



# The Auxiliary Spirit



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2012-2013  
Department President  
Nancy Sundstrom



## Department Officers 2012-2013

President—Nancy Sundstrom  
1st Vice President—Debbie Fox  
2nd Vice President—Paula Booth  
Sec/Treas—Paulette Anderson  
Chaplain—Susan Wade  
Historian—Tammy Workman

## District Presidents 2012-2013

1st District—Tammy Workman  
3rd District—Kathy Hogue  
4th District—Donna Underwood  
5th District—Beth Kilgore  
6th District—Peggy Swartz  
8th District—Mary Bess  
9th District—Karen "Jean" Thomas  
10th District—Sharon Glassford

## District Vice Presidents 2012-2013

1st District—Marge Walton  
3rd District—Connie Bailey  
4th District—Heather Smith  
5th District—Laura Kilgore  
6th District—Rita Alley  
8th District—Robin Stump  
9th District—Rita Sue Cogar  
10th District—Lisa Turner

Hello Ladies,

*It is hard for me to realize this is my last message to you as your Department President. I have had such a wonderful year, it has gone by so fast that I can't believe it. It was so great to go to all of the District meetings and some of the Units along with Birthday Dinners. Thank you for all the loving support shown to me this year, I will always treasure these memories.*

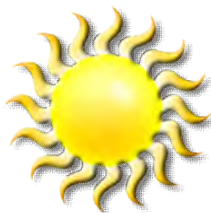
*Congratulations to the 24 Units that have made Goal and we have two Goal Districts. I know you have all worked very hard and done the best you could on membership. In these economic times, it is difficult so thank you for all the hard work : just don't quit yet.*

*Thank you to all the Officers and Committee Chairman for all you have done and your support you have given me, you have all worked hard and kept a smile on your face. Everything we have accomplished this year is because of working together as a team, as no one person do it alone.*

*I would like to thank the Units and Districts that donated to my Special Project: participated in the purse and silent auction; for The Welfare Fund, a total of \$3192.00 was collected!!*

*I will see you at Department Convention soon, and I am sure it will be a rewarding time for all of us. Please join in celebrating the end of a Wonderful Bright Sunny, Love Filled Year!*

God Bless You & I Love You All  
Nancy Sundstrom  
Department President



## Remember Our Friends

*Hospice has been called in for Larry Yoho (husband of Mary Rose Yoho)*

*Lisa Cadwallader recently had knee replacement surgery. She is undergoing PT at this time.*

*Alice DeTore had a mini stroke and is presently in the Broaddus Hospital Rehab for two weeks. Cards can be sent to:*

Alice Detore  
C/O Broaddus Hospital  
1 Healthcare Drive  
Philippi, WV 26416

*Ethelene Clinton, Martinsburg VAMC Chairman passed away on June 2nd.*

*Let us remember the families of the deceased and keep those who are not well in our prayers and thoughts.*

## Department Headquarters — “The Moon”

**Mandatory Funds** are Bonding, Department Scholarship, Girls State Project, Veterans 1st Fund, Poppy Order & 10% Poppy Proceeds. Make check payable to Department Treasurer, ALA. **DUE into Department Headquarters by July 31st to be a Unit in good standing for 2013 year. To be eligible for Membership Awards must have Mandatory Funds paid 30 days before Convention.**

Units who need to pay their mandatory funds are:

McMechen #5-10% poppy proceeds  
Weston #4 Grafton #12  
Braxton Cty.#33 Mannington #40  
Philippi #44 Bridgeport #68  
Williamstown #159 Logan #19  
Barboursville #177 Beckley #70  
Richwood #97 Pickens #122  
Franklin #30 Piedmont #52  
Petersburg #78 Ridgeley #136  
Keyser #152-10 % proceeds

**ALL MANDATORY FUNDS MUST BE PAID FOR 2013 YEAR!**

### Processing Membership:

Make sure your membership is into Department Headquarters by the 15th to be counted for Targets. Please do not carry over credit/debit memos from previous year. Use in current membership year only. I don't need email addresses of members in your unit when they pay dues. This is for your information only. I only need them if they wish to receive the *Spirit*.

### Membership:

All applications must have signature of a **Post Officer** and if they are a **Junior member a Birthdate**. The transmittals have the new address on it. They were revised this year, so please look it over and follow directions on filling out. This will save you and me time. **For this year Back Dues will be \$10.00 for senior members. Next year they will be \$14.00. Please correct this on your transmittal form.**

**Unit Membership Chairman** should check each application to make sure it is filled out **completely including zip codes** before processing into Department Headquarters. All incomplete applications will be sent back.

Memberships is coming in good now. Please allow time for yours' to be processed into National before contacting me on ID numbers for new members.

Rosters are mailed to each unit in August when the Directory comes out. This will be

your current roster. After that rosters will only be sent by emails.

Membership for 2013 will be taken until July 31st. Then they will be considered back dues starting August 1st. Remember for 2014 **back dues will be \$14.00**. It will be listed on the 2014 transmittal forms.

### **Dates To Remember:**

**Credentials for Convention Due: June 28th**

4th of July Holiday: Office Closed

Convention: July 10th-14th

Office Closed

**Last Spirit for 2012-2013 year: July 15th**

National Convention: Aug.23-29th

Membership Workshop: Sept. 13th-14th.

