



## Veterans of Foreign Wars

West Orange County Post 9557

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From: Alan E. Marcum, Commander, VFW Post 9957

Subject: Nomination of Richard 2021 VFW National Chaplain of the Year

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Richard A. Sundell as a candidate for the VFW National Chaplain of the Year Award. Richard's dedication is not limited to his role as Chaplain. He also serves as our Hospital, VOD/PP, Americanism, Youth and Scouting, and Teacher of the Year Chairman. Without Richard's participation, our Post's ability to support veterans would be greatly diminished.

Richard exemplifies the dedication and level of engagement we should all strive to achieve.

As our Hospital Chairman, Richard coordinates our monthly bingo nights and visits to the four spinal cord injury wards. Being that 2020 was such a challenging year, it impacted our ability to provide in person events at the VA Medical Center, Long Beach.

Richard's hat size: 7 5/8

Richard's Phone #: [REDACTED]

Respectfully submitted,

Alan E. Marcum

cc: Adjutant File

Richard A Sundell

Member #: 10132784

Life Member

Accomplishments:

Post 9957 Chaplain (2019-2020)

- Conducted prayers at all meetings
- Hospital Chairman
  - Post contact with the VA Medical Center, Long Beach
    - Organizes monthly Bingo night and visits to the 4 Spinal Cord Wards to provide entertainment and fellowship to the patients and residents.
- Organized annual Memorial Day and Veterans Day events with the City of Fountain Valley, CA. for 6 years
  - Primary contact with city personnel
  - Schedules the keynote speaker
  - Invites dignitaries from the local, county, state, and federal levels
  - Often serves as either the event emcee or chaplain
- Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen Chairman for 6 years
  - Interfaces with local schools to insure participation
  - Picks up submissions and organizes Post judging
  - Insures Post winners essays are delivered to District 2
- Youth and Scouting Chairman for 7 years
- Americanism Chairman for 6 years
- Teacher of the Year Chairman for 6 years
- Supports Buddy Poppy distribution by spending many hours over multiple days
- Often attends VFW District, Department, and National Conventions
- Supports veterans through the VFW, DAV, and The American Legion
- Member of the American Legion Post 291 Honor Guard



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DISTRICT ENDORSEMENT on West Orange County Post 9957 Chaplain Richard Sundale

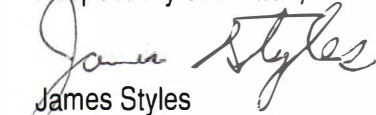
From: Commander, VFW, California District Two

Subj: **2020 VFW National Chaplain of the Year**

Ref (a) National Chaplain's Report Page – National Chaplain of the Year  
<http://vfwchaplain.puptent1.org/national-chaplain-of-the-year-award>

1. Forwarded, Recommending Approval.
2. The attached package was forwarded to me for my review. It appears to be in full compliance with the above referenced instructions for the nomination for VFW Chaplain of the Year Award.
3. It is with great pleasure that I can forward this package on Chaplain Richard Sundale for continued review and consideration for processing to VFW National Headquarters. The Chaplain addressed in this package exemplifies the quality of officer we wish all Chaplains were and should strive to be.

Respectfully submitted,

  
James Styles

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