



# The Auxiliary Spirit



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Department President  
Tammy Workman



## Standing Strong For Our Veterans & Sewing a Better Tomorrow



Hello everyone,

I hope you're all planning Spring membership drives.

During our mid-winter conference there was a lot of motivational and fun ideas that I hope you've shared back in your units. Those things can help build and strengthen our leadership.

We really do need to work hard to meet our National goals. Reporting is a very important 'piece of the fabric' in accomplishing this goal. Our Department has been lagging behind too long. I know "We Can Do It," we can be the best 'quilt' if we work hard and work together. Like the Coat of Many Colors, our quilt can be beautiful if we are willing to accept each member as they are.

Our membership team gave us tokens to remind us to work together as a team and to 'stretch' a little further and to remember that diversity is a good thing. We also should look to ourselves to see what we are reflecting. Is it positivity, respect for others, willingness to compromise that you see? It's too easy to look to others and point out things you don't like but it's almost impossible to see any flaws in ourselves. Just remember no one is perfect, we all have raveled edges.

The theme "Timeless Reflection" has many aspects but the most important things are to cultivate, grow and preserve our membership. Membership is the foundation and structure of the ALA organization. In reference to our Strategic Plan, (Victory Garden) we need to make sure our soil is good, and that we are providing the right nutrients if our garden is going to grow. I am confident we are going to have a very productive Spring and our 'Garden' will be full and beautiful.

Tammy Workman  
Department President



### Department Officers 2016-2017

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

### District Presidents

1st District-Stephanie Handley  
3rd District-Carla Wilfong  
4th District-Cathy Post  
5th District-Beth Kilgore  
6th District-Peggy Swartz  
9th District-  
10th District-Sharon Glassford

### District Vice Presidents

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”.

**Mandatory Funds:** to be a unit in good standing one of the obligations is paying your unit mandatory funds yearly, no later than July 31, 2017. If you are attending Department Convention to be seated as a delegate, then it is 30 days before Convention.

Mandatory Funds are: *Bonding, Girls State Project, Education, Veterans 1st Fund, Poppies, and 10% proceeds.*

**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.*

**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.

## Dates To Remember

### Spring Conferences

**3rd District Joint Conference**  
**Shinnston Post #31 Bridge Street**  
**March 11, 2017**  
**Registration is \$10.00 Covers Meal**  
**Registration is at 9:00 am.**

**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**  
**Post Home**  
**April 22, 2017**

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

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

### Birthday Dinners

**Clarksburg Post #13**  
**March 10th**

**Shinnston Post #31**  
**March 12th**

**Berkeley Springs Post 60**  
**March 31st.**

**ALL DEPARTMENT OFFICERS**  
**ARE INVITED TO ATTEND**

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**American Legion Auxiliary**  
**National Website**  
[ALAforveterans.org](http://ALAforveterans.org)

### *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.*

*A copy of District Endorsements is appreciated for the Spirit.*



# "Timeless Reflections"



## Membership Chairman

Hello Ladies,

As we approach the last part of 2016-2017 administrative year, seems like we have more work to do than anyone is willing to do. As of February 15, 2017 Department of West Virginia is 408 members less than last year this date. We have come out of the bottom spot in the Central Division at 58.85% for 8th place.

So now for some more pleasant news. At our annual Midwinter Conference at Martinsburg the weekend of February 3-4, Membership Team present certificates to the unit achieving monthly targets. Also several units where honored for going over and above with their membership. Charles Town #102 received their Goal Ribbon and a small token of appreciation from me for reaching 100% by Midwinter.

February 15- Button #7- 70% 10 units have taken that spot. As I look at the Button #7 report we have many units that need only a handful of members to at 70%. Also any member that haven't paid their dues are now delinquent. Please remind your members of their benefits they are losing by not paying their dues.

Deloris Placer, Sistersville Unit #67 received \$50.00 in the Renewal Senior Drawing. Dues had to be paid by December 31, 2016 to be eligible. Congratulations goes out to her!!

