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Department President
Debbie Fox



Forever "Mindful" Of Our Veterans

Hello WV GEMS,

As I mentioned at a couple of Fall Conferences West Virginia isn't the only Department that is using GEMS as their Membership Theme. Vicky Buck, Department President of Ohio, has a wonderful phrase "Greatness in Every Member." I always knew the members of our Department are great members but you proved it to me time after time during our fall conferences. Your gracious hospitality, gifts, and delicious food and I thank each and everyone for all your greatness.

I hope everyone had a successful Veteran's Day Program. I try to thank a veteran each time I'm introduced to one but Veteran's Day gives me the opportunity to do just that publicly. For this I'm grateful to have the chance to salute all veterans.

Our membership team has been working very hard this last month. We have 28 units that have met or exceeded November 15, target #4- 60%. Also Sixth District has surpassed that with five other Districts less than 5% to be right on target. West Virginia has been sitting at fourth place in Central Division for several weeks. We dropped two spots nationally but still made the first milestone of 55%. YAHOO!!!! Keep that membership coming in to Department.

I'll only be able to make one VAMC Gift shop due to work schedules but I'm sure all of them will go well. I'm confident that our Department has the finest members ready to serve our veterans. I thank all of you in advance. With the holiday season upon us please remember all our military and their families as well as our veterans.

Department Leadership Chairman, PDP Ann Buchannan, and I will be working closely on our Mid Winter program. We'll have some regular program items and maybe a surprise or two.

In closing, Rocky and I, along with our families would like to wish each and every member a wonderful holiday season. Remember the reason for the season.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS,
Department President
Debbie Fox AKA "Diamond Debbie"

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—Ramona Westfall

District Presidents 2013-2014

1st District—Donna Leek
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—Carolyn Yoho
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

Unit 102, District 10, wishes to convey our thanks to all who showed their friendship during the loss of our dearly departed President, Ethelene Clinton. She was a dedicated servant and leader who is sorely missed. The volunteer service award we received on her behalf at the District 10 Fall Conference is a gentle reminder of her persevering dedication.

Linda Ballard Unit #102 President

Thank you in the for all the emails and phone calls about my dad's health. Doing much better. Hope we can get him out for Thanksgiving dinner. Debbie Fox

Marge Walton, Benwood Unit #46 Pres. passed away Monday night due to complications from melonomma. Altmyer Funeral home in charge of arrangements. Will email you as soon as I receive. Marge was the wife of Ron Walton Dept. Vice Commander. Cards may be sent to : Ron Walton & family 16 Greenbrier Lane, Wheeling WV 26003.

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.**

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 City, Post #, State and zip code if eligibility is under a Veteran living** before processing into

Department Headquarters. All incomplete applications will be sent back. Remember for 2013 **back dues will be \$14.00**. It will be listed on the 2014 transmittal forms.

If a veteran is living they **must** hold membership in The American Legion. If a member has paid her 2013 dues she is allowed to transfer to another Unit. If a member hasn't paid her 2013 dues she **must** pay in old unit to transfer due to still in the 2013 processing of dues. I hope this clears up any misunderstanding.

I ask again that you list the transmittal names alphabetical to make it easier to transmit. Make sure your checks are written out completely, dated and all signatures on check before mailing in.

Dates To Remember:

2014 Dates

Mid Winter Conference: Feb. 7th & 8th.

Girls State Week: June 8-13th WJU.

Department Convention: July 10, 11, 12th

National Convention: August 22-28,

Charlotte NC

Dept. Membership Workshop: September 13th at Days Inn.

Directory Corrections:

Page 12, 20: 1st District Vice President is Carolyn Yoho, HC 60 Box 215, Pine Grove WV 26419 (304) 629-8942 (e) yoholove@yahoo.com

Page 13, & 15: under Advisory Board (13) and Finance, Martinsburg Gift Shop (15): email for Irene Weber is now renie895@gmail.com

Page 19: please Wheeling Unit #1 to list of 1st District Units, and Morgantown Unit #174 to list of 3rd District. Please remove Weston Unit # from 3rd District.

