



# **National Chaplain Event**

**May 18-20, 2018**

**Honoring**

**Rev. James Gray**

**VFW National Chaplain**

**2017-2018**

For fifty years the members of VFW Post 1865, and the citizens of Kenosha, Wisconsin, honored the VFW National Chaplain and other VFW Chaplains for the service they provided. This was a special event not duplicated anywhere else in the world.

Unfortunately, a few years ago, the tradition stopped when Post leadership changed. Past National Chaplain, Ted Bowers, presented the idea of bringing this event to Pennsylvania to his home Post (Richard J. Gross VFW Post 8896) in East Berlin, PA. The East Berlin Post decided to take on the responsibility of honoring the VFW National Chaplain and the work of Chaplains. They held their first event last year when Rev. Peter R. Hook from Department of PA served as National Chaplain. This year the "National Chaplain Event" will take place May 18-20, 2018.

We would love to have many of our Post and District Chaplains, and their spouses, join us this weekend. If you need a place to stay, the Bechtel Victorian Mansion in East Berlin, PA is our event B & B. They can be contacted at [bechtelvictorianmansion.com](http://bechtelvictorianmansion.com).

Check in is Friday evening, and we will be having dinner together at 6:30 pm. On Saturday, Armed Forces Day, a special guided tour of the Gettysburg battlefield by Chaplain John Wega has been planned. Chaplain Wega, is an expert, not only in Civil War history, but in the role Chaplains and faith played in the Civil War. Then, on Saturday evening there will be a dinner and program honoring our special guest, Rev. James W. Gray, our VFW National Chaplain.

This event is open to Chaplains and anyone else who would like to attend. Contact State Chaplain Rev. Peter R. Hook. (Cell: 267-229-7722 or Email: [PeterHook@verizon.net](mailto:PeterHook@verizon.net))