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American Legion Auxiliary
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Department President
Rhonda Best

*“Mending Fences While Building New Bridges
To Better Serve and Support Our Veterans”*



Hello Ladies,

I am so excited for our Workshop on September 8th. There will be lots of useful information and opportunities to network with other members as well as a little friendly competition. Each of you are encouraged to wear clothing and accessories representing either WVU Mountaineers or Marshall Thundering Herds according to this year’s Membership Theme.

I am looking forward to attending each District’s Fall Conference and hearing about all the wonderful activities within your units. I ask that each unit and district hold at least 1 Membership Drive during the first half of this year and report the details to our Membership Team. Each Unit will report to your District Vice-Presidents and District Vice-Presidents will report to our Department Vice Presidents. Please keep in mind that it takes more than 1 person to move that football down the field toward each goal.

Keep up the awesome work each of you do for our Veterans, Active Military, Children, and Communities. I hope to see many of you soon.

God Bless and Be Safe
Rhonda Best
Department President



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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.

A new year has started. Membership for 2018-2019 can be processed for renewals August 1, 2018. New members will be processed September 1st. New members will NOT be counted on membership until after September 1st. PUFL's (Paid Up for Life) will be counted in membership now. Target Dates will be on the 15th of each month with the percentages listed in the Department Calendar.

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, 2019**. 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: for Vice Presidents are due by 16th of each month. Target sheets will be emailed on 15th. Officers and Chairmen are due **NO LATER than 17th of each month**. If not in by the dates above will not be able to put in Spirit. Please limit your article to **200 words or less**. Please do not use a lot of **CLIPART** for Spirit. 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.

Directory Updates:

Page 14: Under ALA Emergency Fund Holly Smith phone # is now 304-496-9885.

Page 26: Under Moundsville #3 meeting day has been changed to the 1st Thursday of each month.

Page 43: After Standing Rules Committee year should be **(2017-2018)**.

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 Department Office needs to be the **original**. Copies are for you to keep.

Attention: Back Dues on your 2019 Transmittal Sheet should read:

Seniors—\$14.00

Juniors—\$2.50

Remember this is just for Back 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.

New Spirit Price \$18.00 for hard copy.

Dates To Remember

****10th District Fall Conference**

September 29th (Joint)

Romney Post #91

Auxiliary Reg. 8:15-8:45

Meeting Starts 9:00

****6th District Fall Conference**

TBA

****5th District Fall Conference**

October 13th (Joint)

Barboursville Post #177

Reg. 9:00 Meeting 10:00

****4th District Fall Conference**

October 21st (Joint)

New Haven Post #140

Reg. 9:00 Meeting 10:00

****3rd District Fall Conference**

October 27th (Joint)

Braxton County Senior Citizens

Reg. 9:00 Meeting 10:00

Department Presidents Homecoming

Saturday October 27th

****1st District Fall Conference**

October 28th

New Martinsville Unit #28

Reg. 9:00 Meeting 10:00

Department Commanders Homecoming

Saturday November 3rd

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In this Spirit you will see the new Target Sheet for 2019 year.

I added PUFL's and any renewals that has come into this office.

I will add new members on September 4th since the 1st I am off and the 3rd is a holiday.

Remember Our Friends

Katena Karnes, PDP, will be having surgery on September 5th.

Cards may be sent to Katena at:

Katena Karnes, PDP

721 Tenth Avenue

Huntington WV 25701

Please keep her in your prayers and thoughts.

Membership Chairman

I am so excited for this coming year!!! We have a great Workshop planned and I hope to see a lot of Units represented!! It would be nice to see some new faces along with faithful members who come every year!!

Thank you to all Units that have sent in Membership!! We are off to a slow start, but I have confidence that we are going to move ahead with our first Target Date on Sept. 15th.

I would like to talk about the Interest Forms. Each year, National sends a form they received from persons who have showed an interest in joining our organization. These are passed down to our Membership chairman who then contacts our District Vices in that area. They contact the person to give them information of Units in that area. Then the District Vices would contact Units. The Units report back to Vices and give them the information. The Vices need to follow up with the Units at least twice, if the person hasn't responded. Then the District Vices report back to the Membership Chairman.

This is a great way to get new potential members for our great organization.

Membership team (Dept., District Vices) will meet Friday at Workshop, 7:00 pm in the West Virginia Room.

Susan Wade
Membership Chairman



Department 1st Vice President

Hello Ladies,

As you know by now for President Rhonda we are Marshall Thundering Herd of Districts 3, 5, 10. The Vices are Special Operations/Liaisons.

Hope to see everyone at Fall Board September 7th & 8th. I think we're going to have a great time. Remember to wear green for Marshall.

Here are some percentages so far: 3rd District is at 2.33%, 5th District is at 3.82%, 10th District is at 3.33%. Let's help President Rhonda build that bridge.

Remember to get those memberships in as soon as you get them. Don't hold, send every week. Some way to get your membership up is hold a membership drive where you can. The fairs are going on now maybe hold one there.

Our District Vices will be keeping in touch with you as they have to give a report back. This way we can help where ever we are needed to help. And I will be calling to see if I can help in any way.

Remember Culture of Good Will.
Thanks everyone.

For God and Country
Sharon Kauffman
Department 1st Vice
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Department 2nd Vice President

Hey Mountaineers....

Summer is winding down, that means WORKSHOP is just around the corner. Can't wait to see what President Rhonda and Susan have in store for us. I'm going to ask each of you to wear BLUE AND GOLD to workshop... We are the MOUNTAINEERS.. let's show our true colors and our spirit!!