Page 24: add Wheeling Unit #1 meetings 3rd Wed. 6:00 pm at Post Home; contact: wheelingunit1@gmail.com

President: Jill Robbins, 39 Upland Rd. Wheeling WV 26003 304-639-1375

Secretary: Marcia Bolner, 215 S. Marietta, St. Clairsville OH, 43950 740-526-0573.

Page 20 under 1st District:

VA & R: Paulette Anderson, HC 60 Box 17, New Martinsville WV 26155 (304) 771-0984.

Page 26: Remove Lori Morgan as Tyler County Unit #48 President.

Remove Marge Walton as President of Benwood Unit #46.

Weston Unit #4: asked for their charter to be cancelled due to not enough attendance, age of members, and no one wishing to take an office. Letter was sent to all Executive Board members with a paper vote. There were 34 sent back by due date, with all 34 approving of the cancellation. With regret Weston Unit #4 charter is cancelled, and those who have not transferred out will be put in Unit #200. Cancellation notice will go to the Washington DC Conference along with Riverton Unit #183 for the NEC meeting of cancelling these two Units.

Spring Conferences: are listed in the Spirit. I don't have all the information so when I hear from the District Presidents I will include in the Spirit.

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Rhododendron Girls State Website:

www.wvgirlsstate.org

National Website: alaforveterans.org

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%

2013-2014 Honorary Junior Officers

President—*Carlie McCoy #16*

1st Vice Pres. *Katie Beth Caudill #16*

2nd Vice Pres.—*Taylor Bash #16*

Secretary—*VACANT*

Chaplain—*Mary Grace Bannon #16*

Historian—*Brandee Fernandez #15*

Sgt. At Arms—*Ryleigh Shears #15*



Mining For Gems



"Foreman"

Hello Ladies

I hope you all are getting ready for the holidays. I wish you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving. While we are enjoying ours; let's make sure we help, when possible those families without a love one that is not there. As well, as send our blessing to those serving us.

LET'S GO TEAM!!!!!!!!!!!! WE CAN DO THIS. GOAL FOR DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA!!!!!!

WE HAVE 6 UNITS IN 1ST DISTRICT 60% OR HIGHER, 4TH DISTRICT HAS 3, 6TH DISTRICT HAS 4, AND 9TH DISTRICT HAS 3. THIRD DISTRICT HAS 5 UNITS 60% OR HIGHER, FIFTH DISTRICT HAS 1, AND TENTH DISTRICT HAS 6 AND 10TH DISTRICT HAS THE FIRST GOAL UNIT, KEYSER #152. CONGRATULATION KEYSER!!! AWESOME JOB TO ALL THE LADIES AND I THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Keep working on your challenges. District Vice Presidents you need to do an extra push. We still have some zeros on the list. I know everybody is working and have been.

National level we are ranked 17th and Central Division we are 4th.

We are all on the same team because we have no "I" in our team, and it shows with the numbers.

KEEP SENDING MEMBERSHIP PLEASE DON'T HOLD. MS. EMERALD SHE JUST LOVES GREEN!!!! THE GREEN TURNS INTO MEMBERS. THAT MAKES HER A HAPPY AND SHINING EMERALD.

Ms. FOXY HAS AT LAST COUNTED ABOUT 37 STONES. THE WEATHER IS GETTING COLD SO WE NEED MORE STONES AROUND HER COLLAR. THIS WILL KEEP HER DIAMOND PRESIDENT HAPPY!!

EVERYBODY IS DOING AN OUTSTANDING JOB, AND AGAIN I THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

"PASS IT ON"

Wishing all a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.

FOREVER MINDFUL OF OUR VETERANS AND "IN THE SPIRIT OF GOD AND COUNTRY, WE SERVE OUR NATION'S VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES."

THANK YOU

SHARON GLASSFORD

DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

"Silver"

Hello Beautiful Rubies!!

I had a great time at Department Debbie and SAL Detachment Commander Rocky's Homecomings! It is always great spending time with our Legion Family!

I want to thank all Units that have been working hard on their membership!