**Spirit Newsletter Renewals:** are due by July 15th to receive the August Spirit.

**Traveling Plaques:** a copy of the 2012 Traveling Plaques are included in this Spirit. Look it over and if your Unit received any **make sure you bring it to convention!** Units that win this year would like to receive their plaque at



Surprise, Surprise!

My daughter, granddaughter and Unit 29 President Danielle Hedrick surprised me with a birthday party in May.

I want to thank everyone who came to celebrate with me or who sent cards and good wishes. I am thankful to be here another year and know that I have so many friends and loved ones.

So thank you all again! I had a great birthday!  
Alice DeTore, PDP

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Rhododendron Girls State Website:

[www.wvgirlsstate.org](http://www.wvgirlsstate.org)

National Website: [alaforveterans.org](http://alaforveterans.org)

### **Endorsements for 2013-2014 Officers**

Department President-Debbie Fox

Berkeley Springs Unit #60

Department 1st Vice Pres.-Paula Booth

Belington Unit #96

Department 2nd Vice Pres.-Susan Wade

Paden City Unit #86

Department Sec./Treas.-Paulette Anderson

New Martinsville Unit #28

Department Chaplain-Tammy Workman

New Martinsville Unit #28

### District Officers Elected for 2013-2014

1st District President—Marge Walton, Benwood #46

Vice President—Donna Leek, Pine Grove #81

3rd District President—Kathy Hogue, Clarksburg #13

Vice President—Connie Bailey, Buckhannon 37

4th Dist. President —Nancy Sundstrom, Parkersburg #15

Vice President—Dee Underwood, Tyler County #48

5th District President—Beth Kilgore, Huntington #16

Vice President—Mary Waybright, Huntington #16

6th District President—Peggy Swartz, Welch #8

Vice President—Rita Alley, Welch #8

8th District President—Mary Bess, Charleston #20

Vice President—Robin Stump, St. Albans #73

9th District President—Danielle Hedrick, Elkins #29

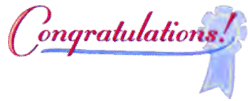
Vice President—Jeanne Phares, Elkins #29

10th District President—Lisa Turner, Martinsburg #14

Vice President—Michelle Hart, Charles Town #71

# 2012-2013 Membership "Catch A Falling Star"

## Astronomer



95.48% with 7577 members, what a great job all of you are doing toward of our 7936 membership goal.

Fourth District along with Ninth District has over 100%.

24 Units have surpassed their goal. We need 359 more to reach our 2012-2013 goal.

**DREAM CATCHERS--First District:**

Cameron #18, Follansbee #45, Paden City #86; Fourth District: Parkersburg #15, Pt. Pleasant #23, Sistersville #67, Parkersburg #104; Sixth District: Gary #32; Ninth District: Elkins #29, Cowan #62, Belington #96, Pickens #122.

**SUN CATCHERS—Third District:**

Buchanan #7, Braxton Co. #33, Philippi #44; Bridgeport #68. Fifth District: Huntington #16; Eighth District: So. Charleston #94; Tenth District: Martinsburg #14, Piedmont #52, Charles Town #71, Petersburg #78, Charles Town #102, Capon Bridge #137.

That is the positive side. But looking on the negative side, at this time last year we had 300 more members. If we had those 300 members now, we would be at 99.27% and within 59 of being a goal department. Although we know we have lost some members due to death, the majority is those that have not renewed their membership. We still have more time to get those members in. Our job is not done.

Our numbers should be a lot higher by State Convention. See you there!



## Big Dippers

### 1st Vice President

Hello Sun Catchers,

We've had another "GREAT" month. Three more units are added to the goal list. They are Martinsburg # 14 and Huntington # 16. and Bridgeport #68. That makes a total of 12 Sun Catcher Goal Units. "YAHOO"!!

We could throw in the towel to Paula Booth and the Dream Catchers but I just can't see us doing that. No matter what the numbers are we have done a great job. So what if we do need twice as many members as the Dream Catchers, we continue to increase each month. The numbers have stop for the Department Convention but they still count for the National Convention. Let's send Nancy to Houston with highest percentage possible.

I hope to see everyone at the State Convention in Huntington, July 11-14. I plan to be there by July 10 just in case I can be of any help. I hope to see you there.

Until Next Time,  
Department 1st Vice President  
Debbie Fox AKA "Big Dipper"



### 2nd Vice President

Dear Dream Catchers,

It has been a real joy working with you this past year, making new friends and seeing "already" friends. Thank you to all my District Vice Presidents for stirring up the gang to get their membership in. I want to congratulate each and every Unit for the wonderful job you have done on your membership.

Let's look at what you've done already. We have 2 Goal Districts—4th (CONGRATULATIONS TO 4TH!) and 9th: 12 Goal Units!! (CONGRATULATIONS TO PADEN CITY 86 AND PARKERSBURG 15!), several Units just need one or two members to reach Goal.

The Sun Catchers with Big Dipper Debbie at their helm have also done well and we congratulate them. I always give Ms. Debbie a hard time but really enjoy working with her!

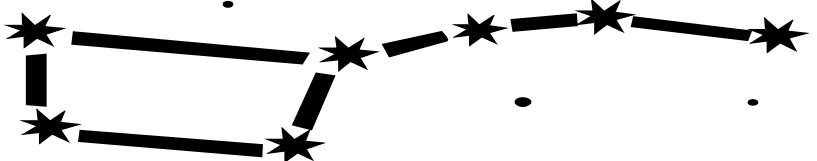
Our "Sun" Nancy has got to be pleased with what the Department of West Virginia has done this year. Now let's all make that one last push and get the job done—we want to see that tattoo!