One last thing, I have a quote from American Government Worker, May V. Smith " *The only place you find success before work is in the dictionary.*"

Until Next Time,  
For God and Country  
Debbie Fox



## Department 1st Vice President

Hello Farmeretts,

Congratulations to Charles Town, Unit # 102 for being the first unit to reach GOAL.

REMINDER, BY NOW EVERY UNIT SHOULD HAVE 10 PAID SENIOR MEMBERS.

When the membership team did their conference call with the National Central Division membership chairman, she shared some listings of unpaid members. These listings are as of mid-January, so by now some hopefully are already paid. I just received the listings about a week ago. Once I get them split out into Units, I will be sending them to the District Vices to share with you. Some members have not been paid since 2014, and the list has contact numbers for many. I'm hoping we can reach out to them and hopefully get them to rejoin.

I hope those that attended mid-winter enjoyed the conference. Certificates were handed out to those units that attended. I will have others at Spring conferences.

Don't forget, I will draw one random unit to receive a gift, from those units who reach 100 % before the 100% due date.

Bless our Veterans!!  
Lisa Cadwallader  
[LisaC.ALA71@gmail.com](mailto:LisaC.ALA71@gmail.com)



## Department 2nd Vice President

Hello Rosie Riveters,

We now have the Mid-Winter Conference behind us. For all of you Auxiliary members that attended I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. It was a great conference.

With this year slowly moving closer toward the end we must focus on deadlines for Education Scholarships as well as Year-End Reports. It is very important for us to get out what we do throughout the year. Please make sure your units send in your information to the Department Chairmen.

I would like to finish this article on a positive Note: So All Department of WV Auxiliary Members stand up, give yourselves a pat on the back, and shout out "HOORAY".

Our state is 2nd for Membership in the Central Division. I want to tell everyone "Thank you for a Great Job" and keep up the awesome things you do for our Veterans, their families, our children, and our community.

Until next month continue to bill!!!  
God Bless  
Rhonda



### 1st District Vice President

Hello Ladies

It was great seeing everyone at the Mid-Winter Conference. What a wonderful leadership program was presented by both Dr. Rosemary Thomas and Ann Buchanan, our Leadership Chairman. A lot of great information was presented for us all to take back to our units.

It was nice to see that many units have met their membership buttons throughout our Department. However we still have some work to do.

Congratulations to the following units for meeting their buttons for February at 70%-Weirton Unit #10 at 70.59%, New Martinsville Unit # 28 at 74.85% and Chester Unit #121 at 72.00%.

Please remember that when I make my calls it would be very appreciated for me to receive a return call or email so that accurate numbers are reported back to Rhonda Best our Chairman and she can continue to do her part by reporting to our Department Membership Chairman Debbie Fox.

Please report and recruit so that our organization can continue to do what we do best and that is "supporting our veterans and their families".

Thank you and God Bless  
Holly Adams

1st District Vice President

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### 10th District Vice President

It was nice seeing everyone at Mid-Winter.

Thanks to those I have talked to. We are running behind in our membership, but am glad some are getting new members. Keep up the good work.

Remember I'm just a phone call away.

Sharon Kauffman  
District Vice

### 3rd District President

The month is going by too fast. But letters and papers for Spring Conference are out to all Unit Presidents.

Third District Spring Conference will be March 11th it is being held at Shinnston Post 31. The Oratorical will be held at 2:00 that same day.

The registration fee and meal will be \$10.00. We hope to have a good turn out.

I hope all Units are working hard on membership. Remember to be in good standing you must have 10 Adult members paid, Junior members do not count in this. Do not hold your dues send them in.

If you need my help just give me a call at 304-592-0247.

Carla Wilfong  
Third District President

### 5th District President

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Mid-Winter Conference. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. What a pleasure to meet **Carollee Junge**, Central Division National Vice President, an amazing lady. **Dr. Rosemary Thomas** did an outstanding and motivational presentation. Everyone had a great time. Sorry if you missed it. Great job, Ann!

I hope you are continuing to bring in new members and getting renewals of those already a member. Now is a good time of the year, with winter upon us and people needing and wanting to get out and about. Why not with the American Legion Auxiliary? Do not hold dues. Send them in as soon as possible. Your members benefits do not start until those dues are received at Department and National.

