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American Legion Auxiliary
2013-2014
Department President
Debbie Fox



**Forever
"Mindful"
Of Our Veterans**

Hello WV Gems,

I would like to thank everyone for having enough faith to elect me your Department President in Huntington on July 13, 2013. I'm honored that I've gained your confidence to do this amazing task set before me this year.

Our membership this year will be referred to as Gems; beautiful, precious shining Gems. That describes each and every one of our members. We'll be Mining for Gems" and also be Forever Mindful of Our Veterans."

My colors are Red, White and Blue. "My flower is the 'Blood Red Lilly."

My special project is "Bonnie's Bus". This bus is based out of the Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Center at WVU. Bonnie's Bus is a mobile mammography program that goes to ever county in West Virginia to provide this service. I'm so happy to be able to tell you that 100% of the money we collect will go to either the up keep of the bus or providing the service. All administrative cost is covered by the cancer center.

We are going to have all sorts of Gems from Aura Boreas to Topaz and everything between. Department Membership Chairman, Sharon Glassford along with First Vice President, Paula Booth and Second Vice President Susan Wade will over all the details.

Your membership team has lots of fun planned for the Fall Workshop as well as ways to help with your membership.

This year we'll have a purse auction to benefit Bonnie's Bus. I hope everyone plans to participate. It's always lots of fun.

My homecoming will be jointly with the Detachment SAL Commander, Rocky Fox. It will be held on October 26, 2013 at Berkeley Springs Post #60. I'll have tickets at Bridgeport or you may call for them at 304-258-5804.

Once again I'm so honored to be your Department President for 2013-2014 Until Next Time,

Forever Mindful of Our Veterans
Department President
Debbie Fox Diamond"



Department Officers 2013-2014

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

District Presidents 2013-2014

1st District—Marge Walton
3rd District—Kathy Hogue
4th District—Nancy Sundstrom
5th District—Beth Kilgore
6th District—Peggy Swartz
8th District—Mary Bess
9th District—Danielle Hedrick
10th District—Lisa Turner

District Vice Presidents 2013-2014

1st District—Donna Leek
3rd District—Connie Bailey
4th District—Donna Underwood
5th District—Mary Waybright
6th District—Rita Alley
8th District—Robin Stump
9th District—Jeanie Phares
10th District—Michelle Hart

Remember Our Friends

I would like to Thank everyone for the beautiful cards and well wishes during my knee replacement recovery. I would also like to Thank Mary Stump, Connie Pyles & Nina Mason for helping me during convention.

Thank You,
Lisa Cadwallader

Betty Rea, PDP, was in the hospital for pnemonia and is home now. Cards may be sent to:

Betty Rea, PDP
1115 Main Street
Follansbee WV 26037

Department Headquarters — “Emerald”



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.**

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.

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. 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.

All Units should have received your membership cards by now. The roster in the packet was printed off first part of April. If a member joined or paid dues after early April she won't be listed on the roster as paid, or have a card. Just make out a card for her (if new), or mark her paid on roster for 2013. Next year a card will be in the packet for the new member.

Membership Guide's:

will be mailed to the membership chairman along with a current roster in August (with the Directory).

Dates To Remember:

National Convention: Aug.23-29th

Membership Workshop: Sept.14th.

Spirit Newsletter Renewals: are due now.

Membership Workshop:

September 14th at Bridgeport Days Inn. Reservation form for rooms are in this Spirit. Cost is \$10.00 at the door. Plan to attend especially if you are doing the membership or a unit officer. A new year has begun and new ideas. If any member needs help on processing dues, filling out forms please contact me. I am here to help.

Winners at Convention:

Past President's Club Raffle— Utility Container—

Roxie Nicholson Shinnston Unit #31

50/50 Drawing for \$202.50

Ruth Loar Kirby #134

TARGET DATES:

“MINING FOR GEMS”

August 15—35%

September 15—45%

October 15—55%

November 15—60%

December 15—65%

January 15—70%

February 15—75%

March 15—80%

April 15—85%

May 15—90%

June 15—95%

July 15—100%

Department Commander
Frank Nicholson
Saturday October 5th
Shinnston Post #31

Department President
Debbie Fox
Saturday October 26th
Berkeley Springs Post #60

More Details in Next Spirit.

