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Department President  
Lisa Cadwallader



Serve & Honor Those Who  
Defend our Freedom While  
Building Future Leaders



Hello Ladies,

Hope everyone is staying warm, I think this has been one of the coldest winters we have had in a while. I also hope you are dodging the viruses, flus and colds going around, they have been really bad from what I hear.

We are now into the New Year and at this point, we should have NO units under 10 paid members, NO officers and NO chairman at any level who have NOT paid their DUES. And ANY member not paid as of Dec. 31, 2017 is NOT a member currently. Ladies if you fall into this category PLEASE PAY your DUES NOW!!!! You lose any benefits you may be taking advantage of. You are NO LONGER in a position to serve as chairman or officers at any level.

WE, who are WE? WE are the American Legion Auxiliary. WE are a TEAM! WE are members of a wonderful organization. WE nor TEAM have an "I". WE do, WE vote, WE decide, WE give, WE are members who want to assist and support Veterans, those who gave US our freedom. WE should NOT be here to benefit one's self. One does not vote, decide, or do, alone. WE are an organization with a wide variety of members; WE have older members, younger members, more seasoned members, new members, and eager members. If WE all remember that, if WE all work together, If WE all share ideas and experience, if WE all learn, WE would do so much more and be so much better as a TEAM!!

Mid-Winter is right around the corner. I hope to see many of you there for the conference and the luncheon. Bring another member, bring a lot of other members, the more the merrier. Never been, come see for yourself. We hopefully have some beneficial information for officers, chairman and all members along with some fun mixed in and our National President Diane Duscheck will be with us. Don't forget the silent auction table of goodies and the poppy projects. I also hope many of you take pictures and share them. Please be safe in your travels to and from Mid-Winter.

Let's not forget our juniors, they too have a meeting during Mid-Winter. Remember, these young ladies are our future.

I am HAPPY, with the few mid-year reports I submitted, we (West Virginia) are not on the list of not sending a Mid-Year report in. A reminder to Department Chairman, if you have not done so please send myself and the Department Historian a copy of your mid-year report. I have forwarded those I have received.

Any member is welcome to call or Email me any time. Remember there is no dumb question, maybe only the one not asked.

Serve & Honor Veterans,  
Lisa Cadwallader (304) - 707 - 1121  
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# Department Headquarters

## 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.*

**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, 2018. 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.**

**Spirit 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" female 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.

**Please don't send me the DD214.** They are for the unit files only. Post Officer signature is all I need on application to verify the eligibility.

**All applications sent to the Dept. Office needs to be the original. Copies are for you to keep.**

**Any dues for 2017 dues are considered "back dues". Please put in the area designated for back dues on your transmittal. Please don't send in 2017 transmittals to pay 2018 dues.**

**Online Dues** The unit membership chairman will receive an email from me giving you credit for your unit, and instructions how to process this credit.

**Please do not staple checks to transmittals.**

## *Dates To Remember*

**Midwinter Conference**  
**February 9-10 2018**  
**Laleview Resort**  
**Morgantown WV**

**3rd District Spring Conference**  
**March 10, 2018 (Joint)**  
**Shinnston Post #31**  
**State Oratorical Contest**  
**After Conference**

**Shinnston Post #31 Birthday Dinner**  
**March 11, 2018**

**10th District Spring Conference**  
**March 24, 2018 (Joint)**  
**Berkeley Springs Post #60**

**5th District Spring Conference**  
**Saturday April 14, 2018 (Joint)**  
**Huntington Post #16**

**4th District Spring Conference**  
**Sunday April 15, 2018 (Joint)**  
**TBA**

**ALA 1st District Spring Conference**  
**Sunday April 29, 2018**  
**Moundsville Unit #3**

***This is all I have and they are***  
**TENATIVE**

## **2018-2019 Candidates for Office**

Dept. President-Rhonda Best Unit #3  
Dept. 1st VP-Sharon Kauffman Unit #14  
Dept. 2nd Vice Pres.-  
Dept. Sec/Treas.-  
Dept. Chaplain-  
Dept. Historian-

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**American Legion Auxiliary**  
**National Website**  
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## **Department Officers 2017-2018**

President-Lisa Cadwallader  
1st Vice President-Rhonda Best  
2nd Vice President-Sharon Kauffman  
Secretary/Treasurer-Paulette Anderson  
Chaplain-Cathy Post  
Historian-Kelli Immel

## **District Presidents**

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

## **District Vice Presidents**

1st District-Holly Adams  
3rd District-Michelle Dambaugh  
4th District-Nancy Sundstrom  
5th District-JoAnn Hastings  
6th District-Reba Honaker  
10th District-Linda Schlicht

***“Soaring High in Membership While Strengthening our Culture of Goodwill”***

***Membership Chairman***

Mid-Winter and the Membership Luncheon are quickly approaching. I hope you have purchased your ticket to enjoy the delicious lunch buffet. Door prizes will be awarded during the luncheon and there will be a gift bag for all in attendance. You don't want to miss this fun event!

