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DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH DAKOTA UNIT PRAYER BOOKS
GUIDELINES TO FOLLOW FOR UNIT PRAYER BOOKS

COVER AND PAPER SIZE: SUGGESTED: Any 3-ring binder and paper. The cover and paper size will not be a factor when the book is judged.

REQUIRED: Auxiliary emblem MUST appear on the cover

CONTENTS:

Books will be judged on content and the manner in which it is put together. Typed or printed material is preferred. Each page may or may not be illustrated. Illustrations and original drawings are recommended, as these will strengthen the prayer.

FIRST PAGE OF THE BOOK:

1. Must show the American Legion Auxiliary emblem
2. Dedication: "to" and/or "in memory of"
3. Name, address, and size of Unit
4. Name of Unit Chaplain preparing the book
5. Name of Unit President
6. Name of Department President
7. Date (current year such as 2015-2016)

LAST PAGE OF BOOK:

1. List Unit name and number
2. List names of unit members participating in the Book of Prayers

EACH BOOK MAY CONTAIN TWO SECTIONS:

1. Title—PRAYERS
 - a. Prayers that are original or are your favorites
 - b. Original prayers must be signed by the author
 - c. Favorite prayers must show the name of the author, if known and the name of the person submitting it.
2. Title—DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS OR POEMS
 - a. Verses, poems, quotations—must include the name of author, if know; name of person submitting, and reason for selection.
 - b. Favorite scripture—must include source (Book of Bible, chapter, verse) and name of person submitting and reason for selection.
 - c. Length of each entry—try not to exceed one page.

BOOK OF PRAYERS AND DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS WILL BE JUDGED ON:

- 1) CONTENT AND ORIGINALITY
- 2) ARRANGEMENT
- 3) PRAYER SELECTION
- 4) DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT SECTION

These are suggested guidelines to follow: Personal input from your members will be beneficial to the overall judging. Prayers that have a special meaning to you, prayers that have been answered by God, prayers that guide us in our everyday living. Each prayer is a message of faith in God. May the prayers, poems, and reflections in your Prayer Books remind you of what it truly means to be an American. May you and your members find comfort, strength, courage, inspiration, and wisdom in the pages you put together. May each work fill you with hope and gratitude for our veterans and for the future of our children.

Unit Prayer Books are due no later than May 1 of the current administrative year to the Department Chaplain. They will be judged and the awards will be presented at Department Convention.