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Rhododendron Girls State Website:

www.wvgirlsstate.org

National Website: alaforveterans.org

PROSPECTOR GOLD PAULA BOOTH	PROSPECTOR SILVER SUSAN WADE
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DISTRICT #10	DISTRICT #9
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Thank you Bright Shining Stars of West Virginia, for making my year a memorable experience.

Thank you Paulette for all your help this year.

We have had a good year with our membership. I want to thank my Membership Chairman and her team for their hard work.

Thank you Vickie for all your hard work so we could have a great Convention.

Thank you for your contributions to my Special Project; The Welfare Fund. We collected **\$3,192.00**.

I would like to wish Debbie a very successful year!

Nancy Sundstrom
Past Department President



Mining For Gems

"Foreman"

Hello Ladies:

First Congratulations, President Debbie. Thank you for this appointment. President Debbie's Membership theme is "MINING FOR GEMS". Our Gems are the members. So as we get started the Eight District Vice Presidents have part of their "Mining" Outfit, which consist of a hard hat and shovel.

To fill you in a little bit from Convention; District 3, 5, 8, &10 will be Sapphires with Department 1st Vice President Prospector Gold. "AKA" Paula Booth. District 1, 4, 6, &9 are Rubies. 2nd Vice President Prospector Silver. "AKA" Susan Wade. They have a hard hat and a bigger shovel. So they can keep the

"GEMS" coming. I have ask that them to decorate their piece of equipment and hat.

We will be having a membership rally at the workshop. More information will be coming to you about the meeting. You will be able to bring with your new applications and dues to turn into "Ms. Emerald" Secretary/Treasurer "AKA" Paulette Anderson. (**SHE LIKES GREEN**). "Ms. Topaz", Chaplain, Tammy Workman. She will keep our faith and spirit up, as we travel the "Mining areas." "Ms. Turquoise ,Historian, will record our numbers as the applications and renewals come into Department. Now, we have to get our "DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH" our Juniors. They also can help find some more junior members. We really need many of them. The Foreman, Membership Chairman is ME, and I am "Aura Borealis". Past Department Presidents are (perfect name) "Mothers of Pearl". The one that leads all of us is "Ms. Diamond" Department President Debbie Fox. All our members are all color of **GEMS**.

I ask the Eight (8) District Vice Presidents to do (1) news article every month on the membership in her District. (2). She will be in touch with the UNIT MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN. This way we can find out what we need to do to assist any unit if they need help.

Make sure you ask about "Foxy" and her collar????? Also, what do you need to have with you at all times??????

EVERYBODY HAS THE JOB OF MEMBERSHIP. We need to get goal Department for 2013 – 2014. **WE CAN!!!** Make sure you get the renewals and new application into Ms. Emerald right away.

We will have a drawing for a Unit that has both President and Membership Chairman at the Sept.

Workshop. We will put their unit name and number in a basket and draw for a Special Prize. More

details in my next article for September.

A Special prize will be given to the outfit that is done in President Debbie's colors, Red, White and Blue. Wear your outfit at the membership Rally.

Next, we will also have another Purse Auction. The last one we did last year turned out GREAT. So, you do not need to purse a new purse. Use a purse that you were going to get rid of. It has to be in good shape. Then place a couple odds and ends, (EX. hand sanitizer, emery board just a couple of things.

We will auction them off and the money goes to President Debbie's Special Project, Bonnie's Bus.

I have included the target dates. These dates are ahead of National Dates. We want to get a head start so we are able to meet National's milestone dates. You can make Department of West Virginia 100% Goal.

So make your Plans to meet in September, at the Days Inn our "Mining Quarters", located in Bridgeport/Clarksburg area.

Any question's please be in touch with your with your Department Vice Presidents, District Vice President and/or me. We can do this together as a TEAM!!!!

Thank you for helping Department of West Virginia becomes a GOAL DEPARTMENT. Remember,

"Be ever mindful of our Veterans".

GOD BLESS AMERICIA,
Sharon Glassford



"Gold"

Hello to all!

I want to thank you for your confidence in electing me your 1st Vice President for 2013-2014 and will work very hard to justify your trust.

It's going to be a wonderful year working membership alongside President Debbie, 2nd Vice President Susan, Membership Chairman Sharon, all our District Vice Presidents, and all our dedicated members. Let's all pull together and make this a banner Goal year for the Department of West Virginia and the good of our Veterans!

To all my blue Sapphires—do you realize Target 1 is due in less than 4 weeks from now?? By August 15th, each Unit has to get 35% membership renewals—just over one third of your current members—in order to reach the first Target! Let's start collecting dues at our next Unit meetings or before!