**Plan ahead:** The 5th District Spring Conference will be held on Saturday, April 8th in Logan. Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend. It should be fun and there will be lots of information given and we will have elections of District officers.

Service not Self!!  
Beth Kilgore, President  
5th District

### 4th District President

Hello Ladies,

Sounds like Mid-Winter Conference was wonderful, so sorry I couldn't be there with you. I do hope this finds you all well, there has been so much sickness. I know at least one unit had to cancel their meeting due to illness.

Our 98th Birthday is fast approaching. I'm sure all or most everyone is planning their celebrations.

I am looking forward to getting my first Girls State going with Unit #48.

Let's all help Miss Nancy get those membership dues in. By the time you read this 4th District will have a Goal Unit. I have not been given an exact date for 4th District Spring Conference yet. I hope to hear more Monday February 20, 2017. I'm sure you all received your end of year reports, let's make sure and get these in for those awards.

Until next time, as we look forward to Spring and all things new again, set your goals high!

For God and Country  
Cathy D. Post  
4th District President

### 4th District Vice President

Hello Ladies of 4th District,  
I am proud to say that we have 1 Unit that have made it to Button 7 with 70%: Tyler County #48 with 82.35 %  
Other Units are not far behind except Sistersville Unit #67. They need to work a little harder getting membership in.

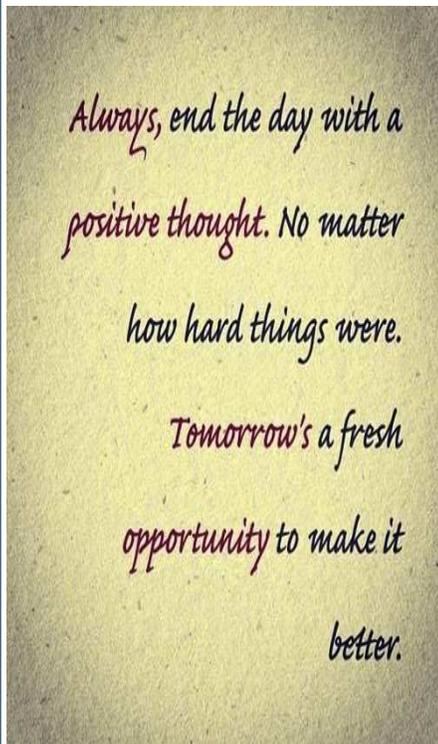
Until Next Month  
God Bless All  
Nancy Sundstrom  
4th District Vice President



## Chaplain

Remember to believe.  
If anyone is sick or just needs prayers let me know.

Sharon Kauffman  
Department Chaplain

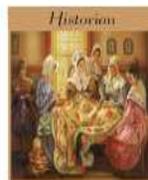


## Historian

As we prepare for the end of the year, we are also preparing our histories to be shared with those that follow. You may want to think about doing a digital history for your unit. You can use a thumb drive (so you can add next year to it) have a brief narrative about the events within your unit including pictures. If this is done monthly, it will assist in making the calendar for next year. Pictures can help the next group to determine how to decorate or make the presentations in the future and who was involved. It is important that we pass on all the events that make our units great. Do it in a manner that is comfortable for you. The digital approach may interest some of the younger members. The judging for History will be on a written product, but your unit could profit from a digital product.

I look forward to reading the histories of several units in July. Please let me know if I can be of assistance to you or your unit.

Ann Buchanan  
Historian



## Strategic Planning Committee

### Branding

We all know branding is wearing our appeal with our emblem, and name tags out in the public, so people see them, or to display signs when out in the public eye.

However, are you aware our Name "American Legion Auxiliary" and Emblem are registered with the U.S. Trade Office? Or that the National Organization has to grant permission to vendors to print our Emblem? Why is that, because both are patented and are protected by criminal and civil enforcement provisions of federal law.

Our units may use them on letter head, office supplies, bulletins, and news letters or wear on clothing and jewelry when received from an authorized vendor.

Who are we? We are the "American Legion Auxiliary".

