



GUIDE FOR COSSAR CHAPLAIN

COSSAR Bylaws, Article IV, Section 1B(7): The chaplain shall give the invocation and the benediction at all society meetings and other appropriate occasions. He shall send appropriate get-well or condolence cards to members or their family and, if requested, give spiritual aid to families. He is responsible for the arrangements to conduct brief SAR funeral or memorial services. He is the point of contact for information on SAR markers for gravestones and crypts. He shall perform such other religious functions under authority of the Board of Managers.

1. Prayers may be originated by the Chaplain or from the “SAR Prayer Book” which can be purchased from the NSSAR merchandise department.
2. He shall be in contact with the chapter officers and members to receive notice from them as to any illness or death of a compatriot and send the appropriate card. He should also ascertain if the notification of the death has been reported to NSSAR by the chapter.
3. If notice of a death is received prior to the funeral, contact the family and determine if they are interested in a brief SAR funeral or memorial service and make the necessary arrangements if they so desire. The funeral and memorial service formats can be found in the SAR Handbook.
4. Inform the family that there are markers available for SAR members to be placed on the grave stone or in the ground at the grave. These markers may be purchased from the NSSAR merchandise department. The family normally pays for these but some chapters choose to buy them.
5. For at-large members, the chaplain shall contact the immediate family explaining SAR’s policy to give a library book in memory of the deceased. The family may designate a book type and/or repository.