Let's get mining for gems for Ms. "Diamond" Debbie and make her smile sparkle!!

Paula Booth

1st Vice President aka 'Prospector Gold'

"Silver"

Hello Ladies,

I want to thank all of you for electing me to be your 2nd Vice President of our Great Department of West Virginia! It is my pleasure to serve you and I know we are going to have a great year!

I look forward to working with Department President Debbie, and the Membership Team!

I am the Silver Prospector of Districts 1, 4, 6, and 9. We are the red Rubies!!

I hope many of your Units will be able to come to the Membership Workshop in Bridgeport as we are planning a great Workshop. More details to come!

We are going to go back to having a Target date each month, so start collecting that membership!

We will be doing our challenges at workshop. Please use Target Dates as the challenge date.

Please....do not hold dues!!

Your Silver Prospector,
Department 2nd Vice President
Susan Wade



Rubies

First District President

I would like to thank each and every Unit in 1st District for electing me as your 2013-2014 District President.

I am sorry I couldn't attend the Department Convention due to chemo treatments in Pittsburgh. However I do plan to attend the Fall Workshop and Executive Board meeting in September.

A couple of dates for you to remember: July 28th 1st District picnic held at Benwood City Park; August 17th Golf Scramble; September 14th Membership/Leadership Training Workshop at Bridgeport Days Inn; October 20th 1st District Fall Conference at Paden City Fire Hall—hosted by Paden City Unit #86. Please mark these dates on your calendars,

More information on the Fall conference will be in the next Spirit.

I hope to see you at Membership Workshop!! I was told by a little bird it will be FUN while you are learning!!

Until next month;
Marge Walton
1st District President

First District Vice President

I would like to thank all of you for the confidence and support. Please have a little patience with me as I am learning and I know I may make mistakes.

Marge Walton is our new 1st District President and Debbie Fox is our new Department President. Both are great team leaders and I am proud to be on board with them!

Start working on membership—our 1st target is August 15th—35%.

We are the “Rubies” gem this year. Susan Wade from our own District is our “Silver” Prospector for our gem.

Hope to see you at workshop in September and bring lots of membership!!!

Donna Leek
1st District Vice President

Fourth District President

Hello Ladies;

I wish to thank all the Ladies of 4th District for your vote of confidence in electing me to serve as President for 2013-2014.

I would like to congratulate President Debbie and all of the 2013-2014 officers.

I wish to congratulate the new Unit officers for 2013-2014 and wish them much success in both membership and other committee projects.

If you have not sent a list of your Unit Officers yet please do so.

If there is anything I can do for your Unit please don't hesitate to let me know at Nancy Sundstrom
1307 23rd Street Parkersburg
West Virginia 26101
or call 304-422-1263.

Until Next Month
Nancy Sundstrom
4th District President

Ninth District President

Hello ladies of 9th District:

First of all I would like to say thank you for electing me as the new District President.

We just came back from Department Convention, which was my first time, and all the Department Officers and District Officers were installed. It was a very exciting time and it was great getting to meet new people. I encourage everyone to make the trip next year.

With this being my first article for the Spirit I'm not quite sure what to say here. I hope to get to make a visit to all the units this year.

We have our 9th District Conference planned for September 21st. It will be hosted by Cowen Unit #62. Registration is 9:30 am and the meeting will start at 10:30 am. Registration cost will be \$10.

The Bridgeport Workshop is also coming up in September. I'd like to see all Units from 9th District represented there.

The first target date for membership is August 15th with 35%. We are “Mining for Gems” this year with 9th District being the Rubies under Prospector Silver Susan Wade.

Let's work on being a Goal District again!

Thanks again and let's remember our Veterans in all that we do!!

Here is my contact information:

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mail: 1645 Taylor Ave, Elkins WV 26241

You can also find me on Facebook!

Danielle Hedrick
9th District President





Sapphires

Fifth District President

What a great convention we just had. For those of you who were unable to attend, you missed a great time. National President, Peggy Thomas was with us the entire weekend and what a fabulous lady she is. It was good to see friends from all across this great state of ours who have come together for the common purpose of supporting our veterans.

Congratulations to all of the newly elected Department officers. May you have a wonderful year. This year's President is Debbie Fox and her enthusiasm is contagious.