### NAME

\*\*Always capitalize the first letter of each word of the name the American Legion Auxiliary. If it appears in lower-case letters, the words could become confused with the other words in a sentence.

\*\*Never shorten the name American Legion Auxiliary to something like "Legion Auxiliary" or "American Auxiliary." The full name American Legion Auxiliary should be spelled out for the general public. Don't refer to our organization as ALA or the Auxiliary to external audiences. To avoid repetition, use words such as organization on second reference.

\*\*Our organization should not be referred to as the Women's Auxiliary or the Ladies Auxiliary.

Our Emblem has rules as to size, color, placement, too many to discuss here. There are several pages in the Branding Guide. The guide is found on the National Web site, under members only, <https://www.alaforveterans.org/Members/> You can find it along the right hand side and It can be viewed or downloaded.

Lisa Cadwallader  
[LisaC.ALA71@gmail.com](mailto:LisaC.ALA71@gmail.com)

## Legislative

Time is running out for this year. I hope several Units have had contact with National or State Office (representatives).

I have hope that all Units will fill out their Year end reports and return them on time. I am looking forward to sending in a good report to National.

If you have any questions just give me a call at 304-592-0247.

Our Department Secretary and NEC, along with The American Legion, will be visiting the "Hill" and seeing our Senators and Congressmen while in Washington DC.

Carla Wilfong  
Legislative Chairman

## Remembering Our Friends

*Janice Gamerdinger, PDP, fell and broke her hip. She had surgery and is now recuperating. I don't have any other information at this time.*

*Cards may be sent to:  
Janice Gamerdinger, PDP  
513 Florida Avenue  
Chester WV 26034*

*Betty Rea was hospitalized for congestive heart failure. She is home now on new meds and oxygen. Still spunky as ever.*

*Cards may be sent to:  
Betty Rea, PCDNVP  
1115 Main Street  
Follansbee WV 26037*

*Betty Burton, PDP, is not doing well. If you would like to find out more contact Nina Mason, PDP.*

*Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers.*

## Community Service

Hello ladies;

It's still cold out, so remember our homeless veterans and the homeless in our communities.

They will be needing jackets, hats, gloves, blankets .

Remember to always let everyone know who you are by wearing your badge, shirt or jacket letting know you are with the Auxiliary.

Remember Presidents Day February 20th St. Patricks Day March 17th.

Remember our veterans always like getting cards and just having someone to come visit.

Sharon Kauffman  
Community Service

## Junior Activities

What a great Mid Winter conference we had with our Juniors. We did Valentines cards for all of VA hospitals & nursing homes. We had a fun time making a painting of Poppies , which we did four extra ones for our special guest Carollee Junge , Central Division National Vice President, Department President Tamala Workman, National Vice Commander Paul Martel, and State Commander Sherman Baxa.

For the safety of our young ladies (Juniors ) we need to make sure the parents or guardians are ok with the Juniors pictures being put on Facebook pages. I'm working on getting a press release paper together.

Include Juniors in your unit, they are the future Auxiliary.

Daughter of Wisdom the Pearls  
Juniors Adviser,  
Kelli A Immel  
[Kitbasket@hotmail.com](mailto:Kitbasket@hotmail.com)

## Leadership

Ladies, the weather has been beautiful the past few days and the thought that Spring is the air have begun to bloom. I want to thank all those that attended the Midwinter Conference. We had a wonderful program presented by Dr. Rosemary Thomas on qualities of a leader, the Membership Team recognized units for their efforts, A Kid's Table was presented by Beth Kilgore, and the Welfare Fund received several donations from the Past President's Club and the Silent Auction.

Leadership is like a garden, we need to take care of the seeds and plant them in fertile soil. The new younger members of our organization need good examples to follow. As we prepare to get officers for the coming year, let us try to make our gardens fertile and ready to cultivate new leaders. I shared this at the Midwinter Conference, so take time to read and use the thoughts.

