



National Chaplain Event

May 19-21, 2023

**Honoring
VFW National Chaplain
2022-2023**

For fifty years the members of VFW Post 1865, and the citizens of Kenosha, Wisconsin, honored the VFW National Chaplain and other VFW Chaplains for the service they provided. This was a special event not duplicated anywhere else in the world.

Unfortunately, a few years ago, the tradition stopped when Post leadership changed. Past National Chaplain, Ted Bowers, presented the idea of bringing this event to Pennsylvania to his home Post (Richard J. Gross VFW Post 8896) in East Berlin, PA. The East Berlin Post decided to take on the responsibility of honoring the VFW National Chaplain and the work of Chaplains. They held their first event in 2017 when Rev. Peter R. Hook from Department of PA served as National Chaplain. The second "National Chaplain Event" took place May 18-20, 2018, and VFW National Chaplain, Rev. James Gray from Department of GA was honored. VFW National Chaplain, Charlene Cobb, from Wisconsin was honored May 17-19, 2019. In May 2020-2022 the events honoring Rev. Jim Jenkins from Kansas, Father Joseph Gallick from Massachusetts, and Harold Sayles from Virginia had to be cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic. Next year, May 19-21, 2023, we look forward to honoring Debb Halter from Missouri.

Check-in is Friday evening, May 19, 2023, and we will be having dinner together at a local restaurant at 6:30 pm. On Saturday, Armed Forces Day, a special guided tour of the Gettysburg battlefield by Chaplain John Wega has been planned. Chaplain Wega is an expert, not only in Civil War history, but in the role Chaplains and faith played in the Civil War. Then, on Saturday evening there will be a dinner and program honoring our special guest, our VFW National Chaplain.

This event is open to Chaplains, spouses, and anyone else who would like to attend. Contact Department of PA State Chaplain Rev. Peter R. Hook. (Cell: 267-229-7722 or Email: PeterHook@verizon.net)