I would like to also congratulate all of the newly elected officers to all the units in the 5th District. I know the year ahead will be an exciting time for all. I will be visiting each unit in the very near future to share new things with you for the benefit of our veterans. I would also like to thank Mary Waybright who is serving this year as 5th District Vice President. I look forward to working with Mary.

I want to highlight what each unit in the 5th District is doing on a monthly basis, so send me information about the latest project your unit is doing or even ongoing projects and I will put it in the Spirit to share with other units in our state. We work hard for our veterans and our community and I want to share it with the state.

The Membership Workshop will be the second Saturday in September in Bridgeport. The information and ideas the membership team is putting together promises to be fun and challenging. Hope to see you on Sept 14th. If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call at 304-654-7750.

God Bless You and God Bless America!
Beth Kilgore
5th District President

Fifth District Vice President

I am going around again as Fifth District Vice President, and I want to remind you again that as a District Vice President it is my job to promote membership.

Units should have their 2014 membership cards and be collecting current year dues. I know Department Secretary Paulette distributed membership cards to those in attendance at Department Convention in Huntington earlier this month.

We are the "Sapphires" in the membership theme, so be the "jewel" that you are; and start getting those memberships into Department Headquarters.

I will work with Fifth District President Beth Kilgore, and will be happy to assist you in any way I can. Just call or email me at mwaybright@yahoo.com or call me at (304) 736-6484. I might not be home; but I will be happy to get back to you.

Mary Waybright
Fifth District Vice President

Fall Conferences

1st District:	October 20th Paden City Unit #86 Paden City Fire Hall
3rd District Joint:	October 5th Clarksburg #13
4th District Joint:	October 13th Williamstown #159 Post Home
5th District Joint:	October 19th Hamlin Post #111
6th District:	October 12th Welch Unit #8
8th District:	October 19th Charleston #20 Post Home
9th District Joint:	September 21st Cowen #62 Post Home
10th District Joint:	September 28th Martinsburg #14 Post Home

Tenth District President

Hello, my name is Lisa Turner and I am the newly installed District 10 President. The first thing I want to say is that I sincerely feel it will be impossible to fill Sharon's shoes, but I will do my best. I want to thank her for the guidance and direction she has given me over the years as I have advanced in positions within the Ladies Auxiliary.

Since I have not had any time to do much, this article will mainly be an introduction to "Lisa" and who I am.

I am married to a well-known (and some would say infamous) Legionnaire – Paul. For some reason people who know him call me "Saint Lisa." Together we have four children (all girls) and nine grandchildren. We are days away from becoming great-grandparents, and I am looking forward to that. Our kids are spread all over the country and we don't get to see them enough.

Personally, I am a Tennessee girl who grew up in Wisconsin. Yes, it is true – I am an ardent Packer-Backer, but since I migrated to God's country, I love the Mountaineers as much. I lived in California for a lot of years – meeting Paul there – and then moved with him to New York City, Maryland, and finally West Virginia. I do not plan on leaving this state.

From an Auxiliary standpoint I have been our Unit's treasurer for 5-6 years, and have gradually moved up in the District ranks. When Paul was Commander I was nicknamed "the real commander" since his job kept him away a lot. When we became active in the Post and Paul took on the job of getting the finances stable, I was a volunteer janitor and bartender. To say I was happy to give up those duties would be an understatement.

Paul and I have run the District and Post hospitality rooms at the last few conventions, and through that I have met a lot of you. I hope to meet more of you while I visit every Post over the next year.

Again, thank you for electing me and I assure you I will live up to your trust.

Lisa Turner
10th District President

Chaplain

I wish to Thank everyone for your vote of confidence in electing me as your Chaplain.

I hope I can be there for each and everyone when such duties call. I have a great Faith in the American Legion Auxiliary and what we stand for, which is God and Country, and Service- Not Self.

I have a great admiration for the women who banded together in sisterhood very near 100 years ago with such insight and fortitude and with the common goal of aiding our Veterans, and their families. We need to remember those women did not just focus on the here-and-now .They built the foundation to hold the weight of the future; by compromise, resilience. and dedication. Our Era is once again changing and it is up to us to look ahead to the future of our great organization, and shore up our foundation..

Of course membership is a main component but not really the most important ingredient. That would be our Spiritual reflection, we need people to Want to be a part of us. I am not referring to religion but instead the goodness in our hearts that brought us together.

Always remember to Be kind to each other.