Franklin Unit 30 is standing alone as the only Goal Unit. The doves have regained the membership lead making the membership flight more interesting! Target 3 will be here sooner than you think!! Will your Unit make goal? What are you doing to contact the 2017 members that have not rejoined? Please bring your ideas for recruitment and retention to Mid-Winter to share.

During Mid-Winter, all Units reaching Target 1 and Target 2 will be recognized. I will also have sweet treats for the Units that obtained at least 31% membership by October 31<sup>st</sup>. We will be playing a little trivia about the American Legion Auxiliary and membership eligibility so make sure you are prepared!

Soaring High With You,  
Heather Fauble  
Membership Chairman

***Department 1st Vice President***

Hello Doves,

I hope everyone has gotten rested up from the holidays.

I know members are currently busy getting ready for District meetings as well as attending Mid-Winter Conference this month. Please focus on getting those members that are not paid for 2018. If any of those members were to attend either the conference or district meeting they would not have a vote.

On a brighter note I want to “Thank” each District Vice-President for all of your hard work with membership. It does take our entire team working together.

Now I am asking each unit to plan at least 1 membership Drive for this half of our current year. You could set up at a Fair and/or festival in your area. Include these events in your year end reports.

Hope to see all of you soon.

Be safe and God Bless  
Rhonda Best  
Department 1st Vice



***Department 2nd Vice President***

Hello ladies!

I would like to thank all of you for working hard on the membership. We still have a few who are under 10 but I think we will get there. Everyone has worked very hard. Now we need to work together to get everyone to goal. Please send in as soon as you get the memberships coming in.

If you need any help I am just a phone call away. Hope to see a lot of you at mid-Winter. And thank you for all you do for our Veterans and the Auxiliary.

Sharon Kauffman  
Dept. 2nd Vice  
304-707-5512  
For God And Country



**BUILDING  
LEADERSHIP**

### *1st District President*

Hello,

I can't believe it is going to be February already. I hope everyone is staying safe and warm with all the crazy weather we have been having. It's already February and that means Year end report time is fast approaching. It would be a good time to start gathering and compiling all your information in preparation for all the reports.

I hope there is a strong showing of 1st District at Mid-Winter Conference at the 9th and 10th of February. It will be held at Lakeview Resorts in Morgantown. Don't forget about the comfort item drive that takes place at Mid-Winter.

Even though we may not be out and about due to weather, we need to still work on membership. Use every opportunity to try to get new members and even old members to join or rejoin. Keep up all the hard work.

God Bless All Our Veterans,  
Stephanie Handley  
1st District President

### *1st District Vice President*

Hello Ladies

I Hope everyone is staying warm and safe during this unstable weather we are having. I must admit I am not a fan, come on "spring"!

Our December target of 50% paid members is now up and we have 5 units in District #1 that have reached that target: Congratulations!!!

We need to continue to remember membership and recruit new members as well as reminding all members that they need to get their dues in.

District # 1 is leading our challenge with District #5 for highest percentage by Mid- Winter the loser will give \$25.00 to President Lisa's special project.

God Bless  
Holly Adams  
District # 1 VP  
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### *3rd District President*

Well we survived the really cold weather last week. Now is the time to start heating up our Unit membership numbers. Remember Ladies, our membership dues must be paid before Mid-Winter if we are an Officer. All Units must have at least 10 members paid before January 31st to be in good standing with National. So come on Ladies get your dues paid.

Spring Conference is just around the corner, it is being held at Shinnston Post 31 on March 10th registration will be from 9:00 to 10:00. All papers will be out shortly, as to what the menu will be and what registration fees will be. Also remember this will be election of new President and Vice-President. The District Chaplain will hold a Memorial Service, so send the Chaplain a list if anyone in your Unit that has passed away this past year. Unit Presidents reports will be due this meeting. Unit chairman please send a report to District Chairman for VA&R, Children and Youth, Americanism and Legislative.

Remember if you need any help, please call me at 304-592-0247, or e-mail me at [carlajwilfong@yahoo.com](mailto:carlajwilfong@yahoo.com). For service to others not self  
Carla Wilfong  
Third District President

### *3rd District Vice President*

Thank you units for doing good with your membership.  
Keep up the good job and keep going for our membership.

Michelle Dambaugh  
3rd District Vice President

### *5th District Vice President*

Hello Ladies

The holidays are now behind us. I hope you all had a good Christmas and a happy New Year. Now we can work on bringing up membership.

The Fifth District is at 43.17 %. We have a long way to go.

I hope to see you at the midwinter.

Thank you all  
JoAnn Hastings  
Fifth District Vice President

### *4th District President*

Hello my Auxiliary Sisters,

I hope this finds you surviving this very cold spell. Roger and I are just barely getting by.

I'm sure you are making plans for Mid-Winter and have your rooms. Our National President Diane Duscheck, will join us this time. I look forward to meeting her. Our conference agenda appears to be a busy one and full of information.

Business is going to start picking up soon with Girls State, Poppy Drives, and Memorial Day, they will be here before we know it.

Please be safe in your travels to Mid-Winter, See you there. Don't forget your Comfort Items!!!

