TO: **POST ADJUTANTS**

FROM: **REV. DENNIS W. MADTES, DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN**

DATE: **MARCH, 2026**

SUBJECT: **FOUR CHAPLAINS LEGION OF HONOR AWARD PROGRAM**

https://fourchaplains.org/programs/

Recognizing Ordinary People Who Do Extraordinary Things: The Legion of Honor Award programs publicly recognizes and honors outstanding members of society whose lives model the giving spirit and unconditional service to community, nation, and humanity without regard to race, religion, or creed exemplified by the Four Chaplains. To be considered for this award, the selfless achievement must be above and beyond that of a professional resume or organizational position.

Here are some important nominating guidelines:

- **A nomination should consist of a concise statement which clearly spells out the nominee's acts of selfless service on which their candidacy for membership in The Chapel's Legion of Honor is based.**
- **Please be specific. If it is related to selfless service, a candidate's life history, business / career resume or military resume may be added for background information but does not represent the nominating statement.**
- **Many people lead commendable personal and professional lives and have parented great families. However, by itself this does not constitute selfless service. In your nominating statement, please focus on those exceptional acts of selfless service that qualify your nominee for a Chapel Legion of Honor award.**

We will continue the tradition established at the 1980 Department Convention. We will again seek with your cooperation this year to present the Chapel of Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Certificates to the two (2) Post Chaplains considered to best represent the spirit of the Four Chaplains by virtue of their service to all people regardless of race or faith.

The Legion of Honor of the Chapel of Four Chaplains is bestowed in a public ceremony and recognized with a certificate. Please be as specific as possible, and include the nominee's full name, Post affiliation, address, and personal phone number.

ACTION: **Nominations for this prestigious award should be accompanied by a short, to-the-point, resume supporting the nomination and the nomination form. Both must be received at department headquarters no later than April 15, 2026.**

NOTE: **Previous years' awardees are not eligible for nomination for the award but previous nominations are eligible for another consideration.**