### For The Garden of Your Daily Living

\*\* Peace of Mind

\*\*Peace of Heart

\*\*Peace of Soul

### Plant Four Rows of Squash

\*\*Squash Gossip

\*\*Squash Indifference

\*\*Squash Grumbling

\*\*Squash Selfishness

### Plant Four Rows of Lettuce

\*\*Lettuce be Faithful

\*\*Lettuce be Kind

\*\*Lettuce be Patient

\*\*Lettuce Really Love One Another

### No Garden is Complete Without Turnips

\*\*Turnip for Meetings

\*\*Turnip for Service

\*\*Turnip to Help One Another

### To Conclude Our Garden We Must Have Thyme

\*\*Thyme for Each Other

\*\*Thyme for Family

\*\*Thyme for Friends

### Water freely with Patience and Cultivate with Love.

*There is much fruit in your Garden because you reap what you sow.*

Q13: When and where will the 2017 National Convention be held?  
August 18-25, 2017 in Reno, NV (Circus Circus Hotel)

Q14: Where and when will the 2017 Department of WV Convention be held?  
July 13-15, 2017 in Huntington, WV (Pullman Plaza Hotel)

Q15: When are the 2017-2018 District Presidents elected?

Q16: What officers are ratified at the State Convention by the delegates?

Ann Buchanan  
Leadership Chairman



## Americanism



I have had periodic contact with our National Chairman Sue Britton and our Central Division Americanism Chairman Bev Copple. They were happy to report that they had 100% reporting for Mid Year.

One of the questions they have been asked is about judging sheets for the Americanism Essay Contest. The answer is: judging is up to each Department individually. No score sheets are supplied by National.

I need to up my deadline date to **April 10th** for the Americanism Essay Contest as I have to have the winners postmarked by April 15th. PLEASE make note of this and adhere to the deadline.

Please make sure that the students adhere to the rules so that entries are not disqualified. Also make sure that the essay has AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST 2017 COVER SHEET (in each class). I look forward to receiving a lot of entries.

When I do my end of the year report, I want West Virginia's Light to shine with an outstanding Americanism Report!! I know that All Units have done something to promote Americanism!! If you have been documenting as you have done these programs, it will make it so much easier when you do your report.

Susan Wade  
Americanism Chairman

## Constitution & Bylaws

It is coming time for end of year reports and then reports on to National. I was expecting to hear from several Units this year but so far I have not.

It is not too late to send any changes. Please be sure to send your reports in.

If you need my help just give me a call at 304-592-0247.

Carla Wilfong,  
Constitution and By-laws  
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](http://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

### Winners On Raffles at Midwinter

**Winner of the Silent Auction  
Raffle Basket:  
Rachel Gray  
Berkeley Springs Unit #60**

**Winner of the Past Department  
Presidents Club Raffle \$200.00**

**Susan Wade  
Paden City Unit #86**

**Thanks to all who participated!!**

**Silent Auction Report:  
\$677.00**

**Thanks to all who participated in the  
Silent Auction!!**

### 2017-2018 Candidates for Offices

*Dept. President: Lisa Cadwallader  
Charles Town #71*

*Dept. 1st V.P.: Rhonda Best  
Moundsville #3*

*Dept. 2nd V.P.: Sharon Kauffman  
Martinsburg #14*

*Sec./Treas. Paulette Anderson  
New Martinsville #28*

*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

I hope everyone enjoyed the Mid-Winter Conference. It really was as great time. Ann Buchanan did a great job of pulling it all together.

At the conference, a **Military Child's Table Setting** was presented. It is very similar to the POW/MIA Ceremony but honors the sacrifices of the military child. If you would like a copy of the ceremony, just let me know and I can email a copy to you or you can go onto the national auxiliary website. You can email me at [MBKilgore@frontier.com](mailto:MBKilgore@frontier.com) or give me a call at 304-654-7750.

Remember **April is Children & Youth Month**. I hope you are planning a special event to honor the Children & Youth in your community. If you need some ideas or help, just give me a call.

I would like everyone to consider wearing purple t-shirt on April 15th for **Purple Up**, honoring the military child. If anyone asks why you are wearing the purple t-shirt, please explain the significance of wearing it on that particular day.



Thank you for all you do for our Children and Youth!!

