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Department President
Tammy Workman



Standing Strong For Our Veterans & Sewing a Better Tomorrow



Hello everyone,

I have to begin by thanking all of you from the bottom of my heart. The ALA, the Legion, Sons and Riders have been a true family, of which I'm humbled to be a part.

At this point everything's in a fog but my responsibilities as President have given me a direction and a focus. I have to give a very special thank you to our Dept. Secretary, Paulette for everything she has done to help me fulfill my duties over the past weeks when I wasn't able to.

I'm looking forward to our Midwinter Conference February 3rd and 4th and hope to see all of our units represented. I know our Leadership Chairman has a great agenda planned and our membership team has some great things planned. Remember to pack your "Goodwill" and have enough to share with everyone.

I ask units to please take a little time to do your reporting. It may not "seam" important or you may not be looking for recognition or rewards for your work but we need the information on your events and activities so our Department can report to National. I understand that most members just want to do work in your own communities and National seems like something far detached from what you're doing, It's not though. We are one great big organization and in order to keep the best programs which benefit our veterans and their families, our children & youth and our communities the most we really need to report our activities. Service Not Self, we do it for those we care about not ourselves.

Safe travels and I hope to see you at conference.
Dept. President Tammy



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President-Tammy Workman
1st Vice President-Lisa Cadwallader
2nd Vice President-Rhonda Best
Secretary/Treasurer-Paulette Anderson
Chaplain-Sharon Kauffman
Historian-Ann Buchanan

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3rd District-Carla Wilfong
4th District-Cathy Post
5th District-Beth Kilgore
6th District-Peggy Swartz
9th District-
10th District-Sharon Glassford

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1st District-Holly Adams
3rd District-Roxie Nicholson
4th District-Nancy Sundstrom
5th District-JoAnn Hastings
6th District-Kathy Bailey
9th District-
10th District-Sharon Kauffman

Department Headquarters—Hope Chest

Mission Statement

In the spirit of service, not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor our youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

We need to repeat this Mission Statement at each meeting after we say our “Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary”.

Spirits: articles are due into Department the *15th of each month*. Spirit is emailed/mailed by the 20th of each month. If it falls on a weekend then it will be sent on Monday of the next week. **Please limit your article to 200 words or less. No addition clipart as the Publisher keeps crashing with too much clipart and I have to redo ALL of it as it won't print out.**

Membership: National is honoring our “new” women veterans again this year. Please remember to put “Honor Our Female Veterans” at top of application. If a member is rejoining, I don't need an application sent in. You may want one for your records to make sure she is still eligible. If you do send one in, write either “rejoin” or her ID number on the application so she won't be listed as a new member in the system. **Any dues besides 2017 dues are considered “back dues”.** Please put in the area designated for back dues on your transmittal. Please don't send in 2016 transmittals to pay 2016 dues. Remember that you must pay 2017 dues **first**, before back dues.

Online payments: You may now pay online by telephone and pay multiple members if you wish, by credit card only. #317-569-4536.

Dates To Remember

**Midwinter Conference
February 3-4, 2017
Holiday Inn Martinsburg**

Spring Conferences

**3rd District Joint Conference
Shinnston Post #31
March 11, 2017**

**10th District Joint Conference
Romney Post #91
April 1, 2017**

**5th District Joint Conference
Logan Post #19
April 8, 2017**

**4th District Joint Conference
Pt. Pleasant Post #23
April 9, 2017**

**6th District Auxiliary Conference
Welch Unit #8
April 22, 2017**

**9th District Joint Conference
Ronceverte Post #26
April 29, 2017**

**1st District Auxiliary Conference
Follansbee Unit #45
April 30, 2017**



Be At the Mid Winter Conference!!

Bring your auction gifts on Saturday morning to set up by 7:30 am outside the meeting room.

Roxie Nicholson will be conducting this silent auction. All proceeds will benefit the Department Welfare Fund!!

There will be a Basket to be Ruffled Off Tickets will be at the table to purchase.

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Per “Policy and Procedures”
Any member aspiring to a Department Office shall have the endorsement of her local unit, and signed by the President and Secretary and submitted to the Department Secretary/Treasurer 30 days prior to the Department Convention at which time the election is to be held. Nominations shall be called for and accepted from the floor prior to the holding of said election.
Any member aspiring to a District Office shall have the endorsement of her local unit, given at a regular meeting, signed by the Unit President and Unit Secretary and submitted to the District President 30 days before the District Conference at which the election is held. Nominations shall be called for and accepted from the floor prior to the holding of said election.

Department has no endorsements at this time, with the exception for Department President.

A copy of District endorsements is appreciated for the Spirit.