See you at Department Convention!  
Paula Booth  
Department 2nd Vice President  
aka Big Dipper #2.



### Department 2012-2013 Target Dates

- Target #1—40%—September 15th
- Target #2—55%—October 15th
- Target #3—80%—January 15th
- Target #4—95%—April 15th
- Target #5—100%—June 15th
- Target #6—102%—July 15th**



# Little Dippers



## First District President

Aloha Ladies,

No I'm not on vacation but it's warm enough to think I am.

This is my last Spirit letter as 1st District President and since Aloha means both hello and good-bye I won't have to say it at the end of this note.

It's sort of like us on membership. We come to the end of one year, and before its over we begin a new one. Please remember to personally contact any members you may have that are not yet current on their dues. I know we will be getting the 2014 cards after convention, and that begins the cycle all over again.

Great Job to all the units who have met targets or reached goal. It's a job that keeps getting tougher.

On a not so happy note the decline in over-all membership is showing , especially over the past few years. We need every member, and they need to know they are needed, and appreciated!!! Even if we lose just one member a year the over-all count is dramatic for not just our unit and district, but the organization as a whole.

We need to get out there and promote our Auxiliary. Wear you shirts, pins or whatever to show who you are when your out, and always have applications ready.

For God and Country  
Tammy Workman  
1st District President

## Ninth District President

Hello Ladies;

I'm sorry there wasn't an article from 9th District in the June Spirit. Due to illness I missed the deadline.

I would like to Thank Ronceverte Post #26 for hosting our 9th District Spring Conference. The hospitality was great and the food served was delicious.

We had a successful meeting and new offices for 2013-2014 were elected. Congratulations to our new District President Danielle Hedrick and Vice President Jeannie Phares! They are members of Elkins Unit #29.

I am so proud of our District; we are now a Goal District with 4 Goal Units: Elkins #29, Cowen #62, Belington #96, and Pickens #122. Lewisburg #69 and Richwood #97 only needs one to reach Goal. Come on ladies, we can do it!!!

I have enjoyed this past year so much and now it is time to get started on a new one.

Don't forget the Dept. convention in Huntington July 11-13th. Let's support our veterans! I hope to see you there.

Please keep our troops and veterans everywhere in your thoughts and prayers.

God Bless America!  
Karen "Jean" Thomas  
9th District President

## Fall Conferences

1st District: October 20th  
Paden City Unit #86  
Paden City Fire Hall

3rd District Joint: NO DATE SET

4th District Joint: October 13th  
Williamstown #159  
Post Home

5th District Joint: NO DATE SET

6th District: October 12th  
Welch Unit #8

8th District: October 19th  
Charleston #20  
Post Home

9th District Joint: NO DATE SET  
Cowen #62

10th District Joint: September 28th  
Martinsburg #14  
Post Home

## Eighth District President

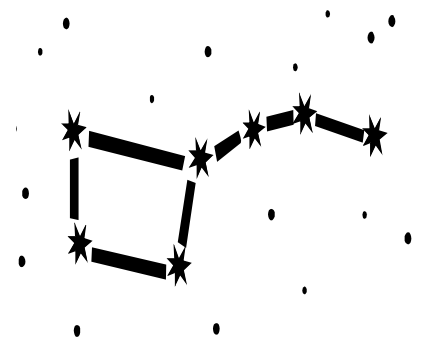
The year is winding down fast. I wish to thank St. Albans Unit # 73 for hosting our Fall Conference and then So. Charleston Unit # 94 for hosting our Spring Conferences this year. Both were very successful. Our Fall Conference is scheduled for October 19th at Charleston #20.

I wish Nancy Sundstrom, our Department President, a very successful Department Convention in Huntington. I hope that many members of our District will be present to show our support for her. It seems like just yesterday that she was installed, let alone being at the end of her year.

I congratulate all three Units of the 8th District for their hard work this past year. We could work just a little harder on membership, though.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Huntington.

Mary Bess  
President 8th District



## Chaplain

*Prayers Can't Be Answered  
Unless They Are Prayed*

*Life without purpose is barren indeed-  
There can't be a harvest unless you plant  
seed,  
There can't be attainment unless there's a  
goal,  
And man's but a robot unless there's a  
soul...  
If we send no ships out, no ships will  
come in,  
And unless there's a contest, nobody can  
win...  
For games can't be won unless they are  
played,  
And prayers can't be answered unless  
they are prayed...  
So whatever is wrong with your life  
today,  
You'll find a solution if you kneel down  
and pray  
Not just for pleasure, enjoyment and  
health,  
Not just for honors and prestige and  
wealth...  
But pray for a purpose to make life worth  
living,  
And pray for the joy of unselfish giving,  
For great is your gladness and rich your  
reward  
When you make your life's purpose the  
choice of The Lord.*

*But seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
And his righteousness;  
And all these things shall be added unto  
you.  
Matthew 6:33*

*I want to thank all that sent me prayers,  
and poems for Department  
Nancy's prayer book. I have been  
honored to serve this year as  
your Department Chaplain. May God  
bless and keep all of you in His loving  
arms!*

Susan Wade  
Department Chaplain



## Historian

Hello Ladies

I wish everyone a Happy and Healthy summer . I know this is the time we are really active in our communities so please remember to start now in keeping track of your activities. Sometimes we are too busy to think much about writing things down ,but it truly is a lot easier when it comes time for your unit historian to put together your history book ,and if you keep notes you will be sure to get the info you need without searching high and low and possible missing that something special...

