

Frank Correa

Dept of California Chaplain



Why I'm Running

I feel my military, healthcare, ministry, and academic background have prepared me well for this work. In each of these career fields, training and equipping others to accomplish their mission was always vitally important. I plan to continue focusing on these two vital components for success in our VFW chaplaincy.

My Message

"Communicate and Educate"

My focus has been on communicating and training our chaplains both at the department level and nationwide. Upon first being elected a district chaplain I found communication, training, and mentorship among chaplains was very inconsistent. I found that many of my chaplain colleagues felt the same way. I set out to help change that and the appreciation and support I got from my chaplain colleagues encouraged me to continue and expand on this. It has been a great privilege to get in on the ground floor and be a part of what is now a monthly national training program for all chaplains throughout the VFW. Your support enables me to support you!

Experience & Qualifications

University Chief academic officer
Professor of theology, Chaplaincy, Counseling
Highest degree earned: Doctorate
Pastorate 20 years; ordained
Hospital chaplain
Critical Incident Stress Debriefing team LAFD

Co-leader/teacher First Responder/ Veterans support group

VFW Chaplaincy Work

National Chaplains Training Committee

Teaching chaplain workshops and national and department conventions

Developed and implemented chaplain mentorship program

Hosted Chaplain Leadership meetings between VFW and Other Veteran's organizations

Provide new content and revisions to chaplain handbooks, training videos, and materials

Contributing content to *California Veteran* magazine, department "chaplain's Corner", CA Chaplain Facebook page.

Military Awards

Meritorious Service Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters

Aerial Achievement Medal

Air Force Commendation with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters

Air Force Achievement Medal: 2 Oak Leaf Clusters

Joint Meritorious Unit Award with 1 device, frame

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with 2 devices

Combat Readiness medal with 6 Oak Leaf Clusters

National Defense Medal with Bronze Service Star

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Southwest Asia Service Medal with 1 device

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

Air Force Expeditionary Service Medal

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 3 devices

Kuwait Liberation Medal

Endorsements

It is with great confidence and respect that I endorse Frank Correa for VFWCA Department Chaplain.

Frank has consistently proven an unwavering commitment to the spiritual and emotional well-being of his fellow comrades. He is attentive to the needs of all members, making himself approachable and creating a safe space where individuals feel comfortable, supported, and truly heard.

As a dedicated leader, Frank has taken significant steps to strengthen our Chaplain Corps. He conducts regular training for Post and District Chaplains, ensuring they are well-equipped to serve. He has also expanded the reach of suicide prevention training, providing critical resources that save lives and offer hope to those who may be struggling.

Frank's devotion is also clear in the way he organizes and presides over memorial services, honoring the legacy of our fallen with dignity and reverence. Beyond ceremonies, he is always willing to listen, counsel, and walk alongside comrades through both trials and triumphs.

Frank Correa embodies the compassion, dedication, and leadership our organization deserves at the national level. I am proud to stand behind his candidacy for Department Chaplain and urge my fellow comrades to lend him their full support.

Dawn "Dusty" Napier, NCM-CA, PSC CA

Dr. Frank Correa exemplifies wise, compassionate, and faith-centered leadership. In his service as Chaplain for the VFW Department of California and as Western Conference Chaplain, he has consistently demonstrated integrity, sound judgment, and an unwavering commitment to veterans and their families.

I am honored to offer my wholehearted endorsement of Dr. Correa for VFW Department of California State Chaplain. His dependability, discernment, and deep understanding of the Chaplain's role continue to strengthen our mission and enrich our organization.

Rev. Peter Hook, Past National Chaplain

Endorsed by

Darren Atkins: National Chaplain

Peter Hook: Past National Chaplain

Deborah Halter: Past National Chaplain

Dave Kuta: Dept of CA Commander

Paula Jansen: Dept of CA Sr Vice Commander

John Hernandez: Dept of CA Jr Vice Commander

Dawn Napier: Dept of CA National Council, Past Dept Commander CA

Mark Steinberg: Dept of CA surgeon

John Pelior: CA District 3 Commander

Current Positions Held

Western Conference Chaplain

VFW Dept of CA Chaplain

VFW District 3 Chaplain

Post Chaplain VFW Post 4089

Military Service

USAF LtCol Retired

VFW Eligibility

OPERATION RESTORE HOPE: Somalia

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM: Iraq