"Timeless Reflections"



Membership Chairman

Hello Ladies,

I'm a little late getting this article ready but I wanted to wait until after a scheduled conference call with the Department membership team. Those participating in the call beside me were Dept. 1st VP, Lisa Cadwallader, Dept. 2nd VP, Rhonda Best, and Central Division Membership Chairman, Jacquelynn Boughner.

During this call my eyes were definitely opened to all our membership possibilities.

First I like to congratulate the units that participated in recruiting 161 new members.

I also learned that as January 15, 2017 the Department of West Virginia has 4684 paid members for 2017. We also have 3140 UNPAID members. There is another 588 members that haven't paid since 2014 and 2320 have not paid since 2011. Now ladies I've never been super good with math but it's easy for me to see that the Department of West Virginia has over 10,000 members on our membership roster. I would like to offer the membership team to help any unit wanting our assistance.

I'm putting out a challenge to all units: Any unit rejoining 20 members from the 2011 list (with documentation) will receive a gift from the membership team.

One little thing to think about, February 14 Valentine's Day, giving your sweetheart a PUFL to show your love for our veterans.

January 15 "Button" report 60%, 17 units met that percentage and another 17 units 50% or more. This shows that we have lots of members out there working on membership.

I hope everyone has plans to attend Midwinter in Martinsburg February 3-4. At the luncheon on Saturday February 4 we'll be judging the most authentic dressed "Rosie" and "Farmerett". This should be a fun day. Looking forward to seeing each one of you.

For God and Country,
Membership Chairman
Debbie Fox



Department 1st Vice President

Hello Farmeretts,

Congratulations to those units that met their buttons. However, as a whole we are really falling behind. It's time to do make some calls with a genital reminder to those who have not yet renewed. Also, there are NO units that should have less than 10 paid members at this point. All officers at all levels were to have had dues paid by Nov. 1. I would hope all past presidents also have their dues paid. Remember to set a good example for our members. All units that did not have 10 paid members by Dec. 31st, well remember the rules about keeping your charter. One of those rules is 10 members. So we really need to get to work on membership.



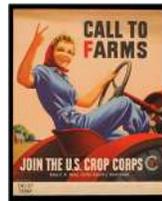
Don't forget about the ration books and stamps. I am keeping track of the buttons your unit reaches, but your unit needs to let me know how many rejoins and new members you have. Remember units reaching 80% by February 1 will reactive extra stamps.

I hope to see many of you at Mid-Winter and the luncheon, remember to wear your Farmeretts outfits. Safe travels to those who have to travel.

Bless our Veterans and see you at mid-winter!!

Lisa Cadwallader

LisaC.ALA71@gmail.com



Department 2nd Vice President

First I want to Thank All of You for all of your hard work. Also I personally want to Thank Annalee Taylor and your Richwood Hello Rosie Riveters, Unit #97 for getting your membership.

I know it is sometimes difficult getting back into the swing of things after the Holidays. However, Ladies we do need to pick up all of our tools and continue building our membership as much as we possibly can. I have faith in each and every one of you with all you do for the Auxiliary and our Veterans.

If you have any Questions/concerns, then please contact me. I am here to help in any way I can.

Until Next month Be Safe and God Bless.

Rhonda Best

2nd Vice President



1st District President

Ladies of 1st District,

I hope everyone had a great New Year!!

Just a reminder that Mid-Winter Conference is fast approaching and I hope all can attend.

Is everyone working on gathering the needed information for Annual Reports? The due date for reports is not that far away.

We had some units that were able to reach target. Way to go!! All units please keep working on membership and attaining our goals and targets.

Past Department President Janice Gamerdinger has been ill and was briefly in the hospital, but is slowly starting to feel better. If you would like to send well wishes, please send them to:

Janice Gamerdinger
513 Florida Ave
Chester, WV 26034

Sincerely,
Stephanie Handley
1st District President

1st District Vice President

Hello Ladies

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season.

It is great to report that we have 3 units that have earned Button # 6; good job ladies! New Martinsville Units # 28 at 67.25%, Wellsburg unit # 34 at 60.00% and Paden City unit # 86 at 61.67%. There are 3 units not far behind.

Remember to keep working on increasing our membership as a whole and within your units promotion and information about what it is all about is our Veterans and all the great things we can help do for them and their families.

I look forward to see many of you at Midwinter Conference!!

Take care and God Bless
Holly Adams
1st District VP
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3rd District President

Happy New Years to all Unit Members in Third District and in the Entire State.

Now that the Holidays are past us, I would like for all the Units in Third District to buckle Under get out there and get old members to pay their dues and try to get some new people interested.

March 11th is the Spring Conference and I would like to see each Unit to have at least one new member it can be either Senior or Junior Member. I will check with each Unit at the Conference. Remember all Officer Dues must be paid and remember if your dues are not paid you have no vote in March. We will be checking Membership dues cards so have them current and on you.