Thank a Veteran !!

In the spirit of service not self  
Cathy D. Post  
4th District President.

### *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

### ***6th District President***

Hello Everyone

Hope this finds each and everyone well and keeping warm; this cold weather is not for me, I do not like zero weather, but Spring is on the way.

I know everyone is working hard on getting their membership in. I know we all are struggling to reach goal, but we are trying. Maybe now since Christmas and New Year is over maybe we can work a little harder.

I plan on attending Mid Winter on February 9th and 10th, 2018, hope to see members from 6th District present, and of course to see other members and friends at this meeting.

Unit 8 has been keeping busy working the kitchen at bingo and Beckley 32 has been helping at their bingo. Cowan, Lewisburg and Richwood please send me information on what your Unit is doing and I can get it in the Spirit. I know Gary 38 has been working hard on membership. everyone keep up the good work. Been talking to the Vice President of Unit 9 trying to get them organized again.

So until next time everyone stay warm, and keep all of our veterans in our thoughts and prayers.

Peggy Swartz  
6th District President

### ***Historian***

Hope everyone is doing ok with the cold weather. Make sure you are checking on your Veterans to see if they need anything extra.

I would like to thank the units that have sent in mid year reports for the history book. Just remember this book is for our whole state so our other American Legion Auxiliary in different states can see what all we have been doing for our Veterans.

Hope to see everyone at Midwinter. Safe travels.

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### ***10th District President***

Hello Ladies,

Hope everyone had a nice New Years.

By now everyone should have received their credentials for the District Conference. Please get those in before the due date to me and send the attendance one back to Nicole Shepard at Berkeley Spring Unit 60.

March 24th 2018 is the Spring Conference hope to see a lot of you there. This will be elections and Memorial Service for our District. Send your deceased members list to me.

As soon as the weather breaks I will be finishing my visits. I have enjoy meeting with everyone. Remember that by now all officers should be paid.

Remember that it is very cold out so if you see a homeless person or a veteran, in your community, offer them something to keep them warm. Remember we are here for our Veterans.

I hope to see some of you at Mid-Winter.

If you need any help feel free to call me. We are a family.  
Sharon Kauffman  
10th District President  
304-707-5512

### ***10th District Vice President***

Greetings Doves

February is the month for Sweet Hearts, Honoring Presidents, thinking about winter weather activities. For the Auxiliary we are gearing up for the end of our Membership year. We are in the last two quarters.

Thank you one and all for working on Unit membership. With many members having the flu, holidays affecting our time, some may have pushed back paying their dues. Now is a good time to call membership and see if they are renewing.

Membership Chairman ask for help from your Unit to contact members and talk to possible new members. This job belongs to all of us.

Please call if you need assistance or just need to chat. Thank you again for all you do.

Looking forward to seeing each of you at Mid-Winter.

Linda Schlicht  
10th District Vice President  
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### ***Chaplain***

Auxiliary Sisters in Christ,

I have all of you in prayer during this nasty weather. I am so anxious for Spring this year.

I have received a few items for President Lisa Payer Book, please keep them coming. I'm looking forward to Mid-Winter and the Four Chaplains Ceremony.

Perhaps you would be interested in doing this in your own Unit. This should be early in February. You can find several versions of this online. I have made arrangements to do this in the local Baptist Church, their pastor is a Veteran. I'm sure most of them have not seen this and will enjoy it.

*Lord, In the midst of Winter, when the days are cold and wind can pierce, Remind us of the warmth of your love. In the midst of Winter, when days are short, dawn comes late and dark arrives early,*

*Remind us that in the darkness, your light still shines.*

*In the midst of Winter, when the flowers of spring still lie hidden in the earth, when leave are off the trees and world can seem bleak,*

*Remind us that Easter is but a short time away.*

*And when in our lives we feel as if we are experiencing a season of winter, reach out to us with the power of your resurrection so that we may feel the warmth of your love and see your light that alone can take away the darkness of our soul.*

*In Jesus precious name, Amen*

For God and Country,  
Prayerfully yours,  
Cathy D. Post  
Chaplain



## *Meaning of our Preamble*

When we gather for auxiliary functions, we recite the Preamble to the Constitution. Do you know what the meaning of the Preamble is and why it was written? During the coming year, I will offer you a breakdown of the Preamble and the next time you recite it, hopefully it will have more meaning for you.

### **Explanation of the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary 6th in a series of 11**

“To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses...”

If America is to remain “the land of the free,” the government must always be a government of all the people and for all the people. No classes are recognized in America. No masses of downtrodden people exist. Neither must be permitted to develop, but America must be kept the country of opportunity for all, where every citizen’s first allegiance is to the nation, not to some social or economic class or mass. Dominance must not be gained by any such grouping of Americans. This is another basic pledge of the Legion and Auxiliary.

Beth Kilgore, Chairman  
Constitution & By-Laws Committee

## *Community Service*

Hello Ladies,

This time of the year, I know we did work hard on Community services. We helped the veterans and the community, had food drives coat drives Christmas parties for the children, toy drives and food baskets. We went to nursing homes, visited the sick at the hospital.