Congratulations to the following Units that have made Target # 4 ...60%: McMechen #5; Weirton #10; New Martinsville #28; Wellsburg #34; Paden City #86; Parkersburg #15; Spencer #21; Williamstown #159; Welch #8; Bluefield #9; Beckley#32; Gary #38; Lewisburg #69; Belington #96; and Pickens #122. Also, congratulations to District # 6 for making Target!

We still have 4 zero Units!!!! Ladies, if you need help, please let me know! We are closing in on the end of the year....remember that all unpaid dues are delinquent after Dec. 31st!

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas!

God Bless our Veterans!

God Bless America!

Susan Wade

2nd Vice President

"Gold"

Dearest Sapphires:

Hope you are having a glittering time at your Units and sparkling brightly for Diamond Debbie!

November 15 Target #4 was 60% and we have several Units to be congratulated.

KEYSER #152 – YOU ARE

SHINING BRIGHT GOLD!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FIRST GOAL UNIT IN WEST VIRGINIA!!!

Those Units that made Target #4 are:

BUCKHANNON 7, CLARKSBURG 13,

SHINNSTON 31, BRAXTON COUNTY

33, MANNINGTON 40, MILTON 139,

BERKELEY SPRINGS 60, CHARLES

TOWN 71, PETERSBURG 78, KIRBY

134, AND CAPON BRIDGE 137—

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF

YOU!!

Remember – Target #5 is 65% by

December 15. Be sure all your Unit

Officers have renewed by now. Invite

prospective new members to your holiday

parties and be sure to have applications

with you wherever you are. Use your

monthly Unit meetings to remind all

members present that their current cards

expire December 31 if they have not yet

renewed and encourage them to call any

members not in attendance to remind them

as well.

How many have seen the new ALA

advertisements on TV? They are

powerful!

Here's wishing you and yours happy

and safe Holidays and remember—GOAL

IS GOLD!!

Paula Booth, 1st Vice President, aka

"Prospector Gold"

**PROSPECTOR
GOLD
PAULA BOOTH**

**PROSPECTOR
SILVER
SUSAN WADE**

**SAPPHIRES
DISTRICT #3
DISTRICT #5
DISTRICT #8
DISTRICT #10**

**RUBIES
DISTRICT #1
DISTRICT #4
DISTRICT #6
DISTRICT #9**





Rubies

First District President

Hello Ladies of First District,

The 1st District Conference was held at Paden City Unit #86. We had a great meeting. Thanks to all the members of #86 for the hard work they did and the lunch they had for us. I hope everyone had a good time and learned a lot.

I was sworn in as 1st District President by Department President Debbie, due to Marge Walton's health and had to step down. Please keep Marge in your thoughts and prayers. She needs all we can give her.

Thanks to President Debbie for attending our Conference. Thanks to all who helped me with the meeting. Keep up the good work in 1st District with your membership.

Keep our veterans and their families in our prayers. This is the time to give thanks for what they have done for us and remember the homeless, and be kind to them; they just need a kind word.

I will be working with my daughter, Carolyn Yoho, who was elected as 1st District Vice President at the Conference. I will be also working with District Secretary Susan Brown, Chaplain Rhonda Best, Americanism Chrm. Debbie Morgan, Children & Youth Carolyn Yoho, and VA & R Chrm. Paulette Anderson.

God Bless all of 1st District. If you need anything please let me know. I will do my best to help all.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving and God Bless you!

Have a Safe Holiday

Donna Leek, 1st District President

First District Vice President

Hello Ladies,

I would like to thank everyone for letting me your Vice President of 1st District.

Units, keep up the good work on membership. We still have a lot of work to do. Let's get out and work, work, work, for our Goal. Don't hold membership, send them in even if you have only one or two members to be paid.

If I can help please contact me. Our members are our Units. Go and get them Ladies and don't forget our Juniors. Let's go Rubies! We can do it!!

Keep up the good work!

