

# 1st District

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

February - March 2025

## ***End of Year Reports Workshop***

***Saturday February 22nd 10am - 12pm - Pewaukee Unit 71 (118 Main St Pewaukee 53072)***

This is an amazing opportunity to finish those pesky reports or get a huge start on them. The first half I will pass out packets with examples where to put events you did. We will answer questions. If I don't know I will have another leader there answer.

It will be followed by time to complete them or start them. Please bring anything to help you with your reports. Amounts donated for which things, poppy amounts raised, volunteer hours for the impact report. Bring past agendas or minutes to help you remember everything your unit did. Its more then you realize, Im sure on this!

Please reach out to Crystal talk, text email, if planning on attending so she has enough packets. 262-672-8205

## **A Note from our District Chaplain Jo**

Please send your Unit's deceased list to our District Chaplain Jo Dewart at [joanndewart@gmail.com](mailto:joanndewart@gmail.com) by March 5th. This will give her ample time to put together her program for Spring conference to appropriately honor all of our members who have passed in our District this year. Feel free to reach out to her with any questions at 262-903-4663.



## First District Combined Fundraiser for Veterans Outreach of Wisconsin

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We will host a 9 pin bowling tournament at the Riverside Lanes in Waterford WI on Sunday March 23rd to begin at 12pm. Our Auxiliaries are asked to provide 1 basket per unit and 1 per county. We will need people to sign-up for shifts to sell raffle tickets and help set up as well. The Legion will be in charge of team sign-ups. If you are interested in signing up to set-up, take-down, or sell tickets, please reach out to our VA&R Chair **Mary Kohler at 262-949-8950**. Come support bowlers as well! I have included the bowling flyer. Let's make a day out of it and cheer them on! We are also accepting financial donations. If you would like to donate money please make out a check, VOW in memo and send to Jill Gust, First District Treasurer 614 E. Juneau Ave. Oconomowoc, WI 53066

### Poppy Article

Honor the fallen and support the living! National Poppy Day will be here before you know it. It is always the Friday before Memorial Day. For many of us, May is our major Poppy Distribution time, though poppies can be distributed all year long.

Is your Unit working on the Poppy Program? Do you have a Poppy Princess, Poppy Queen, or Poppy Ambassador? Has your Unit reached out to the schools or youth groups to create poppy posters? These posters could be used at local businesses to promote the program in the community.

Has your Unit been working on a poppy centerpiece for the First District Spring Conference? Centerpieces can be used as part of your table displays while distributing poppies, used at meetings and/or events at the Post or again as part of a store front display in conjunction with the poppy poster. It is not too soon to begin planning poppy distribution strategies. Think outside the box. I recently went through some old copies of the Auxiliary Magazine and read of a Unit holding a Poppy Drive through event as they



were not able to have teams in front of businesses. Your local businesses may be open to poppy cannisters being placed near staffed checkouts.

Please reach out to me either texting or by email (no voice messages) if you will be participating in the poppy centerpiece contest at Spring Conference and if you have a poppy princess, queen, or ambassador. I would love to put this information in a

Department Poppy Report for First District. If you have any questions or other comments, please feel free to contact me as mentioned above.

Sam

### ***District Dues and Assessment Fees Reminder***

At the Spring Conference of 2024, a change was voted on and passed. This change was that if no member from a unit was present at a district conference, the unit is responsible to pay the district the assessment of one registration fee which was \$15 for fall conference. Please make the check out to ALA First District and put assessment in the memo line. Please send to our District Treasurer Jill Gust, First District Treasurer

614 E. Juneau Ave.

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Also District dues are due, please make out a check to ALA First District and send it to Jill as well.

### ***District Camp Trip***

I have scheduled a camping weekend open to all District 1 legion Family. You must be a member to come. Your kiddos are of course welcome. We can kayak, hike, scavenger hunt, and just sit around a fire with comradery. I have created an event on our District Facebook page. Please let me know if you would like to attend. The cost of the campsite will be \$20 per adult or couple. I have already booked the group campsite and started a sign-up. We have room for up to 30 people to tent camp. Please reach out to Crystal Shaw to sign-up. I have already paid for the group site, as they fill up well in advance. If you are not a camper but want to come for Saturday I will be putting together fun games, events, potluck sign-up, for everyone to enjoy and non-campers to go home and enjoy the comforts of their own bed bug- free. It will be at the Richard Bong state Park Campground July 25th-27th.

## Upcoming events

**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 - Sunday March 23rd** - First District American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary combined fundraiser for Veterans Outreach of Wisconsin.

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

**2025 - First District Legion Camping Trip-** Richard Bong State Park July 25th - 27th 2025

*There is a contest for Grand old Flag, please see attachment. It is also posted on our facebook group.*

Kindest Regards : Crystal Shaw, District President



THE AMERICAN LEGION & AUXILIARY OF FIRST  
DISTRICT JOINTLY HOSTING

# 9-PIN TAP BOWLING FUNDRAISER

TO SUPPORT VETERANS OUTREACH OF WISCONSIN  
NEW COOLERS FOR THEIR FOOD MARKET

**23 MARCH 2025 • 12PM-3PM**

**REGISTRATION OPEN 10:30 AM**

HELD AT RIVER CITY LANES 730 CORNERSTONE  
CROSSING WATERFORD, WI 53185

**\$30 PER BOWLER. (13) 6 PERSON TEAMS. DO NOT NEED A  
FULL TEAM TO PARTICIPATE . CASH RAFFLES . WALK INS OK.**

**CONTACT TOM V TO PRE-REGISTER SELF OR TEAM @  
262-620-5646 OR DIST1VICECMDR1@1DWILEGION.ORG**



## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

### You're a Grand Old Flag Challenge

February 06, 1906 You're a Grand Old Flag was written by George Cohan, one of the most popular patriotic song.

### Here is your "CHALLENGE"

The best overall creative video will receive a certificate from your National Americanism Committee Team and a special gift from your Chairman.

One winner from each Division

Include your - Name, Unit Number, Division, Department

All videos will be posted when received

Divisional Chairman will pick the "Best Overall Video" in their Division.

Winners will be announced March 30, 2024

#### Visual quality

"Make sure your video is clean" means to ensure that your video footage is visually clear, with no unnecessary distractions or blemishes, including things like background clutter, shaky camera movements, poor lighting, audio noise, or any visual elements that might detract from the main focus of the video

**Sharp focus:** Ensure your subject is in focus throughout the video.

**Proper lighting:** Use adequate lighting to avoid excessive shadows or blown-out highlights.

**Steady camera:** Minimize camera shake by using a tripod or stabilization techniques.

**Clean background:** Keep the background clutter-free and relevant to the content.

#### Audio quality

**Clear sound:** Record audio with minimal background noise.

**Proper microphone placement:** Position the microphone close to the sound source for optimal audio capture.

#### Examples

Involve your Unit, District, Division, County, Department, The American Legion, SAL, Juniors, your local elementary (make sure you get permission from the parents to share the video) "Think out of the box".

#### Be Creative

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