There is so much you can do that is called community services.

Thank you  
JoAnn Hastings  
Community Service Chairman

## *Constitution & Bylaws*

We are in the process of reviewing the Constitution & By-Laws I have received and the committee will be meeting prior to Mid-Winter. I am very pleased with what I have received so far but would like to have more submitted.

When was the last time your constitution was updated? I have a list of all units and the date of their most recent revision. Get in touch with me if you need to know or get with me at Mid-Winter.

Remember a by-law revision is a major overhaul of the bylaws. Units. Your constitution and by-laws ensure you are operating according to your agreed-upon rules. It is the best environment in which to accomplish your goals and objectives.

If you have any questions or I can help you in any way, feel free to call me at 304-654-7750 or email me at [MBKilgore@frontier.com](mailto:MBKilgore@frontier.com)

Beth Kilgore, Chairman  
Linda Crum, Member  
Dede Kelley, Member

## *Junior Activities*

Just a few short days until Midwinter Conference.

Don't forget Saturday February 10th. Registration is from 8-9. I'm hoping the weather is in everyone's favor.

Please be safe in your travels and I can't wait to meet the young ladies. See you all soon.

Michelle Ryan  
Junior Activities Chairman  
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## *Public Relations*

Hi Everyone,

I want to thank all the units that submitted mid-year public relations reports. It was great to see what everyone has done so far. Keep up the wonderful work you are doing.

All Units need to continue to get the word out on what we are doing and why we are doing it. Let your community know the purpose of the American Legion Auxiliary. Continue to use your local media to get the word out. If your unit has a social media page, use this platform to let people know about events your unit has planned. Continue to use branding every chance you can. Let the community know who we are and what we do.

God Bless,  
Stephanie Handley  
PR Chairman

## *Poppy*

Poppies, Poppies, Poppies

What a great month to think about Poppy projects. Have you worked with your schools for poster contest to bring to Mid-Winter?

Talk with your Unit President about Miss Poppy. Decorate your Post with Poppy projects, spreading the word about the Poppy Legacy.

If you need permission to setup up for Poppy Day in May, contact companies. Most important have fun, include your members in projects.

Include Veterans in Projects. Many of you have great ideas but need Unit help, ask for support.

Have questions, need support call me. I'll return your call as soon as possible. THANK YOU for ALL YOU DO!

Bring your Posters to Mid-Winter I'll accept 8:00am Saturday February 10th, table will be next to Silent Auction.

Linda Schlicht  
Poppy Chairman  
304 258 6869  
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## Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Hello Ladies,

Well January is almost over and February around the corner. I don't know about you but I won't complain about 90 degree weather at all this summer after having the cold we've been having.

I wanted to tell you that I sent my Mid-Year Report in to Central Division and so far we've had \$692.00 sent to National from West Virginia. I'd like to thank the members and units who made the donations. I can also tell you that two members from West Virginia were assisted because of fire, and flooding. I'm sorry to say one member was denied assistance. So the donations sent no matter how large or small they help our Auxiliary members in a time of need.

I won't be attending Mid-Winter so those going be safe and stay warm. I hope to see you in the spring and summer convention.

Connie Pyles  
Auxiliary Emergency Fun Chairman

## Mid Winter Conference is almost here Ladies.

We are gathering items for a Basket to raffle on February 10, 2018 at Mid Winter. This basket is separate from the other Silent Auction items.

If you would like to donate any items for **this** basket, you may mail to me before February 5, 2018 or please bring items by 8:00 AM on the 10th. This will allow us to put Basket together and sell raffle tickets all day.

Basket will be located at Silent Auction table, along with the other Silent Auction Items, so please stop by for tickets.

Thank you in advance for your support for the Department's Welfare Fund.

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## National Security

Hello Ladies,

I hope 2018 is going good for everyone!! Don't forget to apply now for national appointments. Deadline is February 1st, 2018! They must be completed online.

Did you know that through Amazon's charitable AmazonSmile program, you can support the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation while knocking out some of your everyday shopping? And it doesn't take much effort, simply sign in to Amazon through this link: <http://americanlegion.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT02NjAy-MTOyJnA9MSZ1PTkwNzczOTA2NCZsaT00ODE2OTIyNw/index.html>

Select the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation and just like that, Amazon donates 0.5% of every purchase you make to the ALA Foundation.

God Bless You  
Savanna Kauffman  
National Security

## Education

Hello Ladies,

I want to take this opportunity to thank all those units that have given me their mid-year education reports, although I would have liked to receive more reports. It is important that all units generate reports to the Department Chairman so we can show all the great things the Department of WV is doing not only with education but all of our programs.

I have completed the collaborated report and sent on to the Central Division and National Chairmen as well as Department President Lisa.

Remember the scholarship applications deadline is fast approaching March 1, 2018 and it is advisable that units send out reminders to their area schools about the deadlines.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Mid-Year in February.