For God and Country
Tammy Workman
Chaplain



2013 Ways & Means

Congratulations to all the lucky June Winners. "2013" Year Make sure that all tickets you sold are turned into me with stub (s) and money. If you are not able to sell all your tickets just return those tickets to me. Remember they make wonderful gifts. You have a chance of winning multiple times. If you want a ticket to purchase or want to try to sell some just contact me by E-Mail. I have plenty of extra tickets. "Lets all support our WV Veterans by your Continued Support"

Mary Rose Yoho, Ways & Means
Chairman
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Proctor WV 26055
304-455-3449
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Rhododendron Girls State

It is an honor and pleasure to serve as Girls State Chairman; thank you President Debbie for this appointment.

It's not too early to be preparing for the 2014 years' session.

I wish each of you a very successful year. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or one of the District representatives.

Lynda Lancaster
Girls State Chairman



Poppy

I would like to thank President Debbie for giving me this opportunity to become the Poppy Chairman.

I am working on the Poppy Plan of Works for the Year 2013-2014. I will have them ready by Fall Workshop.

I would like for each Unit to set and plan how they can use the Poppy. Each Unit should have left over Poppies from the past year. Most Post families will be holding an annual Picnic, why not take some of the left overs and give each Veteran a Poppy. When you have your Cheer Parties, hand out Poppies. See if you can come up with a really unique way of using the Poppies.

It is not too early to be thinking of your Mid-Winter Project. But remember however you use the Poppy, Please take a picture of it.

If you need any help or a question answered, you can contact me at 304-592-2186, or 304-592-0247, or e-mail me at carlajwilfong@yahoo.com

Carla Wilfong
Poppy Chairman

2013-2014 Honorary Junior Officers

President—Carlie McCoy #16
1st Vice Pres. Katie Beth Caudill #16
2nd Vice Pres.—Taylor Bash #16
Secretary/Treasurer—VACANT
Chaplain—Mary Grace Bannon #16
Historian—Brandee Fernandez #15
Sgt. At Arms—Ryleigh Shears #15



Junior Activities



Congratulations are in order for all the newly installed Honorary Department officers who were elected at our 6th Annual Department Juniors Convention held On July 11th in Huntington.

Eight girls were in attendance and we were VERY honored to have a distinguished guest with us, among other senior Auxiliary members. National American Legion Auxiliary President, Peggy Thomas, joined us for most of the meeting and offered insight and words of wisdom to the girls.

We made friendship bracelets and survivor bracelets as well as discussed our areas of focus for the year. The girls decided to tackle VA & R, Children & Youth, and Community Service. Detailed information will be forthcoming and a complete Plan of Works will be available to all the Units as well.

Honorary Department President:
Carlie McCoy, Huntington Unit #16

Honorary 1st Vice President:
Katie Beth Caudill, Huntington Unit #16

Honorary 2nd Vice President:
Taylor Bash, Huntington Unit #16

Honorary Secretary/Chaplain: VACANT

Honorary Chaplain: Mary-Grace Bannon, Huntington Unit #16

Honorary Historian: Brandee Fernandez, Parkersburg Unit #15

Sergeant-At-Arms: Ryleigh Shears, Parkersburg Unit #15

As we congratulate the new officers, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of Brandee Fernandez, 2012-2013 Honorary President, and to thank her for a job well done!

As always, ladies, I encourage you to get your Juniors involved by inviting them to help in any way possible. They are never TOO young to help others. To quote one of our Junior members, "It doesn't matter how old you are; it just matters how big your heart is!"

Until We Meet Again,
Laura Kilgore
Junior Activities Chairman

Community Service

Hey. I'm over here now ah ha ! . Never know where I am popping up next. I wish to Thank our new Department President Debbie for the appointment of Community Service Chairman.

I hope all units and members will start right now in keeping track of your activities. I know it's hard especially when we are so busy, but it sure is a lot easier to pull out your notebook at report time instead of trying to back track through memory. A lot of things get missed .

If all unit community service chairman can have your unit members do an activity sheet at least every other meeting then your job will be much easier when it's time for those year end reports. "Be ever mindful of our Veteran's" while you are out and about doing your community service. Be free with smiles and always make time to stop and say Thank You. We are never too busy for that.

Tammy Workman
Community Service

Education

Its time again to start the year off right with Education and working to help the youth of our Nation. This year Lisa Cadwallader, Lori Morgan and myself will strive to help you with being the best Education Team this organization has ever seen.