As I look over the Target sheet, I see Bluefield Unit 9 is ahead percentage wise, many have not sent in any dues yet. We need to pick up the pace. Parkersburg Unit 15 has the most members paid so far. The goals look pretty reasonable this year, I am positive we can do this!!

Come to WORKSHOP prepared to learn and get excited for this new year. I'm your loudest cheerleader!

Don't forget your purse for auction!

School has started in many areas, let's get into the schools, there are young Auxiliary members there, as well as their mamas. When papers go home with our names on them, they make an impression on the parents, you just might get a member from that.

Until I see YOU at WORKSHOP, recruit, renew members. Have a safe trip to Bridgeport. Can't wait to get there.

Thank a veteran everyday!
Service Not Self,
Cathy D. Post
2nd Vice President



1st District President

Hello Ladies

It was a nice to see a lot of you at the annual District #1 summer picnic; it is always a nice time. The district did well with the pull off tickets with a total of \$ 534.00. A portion of this will be donated to our District #1 auxiliary.

Remember our leadership workshop is quickly approaching September 7-8th in Bridgeport , get your hotel reservations in soon. This is a wonderful learning workshop and we will be receiving our plan of works for programs from the Chairman so we all can start to develop and promote Auxiliary programs and get the word out in our communities to supports veterans and their families.

As we are at the beginning of our 2018-2019 year remember "Why", "Who we Support" and "How" we can enhance the lives of those Veterans that have fought for our freedom.

Feel free to call me or email me with any questions.

God Bless
Holly Adams
1st District President
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4th District President

It is that time of the year when kids are heading back to school and everyone is excited for the school or college age students. There are children of warriors who are unable to share the excitement of the first day with their parents because they have been deployed. I hope everyone will consider becoming a special friend to a young person whose parent is absent. Be there to listen encourage and assist as needed.

The Membership Workshop will be in Bridgeport on September 8th, at the Days Inn, registration time 8am—9am, cost 15.00 Sr. and 10.00 Jr. members. I hope every Unit in Fourth District is planning on attending. The amount of information that is distributed is beneficial to each unit. Give me a call at 304-422-1263 if you have any questions.

I have a quick reminder from my last Spirit Message 4th District is WEST VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEERS, so I am asking every member that's attending the workshop wear a West Virginia Mountaineers shirt or if you don't have one, a dark blue shirt. Hope to see a lot of Blue and Gold from 4th District Members.

For God And Country
Nancy Sundstrom
Fourth District President

5th District President

Mark your calendar now for September 8th and make plans to attend the Membership Workshop in Bridgeport! This workshop is always a lot of fun and we learn so much about the programs the Auxiliary has to offer the units. I hope to see lots there from the 5th District.

President Rhonda has divided the districts into two teams and the 5th District is Marshall, along with the 3rd and 10th Districts. We are asking those attending from these districts to wear a Marshall shirt, or **at least** a green shirt.

The new year has begun, and membership is now due. Please do not hold membership; turn them in as soon as you receive them.

Vice President JoAnn will be getting in touch with you about membership and I would like to see the 5th District well represented when the numbers come out. See you in Bridgeport!!!

Service, not Self!

Beth Kilgore
President 5th District



3rd District President

Hello ladies,

It's time to get your gear on and huddle up. We have to take that ball and make a touchdown. We're on the 1st and 10, so we really have to work hard for it.

It's almost time for the Fall Workshop at Days Inn in Bridgeport and I hope to see many of our 3rd District Team there. Please wear a green shirt, or something green, our colors are green and white, so get a Herd set of mind and we can win this game.

We need to start out strong and get it going. Call all your members and even send out a note to invite them to a meeting or to come back and pay their dues. Face to face is the best way to get your members in. So, talk the talk and walk the walk and lets get our numbers up.

See you all in Bridgeport September 8th, and lets have fun with this.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, it's almost over.

Until then, remember, if you need me, call 304-657-5740.

Roxie Nicholson
3rd District President

6th District President

Hello Everyone:

Hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful weather, I know I am, since Fall is around the corner.

Ladies Sixth District Fall Meeting will be on October 6, 2018, The place has not been decided yet, but it will be between Bluefield Unit 9 and Welch Unit 8, we are hoping that Bluefield Unit 9 will be hosting, they will let me know soon,

Our Fall Workshop will be on September 7th and 8th, this meeting will be at Days Inn, in Bridgeport, WV; hope to see a lot of Sixth District members present. Members from our District our colors are Blue, so please bring a Blue shirt. We learn a lot from these meetings.

At our convention in July Charity Martin from Bluefield Unit 9 won the 50/50 ticket congratulation Charity. It was good to see several people from Bluefield Unit 9 at the Convention. They also received their GOAL Ribbon.

On September 1st they are planning a few things. Welch Unit 8 continues to cook for 40/8 every month and work bingo every Monday night. Come play bingo at Welch Unit 8, would love to have you. I'm sure Beckley has been helping with their bingo. Gary takes the summer months off, but sure they will be doing a lot soon. Have not heard anything from Cowen, Lewisburg or Richwood.

Hope everyone is ready to work on membership.

Until next time keep all our veterans in our thoughts and prayers, and God Bless each and everyone.

Peggy Swartz
6th District President

10th District President

Hello Ladies:

DISTRICT CONFERENCE at Romney will be held on Sat. Sept. 29th. All Credentials and Registration forms have been sent out. Should you not received them let me know right away.

No Credentials by Sept. 1st, your unit has NO voting privileges.

We will be going over paper work review for some new to others; also anything new from Workshop.

Should you have a question please email to me, that way I can have an answer verified.

Please make sure that Vice President Debbie Michael has the Membership Chairman's name and phone number.