Take care and stay safe and warm.  
Holly Adams  
Education Chairman  
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## Leadership

*Excerpted from an article in the ALA 'All In The Know Ebulletin', Dec. 2017, by Gayle Metzinger, National Leadership Committee Member*

For many years, our message has been *Service Not Self*, and, of course, we are the world's largest women's patriotic service organization.

In a recent survey, employees were asked what they wanted more of in their job. More money? More vacation/sick time? A company car? Surprisingly, the answer was recognition. Employees just want to be recognized for their performance. Simple and readily available and does not cost much – a smile, hand shake, pat on the back, certificate of achievement. The payback is enormous.

Our unit members need recognition as well. Working as a volunteer and not dependent on a paycheck means recognition is a necessity in order to retain those members. As a leader, it is your responsibility to know your members and take an interest in them as individuals and recognize their achievements. The more you say, "Good job," the more good jobs will be accomplished. Servant leaders put the wellbeing of their members before anything else.

The most important facet in our Auxiliary programs is our members. They are volunteers, not hired employees. Leadership is necessary to retain volunteers and have them striving for more responsibility.

Those reading this message are leaders, as they take the definition to their units, districts, and departments. Creating a culture of goodwill begins with leadership.

Thank you for all you do!  
Dede Kelly  
Leadership Chairman  
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Bridgeport WV 26330



## Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Well I hope everyone is staying warm at this time. While we are staying nice and warm in our homes, think of our homeless Veterans. If you can direct them to a shelter please do so. If you have a extra Blanket or Coat or gloves, hat, socks, shoes, give them to someone that can use them.

This month is our Comfort Drive, please bring Items to Mid-Winter for the Veterans. If the Chairman for Beckley, Huntington, and Martinsburg VAMC are unable to come please make arrangements to have your items picked up.

If anyone would like to help in the Comfort Room I would appreciate all the help I can get this is my first year doing this.

The following is a few more items that Veterans can use (these are a few of the items that use to be on the list)

Word Search books (large print )  
Crossword puzzle books (large print)  
Puzzles  
Stamps  
Emery boards  
Razors, Shaving Cream  
Toothbrushes, (individual wrapped from store) Toothpaste  
Shampoo (full Size) Dry shampoo  
Conditioner  
Deodorants  
Combs, Brushes  
Chewing Gum  
Denture Cleansers, Denture Adhesives  
Denture Brushes, Denture Holders  
Underwear (all sizes)  
Socks  
Sweat Shirts and Sweat Pants (all sizes)  
No after shave or mouthwash that has alcohol in it.

There are so many more items that I could list just use your heads when buying, remember you may have to transport it back. Please remember to fill out the form that was in last months Spirit as to the items and money spent so your Unit can receive credit for them. Attach to the box or put inside. If in side just write on box so I will know.

If you need my held please call me at 304-592-0247 or e-mail me at [carlajwilfong@yahoo.com](mailto:carlajwilfong@yahoo.com).

In Service to Others not Self  
Carla Wilfong  
VA&R Chairman

Martinsburg VA is in need of items for Women Veterans. The following is a list of some of the items they can use:

Sports Bras all sizes  
Panties (Briefs, Hip Huggers, Bikinis style or regular panties),  
Sports socks  
Sweats both sweat shirts and pants, all sizes including extra large  
shampoos, conditioners  
Body wash, soaps, deodorants  
Brushes, combs  
Reading glasses  
Deodorants  
Stamps  
Winter coats (new or slightly used)

### Used coats must be clean.

The women Veterans in most all hospitals have to wear clothing for men. so please remember our Female Veterans.

## Americanism

Hello ladies,

We can look at our flag and fly it high.

What units can do to show our appreciation for the sacrifice they gave for us, is make some hearts and put a flag with it and give to our veterans.

Thank you  
Michelle Dambaugh  
Americanism Chairman

## Membership Renewal Drawing

Renewal Drawing will be held at this luncheon. If senior members have paid their dues by December 31, 2017 they are eligible for this drawing.

**You can win \$50.00**

## Membership Luncheon

Don't forget to get your reservation form in by due date to attend the luncheon. Remember check must be with the form.

## Legislative

As members of the American Legion Auxiliary, we need to understand the Legislative Program. We provide information and assistance to members to be able to advocate for the legislative agenda of The American Legion.

In addition to the federal legislation that impacts our veterans and active military, now is the time to pay close attention to what is happening in our own state capitol. The West Virginia legislative session is set to run January 10-March 10, 2018. I urge you to follow closely the issues that can and will impact those we hold most dear.

[www.wvlegislature.gov](http://www.wvlegislature.gov) is the place to find out what is happening in Charleston.

It is likely there will be further discussion surrounding medical benefits and support of VA facilities in and around our state.