So far as we know right now the only change we have will be the scholarship for Department Grant. It will read as follows; "The winner will be awarded \$300.00 a year for four years. Applicant must be the son or Daughter, or Grandson or Granddaughter of a veteran, with proof of such, must be a resident of West Virginia and under 22 years of age." Applications must be submitted to Unit for judging by March 1. Applications must be submitted to Department Education Chairman on or before March 15. Applications are online at www.wvau.org. Winner must renew each year grade transcript & proof of enrollment for next year. This will be repeated again during the year, along with the requirement for any other scholarship information.

Thank you President Debbie Fox for this appointment, we will do the very best we can for you, for the Auxiliary and for the children of our State.

Roxie Nicholson
Education Chairman

Children and Youth

What a wonderful convention and what a pleasure to see everyone from across the state. It was a pleasure to meet our National President from Richmond Virginia, Peggy Thomas. I hope she enjoyed being with us as much as we enjoyed having her in West Virginia.

I would like to thank President Debbie for this appointment and wish you a wonderful and successful year.

To Past President Nancy, I would like to thank you for the year you gave us and may your year as NEC be even more successful.

It is not too early to be thinking about the holidays and how we can help the children and youth in our community. They are our tomorrow so we need to nourish and provide for them today.

As I write this article, Christmas is only 187 days away and we have many opportunities to show our children we care for and about them. The National organization has brochures on How to Have a Safe Halloween that is perfect to distribute to the elementary schools in your area. Thanksgiving and Christmas are perfect to help with food baskets that are distributed to families with children. And there is nothing like a smile on a child's face to know they have not been forgotten on Christmas morning.

Get involved with The Angel Tree or the Salvation Army stocking program. If there is not a program in your area, you can check with you local schools to see who is in need and adopt a family.

Although I have given you a few ideas for the holidays, let us not overlook what is right in front of us. School will be starting soon and there a many children who do not have the necessary items to start the school year. I know a lot of schools provide the items they need once they have started but what a joy you could bring to a child (or several children) with *Operation Back Pack*. Take a back pack and fill it with school supplies and give it to a child in need. Once again, check with the school for a list of children in need. But I challenge you to think outside the box. Those "school supplies" could also be clothing or shoes that many children don't have to begin the school year.

Think about what you can do to make a difference in the life of children in your community. If you have any questions, or have suggestions that we can pass along to the other units in our state, please call me at 304-654-7750.

Beth Kilgore
Children & Youth Chairman

Leadership

I want to thank President Debbie for her appointment as Leadership Chairman. It is my hope that our leadership skills will be improved, shared, and advanced this year. We, first, need to recognize that we are all leaders, and our responsibility is to make sure that we lead in the best direction. Those around us are always watching what we do and hearing what we say, so we need to be aware that our actions and words so lead us and others in the right or wrong direction.

The American Legion Auxiliary is an organization that provides women of all ages, Junior and adult members, the opportunity to develop and hone their leadership skills. Our organization depends upon an ever-emerging stream of competent new leaders, trained and guided by experienced ones, to assume leadership within the Auxiliary and advance its mission long into the future.

Remember that we all are leader whether we are officers, chairmen or working members. Someone is always seeing us, hearing us, or following our suggestions. A good leader has the following qualities:

- L – always ready to LISTEN
- E – will ENCOURAGE each member
- A – has a good ATTITUDE
- D – is willing to DELEGATES
- E – is ENTHUSIASTIC for the organization
- R – shows RESPECT for all members
- S – gives SUPPORT to chairmen
- H - HELPs on all projects
- I – shows INTEREST in others ideals
- P – PERSISTENT in meeting deadlines

This is a new year for all of us. Let us make it the BEST year yet by using our leadership skills

We need to start by attending the Fall Workshop. Get the year started on a positive note and as the successes come be more positive.

Be proud to be an American Legion Auxiliary member.