Don't forget to bring your history books to the convention.

I hope the pending storm will not be as devastating as last year's Derecho. However if it is I have faith in our Auxiliary units to be ready to help where you can. That's one of the reasons I am so proud to be a member. I hope to see you all at the Department convention.  
Tammy Workman  
Department Historian.



## Door Prizes are Needed at Department Convention.

**Incoming Officers:  
Please wear white for Installation.  
Bring Pictures to be displayed on  
"Incoming Officers Board"**

### Volunteers needed for Registration

**Past Presidents Luncheon tickets are still available. Send form and money to Vicki Luttrell. Prices are the same as last year.**

## Legislative

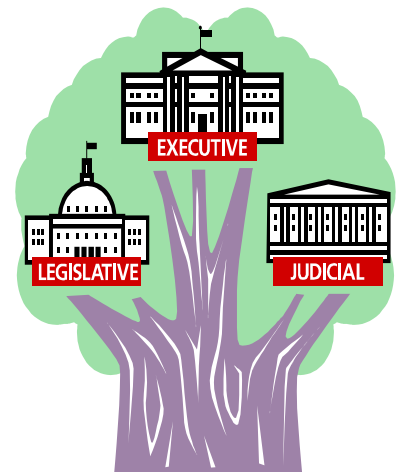
Hello Ladies,

This will be my last Legislative article for the year 2012-2013. So I want to give all members an estimated count of letters and emails sent and phone calls and visits made to WV Legislative Representatives by some of The Auxiliary Members.

There were approximately 72 letters and emails sent and approximately 60 phone calls made and approximately 2 visits made to various Legislative Representatives. These letters, emails, phone calls, and visits show that we support all Veterans and will help The Legionnaires when we are able to do so.

I have enjoyed being the Department Legislative Chairman and have learned a lot throughout this year. I would like to thank all members for your assistance and hard work. Please keep up your efforts in the future. Remember even the smallest help leads to a bigger network of support. Please continue to use the Advocacy Guide, read the Dispatch for Legion updates, and go to the American Legion Legislative Website for information regarding Legislative updates and information.

Good luck and God Bless everyone!  
Rhonda Best  
Legislative Dept. Chairman



## National Security

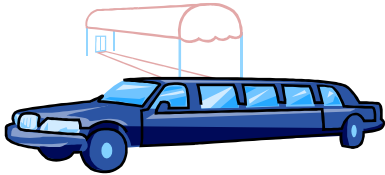
First, I would like to Thank President Nancy for this appointment this year. I would also like to Thank those Units who turned in a report and every member for all their hard work in everything we do. Great work ladies!

Second, a BIG THANK YOU goes out to those Units, Auxiliary Districts, individuals, and the First District Legionaries for their generous donations to the Computers for Soldiers, Korean DXM Project. The total amount sent into National from West Virginia was \$1,765!! I will have a special gift at department convention for the one who sent in the most.

As I close, I want to wish the very best to all offices who are elected and chairman and committee members who are appointed for a successful upcoming year.

I hope to see many of you at convention and have a safe trip.

Remember to Thank our Military!  
Lisa Cadwallader  
National Security Chairman



## HOMEcomings

Incoming Department Commander  
Frank Nicholson

Saturday October 5th  
Shinnston Post #31

Incoming Department President  
Debbie Fox

Saturday October 26th  
Berkeley Springs Post #60

More Details in Next Spirit.

## Leadership

Hi Ladies:

I want to thank each one for outstanding leadership reports. They were very good and very hard to pick for the award.

Continue to do your part of leadership for the rest of the year. Perhaps you will be able to assist the Leadership Chairman next year in your unit.

Hopefully, you will be able to come to Department Convention.

Thank you,  
Sharon Glassford  
Leadership Chairman

## Poppy

Hello Ladies:

Again thank you for all the Poppy reports this year. I will give my report at Convention combining each report. The choosing of the report for the awards was very hard.

President Nancy, Thank you, for given me this appointment.

I hope to see a lot of you at Department Convention.

Thank you for all your hard work this year. Continue to spread the word about the Poppy.

God bless America  
Sharon Glassford  
Dept. Poppy Chairman



## Honorary Junior President

Hi Junior Members.

It's hard to believe this year is gone, seems like just yesterday I got voted in as Honorary Junior President!

It was great getting to work with all of the officers this year and meeting new people and becoming friends with everyone! I hope to continue friendships with everyone for a long time.

A Big Thank You to Laura Kilgore the Junior Activity Chairman, for helping me during my year as President and also another Big Thank You to Nancy Sundstrom the Department President also My Mom; she helped me understand everything that I didn't understand and stuff I was too shy to ask about.

I hope to see you all at Department Convention, and hope to see some new faces this year as well!

Hope everyone's having a great Summer and will see you all soon!