Second, Fall workshop will be held Sept. 7 & 8 Fri. and Sat. This is held in Bridgeport. Remember to bring a green shirt/top to wear on Sat. We are MARSHALL VS THE MOUNTAINEERS. I hope that a lot of you will be attending; there will be a lot of information and fun. So please come and join the group we always have a good time!!

Continue to do your great work. You all are GREAT Volunteers. I thank you all very much for all you accomplishments and those that you will complete. Remember, we do not do this for ourselves but the most important people. Our VETERANS. God Bless America
Sharon Glassford
10th District President

1st District Vice President

Hello 1st District,

Let's Go Mountaineers! I know everyone has been working hard on membership, so let's keep up the hard work. Need to hit that first target date of 30%.

Should have more information about membership to relay to you after Fall Workshop in the beginning of September.

As everyone gets ready to go back to school, let's also remind our members that it is time to pay membership dues, rejoin or become a new member. Does your unit have any plans on doing a membership drive? For example an afternoon tea or a meet and greet featuring your unit officers. Or does the unit have plans to work in conjunction with the post? Just do what works best for your unit.

For service not self,

Stephanie Handley

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3rd District Vice President

Here it is the month is half over. I hope to see someone from all the Units in Third District at the Fall Workshop. We will be learning a lot and having some fun.

The First Target sheet is out. So far all Districts in Third show some Membership except for four Units. I am disappointed that we do not have more membership in.

Yes there was an increase again this year but it really wasn't that bad. Units #7, 13, 29, and 31 had an increase of 8 new members, and units, 12, 33, 44, 68, 96, 122, 166, and 174 had an increase of 7 new members. This was not like it has been in the past.

Ladies lets get out there and push a little harder for dues paid, renewed, and new members. Hope to have more in the next Spirit. Remember if you need my help call me at 304-592-0247 or e-mail me at : carlajwilfong@yahoo.com.

God Bless America and our Veterans
Carla Wilfong

4th District Vice President

Hello Ladies,

There are 7 Auxiliary Units in the 4th District. This makes our District the largest in Membership in the Department. We have a big job ahead of us!

This year our District is asked to wear a West Virginia University shirt or a blue and gold shirt to the Fall Workshop on September 8, 2018, at the Days Inn, in Bridgeport.

Our work in Membership has already begun for 2018-2019. Packets are in the hands of the Membership Chairmen. We encourage you to continue to process dues for 2018. Our main focus is to retain old members and to work on recruiting NEW members for our Department in 2018-2019.

Please try to attend the Fall Workshop. If your unit will not be represented, please let us know so we can make sure you receive any materials or information you might be missing out on.

If you love your Freedom, thank a Veteran!

Patsy Young-Greiner
4th District Vice President
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5th District Vice President

Hello Ladies

I want to thank you for letting me be Fifth District Vice President.

I know this is a new year for our membership and it will be better. Our symbols are WVU Mountaineers and Marshall Thundering Herd football teams. District 1, 4, 6 will be WVU Mountaineers, District 3, 5, 10 will be Marshall Thundering Herd.

We know we will win goal this year so let's work hard on membership and get new members in, and get older members back.

Go green and white!

JoAnn Hastings

Fifth District VP

10th District Vice President

Hello Ladies,

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer. Fall is upon us and just as the children are going back to school to work and learn, it is time for us to do the same.

Obtaining members is a never ending job, whether it is new or renewals. Join forces with your post and SAL to have a big membership drive. Invite those eligible members and tell them what a big part they can have on helping our Veterans, just by paying dues.

Our 1st goal is September 15th and we need 30%. All unit PUFL and unit life members should have already been sent in to the department.

We have 4 units with 0 members. Let's get those dues in soon so we don't have any 0's on the chart. We can do this!

Officers! Pay your dues! You have until November 1st but why wait? We need those dues in ASAP!

I am asking that every member please sign up 1 new member this year. Re-member, junior members count the same as senior members on membership!

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the Fall Conference in Romney on September 29th!

Our 10th District is on the Marshall University Football membership team. Wear green at the conference to support our Thundering Herd!

We Are Marshall!

Go Herd!

Debbie Michael

10th District Vice President

Chaplain

Let's remember our Veterans & First Responders in our daily prayers.

Bless hands on all of our Auxiliary Sisters who are fighting sickness.

(Jesus said) 'Therefore do not worry, saying, "what shall we eat?" Or "What shall we wear?" For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your Heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteous, and all these things shall be added to you.'

Matthew 6:31-33

God Bless

Kelli A Immel

Chaplain

Historian

Hello Ladies,

I would like to ask each unit to keep me informed what's going on in your unit so we can add memories for our Department History book and also store them in our hearts for a keep sake.

We all know that each unit is ever busy doing things for our Veterans. I just want to make sure we keep our history for years to come for our future senior and junior members.

See everyone at Bridgeport for the Fall Workshop!

Did you know? Just want to leave with a note: *Proud of who we are, what we do, and where we're going. All Auxiliary members continue to be the best you can be.*

God Bless,

Savanna Kauffman

Historian

Americanism

Hello everyone,

As we venture into our new year keep in mind our mid-year and end of year reporting. Everything your unit does makes a difference, even if you think it's too small. The information gathered from our unit reports are consolidated at the state, then the National, levels and this is what is presented on Capital Hill for Veteran's Affairs. So maybe all it takes is the report of one small unit's activities to make the difference. We are All valuable assets to our organization.

As our Preamble says, "One Hundred percent Americanism." Americanism is an Ideology, a way of living, its getting out and voting, its preserving our freedoms and rights, its making sure our Flag is respected as it represents those who served under it.

I hope every unit includes at least one photo with your mid-year report of something you do involving Americanism.

