

Letter of Intent – National Chaplain

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To the Sisters of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,

Greetings! My name is Kim Villalva, and I am currently serving as your National Patriotic Instructor. Please consider this letter as my letter of intent for the position of National Chaplain for the 2024-2025 term. I would be honored if you would consider me for the National Chaplain position.

My personal goal is and has always been one of service for our beloved Auxiliary and helping to support the Auxiliary however I can.

Currently, in addition to serving as the National Patriotic Instructor, I am also the President for the Department of Ohio. I have served also as the president of Sister Anthony O'Connell Auxiliary, National Patriotic Instructor, National Chaplain, and National Chief of Staff. At the Department level, I have served as Department President, Department Vice President, Department Patriotic Instructor and Department Chief of Staff.

I have worked hard at both Department and National Encampments, setting up and managing sales and raffle tables for fundraising positions, and planning and facilitating various parts of our ceremonies, like Memorial Service, Joint Opening and Banquet.

The position of National Chaplain is one that is important to the overall health and well-being of our organization. Whether it be asking for prayer requests for sisters, sharing inspirational and faith-filled scripture, quotes, and stories, or helping to plan and lead our Memorial Service at National Encampment, the position of National Chaplain enables a designated sister to work to help care for sisters' spiritual and emotional needs and promoting a loving connection with other sisters.

I am a strong believer in and teacher of communication skills, and I believe that the National Chaplain can help connect sisters through various means of communication such as prayer, faith, and inspiration, including through our Facebook Chaplain's page. In all my work as a volunteer through the years, I've always aimed to help build and strengthen relationships because I believe we are stronger together than we are apart. Sometimes, all it takes is a listening ear, a compassionate heart, and an empathetic voice to let someone know they are not alone in times of trouble. And how vital for the health of our Auxiliary to let each other know that none of us are alone in this world, or in our Auxiliaries or Departments as we navigate various challenges.

I have several years of experience in faith and inspirational environments. I have co-planned and directed our church's VBS program for the past two years and led the craft program and story program for multiple years before that. A devotional writer, I launched a new devotional book for our church, trained writers and organized the plan to develop and then publish the book for a congregation of 1000. I have also directed and facilitated various programs at our church involving youth retreat weekends and youth confirmation training as well.

In addition to my work with the Auxiliary and church, I am also active in my community. Through my various volunteer projects, I support the Dayton Woman's Club, our school's choral program, the Lincoln Society of Dayton, the American Czech-Slovak Club, American Veterans Heritage Center, National Society Daughters of the Civil War, and Children's Historical Publishing. Frequently my volunteer work centers on managing and facilitating events and programs or educating and speaking on historical and inspirational topics.

I am an author and a speaker with a special focus on the Servant Leadership of Abraham Lincoln. Servant leaders remind us to set aside ego and to focus on what it is that people need and how we can best help them. I strive to be a servant leader through whatever work I am doing, and I would be honored to serve you as your National Chaplain for the upcoming term.

Thank you for your consideration.

In Fraternity, Charity, & Loyalty,

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