Ann Buchanan
Leadership Chairman

June 2013 Ways & Means Winners

Winner	Number	City	State	Date	Amount
ALA Unit #21	974	Spencer	WV	6/1/2013	\$ 25.00
Tim Anderson	985	Welch	WV	6/3/2013	\$ 25.00
Brittany Miller	276	Romney	WV	6/4/2013	\$ 25.00
Nina Mason	429	Rio	WV	6/5/2013	\$ 25.00
Mary Thorn	252	Chester	WV	6/6/2013	\$ 25.00
	462			6/7/2013	
Monica Tustin	835	Weirton	WV	6/8/2013	\$ 25.00
Terry Kesner	146	Burlington	WV	6/10/2013	\$ 25.00
	555			6/11/2013	
Bonnie Young	058	Cameron	WV	6/12/2013	\$ 25.00
	589			6/13/2013	
Will Shockey	193	Moorefield	WV	6/14/2013	\$ 25.00
	814			6/15/2013	
Susan Cook	221	Cowen	WV	6/17/2013	\$ 25.00
Terri Carpenter	013	Little Hocking	OH	6/18/2013	\$ 25.00
Mike Lorgo	457	Shadyside	OH	6/19/2013	\$ 200.00
	438			6/20/2013	
Steve Gingell	451	Silver Springs	MD	6/21/2013	\$ 25.00
Matt Renner	033	Charleston	WV	6/22/2013	\$ 25.00
Marsha Charlton	704	Petersburg	WV	6/24/2013	\$ 25.00
Tammi Bouers	126	Paden City	WV	6/25/2013	\$ 25.00
Julie Phillips	952	Lexington	KY	6/26/2013	\$ 25.00
Shirley Davis	143	Kenova	WV	6/27/2013	\$ 25.00
	777			6/28/2013	
JD & Linda Corbin	332	Romney	WV	6/29/2013	\$ 25.00

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

2014 Ways & Means

Hello Ladies,
I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Rhonda Best and I am the new Ways-n-Means Chairman for year 2013-2014. I want everyone to be informed as to how 2013 will finish out and 2014 will bring. For the rest of 2013 Mary Rose Yoho will continue with the Ways-n-Means tickets and their payouts. So if you see an envelope with her name on it, then please do not throw it away because there is a check in the envelope. I will begin selling the Ways-n-Means tickets for year 2014 in September of this year. Also I will have tickets for individuals and units wishing to take some to sell as well. Starting January 1st 2014 I will take over the tickets and payouts. So please do not throw any envelope away at that time with my name on them due to a check being in it. Please watch for more information in the next Spirit. I am very excited and hope for a wonderful year. Enjoy the rest of your summer and have fun.
Thank you,
Rhonda Best, Ways-n-Means Chairman

Thanks to all of the Legion Family for all the many cards, letters, e-mails and prayers through this very difficult time for our family.

Larry told me that he didn't realize how many people he had touched over the years. He said he always prayed by thanking God for all his blessing and his extended family.

My family and I want to extend a very heart felt Thank You to the Honor Guard of Sistersville. They do a wonderful and very professional service for the veteran. We really appreciated this. Many came to me after the service for Larry and said that it was a most touching and beautiful service --

Thanks and Love to all
Mary Rose Yoho

MEMBERSHIP 2012-2013

"Catch A Falling Star"

Target #5—July 15th (102.00%)
 Total to Date — 7634 (96.19%)
 2013 National Goal—7936
 Headquarters Unit #200 — 98

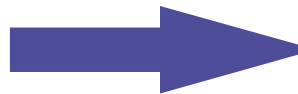
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District 1			
Unit	2013 Goal	2013	% of Goal
Moundsville #3	316	306	96.84%
McMechen #5	54	51	94.44%
Weirton #10	78	76	97.44%
Cameron #18	195	211	108.21%
New Martinsville #28	157	140	89.17%
Wellsburg #34	26	24	92.32%
Follansbee #45	46	52	113.04%
Benwood #46	129	104	80.62%
Pine Grove #81	95	78	82.11%
Paden City #86	113	113	100.00%
Wheeling #89	36	29	80.56%
Newell #114	48	42	87.50%
Hundred #120	113	108	95.58%
Chester #121	181	169	93.37%
TOTALS	1587	1503	94.71%

District 4			
Unit	2013 Goal	2013	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	898	900	100.22%
Spencer #21	69	63	91.30%
Pt. Pleasant #23	337	351	104.15%
Tyler County #48	NEW	15	
Sistersville #67	180	192	106.67%
Parkersburg #104	16	20	125.00%
New Haven #140	181	165	91.16%
Williamstown #159	180	171	95.00%
TOTALS	1861	1876	100.81%

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	70	100.00%
Beckley #70	12	11	91.67%
TOTALS	258	228	88.37%