For God and Country,

Tammy Workman

Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Have you ever heard the expression, "Behind every cloud there is a silver lining?" I want to encourage your American Legion Auxiliary Unit to be that bright spot for a member in need.

Hello, my name is Holly Knauff-Smith from Capon Bridge Unit 137. I am very excited to be the 2018-2019 ALA Emergency Fund Department Chairman.

Did you know that the ALA Emergency Fund Committee provides grants awarding up to \$2,400.00 of financial assistance for things like natural disaster relief, financial crisis, and educational training for qualified applicants? Your generosity will provide a brighter future to a deserving member of our American Legion family. I am proud to be a member of such an inspirational organization!

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to ask. You can contact me through email at hknauffsmith@k12.wv.us

I urge you to join me in giving the valuable gift of hope by supporting the ALA Emergency Fund.

Holly Knauff-Smith

AEF Chairman

Community Service

Please get involved in your community I'm sure a lot is going on that we could assist with.

Our mission is to support our veterans, service members and families.

Always wear your ALA pin when you are out in the community working.

Hope to see a lot of members at the Fall Workshop.

Peggy Swartz

Community Service Chairman

Children & Youth

Hello to All,

I hoping all units have their chairman in place by now and everyone is planning to attend Fall Workshop. Not much news has come from ALA National Organization but we still have many exciting things to focus on this year.

Many counties and schools in our Wild and Wonderful state of West Virginia have a "Backpack Program". Of course with school nearly ready or already started many children will only get nutritional meals during the week. Each program has a coordinator or you may check at your local schools for information. Not all community children are military related but this program is worthy of our attention.

"Star Spangle Kids" is an ALA program to educate children and youth on history of the United States. Through patriotism and Americanism children learn how military service defends the U.S. Constitution. September 17th is Constitution Day so this would be great to encourage high school freshmen through seniors to participate with anything your unit might do for this day. Of course the Oratorical Contest is The American Legion program, it's on the knowledge of the U.S. Constitution. Each year the contest is on a different amendment. For more information see www.wvlegion.org.

As I mention earlier WV schools are in session or will be soon and so then comes fall with the activities, all the festivals, football games and Halloween. On The American Legion national website you can order brochures: Halloween Safety(24-012);Warning Signs of Youth Suicide (24-005);Gateway Drugs(24-006). www.legion.org

So this year Children and Youth program we are fulfilling brand promise (Goal 5) being community leaders and responsible American citizens while care for military families, doing so we are building future membership (Goal 1). I do believe that is a win/win.

For God and Country,
Debbie Fox- C&Y Chair



Constitution & Bylaws

What is this program, and Why do we have it?

The Constitution & Bylaws program informs and educates members of the American Legion Auxiliary on the importance and power of properly written, reviewed and updated documents, policies, and procedures at all levels. Constitution & Bylaws are the basis for governance of our department, district, and unit. Preparing and adhering to updated Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules will ensure a more successful organizational process and provide the structures to follow at all levels of our organization.

Do you need to increase your dues because an increase at the National level? If so, where is the dollar amount of your dues listed? If it is in your Standing Rules, congratulations, you will just have to make a Standing Rule change. This can be done at a single meeting. However, if the dollar amount is listed in the constitution or bylaws, you will need to make a constitutional change which involves bring this to your members at several meetings before the vote and usually publicizing in the local newspaper. Consider leaving the fact that your unit charges dues on a yearly basis and moving the dollar amount to Standing Rules.

Beth Kilgore, Chairman
Linda Crumm, Member
Dede Kelly, Member

Junior Activities

Hi Ladies,

Our Juniors are returning to school and many of them will be super busy. Work around their schedules for their meetings etc. If they are in sports, band, cheering, dance etc., support them.

For those of you who do not have an active Junior Unit, I hope that you will consider forming one. It only takes 1 member to start. I will have more info for this at Fall Boards.

To you who already have junior members, I hope you are helping them to plan their year. Don't forget to install them. Take pictures and report what they do to me.

I hope all of you have been trying to sign up new junior members. This is two-fold, first it helps our young ladies learn about patriotism and second, it helps with membership.

I would like to have a list of any Juniors who will be attending the Fall Workshop on September 8th at Bridgeport, WV. This will give me an idea of what I need to bring.

Juniors....Such a Joy!
Debbie Michael
Junior Activities
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Leadership

Hello to all the leaders of our amazing Auxiliary. Yes, that means YOU! We are all leaders in so many ways. We encourage others to be their best. We help people find their voice. We support our communities in countless ways. We recognize the sacrifices of our veterans.

Yes ladies, we are all leaders and we are all capable of becoming better leaders.

Throughout this year we will FOCUS on LEADERSHIP in various ways. We will look at who we are as members, as advocates, as contributors, as mothers, as daughters, as family and as friends.

Here's our quote for this month...

Life is like a camera.

Focus on what is important and capture the good times. Develop from the negatives and if things don't work out... just take another shot.

Submitted by:
Rosemary M. Thomas
ALA WV 2018-2019
Leadership Chairman

Legislative

As ALA members our mission and honor is to advocate for our Veterans. We will need to understand the American Legion prioritized legislative agenda...the best way to stay informed is to subscribe to the Legion's Legislative Updates and the digital version of the Dispatch at www.legion.org/dispatch.

The quickest way to receive notification is by signing up for TAL Legislative Action Alerts at www.legion.org/takeaction

While rummaging through the Official Blog of American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters, I discovered the March 1, 2018 blog Becoming an Advocate for our Veterans. The article clearly lays out effective ways to accomplish our goals with local, state and federal issues concerning Veteran.

