giving community-wide coverage; and other required items may be attached to the final typewritten report and entered into the Official Notebook Binder. For each of the 25 items with a “YES” answer on the Religions Activities Report have a corresponding page/pages in your Notebook Binder. (For example: If #3 on the REPORT is YES, a corresponding page 3A, 3B, etc., is needed for the NOTEBOOK BINDER. The number correspondent with the 25 number items on the POST ACTIVITIES REPORTS.)

POINTS

1. **OPENING & CLOSING POST PRAYERS** said by Post Chaplain at Post meetings. List dates of attendance of meeting (one line per date).

25 POINTS

2. **SPECIAL TIME FOR CHAPLAIN AT POST MEETINGS** to say a few words other than opening and closing prayer. List dates and one or two sentences summarizing topic spoken before the Post members.

25 POINTS

3. **SERVICE TO GOD AND COUNTRY** program explained by Chaplain in Post Meetings as outlined in the Handbook. See page 6 in Handbook showing the Chaplain's calendar with various activities for each month. At monthly meeting the Chaplain can give a 2-4 minute talk on a topic for the current month.
50 POINTS
4. **CLERGYPERSON**, other than Post Chaplain, speaks at a Post meeting. List date, name of clergyperson and topic, plus photo.
25 POINTS EACH EVENT
5. **DEPARTMENT OR DISTRICT CHAPLAIN** speaks at Post meetings concerning "Service to God and Country" program. List date, name of the Chaplain, the topic and photo.
50 POINTS EACH SERVICE
6. **POST CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION** is given to the Post Chaplain for outstanding service. (This is to encourage each Post to award the Post Chaplain with such a certificate at the end of this term of office in appreciation of his/her service to the Post. List copy of certificate (#75225 – cost 75¢) in Notebook.
50 POINTS
7. **POST CHAPLAIN** explains to Post membership about the "Father John E. Duffy Post Award" and the "Outstanding Post Chaplain of the Year Award."
50 POINTS
8. **POST FOUR CHAPLAINS MEMORIAL SERVICES** in February. Give the date and photo of Memorial Services.
50 POINTS
9. **MEMORIAL DAY/VETERANS DAY POST SERVICES** at the Post Home or in the Community. List date, event and photo.
25 POINTS
10. **MEMORIAL BIBLE** given to families of deceased Post members. List name, relationship to Post member and date of death.
25 POINTS EACH
11. **POST FAMILY NIGHT WITH CHILDREN PRESENT**. List date, event and photo of event of each Family Night.
50 POINTS EACH
12. **POST CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION** to outstanding clergyperson in community. List copy of certificate in Notebook, name of the clergyperson, date and one or two sentences of outstanding event. (Example: Post Memorial Services, Talk at Post Functions, Funerals, etc.)
25 POINTS EACH EVENT
13. **POST MEMBERS** visit Post members, family and other veteran patients who are bedridden in VA and private hospitals, rest homes or at Ohio Veterans' Homes. NOTE: This does not mean just shaking hands and saying "hello." It means actual visitation with members' time consumed. Based off current suggestions by the Governor.
5 POINTS EACH VISIT

14. **LEGION POST, SAL SQUADRON, AUXILIARY UNIT AND LEGION RIDERS** having a joint RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS PROGRAM for a wake service, Four Chaplains Services, etc.
50 POINTS
15. **AWARD, CITATION or “FOR GOD & COUNTRY”** plaque/certificate to youth (group or individual) in community, who achieved some honor or distinction. List name, date and reason for presentation. Photo of presentation.
50 POINTS
16. **POST EVERLASTING CITATION** (#75228 – cost 75¢) given to the next of kin for deceased Post members. List date of death and Post member’s name for Notebook.
10 POINTS EACH
17. **POST/COUNTY BURIAL CORPS** at graveside services for deceased Post member. List date of burial, name of Post member, cemetery.
10 POINT EACH
18. **ATTEND POST WAKE/FUNERAL SERVICES** of deceased Post members at funeral home, Church, cemetery or home of Post members. List date of death and deceased Post member’s name.
10 POINTS EACH
19. **AN AMERICAN FLAG** is presented to the bereaved spouse, family member, or next of kin of a Post member. List date of death and deceased Post member’s name. (The Funeral Director gets the free flag from the Post Office.)
10 POINTS EACH
20. **LEGION HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL CONTEST.** List candidate’s name, his/her high school, date of contest, place, county, district, and his/her photo.
10 POINTS
21. **BUCKEYE BOYS STATE.** Give student’s name, his high school, city and state, including his photo.
25 POINTS

BONUS POINTS

1. **CHURCH SERVICE** attended by Post members as a body. Example: Memorial service at a Church for annual Post members or Memorial Day services. List date, Church and event, plus photo. Give a 2-3 sentence summary of the event.
25 POINTS EACH EVENT
2. **POST RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS COMMITTEE** appointed by the Post. The Committee helps the Post Chaplain in the various youth activities as found in the AMERICANISM MANUAL. List names and photo of committee members.
50 POINTS

3. **POST MEMBER** serving on the DEPARTMENT or DISTRICT RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS COMMITTEE. List the Post member's name and photo.

25 POINTS

4. **"GO TO CHURCH" PERMANENT SIGN** on outside/inside of Post Home.

50 POINTS

TOTAL POINTS _____

ATTEST: _____
Signature of Post Adjutant

SIGNED: _____
Signature of Post Commander

DATE _____ POST NO. _____ DISTRICT NO. _____

Name of Post Chaplain _____

DATE _____ SIGNED: _____
District Commander

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