

1st District

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"May your Journey always Lead you Home"

September 2024

Dear 1st District

National Convention went amazing. Our New National President is Trish Ward from Kansas. Her project is to invest back into our organization and LEAD THE WAY by continuing to work our already important missions of Be The One, honoring caregivers, and the Creative Arts Festival.

"Ward is visiting ALA departments (states) during her term as national president to share a content enablement experience to help departments help their units succeed. Leveraging her deep business acumen as a senior lead project manager and corporate trainer, Ward looks to bring her skills to empower departments to build organizational excellence. During the visits, she will focus on how to build leadership capacity and share knowledge on how to stop the trend of units surrendering their charters." (excerpt from National Website)

Our District still need some more members to step up for leadership roles. Do you have passion for Americanism, Community Service, Education, Jr activities, Leadership, or Legislative? If so please step up and help fill the seat. You can check our Department website under programs to learn about each of them and see if this is something you would like to try. I would like to have the committee chair speak at a conference to help educate our district on what they found out about the program and how we can work it. I would also like to remind everyone you do not have to be or have been any officer to fill this role. I look forward to hearing from members.

I will not be having county reports at the Fall Conference. Instead I would like to save these reports for the Spring conference, as many units do not host events throughout the summer.

Upcoming events

1st District Fall Conference- Saturday Oct. 5th.

See attached registration form. If you still need to register reach out to Mary on the registration form or me so I can get the names to her while it's in the mail. We still need a better attendance.



What to expect at Fall Conference:

- We will have great information about the different programs and ideas on how to work it.
- A special speaker for our upcoming District Project
- **A sneak peek to the poppy program by chair Sam**

DISTRICT POPPY CENTERPIECE CONTEST/DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCE

All Units within the First District are encouraged to participate in this contest. Prizes are awarded to 1 st , 2 nd, and 3 rd place winners. Units to submit entries on the day of conference prior to opening ceremony.

The unit will work together to design a table centerpiece using poppies as the main feature. One entry per Unit. Present entry at the door to Poppy Chair with your Unit number on the bottom of the entry (not visible for impartial judging). Remember: this is a table centerpiece!

Each entry will be placed on a table with a red cup next to said entry. Voting will be by the membership placing a monetary value of 25 cents per vote into the red cup. * Example: if four members agree to vote for an entry, at 4 votes being 25 cents per vote, would equal \$1.00 in the cup. At lunch break, the votes will be tallied and winners announced when the conference resumes. This provides both the Units with a small amount of revenue and kick starts your poppy days. Units are encouraged to use the beautiful centerpieces as part of their poppy distribution display.

We will also be having another End of the Year workshop in February. This year I would like everyone to bring the items needed to work on your reports at the workshop together. This can save you a lot of hassle later on. I will go over the reports first with time to work on them after with help from others.

Kindest Regards,

Crystal Shaw

District President

**THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
FIRST DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024



American Legion Post #196

333 N Lapham Peak Rd

Delafield, WI 53018

Registration: 8:00am – 8:45am

Breakfast includes yogurt, pastries, fruit, coffee, juice

Meeting: 9:00am – 2:00pm

Lunch includes assorted sandwiches/wraps, vegetable platter, salad, dessert and beverages

Reservation Deadline September 7, 2024

Unit # _____ Location _____ County _____

(Delegate Names: (Please note if Delegate, Alternate, Delegate-at-Large or Guest)

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Total # Registered _____ X \$15.00 = \$ _____ (includes \$2.00 per person registration)

Make checks payable to **ALA Unit 196** and return form/payment to:

Mary Steinmueller, N53W33622 Terrace Drive, Nashotah, WI 53058

President Crystal’s Theme: “May your Journey always lead you Home”

Please dress business casual