Brandee Fernandez  
Honorary Department Junior President



## 2012-2013 Honorary Junior Officers

President—Brandee Fernandez #15  
1st Vice President—Shauna Blake #73  
2nd Vice President—Katie Beth Caudill #16  
Secretary—Sammie Shears #15  
Chaplain—Savanna Kaufmann #14  
Historian—Jessie Trujillo #15

Dept. Junior Advisor—Laura Kilgore

## Rhododendron Girls State

The 2013 Session of Rhododendron Girls State has officially ended and I would like to say "Thanks" to the units and schools for sending a fantastic group of girls this year. We has 343 great delegates who gave their best during the week. They were challenged and were successful in their efforts to meet the challenge. The girls learned about government, campaigned for themselves and for others, made new friends, voted for who they considered the best candidate, and had fun.

On Sunday, we were honored by several special guests. President Nancy Sundstrom and Commander Jack Gerrard spoke to the girls and encouraged them to "follow their dreams". We were proud to honor two women veterans nominated by units in the department. Sgt. Billie J. Wesseling representing the Army and who had served in Operation Iraq Freedom from Martinsburg was honored and encouraged the girls to never stop working to achieve a goal. Mrs. Virginia Conklin from Chester served in the Coast Guard during World War II gave the girls a glimpse of her time in service to our country.

The following girls were elected to the highest offices or received scholarships.

Governor: Chantel Renee Kidd - Mount View HS (McDowell County)

Secretary of State: Ciara Toothman - North Marion HS (Marion County)

Auditor: Johnna Akers - Lincoln HS (Harrison County)

Treasurer: Ashley Faulkner - University HS (Monongalia County)

Commissioner of Agriculture: Ava Tennant - Linsly School (Ohio County)

Attorney General: Candace Barr - Washington HS (Jefferson County)

Justices of the Supreme Court:

Shakthi Raman (Chief Justice) - Winfield HS (Putnam )

Emily Cramer - Parkersburg HS (Wood County)

Abigail Palmer - North Marion HS (Marion County)

Kendra Wenner - Jefferson HS (Jefferson County)

Alex Chandler - Pickens HS (Randolph County)

Senators: Tristen Quinones - Bridgeport HS (Harrison County)

Ava Tennant - Linsly School (Ohio County)

Girls Nation will be held in Washington, DC on July 20-27, 2013

Samsung Scholarship - Michaela Cloutier - Fairmont HS (Marion County)

Mary Jo Thomas Scholarship - Eva Howden - Hurricane HS (Putnam County)

We had a great group of girls and a dedicated staff making this a wonderful week for all that attended and a very successful session. Thank you the American Legion Auxiliary for sponsoring this great program.

Ann Buchanan, Chairman  
Rhododendron Girls State



## Programs of The Month

- August:** *National Convention  
Leadership*
- September:** *Junior Activities  
Music  
Hospital Cheer Parties*
- October:** *Education  
Constitution & Bylaws  
Standing Rules*
- November:** *Membership  
Public Relations*
- December:** *V A & R  
Field Service  
Home Service  
Gift Shops*
- January:** *National Security  
Legislative*
- February:** *Americanism  
Chapel-4-Chaplains*
- March:** *Community Service  
Auxiliary Emergency Fund*
- April:** *Children & Youth  
ALCWF*
- May:** *Poppy  
Past President's Parley*
- June:** *Girls State*
- July:** *Department  
Convention  
  
Girls Nation*

## Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Can you believe this is the last message before Department Convention? My how the time flies! I have gotten all the reports and have tabulated the hours and gotten (somewhat belatedly) my Department VA&R Report to our Central Division VA&R Chairman Shelley Riggs. I mailed a copy to her in May, which she never received; so had to email her when she called that she had not received my report.

Thank goodness she called; because the hours and money we gave to our WV veterans would not been included in the National tabulations for this membership year.

I also hope that some units answered the request of our National President to get some money in for the computers. National is hoping to purchase for those veterans stationed in Korea. It is so important that our veterans be able to keep in touch with their families while deployed overseas, and computers are the way to do it now days. Hope to get the hours tabulated for pins (if any are due for the 2012-13 membership year), and request Paulette order. Not sure if this will be done before Department Convention, but know will have for membership-board meeting. I know one unit I owe some pins, and I hope that you will let me know if I have not taken care of your unit members properly. We want our members to get the pins/ bars they earn for their faithful volunteering.

Don't forget through the summer months we still have veterans in the hospitals, nursing homes and deployed overseas as well as many who are homeless - - they answered their call to duty; so we should continue to be faithful in our service to them. It is so easy to get lax in the summer months with vacations and the hot weather, but our veterans continue to need us all year round.

See you in Huntington next month!  
Mary Waybright  
VA & R Chairman

## Children and Youth

Dear Ladies,

Here we are at the end of the year once again—seems like we just began! I hope you had fun with along with me learning more about this very important program. We looked at planning projects, school involvement, Halloween, National Family Week, Holiday parties, sadly the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy, Child Welfare Foundation, adopting military families, Teen Suicide issues, the Elmobility Room, “Headbands 4 Hope”, Bullying, and making life better for our children.

At your District Conferences we passed the blue piggy to collect for the Child Welfare Foundation and we discussed Elmo and the mitten.

I have enjoyed working with all of you and thank you for all the End of the Year Reports you sent in. I thank Beth Kilgore for working this program with me. Let's keep on working for our children for they are our future. And remember to take the time to thank a teacher and hug a child!

See you at Department Convention!

