

# Five Ways for Your Church to Honor Veterans

- 1. Thank Them for Their Service** – Invite members of your congregation to thank them for their service or write "Thank You" notes to veterans during the week of Veteran's Day.
- 2. Encourage Members to Sit Down with a Veteran and Ask Them to Share a Story** - Encourage your members to listen to these awesome stories of veterans, stories they will most likely find informative and inspiring.
- 3. Offer a Brief Recognition Through a Prayer** - Offer a brief, genuine, specific moment through a prayer of recognition from the pulpit prior to worship, perhaps stating, *"Today as we prepare to worship, we express our gratitude to all those in our congregation who have served in our nation's military. Your service enables us to enjoy many freedoms, especially the freedom to gather and worship here today."*
- 4. Plan a Communion and Prayer Service** - Try to plan a Communion and Prayer Service maybe at the evening weekend service where the church prays for all of the active-duty military personnel and the veterans who have already served. Invite families to call the name(s) of their family members who are actively serving or who have served and then light a candle in their honor.
- 5. Have Church Members Visit a Veterans Facility** - Invite some members to go as a church to visit veterans at a Veterans facility or at their home(s). Many of these veterans do not have family who come to visit them. They can sit with them and let them tell their stories of when they served our great country.