

**American Legion Auxiliary – Department of Arizona
Chaplain's Bulletin – July 2026**

To all our outgoing 2025-2026 Department, District and Unit Chaplains. You have served our members with dignity and honor, answered with grace whenever called upon, and continue to be a beacon of hope for our members. We want to extend a big THANK YOU to each and every one of you.

To all the incoming 2026-2027 Department, District and Unit Chaplains we want to extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you. You will continue to carry the torch passed on by our outgoing Chaplains. Thank you for answering the call.

Our nation's 250th Birthday on July 4, 2026 was celebrated across the United States and around the world.

Our founding fathers penned the Declaration of Independence with this iconic section:

“We hold the truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

When we think of happiness or some refer to it as joy it is often not the same for every person.. Focusing on moments and memories that bring us happiness and joy, encourages us to navigate life with a positive and meaningful outlook.

A few examples:

- A beautiful sunset
- A walk or picnic in the park
- A warm smile
- Spending time with loved ones
- Family vacation
- Reflection and/or quiet time
- Enjoying time with friends
- Serving others

Until we meet again please think of and practice ways that you can create happiness and joy for others.

In service and faith,

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