Encourage all members to join the American Legion Auxiliary National website at www.alaforveterans.org in addition to our Department website at www.wvaux.org

Stay Connected by logging-on and logging-in!

Susan Yoho
Legislative Chairman

Past President's Parley

Now, is the time to start watching for those special unit members who go above and beyond. Once you select someone, start keep track of all the wonderful things they do. Come the end of the year, I hope to see many Unit Member of the Year Award submissions. Remember they are members who go above and beyond but do not serve at a higher level than the unit.

Now, is also the time to start watching for active duty females from each branch of the service so your unit can submit them for the Salute to Servicewomen Award. More to come on this.

Does your Unit have an active Past President's Parley? Want to start one but need help? Do you have your Past Unit Presidents pictures hanging on the wall? Do you have a list of those that served and the year? If not as we approach our 100th year anniversary would be a good time to start. Please let me know if you need or want help.

Lisa Cadwallader
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100 Years of Celebration 1919-2019



There has been a lot of confusion on when the Auxiliary celebrates its 100 year anniversary. So National went back to the National Archivist, Cathi Taylor and shares some history of the American Legion Auxiliary.... The name "Women's Auxiliary of The American Legion" was given by The American Legion in 1919. While the Legion was founded in March of 1919, the Women's Auxiliary was given this name in November of 1919 which was then changed to the American Legion Auxiliary in 1921 at its first national convention.

The American Legion's 100th anniversary celebration will officially begin at its National Convention in August of this year and run through August of 2019.

In contrast, the Auxiliary, founded near the end of 1919, will begin its official kickoff at its 2019 convention and culminate at the 2020 convention. And we have been living our Service not Self motto and our mission for nearly a century.

This year's National Convention is going back to where it all began, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The American Legion's first National Convention and where the ALA was founded.

Here is a great article about it: <https://alaforveterans.wordpress.com/2018/08/06/minneapolis-back-to-where-it-all-began/>

Lisa Cadwallader, Chairman
Roxie Nicholson, Committee Member
Beth Kilgore, Committee Member



Poppy

The purpose this year: To Honor Veterans for their service and sacrifice by promoting and educating all people of the Poppy Story and the financial benefit for our Veterans as a result of distribution.

Increase Unit Poppy revenues; by learning more and keep educating your members about the Poppy Program while teaching others you can increase funds for the Veterans.

Contact local businesses asking if you can do a Poppy Day. You can pass out "In Flanders Field" poem. More people will be able to make a donation when you have awareness of the community.

God Bless All
Nancy Sundstrom
Poppy Chairman



Rhododendron Girls State

Happy Fall!

Looking forward to seeing you at Fall Workshop in Bridgeport.

It's not too early to start working on getting your sponsors lined up for the 2019 Rhododendron Girls State Session. Businesses are finalizing their budgets and hopefully putting a line item in for your Units sponsorship or partial sponsorship for a young lady next year.

Contact your schools and let them know that you are the contact person for your Unit and stay in contact with them. If I can be of assistance to you please feel free to contact me or your district representative. We are here to help you!

Lynda Lancaster, Chairman
Rhododendron Girls State

Public Relations

Hi Everyone,

I hope everyone is ready to start telling people what we do and why we do the thing we do. The purpose of public relations is to get the word out to communities to show them what we are all about and what we are doing, not only for our veterans, but for veteran's families and our communities.

We have several ways to tell our stories to the public. Your unit may use the local paper, Facebook, websites or even twitter. However your unit chooses to promote what the auxiliary's aims and purposes are please just get the word out. The more your community knows should come greater success.

Public relations is the job of not only the unit, but of each and every member. This could be as simple as wearing an auxiliary pin or t-shirt with the auxiliary logo to an event. This can be done at not only an event your or the Legion is promoting but at any event that you are in attendance. So work on getting the word out!!!

Tell everyone about us!
Stephanie Handley
Chairman
Public Relations
stephaniehandley@msn.com

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Good day to all Auxiliary Members

I hope you have been busy with helping our Veterans. I have seen several articles on Face-Book.

I know several Units and Districts are planning cook outs for the Veterans or have already had one. PLEASE CHECK with the Hospitals and/or Nursing Homes about serving them Hot Dogs. I had planned on serving Hot Dogs on the 4th of July at the Clarksburg Hospital and was told NO because they are the number one cause of Choking so please be sure to check.

I hope to have more information after National Convention that I can forward on to the Units.

I hope everyone is keeping track of your hours. You would be surprised on how fast they mount up just doing little things for our Veterans.

I will have the Plan of Action at the Fall Workshop in September. Remember 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 and our Veterans
Carla Wilfong
Chairman

Ways & Means

I will have the 2019 Fundraiser Tickets at the Fall Workshop. **If you want Certain #'s PLEASE contact me before so I can put them aside for you.**

Tickets will be in envelopes of 20, 15, and 10 this year. You will sign them out. Units who don't attend will be mailed to Presidents.

You **can sign them out after** registration, breaks, after lunch, and end of session **only**. Too much confusion last year and the sign out sheet and loose tickets were messed up. Please don't wait until you get at workshop to want certain tickets.