**STAY CONNECTED!**

Remember to encourage members to subscribe to the Legion's Legislative Updates and the digital version of the Dispatch at [www.legion.org/](http://www.legion.org/) newsletters or [www.legion.org/dispatch](http://www.legion.org/dispatch)

The quickest way to be notified that action is needed is by signing up for TAL Legislative Action Alerts at [www.legion.org/takeaction](http://www.legion.org/takeaction). Action Alerts and access to Elected Officials at [www.capwiz.com](http://www.capwiz.com) or [www.capwiz.com/legion/mim/signup/](http://www.capwiz.com/legion/mim/signup/)

Rosemary Thomas  
Legislative Chairman





## Ways & Means

Congratulations to December winners!  
 You still have plenty of time to sell the 2018 Ways & Means tickets. If you have sold them, please send in stubs and money. I can't send a check to winner until I have both in Department.

My report for the last half of 2017 will be given at the Midwinter Conference, and then I will put it in the March Spirit.

Until next time!  
 Paulette Anderson



## Strategic Planning Committee

Midwinter will be here before you know it.

The Department Strategic Plan Committee for 2014-2019 will have a presentation at this Conference. If you have your updated copy of the Plan, please bring it with you. I will have copies there for those who don't have any.

I hope you have looked over this plan, that I emailed to the Units after Fall Workshop, and are utilizing it in your units.

This plan is to make sure our Auxiliary stays alive! We all must help and work it to keep our Auxiliary from fading away, not just in our Department but in National.

Hope to see you at Midwinter!  
 Paulette Anderson  
 Chairman

## December Ways and Means Winners

ALA 1st District	541	Moundsville	WV	12/1/17	\$25.00
	851			12/2/17	
Bill Shepherd	641	Parkersburg	WV	12/4/17	\$25.00
Wanda Lusk	558	Princeton	WV	12/5/17	\$25.00
Mary Cooley	002	Flatwoods	WV	12/6/17	\$25.00
George Anderson	637	Welch	WV	12/7/17	\$25.00
ALA 3rd District	108	Gypsy	WV	12/8/17	\$25.00
Amanda Stotler	208	Points	WV	12/9/17	\$25.00
Bill Rose	740	Pageston	WV	12/11/17	\$25.00
Bill Chapman	057	Thorpe	WV	12/12/17	\$25.00
	070			12/13/17	
Brenda Freeman	870	Chester	WV	12/14/17	\$25.00
George Sinkewitz	493	Huntington	WV	12/15/17	\$25.00
	922			12/16/17	
	587			12/18/17	
Sandi Cline	405	Newell	WV	12/19/17	\$25.00
Carl Mielke Jr.	586	Mt. Airy	MD	12/20/17	\$200.00
	481			12/21/17	
Miles Epling	923	Pt. Pleasant	WV	12/22/17	\$25.00
	703			12/23/17	
Paulette Anderson	925	New Martinsville	WV	12/25/17	\$25.00
Danise Edmisten	947	Berkeley Springs	WV	12/26/17	\$25.00
	497			12/27/17	
	251			12/28/17	
	460			12/29/17	
ALA Parkersburg #15	464	Parkersburg	WV	12/30/17	\$25.00



# Membership 2017-2018 "Soaring High with Membership While Strengthening our Culture of Goodwill"



**Membership Target**  
**March 31, 2018—75% Updated 1/18/18**  
**Department Goal 9446**  
**Unit #200 Goal 88 To Date: 65**  
**Membership to Date: 4464 (46.34 %)**



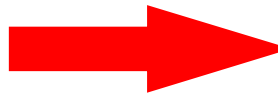
District 1			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	20	9	45.00%
Moundsville #3	423	195	46.10%
McMechen #5	67	39	58.21%
Weirton #10	106	44	41.51%
Cameron #18	257	120	46.69%
New Martinsville #28	211	121	57.35%
Wellsburg #34	42	22	52.38%
Follansbee #45	59	24	40.68%
Benwood #46	125	63	50.40%
Pine Grove #81	106	38	35.85%
Paden City #86	172	86	50.00%
Wheeling #89	33	14	42.42%
Newell #114	51	17	33.33%
Hundred #120	109	39	35.78%
Chester #121	264	114	43.18%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2045</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>46.21%</b>



**Membership: 4704**  
**To Date: 2188**  
**(46.51 %)**

District 3			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	76	36	47.37%
Grafton #12	25	1	04.00%
Clarksburg #13	222	95	42.79%
Elkins #29	245	132	53.88%
Shinnston #31	404	233	57.67%
Braxton County #33	41	23	56.10%
Philippi #44	34	15	44.12%
Bridgeport #68	86	25	29.07%
Belington #96	36	15	41.67%
Pickens #122	34	22	64.71%
Jane Lews #166	58	38	65.52%
Morgantown #174	23	13	56.52%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1284</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>50.47%</b>

District 4			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	1067	480	44.99%
Spencer #21	84	38	45.24%
Pt. Pleasant #23	470	197	41.91%
Tyler County #48	29	21	72.41%
Sistersville #67	92	40	43.48%
New Haven #140	206	110	53.40%
Williamstown #159	201	99	47.14%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2149</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>45.79%</b>



**Membership: 4654**  
**To Date: 2211**  
**(47.51 %)**

District 5			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Huntington #16	335	161	48.06%
Logan #19	20	10	50.00%
St. Albans #73	55	23	41.82%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	476	194	40.76%
South Charleston #94	16	1	06.25%
Hamlin #111	89	35	39.33%
Milton #139	103	50	48.54%
Barboursville #177	231	98	42.42%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1325</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>43.17%</b>

