

1st District

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“May your Journey always Lead you Home”

April 2025

End of Year Reports

Happy April Everyone, I have only received a few impact reports. If you are stuck please reach out to me or any of the officer team for help. We are all willing to answer questions. Reports are due April 15th. Every unit should turn in something even if they were not super active or re-vitalizing. This is important for the District. If you need help and want someone with you helping I am willing to meet and help to get them in. Every unit made an impact in some way and I know every member volunteered somewhere and somehow this year..let's count your magnificent work and dedication. Please reach out to Crystal talk, text email, if any questions on your reports 262-672-8205

A Note from our District Chaplain Jo

Have you sent your Unit's deceased list to our District Chaplain Jo Dewart at joandewart@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

Our District Fundraiser for VOW was an amazing success!! If your unit would like to still make an impact, please make out the check to ALA 1st District with VOW on the memo and send to Jill Gust, First District Treasurer 614 E. Juneau Ave. Oconomowoc, WI 53066. We will be presenting the final check at Spring Conference to a Veterans Outreach of Wisconsin representative.



Poppy Article

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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

SPRING CONFERENCE

Spring Conference theme is to wear a hat or scarf. Go all out or be small and quaint. There will be door prizes for those who participate.

There will be another vote on bylaws changes at spring conference. It is important to make sure we have enough units present to do so. The following changes to be voted into our bylaws are as follows:

Addendum to Article IV, Section 1 in By-Laws

e. Units who are in good standing prior to First District Conferences shall be encouraged to send at least ONE delegate to First District Spring and Fall Conferences.

f. For any Unit not represented at First District Fall or Spring Conference, it is suggested that a monetary donation equal to no less than ONE registration fee be paid to the First District Conference fund to offset the expense of the conference.

It is important that all units that had views on the changes and the fee being charged to all units not present, to be present this time and going forward for your voices to be heard.

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 by . 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.

Please let Crystal know if you will be attending by May 1st whether for just saturday fun or to camp the whole weekend. If there is not enough response the event will be canceled.

Upcoming events

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, community Potluck and outdoor fun on Saturday for non-campers.

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY-DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
FIRST DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCE**

SATURDAY APRIL 26, 2025

Hosted by Sharon Auxiliary

Hosted at The American Legion Post # 95

111 South 2nd Street

Delavan, WI 53115

President Crystal's Theme:

"MAY YOUR JOURNEY ALWAYS LEAD YOU HOME"

Please dress business casual

Registration and Breakfast 8:00am—8:45am

Breakfast includes yogurt, pastries, fruit, coffee, juice

Meeting: 9:00am—2:00pm

Lunch includes Pulled BBQ Pork and Pulled Chicken Sandwiches, Vegetable Platter, Coleslaw, Desserts, and Beverages

RESERVATION DEADLINE APRIL 14, 2025

Unit _____ Location _____ County _____

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

TOTAL # REGISTERED _____ x \$15.00 = \$ _____ (includes \$2.00 per person registration)

Make Checks payable to ALA Unit 130 & return form/payment to:

Denise Gibbons P.O. Box 464 Sharon, WI 53585 /262-749-4649

THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY FIRST DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCE

Directions South from Milwaukee: Take Hwy 43 South towards Delavan. Take Exit 21 for Hwy 50/Delavan. Turn right onto Geneva St. continue straight. Take a slight curve right onto 7th St. Continue straight to stop light. Turn Left at light onto Walworth Ave. Turn left onto 2nd St. American Legion is on the left. Free municipal parking lots on either side of the building or street parking available.

Directions North from Beloit: Take Hwy 43 North towards Delavan. Take Exit 21 for Hwy 50/Delavan. Turn left onto Geneva St. Take slight curve to the right onto 7th St. Continue straight to the stop light. Turn Left at light onto Walworth Ave. Turn left onto 2nd St. American Legion is on the left. Free municipal parking lots on either side of the building or street parking available.

Directions East from Janesville: Take Hwy 14 East towards Delavan. At 4 way stop for Hwy 11/14 and 89 Continue straight on Hwy 11 towards Delavan. Turn right on South 2nd St. American Legion is on left. Free municipal parking lots on either side of the building or street parking available.