Beth Kilgore,  
Chairman



## Child Welfare Foundation

**WOW!** I am blown away by your generosity. They said I needed to lose some weight so I went on a crash diet to the tune of \$231.65. Your kindness is overwhelming. But never fear, I am back at it and putting on more and more each month.

I will give you monthly updates but remember we will be taking up another collection at Department Convention in July.

We have received some more piggy banks so let me know if you need any.

Just remember you don't need as piggy bank to save the change, bills or even checks that go into them.

Beth Kilgore,  
Child Welfare Foundation



## American Legion Auxiliary West Virginia Rhododendron

All information packets have been mailed to schools in West Virginia and the schools expect to hear from units by March 3, 2017.

All information packets have been sent to units (either delivered at Mid-winter Conference or mailed to the Unit President). If you have not received your packet, please contact me ASAP. If you need additional registration number, please let me know.

Ann Buchanan  
RGS Registrar

## Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation



Hello Ladies:

Mid-Winter Conference has come and gone, as has the Comfort Item Drive. I am sending a special report for Department to place in the Spirit for a message to all units.

One of the points of the National Program that I have not addressed much in my messages is caregiving to veterans. This can be any veteran that you take to the doctor, provide meals for on a regular or sporadically basis, for whom you do chores, etc. Make sure you report on what you are doing on your annual report. This would not include your immediate veteran family members. I am looking forward to hearing on what you have done on your annual report.

I have received a request from the VA&R Central Division Chairman requesting stories on unit activities on what they are doing as they provide service to veterans, active duty, their families and children. If you have something you want me to submit to National, it might appear on the National website.

I think units on what they are doing for our veterans. This includes your unit donations to our mandatory Welfare Fund, which you might have or will be sending to Department.

### Comfort Items Report at Midwinter

19 Units/Post/SAL Squadrons donated comfort items and stamps.

Total Cost/Value of Merchandise: **\$10,007.25**

My sincere thanks to everyone who brought items to Mid-Winter or delivered directly to the WV Veterans Home or their nearest VA Medical Facility. My thanks to everyone who arranged for the items brought to Mid-Winter to get back to their VA hospital, and the WV Veterans Home for coming to Martinsburg to pick up their boxes. My final thanks goes to those who helped me in the Comfort Item Room (Ann Buchanan, Beth Kilgore, Joann Hastings and Donna Leek), and Paulette for all her help getting it set up and bringing needed supplies.

Mary Waybright



# American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

## *Girls State Chairman*

Spring is almost here and guess what is right around the corner? Summer and oh yea the 75th Anniversary of Rhododendron Girls State – Our Diamond Jubilee!!!

When: Sunday, June 11, – Friday, June 16, 2017

Where: Wheeling Jesuit University

Theme: “Leave a Little Sparkle  
Wherever You Go”

Cost: \$200 Registration Fee: \$10 T-Shirt

Special Project: Helping Heroes, Inc.

Website: <http://wvgirlsstate.org/>

Application Deadline: May 1st

Application Date for Refund: May 15th

Girls State packets were given out to the Units who were present at the Mid-Winter Conference or mailed if not in attendance. If you need any assistance please contact your district representative.

District representative please contact your Units and Schools to see if you can be of assistance.

Please be in contact your school representatives 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. Their will also be classes in Public Speaking as well as a College Fair. To be chosen as a citizen is a very high honor for these young ladies. So 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.

Also, encourage them to fill out the Samsung scholarship form. Encourage your citizens to fill out this scholarship and bring a hard copy with them. One of these young ladies will be selected to win a \$ 1,000 scholarship and an opportunity to win a \$ 20,000 scholarship as well. The deadline to receive these applications will be Sunday, June 11, 2017 at 10:00 p.m.

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. Note: Many of these young ladies are also eligible to join our organization and have family members that are veterans. Hint: MEMBERSHIP! Just a reminder, in 2018, the registration fee will increase to \$250 and the t-shirt will be included in this cost. This increase was voted on at the Fall Executive Board Meeting in September, 2016.

Please if you have any questions contact your Girls State District Representative if you need assistance or feel free to contact me.