We have a few Units in our District that are slacking on sending in Dues. I do not want to see any zeros or one member paid on the next Membership paper Paulette sends out.

Remember on March 11th we will be electing new District President and Vice President so think about who you want to represent our District. Also Unit Presidents remember to bring a report on what your Unit has been doing.

Until then you can call me at 304-592-0247, or e-mail me at carlajwilfong@yahoo.com
God Bless America
God Bless our Veterans
Carla Wilfong
Third District President

5th District Vice President

Hello Ladies

I hope you all survived the holidays. I have been looking at the new target sheet and we are down in membership. I know it has been a tough year for the auxiliary but it is a new year and I hope things will be better.

Please talk to ladies about joining the American Legion Auxiliary and what we are working for; helping the veterans, the youth, and men and women in the arm forces.

So please let's work a little harder, let's put the word out how great we are and what good we do.

God Bless
JoAnn Hastings
5th District Vice President

3rd District Vice President

As I sit here looking at the Button #6 report, I am very downhearted and disappointed in some of Third District's units. I had the promise of more dues to be sent in and they were not. Why? What is the problem? I have been told by some members they paid their dues before the end of the year, yet their check has not been cashed and they have no card. This is not acceptable, and cannot go on. If you have not sent their dues in, it is your fault they are no longer considered a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, it is your fault they cannot collect on any insurance they may have and it is your fault they cannot attend Mid-Winter. You need to fix this at once.

Having said that, we do have several units that are doing well, and I thank you. If you need any help, please do not hesitate to call me (304-657-5740). I am always willing to do whatever I can to help with membership.

I am looking forward to seeing you at Mid-Winter and please have a safe trip there and back.

Roxie Nicholson
Third District Vice President

4th District President

Hello my Auxiliary Sisters,

I trust your new year has started off well.

As the Presidential Inauguration approaches, let us all get behind our new government and pray for their success.

Time has come to help your membership chairmen get those dues in, let's make Miss Nancy proud.

Mid-Winter will soon be here. Sorry to say, but at this time, I won't be able to make it this year. Hopefully everyone is getting their reservations in. I wish President Tammy a very successful conference.

I'm looking forward to Spring and fund raising for Girls State.

The new Unit #48 is doing very well. We will be asking seniors at our local school to help with Mission Restore Bronze as well as flagging the graves for Memorial Day; this helps them with their required Community Service.

Until next month, safe travels to Martinsburg and if I can be of any help to your units please let me know.
For God and County,
Cathy D. Post

10th District President

Hello Ladies,

I wish everyone a Happy 2017.

A few reminders; Mid-Winter will be held in Martinsburg at the Holiday Inn/ Days Inn. This will occur on February 3-4, 2017. Hopefully we will see a lot of 10th District Auxiliary Members at this meeting. This meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday.

Also, there will be Comfort Item Drive. Make sure you turn in the form to Mary Waybright, Dept. Chairman VA & R.

The Membership Luncheon: Saturday, February 4th, Cost \$15.50, Deadline January 25th. You do have to do advance registration with payment.

Silent Auction will be held. The gifts for this event need to be at set on Sat. by 7:30 A.M. Roxie Nicholson will be conducting this and all proceeds go to OUR DEPT. WELFARE FUND.

10TH District Spring Conference will be held in Romney on April 1st. The Credentials/ Registration will be coming out by e-mail. This will be the first time.

Membership status: December 15, 2017 we were to be at 50%. Berkeley Springs #60, Charles Town #102, Kirby #134, Capon Bridge #137, Keyser #152 Congratulation. Keep up the great job that all the units are doing.

Thank you for volunteering. We are all volunteers so make sure you thank them.

Make sure you thank the Veterans all the time. We remember In spirit of service, Not self.

God Bless America
Sharon Glassford
10th District President

10th District Vice President

It was nice talking to all of you unit chairman. I know membership is still coming in slow. But don't give up.

I know some say that they just aren't paying. I would try to contact them or send them a reminder. Some of the older ladies like phone calls.

Hope to see you at Mid-Winter.

Thank You
Sharon Kauffman
10th District Vice
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Junior Activities

Happy New Year

Hope everyone had a great Christmas Holiday.

I'm looking forward to seeing our Juniors next month in Martinsburg for Midwinter. We will be working on Valentine Cards for our Veterans and making a special project for the young ladies to have something special to remember this great time in their life.

We will be meeting in the upper level of hotel restaurant, after the senior members have the Four Chaplain service.

Registration will be when we reconvene at our meeting place.