Hope to see you at Fall Workshop!
Paulette Anderson

July Ways and Means Winners

Winner	Number	City	State	Date	Amount
Peggy Rund	514	Stevensville	MD	7/2/2018	\$25.00
Richard Kins	259	Wellsburg	WV	7/3/2018	\$25.00
Kent Longwell	460	Sardis	OH	7/4/2018	\$25.00
Sue McCoy	245	Augusta	WV	7/5/2018	\$25.00
Lena Wright	007	Gassaway	WV	7/6/2018	\$25.00
Drema Thorn	398	Welch	WV	7/7/2018	\$25.00
Lyle Davidson	161	Leesburg	VA	7/9/2018	\$25.00
Karen Roll	222	Keyser	WV	7/10/2018	\$25.00
	608			7/11/2018	
Deborah Bailey	467	Wellsburg	WV	7/12/2018	\$25.00
Poncho Scrites	028	Branchland	WV	7/13/2018	\$25.00
Joannaea Camp	373	Spencer	WV	7/14/2018	\$25.00
Haley Olson	155	Deep Gap	NC	7/16/2018	\$25.00
Nina Mann	726	Paw Paw	WV	7/17/2018	\$25.00
Jim Davis	878	Cambridge	OH	7/18/2018	\$200.00
Cindy Williams	701	Romney	WV	7/19/2018	\$25.00
Sherry Koger	545	Roderfield	WV	7/20/2018	\$25.00
Mike Douglas	793	Boone	NC	7/21/2018	\$25.00
Marion Hollingsworth	934	Keyser	WV	7/23/2018	\$25.00
	792			7/24/2018	
Linda Humphreys	814	Peterstown	WV	7/25/2018	\$25.00
Katena Karnes	527	Huntington	WV	7/26/2018	\$25.00
	032			7/27/2018	
ALA 4th District	837	Parkersburg	WV	7/28/2018	\$25.00
Mark Frayser	459	Charles Town	WV	7/30/2018	\$25.00

National Security

Thank you President Rhonda for asking me to serve on your team this year. I have been sick since the Sunday following Department Convention. I finally raised the "white flag" and went to an urgent care so hope the medicine they gave me will help and I can get on National website and get my plan of works going. National Security is prominently in the news these days so I will try to follow what is going on.

Mary Waybright

Strategic Planning Committee

Hello Ladies!

This is our final year of the strategic plan. Committee will have a meeting on Friday, September 7th at 3:30 p.m. before the Fall workshop.

Come prepared to brainstorm as we work on our goals.

These goals are led by the following ladies:

Goal 5 Branding - Sharon Glassford

Goal 4 Strengthen Departments and Units - Ann Buchanan

Goal 3 Leadership - Rosemary Thomas

Goal 2 Culture of Goodwill - Paulette Anderson

Goal 1 Membership - Susan Wade and Sharon Kauffman

As Chairman, I will be working with the entire plan.

Looking forward to working with each of you this year.

Sincerely,
Irene E. Weber
Chairman

Make Plans to Attend

September 7th Fall Meetings

September 8th Workshop

Purse Auction

Executive Board Meeting

Please bring a slightly used or new purse with contents added in purse for the Auction



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



**Membership Target Sheet
Final Report
Department Goal 9446
Unit #200 Goal 88 To Date: 75
Membership to Date: 5702 (60.34 %)**



District 1	Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
	Wheeling #1	20	15	75.00%
	Moundsville #3	423	257	60.76%
	McMechen #5	67	39	58.21%
	Weirton #10	106	57	53.77%
	Cameron #18	257	157	61.09%
	New Martinsville #28	211	139	65.88%
	Wellsburg #34	42	27	64.29%
	Follansbee #45	59	40	67.80%
	Benwood #46	125	79	63.20%
	Pine Grove #81	106	74	69.81%
	Paden City #86	172	102	59.30%
	Wheeling #89	33	28	84.85%
	Newell #114	51	29	56.86%
	Hundred #120	109	52	47.71%
	Chester #121	264	151	57.20%
	TOTALS	2045	1246	60.93%



Membership: **4704**
To Date: 2830
(60.16 %)

District 3	Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
	Buckhannon #7	76	45	59.21%
	Grafton #12	25	10	40.00%
	Clarksburg #13	222	106	47.75%
	Elkins #29	245	158	64.50%
	Shinnston #31	404	270	66.83%
	Braxton County #33	41	27	65.85%
	Philippi #44	34	15	44.12%
	Bridgeport #68	86	60	69.77%
	Belington #96	36	15	41.67%
	Pickens #122	34	24	70.59%
	Jane Lews #166	58	38	65.52%
	Morgantown #174	23	19	82.61%
	TOTALS	1284	786	61.21%

District 4	Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
	Parkersburg #15	1067	580	54.36%
	Spencer #21	84	43	51.19%
	Pt. Pleasant #23	470	268	57.02%
	Tyler County #48	29	31	106.90%
	Sistersville #67	92	64	69.57%
	New Haven #140	206	135	65.53%
	Williamstown #159	201	134	66.67%
	TOTALS	2149	1255	58.40%



Membership: **4654**
To Date: 2797
(60.10 %)

District 6	Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
	Welch #8	89	65	73.03%
	Bluefield #9	16	28	175.00%
	Beckley #32	87	42	48.28%
	Gary #38	148	96	64.86%
	Cowen #62	48	27	56.25%
	Lewisburg #69	86	50	58.14%
	Richwood #97	36	21	58.33%
	TOTALS	510	329	64.51%

District 5	Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
	Huntington #16	335	189	56.42%
	Logan #19	20	14	70.00%
	St. Albans #73	55	30	54.55%
	Ceredo-Kenova #93	476	249	52.31%
	South Charleston #94	16	17	106.25%
	Hamlin #111	89	50	56.18%
	Milton #139	103	60	58.25%
	Barboursville #177	231	134	58.01%
	TOTALS	1325	743	56.08%