Lynda Lancaster  
Girls State Chairman

## *Rhododendron Girls State*

### *Representatives*

1st Dist. — Susan Brown  
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845-5122

3rd Dist. — Mary Jo Thomas  
279 Rock Lake Road  
Fairmont WV 26554  
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4th Dist. — Nancy Sundstrom  
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5th Dist.— Katena Karnes  
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Huntington WV 25701  
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6th Dist. — Peggy Swartz  
P O Box 124  
Gary, WV 24836  
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9th Dist. — Paula Booth  
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Belington WV 26250  
823-3251

10th Dist.— Lynda Lancaster  
PO Box 1037  
Ranson WV 25438  
676-3979



## Ways & Means

Congratulations to January winners!!

At Midwinter Conference I sold about 4 more tickets. I have had a few units who are still sending me money and ticket stubs. Thanks to all who are supporting our Department Fundraiser!!

I still have plenty of tickets, and will bring them to the District Conferences if your unit would like more, or just purchase them.

Remember this is the only fundraiser our Department has with 75% going into the Welfare Fund, and 25% going to our General Fund.

This fundraiser has been going on for a long time, and it is still doing great!!

*Remember if you don't pay,  
you can't play.*

Until next month!!  
Paulette Anderson  
Chairman

## January Ways and Means Winners

Winner	Number	City	State	Date	Amount
Jessica Renegar	052	Paden City	WV	1/2/17	\$100.00
Diana Teter	434	Capon Bridge	WV	1/3/17	\$25.00
	802			1/4/17	
	590			1/5/17	
Rick Shobe	479	Petersburg	WV	1/6/17	\$25.00
Kathy Richardson	054	New Martinsville	WV	1/7/17	\$25.00
Rosemary Gunto	249	Moundsville	WV	1/9/17	\$25.00
George White	427	Belington	WV	1/10/17	\$25.00
Lillian Largent	770	Romney	WV	1/11/17	\$25.00
ALA Pt. Pleasant #23	530	Pt. Pleasant	WV	1/12/17	\$25.00
Bill Chapman	574	Thorpe	WV	1/13/17	\$25.00
	790			1/14/17	
Melissa Mendy	738	Brohard	WV	1/16/17	\$25.00
Aaron Chapman	283	Princeton	WV	1/17/17	\$25.00
Sandi Cline	369	Newell	WV	1/18/17	\$200.00
Michelle Jones	291	St. Marys	WV	1/19/17	\$25.00
	948			1/20/17	
	340			1/21/17	
Linda Matheny	708	Vienna	WV	1/23/17	\$25.00
Bob Speaks	315	Glengary	WV	1/24/17	\$25.00
Jacob McCarty	353	Jane Lew	WV	1/25/17	\$25.00
	284			1/26/17	
	458			1/27/17	
	833			1/28/17	
	439			1/30/17	
Sharon Childress	080	Romney	WV	1/31/17	\$25.00



# March 2017

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<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><i>Programs of The Month</i></p> <p><i>Community Service</i></p> <p><i>Auxiliary Emergency Fund</i></p> </div>			<p>1</p> <p><i>Home from Washington Conference</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p><i>Office Opened</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p><i>National Commanders Visit to WV</i></p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p><i>Clarksburg Post #13 B Day Dinner</i></p>	<p>11</p> <p><i>3rd District Spring Conf. Shinnston Post #31</i></p>
<p>12</p>  <p><i>Shinnston Post #31 B Day Dinner</i></p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p><i>Button #8 80%</i></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>  <p><i>Last Day for Spirit Articles</i></p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p><i>Spirit Out VA Checks Mailed</i></p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p><i>Berkeley Springs Post #60 B Day Dinner</i></p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p>	

