

# 1st District

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## *“May your Journey always Lead you Home”*

November 2024

### A note from your District President

Happy Fall! This year is moving very quickly. Our First District Leadership has been very busy working together and helping units and fellow members. I love the communication between the team so far and look forward to it growing.

I have tasked a few leadership members with being the representative for our units in need of assistance according to state. This is working very well and allows the units to truly focus on their units and issues instead of receiving calls every other day from all different county, district, and department officers. Is your unit wanting a little extra help or even some guidance? It doesn't mean you have to be entered on the UNA list but I want you to know we are here to help. Please reach out. I have a great revitalization binder and resources created specific to our District for those interested.

I have been blessed to have visited Kenosha Unit, March the POW/MIA silent March, welcome a MIA home for proper burial, attend an Honor Guard special dinner in Union Grove, and attend the Costume Party in Brookfield. All of these events were absolutely fantastic and well done. I hope to continue visiting more units and attending events as my schedule allows. Please keep sharing them as well as find our Facebook group and share your events there. It is called The American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of Wisconsin First District. I can't wait to see what everyone has planned for Veterans Day.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 494 (my unit) spearheaded a donation collection for Hurricane Helene in North Carolina. I am working directly with Jill Pruitt, their Auxiliary Deputy for the VA there that was still on generators as of October 14th. She is also working on helping the homeless veterans dislocated due to their shelter being taken out by a mudslide. I would like to thank all the units that have reached out to join this effort. I sent out the first round of help and donations Saturday and will do one more. Due to my Legion having some more donations coming at our November meeting, to be sent out November 24th. Reach out if your Unit would like to help as well. This is NOT a district project, just a unit spearhead and all units helping are included in the letter when sent to them.

Don't forget to check out our national website for fantastic webinars on each program. You can sign-up for the classes. Some are only 20 minutes long and are pre recorded.

***Please make sure to check out our Facebook Group for many upcoming events around the District. They include meat raffles, smelt fries, Trunk or Treats, wine tastings and many more! Let's help each other out!***



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## District Poppy Chair

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Department Poppy Chair Sue Hembrook is looking for veterans interested in making poppies. "Veterans Needed! The American Legion Auxiliary is looking for poppy makers. Compensation is \$0.10 per poppy which is \$100 for every 1,000 made. If interested contact Sue Hembrook, Poppy Shop Supervisor at [wipoppyshop@yahoo.com](mailto:wipoppyshop@yahoo.com)."

Website: [www.amlegionauxwi.org](http://www.amlegionauxwi.org)

## Membership

This year is winding down and 2025 is right around the corner. Our District Membership currently stands at 41.04% As of October 15, 2024, we need 898 members to reach 100 % for our District. We have just a little over 2 months until the end of the Membership year. We must unite together to make Membership our primary goal.

Create incentives for your unit members to get their dues paid in. My unit #375 is currently holding 2 Early Bird drawings. One drawing is to give \$5 back to 2 members that have paid their dues. Our second drawing is for (2) \$34 (cost of member dues) Kwik Trip gift cards. The random drawings are held monthly at our Auxiliary meeting. Our Department also has Membership incentives for units, with "Check Your Pulse" award and "Pulsation Pass" award along with individual award for recruiting one or more new members. For information on these awards, join (if not already) Facebook group : Wisconsin ALA Membership (a very informative site) or contact me.

Take advantage of your Post community events. Does your ALA unit host a regular carryout dinner night ? Consider adding the ALA recruiting flyers to your takeout boxes. Set up a Membership table and show your pride at these community events at your Post. When my Post is having a car/bike show and volleyball leagues, we put up a Membership table. Participate and promote our organization and the benefits of Membership.

I look forward to seeing you all succeed in your recruitment and retention to ensure that our organization continues to thrive for our veterans for lifetimes to come.

Carol Brady

Membership Chair

## *Meet some of your Leadership*

### *Jo Dewart your District Chaplain,*

My name is Jo Dewart .I'm a member of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 95 Delavan.I joined in 2015 when Unit 95 was recruiting new members at the Annual Christmas Dinner. .My father was an Air Force Veteran and my brother is an Army Veteran.I was secretary for Unit 95 for 2 terms before becoming President. I'm Secretary for Walworth County council,and just elected to serve as Chaplain for 1st District. My favorite part of the Auxiliary is how the Auxiliary and Legion all work together to help our Veterans. We all come together as FAMILY.