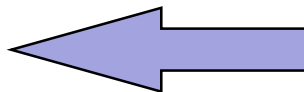
District 9			
Unit	2013 Goal	2013	% of Goal
Elkins #29	205	205	100.00%
Cowen #62	56	60	107.14%
Lewisburg #69	76	75	98.68%
Belington #96	29	29	100.00%
Richwood #97	24	23	95.83%
Pickens #122	25	25	100.00%
TOTALS	414	417	100.72%



Sun Catchers
 Goal—3770
 To Date—3511
 (94.00%)



Dream Catchers
 Goal—4120
 To Date— 4025
 (97.69%)



District 3			
Unit	2013 Goal	2013	% of Goal
Weston #4	17	8	47.06%
Buckhannon #7	64	65	101.56%
Grafton #12	43	24	55.81%
Clarksburg #13	148	133	89.86%
Shinnston #31	338	301	89.05%
Braxton Co. #33	31	32	103.23%
Mannington #40	23	20	86.96%
Philippi #44	43	48	111.63%
Bridgeport #68	58	58	100.00%
Jane Lew #166	57	40	70.18%
TOTALS	822	729	89.69%

District 5			
Unit	2013 Goal	2013	% of Goal
Huntington #16	290	294	101.38%
Logan #19	26	18	69.23%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	493	459	93.10%
Hamlin #111	62	52	83.87%
Milton #139	90	82	91.11%
Barboursville #177	175	150	85.71%
Totals	1136	1054	92.78%

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	20	100.00%
TOTALS	169	160	94.67%

District 10			
Unit	2013 Goal	2013	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	157	160	101.91%
Franklin #30	18	18	100.00%
Piedmont #52	43	43	100.00%
Berkeley Springs #60	247	242	97.98%
Moorefield #64	139	124	89.21%
Charles Town #71	217	229	105.52%
Petersburg #78	73	78	106.85%
Romney #91	308	275	89.29%
Charles Town #102	17	18	105.88%
Paw Paw #128	74	70	94.59%
Kirby #134	56	51	91.07%
Ridgeley #136	117	107	91.45%
Capon Bridge #137	111	113	100.00%
Keyser #152	53	40	75.47%
Riverton #183	13	0	0.00%
TOTALS	1643	1568	95.42%



American Legion Auxiliary Department of West Virginia



August 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Program of Month National Convention Leadership </div>			1	2	3
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				<i>Target Sheet #1—35%</i>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> Mail Call </div>	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	<i>Spirit Out in Mail/Email</i>	<i>Hospital Checks Mailed</i>	<i>Office Closed</i>	<i>National Convention</i>		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<i>National</i>	<i>Convention</i>				<i>Deadline for Room Reservations for Workshop Office Closed</i>	

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The American Legion Auxiliary
Department of West Virginia
HC 60 Box 17
New Martinsville WV 26155

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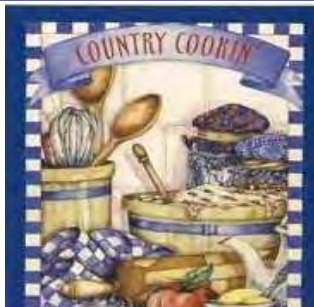
NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS (FREE ISSUE) _____

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.



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Make checks payable to:

Department Treasurer, ALA HC 60 Box 17 New Martinsville WV 26155

Questions? Contact Department Headquarters 1-888-604-2242 or email alawvsec@frontier.com

Ordered by: Name _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ **Email** _____

**Call To Department Fall Meetings
September 13-14 2013
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 2013-2014.

September 13, 2013—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.

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 Secretary/Treasurer,
Department Vice Presidents, District Vice Presidents

September 14, 2013—Saturday West Virginia Room

6:00 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 and Ways and Means. (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 14, 2013—Saturday Workshop West Virginia Room

Registration—8:00 am to 9:00 am (\$10.00) 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 2013-2014 year. There will be some different things 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 held in 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)

RESERVATION FORM

The American Legion Auxiliary Fall Meetings
Officers Training
Department Fall Executive Board

DATE: September 14, 2013

PLACE: Days Inn — Bridgeport WV

COST: \$72.00 per night plus 12% tax

DEADLINE HOUSING DATE: **August 30, 2013**

NAME _____

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CREDIT CARD NUMBER _____

One night deposit is required for each room. Check or Credit Card accepted.

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ATTN: Cindy
112 Tolley Street
Bridgeport WV 26330

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After this date all rooms will be provided on space available basis.*