District 6			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Welch #8	89	51	57.30%
Bluefield #9	16	10	62.50%
Beckley #32	87	21	24.14%
Gary #38	148	81	54.73%
Cowen #62	48	27	56.25%
Lewisburg #69	86	48	55.82%
Richwood #97	36	21	58.33%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>50.78%</b>

District 10			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	144	59	40.97%
Franklin #30	16	17	106.25%
Piedmont #52	65	14	21.54%
Berkeley Springs #60	334	154	46.11%
Moorefield #64	129	82	63.57%
Charles Town #71	320	1	52.50%
Petersburg #78	119	42	35.29%
Romney #91	349	189	54.15%
Charles Town #102	38	22	57.89%
Paw Paw #128	61	29	47.54%
Kirby #134	64	36	56.25%
Ridgeley #136	129	59	45.75%
Capon Bridge #137	207	76	36.71%
Keyser #152	70	44	62.86%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2045</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>48.47%</b>



37th Annual Mid-Winter Conference  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Conference Program  
Lakeview Resorts, Morgantown WV

**Friday, February 9, 2018**

8:00 am Comfort Items Open \_\_\_\_\_ Ballroom 2  
3 - 7 pm Registration \_\_\_\_\_ Main Foyer  
2:15-2:45pm Policy & Procedures \_\_\_\_\_ Chestnut Room (behind Restaurant)  
3:00-4:00pm Girls State Executive Board Meeting \_\_\_\_\_ Chestnut Room  
4:15-4:45pm Centennial Strategic Planning Committee Meeting \_\_\_\_\_ Chestnut Room  
6:00-6:45pm Membership Team \_\_\_\_\_ Chestnut Room  
6:00-6:45pm Back to Basics Committee Meeting \_\_\_\_\_ Chestnut Room  
7:00 pm Opening Joint Session \_\_\_\_\_ Ballrooms 4-5-6

**Saturday, February 10, 2018**

8:00am -12:00 pm Registration \_\_\_\_\_ Main Foyer  
8:00am -2:00 pm Silent Auction \_\_\_\_\_ Main Foyer  
8:30am Opening Session \_\_\_\_\_ Chestnut Room  
Call to Order \_\_\_\_\_ Lisa Cadwallader, President  
Prayer \_\_\_\_\_ Cathy Post, Chaplain  
Moment of Silence  
Pledge of Allegiance \_\_\_\_\_ Michelle Dambaugh, Americanism Chairman  
National Anthem \_\_\_\_\_ Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Music Chairman  
Preamble of Constitution \_\_\_\_\_ Beth Kilgore, Constitution & Bylaws Chairman  
Mission Statement \_\_\_\_\_ Dede Kelly, Leadership Chairman  
8:40am Welcome \_\_\_\_\_ Lisa Cadwallader, President  
8:45am Chapel-4-Chaplains \_\_\_\_\_ Cathy Post, Chaplain  
9:00 am Juniors Session \_\_\_\_\_ Ballroom 3  
9:00am Leadership \_\_\_\_\_ Dede Kelly, Leadership Chairman  
Presentation: ALA Academy, Presidents at District and Unit Levels  
9:45am Membership Introductions \_\_\_\_\_ Members  
10:00am Strategic Planning Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Paulette Anderson and Team  
10:30am Girls State \_\_\_\_\_ Michelle Sirbaugh, Director  
10:45am  
2017 Rhododendron Girls State Governor  
Sydney West  
Moundsville WV  
11:00am Membership Introductions \_\_\_\_\_ Members  
11:10am Suggested # Names on Bank Accounts, # of Signatures on Checks, Access to Check book--Kelli Immel, Dist. Treasurer  
11:20am Proper Way to Audit District and Unit Books \_\_\_\_\_ Beth Kilgore, Dept. Auditor  
11:45 am Membership Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_ Hotel Restaurant  
Heather Fauble and Membership Team  
1:00pm Reconvene  
Credentials Forms and Payment \_\_\_\_\_ Paulette Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer  
1:15pm Year End Reports/Impact Reporting \_\_\_\_\_ Dede Kelly, Leadership Chairman  
1:30pm  
National President Diane Duscheck  
Department of Wisconsin

Midwinter Agenda (Cont.)