We will break for lunch 12:00 to 2:00. We will have pizza as the menu. At 2:00 until we are finished we will be doing our special project.

God Bless,
Kelli A.Immel
Kitbasket@hotmail.com

Remembering Our Friends

Janice Gamerdinger, PDP, was hospitalized recently with an infection in her skin on her stomach. She is home now.

Cards may be sent to:

*Janice Gamerdinger, PDP
513 Florida Avenue
Chester WV 26034*



Community Service

Hello Ladies here are a few things for the next month:

**Valentine's Day (Feb. 14th, 2017)

**Presidents Day (Feb. 20th, 2017)

Ideas for this time of the year and other times

**Volunteer to cook a meal at a church

**Help in a homeless shelter , or food bank

**Visit Veterans or Seniors at VA's or Nursing Home. Don't forget to stop even if just to say hi. After the holiday they start to get lonely.

This is a good time to go out with blessing bags for homeless, the colder weather is here. They need hats gloves, blankets.

Start planning activities in the community. Valentine and Presidents Day are good days to get out to the local schools. Remember to wear your Auxiliary badges, jackets and (or) shirt items to help get your name out there in the community.

Sharon Kauffman
Community Service Chairman



5th District President

With the holidays behind us and the winter weather in full force, you may feel it is time to slow down and relax for a month or so – nothing could be further from the truth. Now is the time to concentrate on our veterans and how we can possibly serve them on an individual basis if needed.

Make plans for your spring activities and work to make your community one that is proud to honor the sacrifices of our veterans and their families.

I am proud of each of you because you already do this on a daily basis and I am asking for you to go that extra mile for those who protect our freedoms each and every day.

Keep that membership coming in. There are many ladies out there who would love to be a part of serving our veterans as we do, they just need to be asked. When you are out and about in your communities, running errands, or going to dinner and you run into friends who are not a part of this wonderful organization, why not ask them if they are interested in joining. You just might be surprised by their answer.

Stay warm and I will see you at
Mid-Winter Conference.
Beth Kilgore
President 5th District

Leadership

As we prepare for the upcoming Midwinter Conference, we are also preparing for the upcoming elections in which we will choose the leaders for the 2017- 2018 year. I have always said that “we are all leaders to someone” and that is no different when we think about the officers in the upcoming year. If we find we are interested in a position, please let someone know. You will never be given an opportunity unless you make an effort to show that you are willing to work for our organization. We all start at the local level and then work up to whatever level we choose.

To further support our ALA National Leadership Committee Member, Charlene Marshall whose article on “Lead with Integrity” in the January 11, 2017 E-Bulletin, I would like to urge each member to think about what is a leader. At the local level we have the opportunity to get training by helping at our local meetings – you may lead the pledge, say a prayer, or make a motion – but you are displaying leadership to the other unit members. Samuel Johnson states that “Integrity without knowledge is weak and useless, and knowledge without integrity is dangerous and dreadful.” You have an opportunity to gain knowledge at the Midwinter Conference in Martinsburg on February 3-4, 2017. Will you as a local unit member take advantage of this opportunity and add to the success of your unit, your district, your department, and you as a member?

We need to remove any barriers in the coming year by:

**Knowing the documents of the ALA including our Handbook, our Constitution and By-Laws, and our Policies.

**Always showing respect for others – discuss in private and always praise in public.

**Always say “thank you” and “good job” with a positive attitude.

**Urge all members to show goodwill as we spread the news of our great organization throughout our department.

Sharing from Charlene Marshall: “Rome was not built in a day. Take time to learn, practice, and participate as you develop your leadership skills.” We all have the ability that needed for a leader and we need to share it with our members.

Q11: What is the deadline for submitting awards this year to department?
April 15, 2017

Q12: Who is our Central Division Vice President this year?
Carolee Junge from the Department of Illinois, Rehfieldt-Meyer Unit 474

Q13: When and where will the 2017 National Convention be held?

Q14: Where and when will the 2017 Department of WV Convention be held?
Ann Buchanan
Leadership Chairman

Girls State Chairman

I hope you are working hard making your selections for this year's Girls State. The Rhododendron Girls State will be held June 11-16, 2017 at Wheeling Jesuit University in Wheeling.

Please be in contact your schools and start working on getting a list of those girls who are interested. Go talk to them and let them know what Girls State is about. Classes in city, county and state government are offered. The citizens choose to participate in either the Rhododendron Daily (the daily Girls State newspaper), public safety classes or the Girls State chorus. To be chosen as a citizen is a very high honor for these young ladies.

Also, encourage them to fill out the Samsung scholarship form. Encourage your citizens to fill out this scholarship. One of these young ladies will be selected to win a \$ 1,000 scholarship and a chance to win a \$ 20,000 scholarship as well.