Paula Booth  
Children & Youth Chairman



**The American Legion**  
**Bert H. Hickman Post # 97**  
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Richwood, WV 26261-0007



Date: 11 May 2013  
To: Friends of the Bert H. Hickman American Legion Post 97  
Subject: 2013 Cherry River Festival theme: Veteran's Appreciation

This year's festival theme was chosen to honor and thank all who served in the United States Armed Forces. We hope to educate our community about the profound contribution and sacrifice made by each of the men and women who answered the call for service to our country. Many of these Veterans and their families are still healing.

My mission is simple – to communicate with as many Veteran groups as I can and stress the need for their “presence” during the festival. The “icing on the cake” will be the parade on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 PM. The possibility of this year's parade being the best ever is a very realistic goal.

I envision an endless cavalcade of organizations marching and units driving their rolling stock of trucks, tanks, artillery and other equipment followed by the grand finale which will include every Veteran who has ever served.

The Bert H. Hickman American Legion Post 97 on Oakford Avenue will be the Headquarters for all of the Veteran's activities that week. Like last year, the Post will have a static display of historic military gear open to the public during the festival.

Please consider joining us this year to make Honoring Our Veterans a very special event. Point of Contact information is listed below. Thank you for your service!

*Wally Howerton*  
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Commander  
Bert H. Hickman American Legion Post 97  
20 Oakford Avenue  
P. O. Box 7  
Richwood, WV 26261-0007  
304-651-9567  
[commander@americanlegionpost97.org](mailto:commander@americanlegionpost97.org)



### May 2013 Ways & Means Winners

	483		5/1/13	
Allen Fourtain	649	Paw Paw WV	5/2/13	\$25.00
Ann Buchanan	395	Huntington WV	5/3/13	\$25.00
Jerry Wilfrong	482	Enterprise WV	5/4/13	\$25.00
Howard Forman	329	Needham MA	5/6/13	\$25.00
Bremda Shoemaker	705	Purgitsville WV	5/7/13	\$25.00
Kathy Measday	565	Hagerstown MD	5/8/13	\$25.00
	697		5/9/13	
	609		5/10/13	
	916		5/11/13	
C T Makenney	420	Wellsburg WV	5/13/13	\$25.00
Tonie Sager	760	Lost City WV	5/14/13	\$25.00
	165		5/15/13	
Jan Carnahan	360	Valley Grove WV	5/16/13	\$25.00
Tamra Billiter	869	Paden City WV	5/17/13	\$25.00
	374		5/18/13	
Lee Knisley	646	Sykesville MD	5/20/13	\$25.00
Donna Wendel	131	Wellsburg WV	5/21/13	\$25.00
Debbie Kusesik	575	Martinsburg WV	5/22/13	\$25.00
Zane Burgess, Jr.	150	Burlington WV	5/23/13	\$25.00
Monte Delawder	586	Moorefield WV	5/24/13	\$25.00
	793		5/25/13	
Rita Alley	020	Welch WV	5/27/13	\$25.00
Eddy Kidwell	342	Points WV	5/28/13	\$25.00
	639		5/29/13	
	958		5/30/13	
Leslie Knisley	928	Reisterstown MD	5/31/13	\$25.00

### Ways & Means

Congratulations to all the lucky May Winners. I have over 70 tickets now where Units/members has returned. These tickets are our profit and money for our Veteran programs if someone could help sell them. Let me know if you need some tickets to sell.

REMEMBER — can not win if name and number is not in computer — DON'T HOLD TICKET SALES!!!!!!

“Lets all support our WV Veterans by your Continued Support”

Mary Rose Yoho  
Ways & Means Chairman  
RR1 Box 144A  
Proctor WV 26055  
304-455-3449  
49rosie72@wildblue.net



### Rhododendron Girls State Representatives

1st Dist. — Jill McCallister  
205 Grant Ave  
Moundsville WV 26041  
845-5928

3rd Dist. — Mary Jo Thomas  
RR6 Box 232  
Fairmont WV 26554

4th Dist. — Nancy Sundstrom  
1307 23rd Street  
Parkersburg WV 26101  
304-422-1263

5th Dist.— Katena Karnes  
721 10th Ave  
Huntington WV 25701  
525-5634

6th Dist. — Peggy Swartz  
P O Box 124  
Gary, WV 24836  
448-2394

8th Dist. — Mary Bess  
215 N. Pinch Road  
Elkview, WV 25071  
965-3192

9th Dist. — Paula Booth  
RR1 Box 222  
Belington WV 26250  
823-3251

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



# MEMBERSHIP 2012-2013

# "Catch A Falling Star"

Target #5—July 15th (102.00%)  
 Total to Date — 7578 (95.49%)  
 2013 National Goal—7936  
 Headquarters Unit #200 — 98

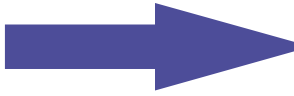
**6/17/13**

District 1			
Unit	2013 Goal	2013	% of Goal
Moundsville #3	316	303	95.89%
McMechen #5	54	51	94.44%
Weirton #10	78	76	97.44%
Cameron #18	195	<b>206</b>	<b>105.64%</b>
New Martinsville #28	157	140	89.17%
Wellsburg #34	26	24	92.32%
Follansbee #45	46	<b>52</b>	<b>113.04%</b>
Benwood #46	129	104	80.62%
Pine Grove #81	95	72	75.79%
Paden City #86	113	<b>113</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Wheeling #89	36	29	80.56%
Newell #114	48	42	87.50%
Hundred #120	113	103	91.15%
Chester #121	181	167	92.27%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1587</b>	<b>1482</b>	<b>93.38%</b>