# Timeless Reflections



**Button #7-- February 15th—70%  
Membership To Date—5319 (59.40%)  
Dept. Unit #200—87  
Department Goal—8954**



District 1			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	34	1	2.94%
Moundsville #3	373	241	64.61%
McMechen #5	76	39	51.32%
Weirton #10	85	60	70.59%
Cameron #18	238	154	64.71%
New Martinsville #28	171	128	74.85%
Wellsburg #34	40	26	65.00%
Follansbee #45	59	34	57.63%
Benwood #46	125	72	57.60%
Pine Grove #81	119	61	51.26%
Paden City #86	154	102	66.23%
Wheeling #89	48	12	25.00%
Newell #114	58	28	48.28%
Hundred #120	115	66	57.39%
Chester #121	200	144	72.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1895</b>	<b>1168</b>	<b>61.64%</b>



**WWI  
Farmettes  
Goal—4055  
To Date—2374  
( 58.55% )**

District 3			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	73	42	57.53%
Grafton #12	33	10	30.30%
Clarksburg #13	187	137	73.26%
Shinnston #31	365	243	66.58%
Braxton Co. #33	41	25	60.98%
Philippi #44	46	18	39.13%
Bridgeport #68	63	34	53.97%
Jane Lew #166	52	36	69.23%
Morgantown #174	43	13	30.23%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>61.79%</b>

District 5			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Huntington #16	312	198	63.46%
Logan #19	29	8	27.59%
St. Albans #73	87	25	28.74%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	461	276	59.87%
South Charleston #94	34	10	29.41%
Hamlin #111	71	15	21.13%
Milton #139	92	62	67.39%
Barboursville #177	178	132	74.16%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1264</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>57.44%</b>



**WWII  
Rosie The Riveters  
Goal—4812  
To Date—2855  
( 59.33% )**

District 10			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	155	75	48.39%
Franklin #30	31	10	32.26%
Piedmont #52	41	14	34.15%
Berkeley Springs #60	260	192	73.85%
Moorefield #64	140	68	48.57%
Charles Town #71	314	183	58.28%
Petersburg #78	117	63	53.85%
Romney #91	319	191	59.87%
Charles Town #102	24	24	100.00%
Paw Paw #128	79	28	35.44%
Kirby #134	63	37	58.73%
Ridgeley #136	127	71	55.91%
Capon Bridge #137	153	92	60.13%
Keyser #152	67	44	65.67%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1890</b>	<b>1091</b>	<b>57.72%</b>

District 4			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	1027	632	61.54%
Spencer #21	82	48	58.54%
Pt. Pleasant #23	439	277	63.10%
Tyler County #48	17	14	82.35%
Sistersville #67	175	44	25.14%
Parkersburg #104	30		
New Haven #140	190	131	68.95%
Williamstown #159	218	114	52.29%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2178</b>	<b>1260</b>	<b>57.85%</b>

District 6			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Welch #8	91	44	30.77%
Bluefield #9	38		
Beckley #32	54	34	62.96%
Gary #38	94	75	79.79%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>55.23%</b>

District 9			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Elkins #29	220	131	59.55%
Cowen #62	59	29	49.15%
Lewisburg #69	81	51	62.96%
Belington #96	47	23	48.94%
Richwood #97	24	21	87.50%
Pickens #122	31	20	64.52%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>59.31%</b>

There will be a walk for Veterans with the National Commander on March 4@1:00 in Harpers Ferry, a Birthday Dinner  
At Post #71 at 6:00 pm.

Turf Rodeway Inn & Suites Ranson, WV 304-725-2081  
Ralph Fox has a block of rooms at a rate of \$90.00 + tax  
Price is good thru 2/24/2017  
All rooms are non smoking  
Mention the American Legion



*The Commander  
of  
The Jackson-Perks  
American Legion Post 71  
requests your presence  
for the  
98<sup>th</sup> American Legion "Birthday Party"  
and Honoring the visit of  
National Commander  
Charles E. Schmidt*

*March 4, 2017  
Meet & Greet / Social Hour: 6pm  
Ceremonies, Remarks and Dinner to  
Follow*

*Jackson-Perks Post Home  
225 W. Washington St  
Charles Town, WV 25414*

*Please RSVP (Invitee and 1 Guest  
Permitted) by February 24, 2017  
to the Post Adjutant at:  
[Post71@wvlegion.org](mailto:Post71@wvlegion.org)*

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