We hear so much about the youth of today - let's publicize the good in these young ladies and their activities. Please work closely with your schools, sponsoring organizations as well as the local press.

It is very important for these young ladies to come prepared and know that the program is a week of learning about citizenship, government and leadership. Please tell them what the American Legion Auxiliary is about and of our other programs. Many of these young ladies are also eligible to join our organization and have family members that are veterans. Each district has a representative on the Board of Directors and they can help if you need assistance or feel free to contact me.

Lynda Lancaster

Chaplain

Thank you to the ones who sent in your chaplain reports for mid-year. I hope we get a lot more turned in for the end of the year report.

If anyone needs prayers or cards sent out please let me know.

*I asked the Lord to bless you
As I prayed for you today
To guide you and protect you
As you go along your way...
His love is always with you
His promises are true,
& when we give him all our cares
You know he'll see us through
So when the road you're traveling
Seems difficult at best
Just remember I'm here praying,
God will do the rest*

Sharon Kauffman
Chaplain

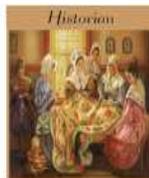
Historian

We are the mid-year point of our history for 2016-2017. I hope that we are preparing to plan for the upcoming year. Our history is needed to keep us on the right path for the future. I look forward to reading the history of your unit and the report from the unit chairmen. If you have any questions, please contact me at Midwinter or by email at AnnBuch@aol.com or telephone 304-654-9932.

I need to have a report from each unit chairman and from each District President to be able to write the history of Tammy's year. Districts may include a copy of their minutes as part of their report.

I hope to see many of you at the Midwinter Conference.

Ann Buchanan
Historian



Legislative

Now is the time to Contact our new Representatives on the issues befalling our Veterans. Keep track on which representative you have contacted and if you have received a letter or phone call back from him.

This is important information you can use on your year end reports. The year end reports will be handed out soon if you need my help you can call me at 304-592-0247 or you can e-mail me at carlajwilfong@yahoo.com

God Bless America
God Bless our Veterans
Carla Wilfong
Chairman

Strategic Planning Committee

CULTURE OF GOODWILL

As we begin 2017, let us remember how important goodwill should be in our organization.

During our Fall Board meeting, part of our Culture of Goodwill program was about the power of "words". Your words have the power of life or death as you go through life. Sometimes your words carry a lot of weight. You will have the opportunity to use your words to hurt, demean, slander, and wound others. You are also going to have the opportunity to use your words to heal, encourage, inspire, and love others. I have many times spoke words that I wish I could take back. So, I am asking for each of us to have respect for one another, show kindness and respect. We are all volunteers and working for a great organization. Show respect for our older members, and kindness and love for our new members. Make the choice every day to speak life-giving words from a healthy heart. Decide that you are going to be a life-giver. Be known for your gentleness, compassion, and encouragement. Use your life to give life to a world that so desperately needs it.

Thought for the day: *A tongue has no bones, but it is strong enough to break a heart. Put a little love in your heart!*

Irene Weber
Culture of Goodwill Chairman



Americanism



WHY YOU DON'T WALK BETWEEN THE COLORS

This is Hallowed Ground

*Between these flags that proudly fly
Let no man dare to stand,
For here our fallen comrades lie,
A symbol, yes, but mark it well;
Here let us ever humbly pause
In memory of the lads that fell
In fighting for our sacred cause.*

*On sea or land these buddies died,
Some lie beneath a foreign sod
In graves caressed by winds and tide,
In spots unknown to all but God.
And so, this place is hallowed ground,
And it shall be forever blest
As tho it were a grassy mound
Beneath which gallant heroes rest.*

*Be ever watchful, Legionnaire,
Of those two flags which signify
That we should guard this spot with care
Which our departed comrades lie.
And, if a man should dare to tread
This spot where lie our gallant brave,
He desecrates those noble dead
As tho he walked upon their grave.*

I thought this would be appropriate to share with you as we are approaching Mid-Winter Conference.

February is Americanism Month. Every Unit should be participating in an Americanism Program in their schools and communities.

Reminder: I need your Units Americanism Essay Contest winners no later than April 1, 2017. Please adhere to this deadline as there will be no exceptions!

Susan Wade
Americanism Chairman

Constitution & Bylaws

The Holidays have passed and it is now time to really set down and go over your Units Constitution and by-laws, and standing rules.

National is now wanting us to take a long hard look at our Code of Ethics. We are to have an acceptable behavior at all times. We should conduct our Personal and Professional lives in a manner befitting the American Legion Auxiliary Mission and Values. So ladies put your best foot forward do not do anything to put a bad shadow on our Organization.

If your Unit has made any changes to your Constitution and By-laws, you can send them to me or you can bring them to Mid-Winter.