### *Pam Massman your District Secretary,*

I joined the Auxiliary as a child in Muskego where my parents started me out. When I moved to Mukgwango I got active with the unit. No Next of Kin funerals were of huge importance to me due to family history and employment. I joined in honor of my father. I'm honored to be the secretary of 375 in Mukwonago. I'm serving my 3rd term at the unit. I am blessed to have been asked to be district secretary. I'm a team player and look forward to meeting other members.

### *Connie Lindloff your District Budget Chair,*

I'm Connie Lindloff and belong to the Delavan Unit 95 presently serving as their treasurer and membership chairman. I'm president of Walworth County. I joined the Auxiliary to be active with my husband as a legion member. I was president for 14 years and also vice president. I served dual roles for the Auxiliary and was treasurer for 27 years. I've been the budget chairman for the first district for many years. I enjoy what I do. The poppy program is one of my favorites. I've been active in so many projects, it's hard to pick a favorite from them. I enjoy helping out veterans.

## **Upcoming events**

**2025 Midwinter Conference** - January 17th- January 19th

**End of Year Reports Workshop-** February 22nd 2025, Pewaukee will host this year from 10am-12pm (go over reports and needed items, then time to start them and work on them with others)

**2025 Spring Executive Board meeting-** Saturday February 22nd, 2025 at Pewaukee Post 71 12pm

**2025 Spring Conference** - Saturday April 26th, 2025 to be held at Delavan Unit 95, hosted by Sharon Unit

### **Calling for District Leaders**

Our District still needs 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.

### **A NOTE FROM DEPARTMENT**

Camp American Legion is in need of many items. If any unit is interested in helping them out, they ask that you send the donations directly to camp:

**Jim Klement, Camp Director**  
**Camp American Legion**  
**8529 Cty Rd D**  
**Lake Tomahawk, WI 54539**

#### **Items needed:**

**Miscellaneous:** Postage Stamps Batteries (AAA, AA, 9 Volt) Fishing Equipment (size 6 single hooks, bobbers, 6lb line, pea-sized split shots sinkers) Anchors for pontoon boats Canoe Paddles Mosquito repellent & water resistant spray sunscreen

**Large Items:** DVD players, small microwave ovens, new roll away bed,

NOTE: If units order items from the Amazon wish list (link is at the end of the attached list), the items will be shipped by Amazon directly to Camp American Legion for their convenience.

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/lis/37800BVKN8ZES?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/lis/37800BVKN8ZES?ref_=wl_share)

If you have any questions, please contact Alternate NEC Maggie Geiger at [maggieg4ala@gmail.com](mailto:maggieg4ala@gmail.com).

kindest Regards : Crystal Shaw, District President

# Camp American Legion In-Kind Wish List 2024

*These donations greatly reduce the operating costs to keep Camp running...*

*Thank you for your support*

## **Gift Cards**

- Walmart
- Menards
- Home Depot
- Kwik Trip
- Amazon

## **Cleaning Supplies**

- Disinfectant spray cleaner
- Iron Out Tabs (Toilet Tanks)
- Iron Out spray bottles
- Trash bags – tall kitchen bags and small - Large outdoor bags, heavy duty (50-60 gallon)
- Clorox or Lysol toilet cleaner
- Large jug of Simple Green

## **Kitchen Supplies**

- Country Time Lemonade and Pink lemonade large container drink mix
- Cases of Water (bottled) we go through over 100 cases per season
- Coffee additives (Flavored syrups regular and sugar-free, non dairy creamer, etc.)
- Medium Roast Coffee
- Sturdy paper plates, bowls (No Styrofoam Please)
- 8oz - 10oz hot drink paper cups (No Styrofoam Please)
- Sturdy Plastic flatware
- Disposable gloves for kitchen (food service grade)
- Ice Cream Cups (Paper 12 oz)
- Plastic Cups for water cooler

## **Miscellaneous**

- Postage Stamps
- Batteries (AAA, AA, 9 Volt)
- Fishing Equipment (size 6 single hooks, bobbers, 6lb line, pea-sized split shots sinkers)
- Anchors for pontoon boats
- Canoe Paddles
- Mosquito repellent & water resistant spray sunscreen

## **Big Ticket Items**

- Roll Away Bed- must be new
- DVD players
- Small microwave ovens
- Storage Shed 6' x 4' for yard games

**\* We also have a wish list on Amazon that gets delivered directly to Camp. This can be found at:**

**[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/378O0BVKN8ZES?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/378O0BVKN8ZES?ref_=wl_share)**