- 2:00pm Silent Auction Closes  
Membership Introductions \_\_\_\_\_Members
- 2:10pm Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Heather Fauble, and Team  
Awards, Prizes, Information to Encourage Membership, Ways to Recruit (May have hand outs)
- 2:40pm Department Chairmen Reports \_\_\_\_\_ Department Chairmen & NEC  
What's Coming From National \_\_\_\_\_ Susan Wade, NEC  
Preamble Meaning \_\_\_\_\_Beth Kilgore, Constitution & Bylaws Chairman
- 3:00pm Reports From:  
Poppy Posters \_\_\_\_\_ Linda Schlicht, Chairman  
V A & R \_\_\_\_\_Carla Wilfong, Chairman  
Ways & Means \_\_\_\_\_Paulette Anderson, Chairman  
Silent Auction \_\_\_\_\_Linda Schlicht
- 3:15pm Questions & Answers
- 3:30pm Announcements  
Benediction \_\_\_\_\_ Cathy Post, Chaplain  
Salute To Our Flag  
Adjournment
- \*\*\*Membership Introductions: Something About Why They Are a Member, Off and On, In-Between Things\*\*\*
- 4:00pm Post Everlasting \_\_\_\_\_Ballroom 4-5-6
- 6:00pm Commanders and Presidents Reception

*Have a Safe Trip Home*

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
JUNIOR MIDWINTER AGENDA  
LAKEVIEW RESORT  
MORGANTOWN WV**

**Saturday February 10, 2018**

**Registration Fee \$10.00 Fees and Forms Will Be in Meeting Room**

Registration: 8:00-9:00 Ballroom 3

Meeting: 9:00 am

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. National Anthem
5. Preamble
- 6 Reading and Approval of previous of meeting minutes
7. Unfinished Business

**BREAK FOR LUNCH 11:30am**

**RECOVENE 1:00 pm**

8. New Business
9. Craft Project
10. Announcements
11. Closing Prayer
12. Meeting Adjourned 3:30pm

*2018 Midwinter Membership Luncheon*

*Saturday February 10, 2018*

*Lakeview Resort Morgantown*

*MENU*

*Deli Presentation Buffett*

*Includes: Soup de Jour, Fresh Seasonal Cubed Fruit*

*Tossed Salad, Homemade Pasta Salad*

*Deli Display of thinly sliced oven Roasted Turkey, Virginia Baked Ham, and Roast Beef  
assorted cheeses, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, and condiments*

*Served with sliced breads and sandwich rolls*

*Chef's selection of assorted desserts, Iced tea, and regular/decaffeinated coffee and herbal tea*

*Price \$22.00 each person*

*Advance Registration with Payment Needed by January 29, 2018*

**NO DEVIATION**

*List of Names Attending:*

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*Please list Allergies beside Name*

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

# ***SILENT AUCTION***

***SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2018***

***MIDWINTER CONFERENCE***

***LAKEVIEW RESORTS MORGANTOWN WV***

***Linda Schlicht will be Handling the Silent Auction***

***ITEMS May BE SPECIAL BASKETS—***

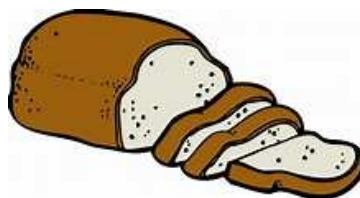
***VALENTINES, ST. PATRICK DAY, FOOTBALL, MOVIE THEME, ETC.***

***WREATHS, FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS, QUILTS,***

***GIFT CARDS, BAKED GOODS, AFGHANS***

***BRING ON SATURDAY BY 8:00AM***

***IF WRAPPED, INCLUDE LISTING OF WHAT IS INSIDE***



***A SPECIAL THEME BASKET WILL BE RAFFLED OFF AT THIS AUCTION***

***ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE DEPARTMENT WELFARE FUND***

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

**Comfort Item Drive**

**UNIT/POST/SQUADRON #** \_\_\_\_\_

**LOCATION** \_\_\_\_\_

**PERSON IN CHARGE** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**ITEMS DONATED** \_\_\_\_\_

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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,**

Carla Wilfong  
Department VA & R Chairman

# February 2018

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

	 <i>Programs of The Month Americanism Chapel 4 Chaplains</i>			1	2 	3
4	5	6	7	8 <i>Office Closed Travel</i>	9 <i>Midwinter Lakeview Morgantown</i>	10
11	12 <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i>	13 <i>Target Report</i>	14  <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	15 <i>Articles for Spirit Due</i>	16	17
18	19 <i>President's Day Office Closed</i>	20 <i>Spirit Out VA Checks Mailed</i>	21	22 <i>Washington's Birthday</i>	23	24
25	26	27	28			



WHO RECEIVES SPIRIT: Emailed to all **Unit Contacts** and any **Unit Officers** with an email address. It is emailed to **All Department Officers, Department Chairmen, District Presidents/Vice Presidents, Past Department Presidents** with emails. Spirits are posted monthly on the website: [www.wvvaux.org](http://www.wvvaux.org) Unit Presidents **with no email contact** will receive a free copy.

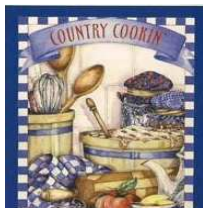
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Cookbook sales are an ongoing project that will continue to put much needed dollars into the Veteran's Fund. Get your cookbooks today! Buy some as gifts! The recipes are the best kind – Tried & True! There are **32** cookbooks left!!

**Cookbooks are \$10.00 each plus \$4.00 (S & H)**

**If you buy 5 ALL AT ONCE then the 6th one is free!!**

**I want to purchase \_\_\_ cookbooks and have the cookbooks mailed to:**

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