If you need my help, please call me at 304-592-0247, or you can e-mail me at carlajwilfong@yahoo.com

God Bless America
God bless our Veterans
Carla Wilfong
Chairman

Public Relations

Hello ladies

I know we have been working hard in the units. So if you have been putting articles in the paper and pictures of what you have been doing for the holidays, send what you have so I can see if I can use it to put it in a PR book for our Department President Tammy Workman.

Thank You
JoAnn Hastings
Chairman

Education

Department Scholarship, National Children of Warriors, Spirit of Youth, Non-Traditional Scholarships are now on the Department website.

You can go to www.wvaux.org, click on downloads and click on "Scholarships"; you will find the scholarships there.

Remember ALL units need to sign off and send to the Department Education Chairman, not Department Headquarters. Send in by March 15th.

Education Committee

2017-2018 Candidates for Offices

Dept. President: Lisa Cadwallader

Dept. 1st V.P.

Dept. 2nd V.P.

Sec./Treas.

Chaplain

Historian

1st Dist. President
Vice President

3rd Dist. President
Vice President

4th Dist. President
Vice President

5th Dist. President
Vice President

6th Dist. President
Vice President

9th Dist. President
Vice President

10th Dist. President
Vice President



Children & Youth

The United States has an all-volunteer military, but one group is "drafted" into the lifestyle from birth: military kids. They may face multiple moves, nationwide and overseas, and deal with fear and uncertainty as parents are deployed to faraway war zones. Meanwhile, it's up to the spouses staying behind to look out for kids' physical and mental health, and keep their families on an even keel.

Most military-connected students move six to nine times during their school years. Feeling like the perpetual "new kid" can be stressful – just finding someone to eat lunch with can make a difference. **MCEC (Military Child Education Coalition)** offers student-centered and student-led programs at the elementary, middle and high school levels to ease transitions, and create a positive environment.

If your unit is interested in working with the schools in your area to set up a Student 2 Student program, you can email me at MBKilgore@frontier.com. You may also go to the website <http://www.militarychild.org> for this and other programs offered to our military children.

NOTE: I hope your unit is planning a special project for April, which is Children & Youth month. Let me know what you are doing or if you need suggestions.

Beth Kilgore, Chairman
Children & Youth

Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory." ~Dr. Seuss



Child Welfare Foundation

1st collection of the 2016 – 2017 year at Mid-Winter Conference!! Bring your change, bills and checks to the Mid-Winter Conference. **Note:** It would be a big help if the coins were rolled. If not, I will have coin wraps with me.

Beth Kilgore
Child Welfare Foundation
Chairman



Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation



Hello Ladies:

I want to take this time to thank the few units that sent me information for my mid-year report. I know it is a bad time to send what your unit has done to-date, but it is what our National organization requires.

Certainly hope those units that are bringing comfort items to Mid-Winter in Martinsburg are getting their items together. If you are taking directly to your closest VA hospital or bringing/sending to the WV Veterans Home, that you will either send me a Comfort Item Sheet in time to report at the meeting in February or email to me so that I can report our total to the Department President. My email address mwaybright@yahoo.com

As I have stated before, I hope each hospital chairman has made arrangements for someone to bring back to your respective facility, if you are not attending Mid-Winter Conference.

Anyone who would like to help me in the Comfort Item Room, please see me when you get to Martinsburg. I will appreciate any help I can get.

As temperatures hit the teens in WV and across most of the nation, don't forget homeless veterans with coat donations, blankets, etc. for your homeless shelters.

Mary Waybright
Chairman



Ways & Means

Ticket sales are down from last year, and not sure if it is because of money situations or units not selling them. Units were given tickets to sell, and some haven't returned either ticket sales, or unsold tickets.

If you have any left over tickets you can't sell, bring them to Midwinter and give them to me, so I may be able to send them out to units who can sell them. If you aren't attending, please mail them back.

Congratulations to the winners for December 2016!

We had a winner for the January 2nd drawing for \$100.00. January winners will be listed in the next Spirit.

Winners are listed a month behind in each spirit.

Birthdays, and anniversaries are coming up. They make great gifts.

If you don't pay, you can't play!

