

## **Department of Washington Chaplain**

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Hello all, I am Tracie Tomsen, the 2023-2024 Department Chaplain, and I am thankful to have been nominated for this position.

As many of you are aware, the Chaplain position comes with many commitments to our members and their families.

This is a gentle reminder for you to follow-up with your members and check in on them and their families. Send out the get well cards, sympathy cards, thinking of you and any other card you can thank of. How about Thank You cards!

Mostly, check up on your members, call them, or just a kind visit to to show we care about them. With permission of the person in mind, share and allow others to join in on caring for your members. Remember, it is better to be the leader of the pack than the lone wolf.

I am asking that you please keep in contact with me or other Department line officers and let us know if someone has fallen ill, is going through hard times, or has passed on.

Part of your responsibility is the Gold Star Families. September is Gold Star Family month. What a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge your Gold Star members by putting on a celebration for them. Make it an honor dinner or luncheon, a parade? Please keep in contact all year around.

What ideas to you have to share?

Another reminder is to please review your podium book for the Chaplains responsibilities during meetings, the opening and closing prayers and instructions of the Draping of the Charter.

Look forward to meeting you at the School of Instruction!

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