

 **American Legion Auxiliary – Department of Arizona**

Chaplain's Message – June 2026 “Convention”

June is a month of Transition and Leadership renewal. Our State Convention takes place this month Jun 25th – 28th with new officers elected and installed. The June message emphasizes **gratitude, welcome** and **spiritual grounding** for all who serve in our organization.

June invites us into a season of *renewal, reflection* and *steady hope*. As the heat rises across Arizona, so does our awareness of how much we depend on one another for **strength, encouragement** and **compassion**. This month we encourage chaplains to continue offering compassionate care during a busy season of organizational changes. Change can feel both exciting and uncertain, but it also reminds us that we never walk alone. Each of us carries a light that helps guide others –sometimes through celebration, sometimes through challenge.

Chaplains are reminded that their presence brings *comfort, hope* and *strength* in both ways seen and unseen.

Honoring outgoing Chaplains – We appreciate your faithful ministry and spiritual care. We are deeply grateful for your dedication and spiritual leadership.

Welcoming New Chaplains – we are excited as you step into a vital care giving role for the first time. May you feel supported, equipped and uplifted.

Let June be a reminder to slow down, breathe deeply, and notice the blessings that surround us- sunrise over the desert, the kindness of a friend, the strength found in community, and the peace that comes from knowing we are held by something greater than ourselves.

Let us continue to serve with compassion, courage and steady hearts. May our words be gentle, our hearts be steady, and our actions reflect the compassion we wish to see in the world and our organization.

Thank you for your continued ministry across Arizona's VA hospitals, clinics, bases, congregations, communities, and Legion Posts.

I hope to see you all at this year's Annual Convention

In service and faith,

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