Until next month!
Paulette Anderson
Chairman



December Ways and Means Winners

Winner	Number	City	State	Date	Amount
Karen Sears	265	Shinnston	WV	12/1/16	\$25.00
Ralph Richardson	236	New Martinsville	WV	12/2/16	\$25.00
Amy Davis-Lee	162	Romney	WV	12/3/16	\$25.00
Jason Judy	598	Shanks	WV	12/5/16	\$25.00
	797			12/6/16	
Bobby Rose	792	Gary	WV	12/7/16	\$25.00
	388			12/8/16	
Golden Helmick	406	Martinsburg	WV	12/9/16	\$25.00
Jay Chatman	313	Kimball	WV	12/10/16	\$25.00
Breanna Spring	126	Romney	WV	12/12/16	\$25.00
Denise Gaddis	845	Reedsville	OH	12/13/16	\$25.00
Jack Hall	287	Welch	WV	12/14/16	\$25.00
Tammy Hale	885	Bluefield	WV	12/15/16	\$25.00
	539			12/16/16	
Bobbie Dorsey	854	Shinnston	WV	12/17/16	\$25.00
Jada Daves	220	Keyser	WV	12/19/16	\$25.00
Susan Wade	369	Paden City	WV	12/20/16	\$25.00
	482			12/21/16	
Heather Day	173	Ranson	WV	12/22/16	\$25.00
Ruby Orndorff	555	Augusta	WV	12/23/16	\$25.00
	929			12/24/16	
Gala McCune	396	Delray	WV	12/26/16	\$25.00
Debbie Fox	551	Berkeley Springs	WV	12/27/16	\$25.00
Andy Smith	257	Romney	WV	12/28/16	\$25.00
Kay Waters	798	Reedsville	OH	12/29/16	\$25.00
	909			12/30/16	
Cathe Moreland	243	Romney	WV	12/31/16	\$25.00





36th Annual Mid-Winter Conference
 American Legion Auxiliary
 Conference Program
 Martinsburg Holiday Inn, Martinsburg WV

Friday, February 3 2017

8:00 am	Comfort Items Open.....	Shenandoah Room
3 - 7 pm	Registration.....	Prefunction Room
1:00 pm	Girls State Executive Board Meeting.....	Salons CD
2:00 pm	Centennial Strategic Meeting	
7:00 pm	Opening Joint Session.....	Foxcroft Ballroom

Saturday, February 4, 2017

8:00 am -12:00 pm	Registration.....	Prefunction Room
8:00am -2:00 pm	Silent Auction	Prefunction Area
8:30 am	Juniors Session.....	Upper Level Restaurant
8:30am	Opening Session	Salons CD
	Call to Order	Tammy Workman, President
	Prayer.....	Sharon Kauffman, Chaplain
	Moment of Silence	
	Pledge of Allegiance.....	Susan Wade, Americanism Chairman
	National Anthem.....	Kitty Kelly -Smoot, Music Chairman
	Preamble of Constitution.....	Carla Wilfong, Const. & Bylaws Chairman
	Mission Statement.....	Ann Buchanan, Leadership Chairman
8:40 am	Welcome	Tammy Workman, President
8:45 am	Chapel-4-Chaplains	Sharon Kauffman Chaplain
9:00 am	Leadership	Ann Buchanan, Leadership Chairman
	Presentation.....	Dr. Rosemary Thomas
10:30 am	Children & Youth	Beth Kilgore, Chairman
10:50 am	Girls State.....	Michelle Sirbaugh, Director
11:10 am		Rhododendron Girls State Governor Mariah Daffron Harpers Ferry WV
11:25 am	Announcements	
11:30 am	Recess	
11:45 am	Membership Luncheon	Hotel Restaurant

Debbie Fox and Membership Team

1:00 pm Reconvene
Centennial committee

Salons CD

1:15 pm Central Division National Vice President
Carollee Junge
Department of Illinois

1:45 pm Year End Reports/Impact Reporting..... Paulette Anderson, Department Secretary

2:00 pm Leadership Program..... Ann Buchanan, Chairman
Silent Auction Closes

2:30 Dept. Chairmen Reports

2:45 pm Reports from:
Poppy Posters..... Roxie Nicholson, Chairman
V A & R..... Mary Waybright, Chairman
Ways & Means..... Paulette Anderson, Chairman
Silent Auction..... Roxie Nicholson

3:00 Questions & Answers

3:30pm Announcements
Benediction.....Sharon Kauffman, Chaplain
Salute to Our Flag
Adjournment

4:00 pm Joint Chapel Services..... Salons AB

6:00 pm Commander and Presidents Reception.....Foxcroft Ballroom

9:00 pm Karaoke Music

Have a Safe Trip Home

2017 Midwinter Membership Luncheon

Saturday February 4, 2016

Martinsburg Holiday Inn

MENU

Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad

Rolls

Baked Potato Cup of Soup

Coffee, Tea, Water

Price \$15.50

Advance Registration with Payment Needed by January 25, 2017

NO DEVIATION

List of Names Attending:

