

Minutes Religious Emphasis Committee
Department of Illinois, Bloomington, IL
Oct 3, 2020

- † 13:00 Hrs. Dept Chaplain Ralph opened the meeting with a salute to the Colors.
- † Assist. Dept Chaplain Virgil gave opening prayer and Chaplain Ralph led in the Pledge to the Flag.
- † Members Present:
 - Dept Chaplain Ralph Rounds
 - Assist Dept Chaplain Virgil Oikion & 2nd Div.
 - Chaplain Richard Wray, 4th Div.
 - Chaplain Floyd Henderson, 3rd Div.
- ✓ Absent:
 - Danny Eison, 1st Div.
 - Carole Sandusky, 5th Div.
- † There was a brief discussion on how things were going in the areas of each one. Some of the posts have tried to resume some form of normal operation while others are still working toward getting things underway.
- † The committee updated the District Chaplain award application.
- † During the meeting Dept Cmdr Weber and Dept Sr. Vice Fischer. They discussed one of the new ideas of going back and checking with members in the last two years and getting them back on active status with the Legion. There will be list those members and a letter describing the program to post commanders and adjutants. Cmdr Weber also mentioned his new program and that is an Illinois Disaster Relief Program. This is a program that can help current members if a disaster should strike. The committee members asked Cmdr Weber and Sr. Vice Fisher if they could pass the word on the Chaplain's Award and how important it is. The numbers in nominees is dropping.
- † Back on 26 Sep Chaplain Virgil attended the National Chaplains conference which was held via the internet. The main topic was insuring that posts observe the following days: The 4 Chaplains in February, POW/MIA Day, Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, Purple Heart Day, Pearl Harbor Day & "Parade of Heroes".
- † There being no further business the meeting was closed at 14:00 Hrs. in full ceremony with a prayer by Chaplain Ralph and a salute to the Colors.

Ralph W. Rounds II, Dept Chaplain
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