

 **American Legion Auxiliary – Department of Arizona**

Chaplain's Message – March 2026

March invites us into a season of renewal. As the desert begins to warm and the days grow longer, we're reminded that growth often begins quietly – sometimes in the places no one sees. Our service to veteran's, their families, and our community is much the same. Small acts of kindness, steady compassion, and faithful presence create the foundation for healing and hope. It's the quiet moment of prayer for our military and their families facing another deployment/war. These small acts, done with great heart, are the very soul of who we are. Please remember our troops during this very stressful time of the unknown.

This month, let us recommit ourselves to being sources of encouragement. Whether through prayer, a phone call, a handwritten note, or a simple moment of listening, each of us has the power to lift a spirit and lighten a burden.

Reflection for the month:

“Where flowers bloom, so does hope.” – Lady Bird Johnson

Hope is not passive. It grows when we nurture it – through gratitude, service and connection. As Auxiliary members, we are called to be the gardeners of hope in the lives of veterans and their families in the time of need. Let us plant generously. Our veterans and their families continue to carry burdens that many never see. Let us continue to embody the values of service, unity and devotion that define the American Legion Auxiliary.

As spring events and service projects begin, let's keep spiritual care at the heart of our work. Remember that chaplaincy is not only about prayer – it's about presence, encouragement and compassion in action.

Wishing you a month filled with purpose, kindness, and the quiet strength that comes from serving others.

In service and faith,

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