

## BOWLERS TO VETERANS LINK (BVL)



*Our league will be collecting for BVL on November 14, 2018*

**Everyone is asked to donate at least \$1 to the fund.  
Please give Barb Gotham your donation on November 14.**

Most of us have known or know someone who served in the military and understand the great sacrifices America's service men and women and their families have made for our freedoms. Our league, along with the Lafayette USBC bowling Association, is supporting the BVL charity and our league will be conducting our collection drive on November 14.

Traditionally, the bowler on our league with the highest pins over average receives an award from either the Lafayette USBC or from our league's award funds!!

### **ABOUT BVL**

The Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL) was founded in 1942 by the sport of bowling to help support America's heroes in uniform. BVL is the sport of bowling's oldest charity. Over the past 75 years, they have raised nearly \$50 million to provide recreational and therapeutic services which helps boost morale and brighten spirits.

Thanks to BVL, more than 500 active duty units have a portable carpet bowling lane at their disposal where they can step away from the stress of service and have fun with their comrades.

Through BVL funding, veterans recuperating at VA Medical Centers across the country can enjoy a movie, spend the afternoon at a ball game, play a video game, be visited by friendly Labrador, or try their hand at painting. BVL is America's only national sports organization specifically devoted to those who have served our country.

Although the roots of BVL are in bowling, BVL funding supports a wide range of other sports and exercise activities. When the Hunter Holmes McGuire VAMC in Richmond, Va. constructed a new gym for their Polytrauma unit, BVL stepped in to purchase cardio machines, free weights and a number of other pieces of equipment.

Music is another popular therapy in which BVL is very involved. For almost 30 years, BVL has sponsored the tours of the energetic and effervescent entertainment troupe "Re-Creation." Each year, a new edition of these young singers travels across the nation, performing for veterans in VA Medical Centers and State Homes, bringing their special version of musical therapy.

For more information, go to: <http://www.bowlforveterans.org/>