District 10	Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
	Martinsburg #14	144	79	54.86%
	Franklin #30	16	17	106.25%
	Piedmont #52	65	14	21.54%
	Berkeley Springs #60	334	200	59.88%
	Moorefield #64	129	106	82.17%
	Charles Town #71	320	206	64.38%
	Petersburg #78	119	81	68.07%
	Romney #91	349	214	61.32%
	Charles Town #102	38	25	65.79%
	Paw Paw #128	61	42	68.85%
	Kirby #134	64	38	59.38%
	Ridgeley #136	129	80	62.02%
	Capon Bridge #137	207	123	59.42%
	Keyser #152	70	44	62.86%
	TOTALS	2045	1269	62.05%

Enhancing and Strengthening Our Membership Through Teamwork, Good Communication, and Our Mission

Target #1—September 15th—30%
Department Goal—9966 Membership to Date—360 (3.61 %)
Department Unit Goal—86 Membership to Date—16

District 1			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	26		
Moundsville #3	428	5	1.17%
McMechen #5	73		
Weirton #10	112		
Cameron #18	262	10	3.82%
New Martinsville #28	217	22	10.14%
Wellsburg #34	48	2	4.17%
Follansbee #45	65	1	1.54%
Benwood #46	131	11	8.40%
Pine Grove #81	112		
Paden City #86	178	17	9.55%
Wheeling #89	39	1	2.56%
Newell #114	57	3	5.26%
Hundred #120	115		
Chester #121	269	3	1.12%
TOTALS	2132	75	3.52%



**Special Teams
Coach
Goal—4915
To Date—157
3.19 %**

**Membership
Chairman
Special Teams
Coach**



**Special Teams
Coach
Goal—4965
To Date—187
3.77 %**



District 3			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	83	11	13.25%
Grafton #12	32	1	3.13%
Clarksburg #13	230	8	3.48%
Elkins #29	253	6	2.37%
Shinnston #31	412	2	.05%
Braxton County #33	48	1	2.08%
Philippi #44	41	1	2.44%
Bridgeport #68	93	2	2.15%
Belington #96	43		
Pickens #122	41		
Jane Lew #166	65		
Morgantown #174	30		
TOTALS	1371	32	2.33%

District 5			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Huntington #16	347	18	5.19%
Logan #19	30		
St. Albans #73	65	5	7.69%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	489	12	2.45%
South Charleston #94	26	1	3.85%
Hamlin #111	99	1	1.01%
Milton #139	113	14	12.39%
Barboursville #177	243	3	1.23%
TOTALS	1412	54	3.82%

District 10			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	151	4	2.65%
Franklin #30	19		
Piedmont #52	72		
Berkeley Springs #60	338	4	1.18%
Moorefield #64	136	7	5.15%
Charles Town #71	326	6	1.84%
Petersburg #78	126	1	.08%
Romney #91	353	18	5.10%
Charles Town #102	45		
Paw Paw #128	68		
Kirby #134	71	8	11.27%
Ridgeley #136	136	2	1.47%
Capon Bridge #137	214	16	7.48%
Keyser #152	77	5	6.49%
TOTALS	2132	71	3.33%

District 4			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	1080	69	6.39%
Spencer #21	98	8	8.16%
Pt. Pleasant #23	484	1	.02%
Tyler County #48	33		
Sistersville #67	106	2	1.89%
New Haven #140	220	4	1.82%
Williamstown #159	215	14	6.52%
TOTALS	2236	98	4.38%

District 6			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Welch #8	100	1	01%
Bluefield #9	28	7	25.00%
Beckley #32	98	1	1.02%
Gary #38	159		
Cowen #62	62	3	4.84%
Lewisburg #69	100	2	.200%
Richwood #97	50		
TOTALS	597	14	2.35%

September 2018

Sun

Mon

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Wed

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Fri

Sat

		<i>Programs of The Month Junior Activities Music</i>					1
2	3 <i>Labor Day Office Closed</i>	4	5	6	7 <i>Office Closed Workshop</i>	8	
9 <i>Grandparents Day</i>	10	11 <i>Patriots Day</i>	12	13	14	15 <i>Target #1 30%</i>	
16	17 <i>Spirit Articles Due</i>	18	19	20	21 <i>Spirit Out VA Checks</i>	22	
23 	24	25	26	27	28	29 <i>10th Dist. Fall Conf. Romney</i>	
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RESERVATION FORM

American Legion Auxiliary
Fall Meetings
Officers Training
Department Fall Executive Board

Date: September 7-8, 2018

Place: Bridgeport Days Inn

Cost: \$75.00 plus tax a day

Deadline for Housing: September 1, 2018

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Unit Name & # _____

Room Type: Single (King Size Bed) Double: (2 Full Size Beds) Handicap _____

Smoking _____ Non Smoking _____

(Can't guarantee rooms will be adjoining)

Please list names of persons rooming with you:

"One Nights Deposit Required with Form"

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Check # _____ Amount of Check _____

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

Mail Reservations To:

ATTN: Days Inn
112 Tolley Street
Bridgeport WV 26330

Call To Department Fall Meetings

September 7-8, 2018

Days Inn Bridgeport WV

This is a notice to all concerned about the Finance Committee Meeting and the Department Fall Executive Board Meeting. The purpose of these meetings are to set up the administrative year for our Department for 2018-2019.

September 7, 2018—Friday West Virginia Room

1:00 pm—Finance Meeting—The three members of the Department Finance Committee

Department President—ex-officio member without vote

Department Secretary/Treasurer—ex-officio without vote

Purpose of this meeting is setting up budget for this administrative year to be ratified by the Department Executive Committee.