District 4			
Unit	2013 Goal	2013	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	898	<b>899</b>	<b>100.11%</b>
Spencer #21	69	63	91.30%
Pt. Pleasant #23	337	<b>348</b>	<b>103.26%</b>
Tyler County #48	<b>NEW</b>	15	
Sistersville #67	180	<b>192</b>	<b>106.67%</b>
Parkersburg #104	16	<b>20</b>	<b>125.00%</b>
New Haven #140	181	165	91.16%
Williamstown #159	180	171	95.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1861</b>	<b>1873</b>	<b>100.64%</b>

District 6			
Unit	2013 Goal	2013	% of Goal
Welch #8	94	84	89.36%
Bluefield #9	39	33	84.62%
Beckley #32	43	30	69.77%
Gary #38	70	<b>70</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Beckley #70	12	11	91.67%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>88.37%</b>

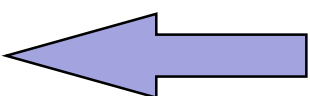
District 9			
Unit	2013 Goal	2013	% of Goal
Elkins #29	205	<b>205</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Cowen #62	56	<b>60</b>	<b>107.14%</b>
Lewisburg #69	76	75	98.68%
Belington #96	29	<b>29</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Richwood #97	24	23	95.83%
Pickens #122	25	<b>25</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>100.72%</b>



Sun Catchers  
 Goal—3770  
 To Date—3480  
 (92.31%)



Dream Catchers  
 Goal—4120  
 To Date— 4000  
 (97.09%)



District 3			
Unit	2013 Goal	2013	% of Goal
Weston #4	17	8	47.06%
Buckhannon #7	64	<b>65</b>	<b>101.56%</b>
Grafton #12	43	24	55.81%
Clarksburg #13	148	133	89.86%
Shinnston #31	338	291	86.09%
Braxton Co. #33	31	<b>32</b>	<b>103.23%</b>
Mannington #40	23	20	86.96%
Philippi #44	43	<b>48</b>	<b>111.63%</b>
Bridgeport #68	58	<b>58</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Jane Lew #166	57	40	70.18%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>87.47%</b>

District 5			
Unit	2013 Goal	2013	% of Goal
Huntington #16	290	<b>291</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Logan #19	26	13	50.00%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	493	459	93.10%
Hamlin #111	62	<b>52</b>	<b>83.87%</b>
Milton #139	90	82	91.11%
Barboursville #177	175	150	85.71%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1136</b>	<b>1046</b>	<b>92.08%</b>

District 8			
Unit	2013 Goal	2013	% of Goal
Charleston #20	56	54	96.43%
St Albans #73	93	90	96.77%
South Charleston #94	20	<b>20</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>94.67%</b>

District 10			
Unit	2013 Goal	2013	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	157	<b>160</b>	<b>101.91%</b>
Franklin #30	18	14	77.78%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1643</b>	<b>1555</b>	<b>94.64%</b>



# July 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4  <i>Office Closed</i>	5	6
7	8	9 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Mail Call</div>	10 <i>Leave For Office Closed</i>	11 <i>Department</i>	12 <i>Convention</i>	13
14	15 <i>Last Target Sheet for 2013</i>	16	17	18	19	20
21 <i>Girls Nation</i>	22 <i>Mailings of Spirit</i>	23	24	25	26 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Mail Call</div>	27
28	29	30	31	<b>Program of Month</b> <b>Department Convention</b> <b>Girls Nation</b>		

**Past Presidents Luncheon**

**July 13, 2013 11:30 AM**

**Pullman Hotel Huntington WV**

**Cost———— \$17.00**

Menu

Boneless Southern Fried Chicken Breast

Chef's Selection of Vegetables

Salad

Dessert

**Reservation Deadline**—————July 1, 2013

Make Check Payable to : Department Treasurer, ALA

Mail To: Vickie Luttrell, Department Convention Chairman  
205 Merrywood Drive  
Berkeley Springs WV 25411

Unit Name & Number\_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending\_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed\_\_\_\_\_

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

**Past President Attendee's Name**\_\_\_\_\_

**Special Diets Or Allergies**\_\_\_\_\_

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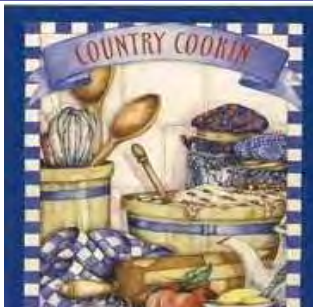
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CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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I want to purchase \_\_\_ cookbooks and have the cookbooks mailed to the recipients! \_\_\_ Cookbooks X \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + appropriate postage (see below) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

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Ordered by: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Article IV  
ELIGIBILITY

Section 2. Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary shall be limited to the mothers, wives, daughters, sisters, granddaughters, great-granddaughters and grandmothers of members of The American Legion, and to the mothers, wives, daughter, sisters, granddaughters, great-granddaughters and grandmothers of all men and women who were in the Armed Forces of the United States during any of the following Periods: April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918; December, 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946; June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955; February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975; August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984; December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990; August 2, 1990, to the date of cessation of hostilities as determined by the government of the United States; all dates inclusive, or who being citizens of the United States at the time of their entry therein, served on active duty in the Armed Forces of any of the governments associated with the United States during any of said periods, and died in line of duty or after honorable discharge; and to those women who of their own right are eligible for membership in The American Legion.

