



# **FIRST DISTRICT NEWSLETTER**

## **AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**

### **MAY 2022 - Newsletter**

#### **“A Beacon of Light for Veterans”**

**Lylette Smith, 1<sup>st</sup> District President**

**Thank you** to The American Legion Mukwonago Community Post 375 for allowing us to have the 1<sup>st</sup> District Auxiliary Spring Conference at your facility. A huge thank you to Victoria Luebke & Unit 375 for hosting our Auxiliary Conference and for all your hard work for organizing everything! Everything turned out amazing. Thank you to everyone who made the food for breakfast & lunch, it was delicious! Also, thank you to Tom Brady, Commander of Post 375 for all your help, for greeting us & welcoming us to your post. It was a successful conference. We had 16 units & close to 50 people attended the Auxiliary Spring Conference. Thank you to our special guests Diane Weggen, Karl Stuvengen (who arrived at the end, due to meetings he had in Portage), Tom Brady, David Fuller, Chris Sherman, Carl Lange & Bruce Murray. Thank you to Pat Smith, Laura Calteux, Sue Hembrook, Diana Sirovina & all our members who attended the 1<sup>st</sup> District Auxiliary Spring Conference.

**Congratulations** to our new 1<sup>st</sup> District Executive Officers for 2022-2024 who were elected at our Spring Conference. Elected Executive Officers are Zondra Morris – President, Crystal Shaw – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Mary Kohler – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Victoria Luebke – Historian and Mary Ellen Crandal – Chaplain.

**Thank you** to Sam Catura for the “**Kindness Tree**”. At the Fall Conference it was the Kindness Tree and at the Spring Conference it became the “**New Member Tree**”! Thank you Sam for all the work you put into this project!

**Mary Kohler’s special project** for the First District Auxiliary was the “**Alf Dog Project**” Thank you to everyone for all your donations. \$2,230.00 was donated to the Sons of the American Legion. Congratulations Mary Kohler and all members in the First District for a **job well done!**

**We elected** two people to be **Alternates to the National Convention** at the district level. They are Crystal Shaw and Pamela Massman. Congratulations ladies.

**This is my final address** to you as your 1<sup>st</sup> District President. I have thoroughly enjoyed being your 1<sup>st</sup> District President. Thank you for all your help and for your confidence in me. Especially, thank you for all your friendships. It is something I will always hold very dear to my heart. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to each and everyone of you! Each of you played a very important role in continuing to make the First District Auxiliary one of the most powerful Veteran Service Organizations in America!

## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- June 3-4, 2022** Orientation for Incoming Department Officers & District Presidents
- June 11, 2022** Department President Diane Weggen's Testimonial  
Holy Family Hall  
136 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Stanley, WI 54768  
5:30pm Cocktails, 6:30pm Dinner/Program
- June 19-24, 2022** ALA Badger Girls State-UW Oshkosh, Oshkosh, WI  
(Promoted as a government & leadership conference)
- July 14-17, 2022** Department Convention  
KI Convention Center/Hyatt Regency Green Bay  
333 Main Street, Green Bay, WI 54301
- July 14-16, 2022** Convention Fundraiser-Dept Basket Raffle-value \$30.00  
Raising funds to further the efforts of our ALA and Diane Weggen's special project:  
"The Chippewa Veterans Home Courtyard"
- Aug 26-Sep 1, 2022** Legion Family National Convention  
Milwaukee, WI  
Department Website will have more information
- Dec 17, 2022** National Wreaths Across America Day. Sponsor a wreath and/or volunteer to help place wreaths on this day at Union Grove. All wreaths will be placed after the 11am Ceremony. All wreath sponsorship donations are due to Mary-Ellen by November 1, 2022. Please contact **Fundraising Coordinator, Mary Ellen Crandall at [dabs1951@yahoo.com](mailto:dabs1951@yahoo.com) or 261s2-894-5420** for more information.

**Reminder**, our **Dept. President is Diane Weggen** and her theme for this year is "Salute, Serve, Celebrate Veterans, Military, their Families and our Communities"! Per Diane, "If we Salute and Serve, we will have much to Celebrate"! Her special project is Chippewa Veterans Home Courtyard

**All forms**, 1<sup>st</sup> District Newsletters, Dept. Newsletters and many other interesting items are now located on the Dept. website. The website is: [www.amlegionauxwi.org](http://www.amlegionauxwi.org).

**Thank you** to everyone for all you do for the District, your County, your Unit and the Veterans! You are connected to the most powerful veteran service organization in America! Each one of you are the true strength of our organization. We exist to support veterans, their families and our community. Per Diane Weggen, in the words of a 112 year old WWII Veteran, Laurence Brooks, his outlook for a good life is to "Serve God, be nice to People"!