3:30 pm—Strategic Planning Committee: 4 Committee Members, Leadership, Membership, Department 1st Vice President, Department President

5:00 pm—Rhododendron Girls State, Inc. Executive Board Meeting—5 Board of Incorporators, Department President, 8 District Representatives, Girls State Finance Officer, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, Director and Assistant Director

**7:00 pm—Membership Committee—Department President, Department Membership Chairman
Department Vice Presidents, District Vice Presidents**

September 8, 2018—Saturday West Virginia Room

5:00 pm—American Legion Auxiliary, Department of West Virginia, Inc. Executive Board Meeting

According to Department Constitution: Article VII, Executive Committee: Section 1: Department Executive Committee which shall be composed of the Department President, Department First Vice President, Department Second Vice President, Department Secretary/Treasurer, Department Chaplain, Department Historian, National Executive Committeewoman, the eight District Presidents, all Past Department Presidents, and Chairmen of all Standing Committees (Americanism, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Children & Youth, Community Service, Constitution & Bylaws, Education, Finance, Girls State, Junior Activities, Leadership, Legislative, Membership, National Security, Past President's Parley, Poppy, Public Relations, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation. (Bylaws, Article IV, Committees, Section 2).

Section 2: All members of standing committees, **exclusive of the chairmen**, may attend Executive Committee meetings **with the privilege of discussion with no vote.**

Section 3: Any member in good standing may attend the Executive Committee Meeting **with the privilege of discussion but without vote.**

September 8, 2018—Saturday Workshop West Virginia Room

Registration—8:00 am to 9:00 am (**\$15.00**) each **Session:** 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Purpose of this session is for instruction to Units/members/Officers and to announce the membership program for 2018-2019 year. There will be some different items for all to enjoy. **ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THIS WORKSHOP.** Good tool for learning if you want to help with leadership in your Unit, in your District and on Department level. **Juniors will have meeting and activities planned for them also. Registration \$10.00 each at Senior Registration Table. Meeting held in Nathan Goff room next to West Virginia Room.**

Travel Allowances: Travel allowances will be paid by Department to **all Department Officers, District Presidents, Department Finance Chairman, and Department Parliamentarian** that attend Department Executive Board Meeting. They will be allowed one day per diem (\$60) plus (if eligible) mileage as per Standing Rule #1. If not spending the night will receive \$20.00 plus (if eligible) mileage. (as per Department Budget)



*Fall Workshop/Leadership
2018 Agenda
Bridgeport Days Inn*

REQUEST TO WEAR TEAM COLORED SHIRTS OF YOUR DISTRICT

<i>8:00 –9:00 Registration For All</i>	<i>WV Meeting Room</i>
<i>9:00 Junior Meeting Opening Session</i>	<i>Nathan Goff Room WV Meeting Room</i>
<i>9:15 Guest Speaker</i>	<i>Honor Flight Representative</i>
<i>9:30 Membership Team</i>	<i>Susan Wade, Membership Chairman Sharon Kauffman, Dept. 1st Vice Pres Cathy Post, Dept. 2nd Vice Pres District Vice Presidents</i>
<i>10:00 Strategic Planning Committee</i>	<i>Irene Weber, Chairman, and Committee</i>
<i>10:30 Complaint-Free Challenge Training</i>	<i>Rosemary Thomas, Susan Wade Dept. and District Vices</i>
<i>11:00 “Meet The Seats”</i>	<i>All Department Chairmen</i>
<i>11:30-1:00 Lunch on Own</i>	
<i>1:00 District Officers, Meetings, and Chairmen</i>	<i>District Presidents</i>
<i>1:30 Auction</i>	<i>Beth Kilgore</i>
<i>2:00 Family Feud Membership Game</i>	<i>Membership Team Paulette Anderson, aka: Referee</i>
<i>2:30 Department Secretary/Treasurer</i>	
<i>3:00 Auction</i>	<i>Beth Kilgore</i>
<i>3:30 Q & A Survey Form</i>	<i>Rhonda Best</i>
<i>4:00 Closing Prayer Adjournment</i>	<i>Kelli Immel, Chaplain</i>
<i>5:00 Fall Executive Board</i>	<i>WV Meeting Room</i>

Have a Safe Trip Home

American Legion

Department Commander Bill Combs

Homecoming Dinner

November 3, 2018

Shinnston Post #31

Chicken - Pork Loin

Mashed Potatoes, Gravy

Vegetables, Salad & Rolls

Hotels: All on Bridgeport Hill

Best Western - 304-842-5411 - \$82.00

Days Inn - 304-842-7371 - \$84.00

Sleep Inn - 304-842-1919 - \$84.00

\$20.00 a person

See Bill for tickets or call Roxie 304-657-5740



HOMECOMING
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
PRESIDENT
RHONDA BEST

OCTOBER 27 2018
OLD OES BUILDING
MARSHALL COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

5:00-6:00 SOCIAL HOUR
6:00-7:00 DINNER

LASAGNA (MEAT & VEGGIE)
SALAD & ROLLS
WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS

7:00 PROGRAM

8:00-?? ENTERTAINMENT AT
AMERICAN LEGION MOUNDSVILLE POST 3

TICKETS ARE \$20.00 EACH PERSON
CONTACT RHONDA BEST AT 304-281-8152 OR
AMERICAN LEGION POST HOME IN MOUNDSVILLE



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.wvaux.org Unit Presidents **with no email contact** will receive a free copy.

Subscription will Cost \$18.00

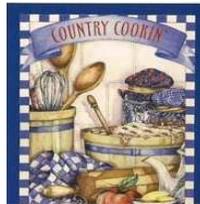
Runs August through July Each Year

**MAIL TO: The American Legion Auxiliary
Department of West Virginia
1251 Doolin Run Road
New Martinsville WV 26155-7808**

NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX: -----

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____



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 **9** 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:

Make checks payable to: **Department Treasurer, ALA**

Mail to: ALA Department of West Virginia
1251 Doolin Run Road
New Martinsville WV 26155 –7808