Add the word Step

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Section 6. No person shall be eligible to hold two elected or appointed offices at the same time at Department or District level, those offices being Department President, Department First Vice President, Department Second Vice President, Department Secretary/Treasurer, Department Chaplain, Department Historian, District President, and District Vice President.

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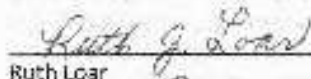
Section 7. Any elected District Officer may run for a Department Office. If elected as a Department Officer, she will have to resign her District office. She does not have to resign until elected in Department.

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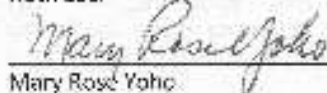
These changes shall take effect immediately.



Lynda Lancaster, Chairman



Ruth Loar



Mary Rose Yoho

## Listing of 2012 Traveling Plaque Winners

**Please Look for Your Unit and Bring Plaque to Department Convention**

### Department Traveling Plaques Winners 2011-2012

		<u>PLAQUES NOT TURNED IN</u>
Americanism	Sally Arzuri—Benwood #46.....Grafton #12 June Harbert—Welch #8.....Pine Grove #81	
AFS	Ruth Yoho—New Martinsville #28.....Jane Lew #166 Carol Williams—Charles Town #71	
Chaplain	Nina Mason—Welch #8	
Children & Youth	Shirley Davis—Logan #19 Irene Weber—Charles Town #71	
Community Service	Mary Ann Plett—Jane Lew #166 Imogene Kirkland—Ceredo-Kenova #93	
Education	Virginia Beatty—Ceredo-Kenova #93 Janet Durbin—Kirby #131	
Girls State	Lillian Luttrell—Parkersburg #15 Anna Buchanan—Belington #96 Betty Rea—NONE	
History	Janet Culp—Charles Town #102.....Glassway #33	
Junior Activities	Margaret Kercheval—Huntington #16.....Pine Grove #81 Betty Shumate—NONE	
Legislative	Lynda Lancaster—Jane Lew #166	
Leadership	Martene Bonar—Newell #114 Marie Bailey—Moundsville #3	
Membership	Virginia Blake—Gary #38.....McMechen #5 Katerina Kurnes—Parkersburg #15	
Music	Ella Mae Short—Charles Town #71	
National Security	Wilma Mayfield—Charles Town #71	
Past Presidents	Parley—Susan Brown—Bowwood #46 Norma Lee Cliso—Shinnston #31	
Timeless Award	Twyla Finley—NONE	
Unit Member of Year	Janice Gamerdinger—Gary #38	
Poppy	Lorena Jennings—Berkeley Springs #60 Brady Stone—Huntington #16	
Public Relations	Dianne McClung—Charles Town #71 Helen Kesler—Gary #38	
Unit President	Jerrit Ritchour—Huntington #16 Tallulah Simpson—New Martinsville #28.....Benwood #46	
V A & R	Anna Jane Williams—Gary #38 Berty Burton—Shinnston #31.....Pine Grove #81	
Field Service	Joyce Seumonds—Huntington #16	
Home Service	Paulette Anderson—Huntington #16	
Total Participation	Jessica Payne—Belington #96 Imi Polsinelli—Huntington #16	

#### Cash Awards:

Scrapbook—Sr.—Buckhanan #7 Moundsville #3 Jr.—NONE
History Book—Sr.—Moundsville #3 Huntington #16 Jr.—NONE
Prayer Book—Sr.—NONE Jr.—NONE

Poppy Poster Contest—NO WINNERS IN ANY CLASS

### Cash Awards In Membership

1st Unit to Reach Goal in Each District:
1st—New Martinsville #28
3rd—Buckhanan #7
4th—NONE
5th—NONE
6th—Gary #38
8th—South Charleston #94
9th—Cowen #62
10th—Paw Paw #128
1st Unit to Reach Goal in Following Category:
10-50 Members—Belington #96
51-100 Members—Gary #38
101-200 Members—New Martinsville #28
201-400 Members—NONE
401 and over—NONE
1st Unit To Reach Goal in Department
Gary #38
1st District to Reach Goal in Department
NONE
1st District to Organize a New Unit
NONE
Unit to Enroll Most Senior Members
Parkersburg #15 (53)
Unit to Enroll Most Junior Members
Gary #38 (9)
Unit in District with Most New Members
1st—Moundsville #3 (13)
3rd—Clarksburg #13 (13)
4th—Parkersburg #15 (53)
5th—Huntington #16 (19)
6th—Gary #38 (17)
8th—Charleston #20 (2)
9th—Elkins #29 (25)
10th—Martinsburg #14 (20)

#### Department Citations For Reaching Goal With All Mandatory Funds Paid and Attended Both Fall/Spring Conferences

New Martinsville #28—104.69%
Chester #121—100.00%
Buckhanan #7—103.27%
Welch #8—100.00%
Bluefield #9—102.77%
Gary #38—101.79%
South Charleston #94—105.55%
Elkins #29—103.06%
Cowen #62—105.76%
Belington #96—107.60%
Martinsburg #14—101.21%