Please list Allergies beside Name

*Send to: ALA Dept. Treasurer
1251 Doolin Run Road
New Martinsville WV 26155*

February 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1	2 <i>Leave for Midwinter</i>	3 <i>Midwinter Martinsburg</i>	4
5	6 <i>Office Closed</i>	7	8	9	10	11
12 <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i>	13	14 	15 <i>Button #7 70%</i>	16	17 <i>Spirit Articles Due</i>	18
19	20 <i>Washington Birthday Observed</i>	21 <i>Spirit Out VA Checks</i>	22	23	24	25 <i>Leave for DC</i>
26	27 <i>Office Closed</i>	28	<i>Programs of The Month Americanism Chapel 4 Chaplains</i>			

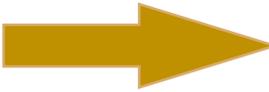
Timeless Reflections



**Button #6-- January 15th—60%
Membership To Date—4685 (52.32%)
Dept. Unit #200—78
Department Goal—8954**



District 1			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	34	1	2.94%
Moundsville #3	373	215	57.64%
McMechen #5	76	34	44.74%
Weirton #10	85	57	67.06%
Cameron #18	238	133	55.88%
New Martinsville #28	171	119	69.59%
Wellsburg #34	40	24	60.00%
Follansbee #45	59	26	44.07%
Benwood #46	125	62	49.60%
Pine Grove #81	119	45	37.82%
Paden City #86	154	95	61.67%
Wheeling #89	48	6	12.50%
Newell #114	58	28	48.28%
Hundred #120	115	65	56.52%
Chester #121	200	130	65.00%
TOTALS	1895	1040	54.88%



**WWI
Farmettes
Goal—4055
To Date—2054
(50.65%)**



**WWII
Rosie The Riveters
Goal—4812
To Date—2553
(53.05%)**

District 3			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	73	40	54.79%
Grafton #12	33	1	3.03%
Clarksburg #13	187	134	71.66%
Shinnston #31	365	230	63.01%
Braxton Co. #33	41	25	60.98%
Philippi #44	46	17	36.96%
Bridgeport #68	63	27	42.86%
Jane Lew #166	52	36	69.23%
Morgantown #174	43	9	20.93%
TOTALS	903	519	57.48%

District 5			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Huntington #16	312	176	56.41%
Logan #19	29	8	27.59%
St. Albans #73	87	22	25.29%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	461	171	37.09%
South Charleston #94	34	10	29.41%
Hamlin #111	71	15	21.13%
Milton #139	92	54	58.70%
Barboursville #177	178	104	58.43%
TOTALS	1264	560	44.30%

District 10			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	155	75	48.39%
Franklin #30	31	10	32.26%
Piedmont #52	41	13	31.71%
Berkeley Springs #60	260	146	56.15%
Moorefield #64	140	63	45.00%
Charles Town #71	314	168	53.50%
Petersburg #78	117	52	44.44%
Romney #91	319	174	54.55%
Charles Town #102	24	15	62.50%
Paw Paw #128	79	28	35.44%
Kirby #134	63	35	55.56%
Ridgeley #136	127	61	48.03%
Capon Bridge #137	153	90	58.82%
Keyser #152	67	44	65.67%
TOTALS	1890	974	51.53%

District 4			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	1027	579	56.38%
Spencer #21	82	48	58.54%
Pt. Pleasant #23	439	208	47.38%
Tyler County #48	17	14	82.35%
Sistersville #67	175	29	16.57%
Parkersburg #104	30		
New Haven #140	190	120	63.16%
Williamstown #159	218	112	51.38%
TOTALS	2178	1110	50.96%

District 6			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Welch #8	91	44	30.77%
Bluefield #9	38		
Beckley #32	54	33	61.11%
Gary #38	94	67	71.28%
TOTALS	277	144	51.99%

District 9			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Elkins #29	220	124	56.36%
Cowen #62	59	27	45.76%
Lewisburg #69	81	47	58.02%
Belington #96	47	23	48.94%
Richwood #97	24	19	79.17%
Pickens #122	31	20	64.52%
TOTALS	462	260	56.28%

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TO THE 36TH ANNUAL
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 3-4, 2017

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ADVANCED REGISTRATION - \$20
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RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

I AM SENDING \$ _____ FOR _____ ADVANCED REGISTRATION(S). **PLEASE ATTACH A LIST OF INDIVIDUALS FOR WHICH YOU PAYING.**

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CHARLESTON WV 25332

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***American Legion Auxiliary
Department of West Virginia***

Comfort Item Drive

UNIT/POST/SQUADRON # _____

LOCATION _____

PERSON IN CHARGE _____

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VALUE OF DONATION \$ _____

****** turn this form in with your donation or tape to your box (s) of donations. Make sure your name is on box so can be given credit of donation.**

THANK YOU,

Mary Waybright
Department VA & R Chairman

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