Carolyn Yoho 1st Dist. Vice President

Fourth District President

Hello Ladies,

Congratulations to the Units that made Target 4, of 60% Parkersburg #15, 67.26%, Spencer #21, 68.75%, Williamstown #159, 67.44%. The following Units aren't far behind, Pt. Pleasant #23, Sistersville #67 and New Haven #140. We still have two units with 0 members. I talked to Donna Underwood Sec. of Tyler County #48, she said her Unit is getting there dues ready to mail in. I also talked with Lisa Harper Sec. of Parkersburg #104, she said that their members do not pay their membership dues until the first of the year. Ladies I'm sorry to inform you of this, but the Officers of the Unit should have paid their dues by 11-1-13, and for all other Unit members as of 1-1-14 your membership will be delinquent so please try and pay them ASAP.

Thank You all for all the hard work you do for are Veterans and for all the work you do each month on the programs. I'm very proud of all your Units. Keep up the good work. Nancy Sundstrom, Dist. Pres.

Ninth District President

Hello 9th District:

Is this weather driving everybody else mad or is it just me? Snow one day and 60 degrees a couple days later? Sorry I did not get a letter in last month. I was in the process of moving and having my gall bladder removed. All went well. I understand there was a mix-up with my number in the directory but please use my cell phone number if you need to reach me which is 304-642-4750.

We are heading into a very busy time of the year – and a very cold time of the year. If we are able we should check on our elderly neighbors, especially the veterans and make sure they are able to get to the store. If they can't go themselves, offer to take them or go for them. If the power goes out make sure they are able to stay warm.

We can also go and visit local nursing homes. There are usually several Veterans in those homes that do not have family that come to see them. They enjoy the company. Until next month! Date to remember: May 17th – 9th District Spring Conference @ Pickens #122

Danielle Hedrick
9th District President

Sixth District President

Welch Unit # 8 did a dinner for the 40/8 for Veterans Day. We cooked 54 steaks and served them, we also helped with decorating the reviewing stand for our guest speaker. Some of our members escorted our guest to the reviewing stand that was in the parade. We have also been busy helping in the kitchen every Monday Night for bingo. We did a pancake breakfast the first of November and served approx. 100 people with The American Legion helping.

The American Legion Post # 9 gives a Distinguished Citizenship Award for the year 2013. Frank Nicholson, WV State Commander, served as keynote speaker for the event. The Post Commander introduced the Auxiliary President Teresa Braithwaite she then introduced the other Auxiliary members present. The Auxiliary provided refreshments after the ceremony.

Beckley Unit # 32 has been busy baking cookies. They greeted VAMC patients and family members with 48 tumblers filled with cookies, and wrapped in red cellophane paper. The Units gift this year for veterans was 5 different bagged crafts. Around 10 crafts were left the cost of the kits was approx. \$145.00. On Veterans Day they served soup and sandwich to approximately 275 people they had 3 girls from Shady Springs Key Club that helped served, and the Commander's son helped take down the tables. You all are doing a great job keep up the good work.

So sorry to hear that ALA President Peggy DeHart had a automobile accident and got a broken arm. Get well soon Peggy.

Just want everyone to know that we had a great Fall Conference we had the honor of having the Department First Vice President Paula Booth and Department 2nd Vice President Susan Wade, and our Department Secretary Paulette Anderson. Each gave a lot of information. Thanks ladies for attending.

So until next time stay well and say a prayer for our Veterans.

Peggy Swartz
Sixth District President



Sapphires

Third District Vice President

Hello Sapphires

I hope everyone is sparkling brightly. We need to keep digging for our new & reinstated gems. Time to meet goals is getting short.

When admitting new "gems" be sure to include them in your projects. That doesn't mean overwhelm them. Make them feel needed and appreciated.

Wishing everyone a great Thanksgiving. We all have much to be thankful for, especially the FREEDOM won & maintained by our VETERANS. Yours in service
Connie Bailey,
3rd District V.P.

Fifth District Vice President

It was good to see many old friends and to make some new friends at our recent Fifth District Fall Conference. I have a special fondness for Hamlin, who hosted our conference. I was Fifth District President when this unit was formed, and I got to be a part of the Department group that presented them their charter.

I was disappointed that no one from Barboursville nor Logan attended the conference; however, I was pleased to learn that Logan had sent in membership to Department and is no longer 0.

Ladies, keep working on your membership, and don't hesitate to contact me if I can help you in any way.

Hope you have a great Thanksgiving!
Mary Waybright
5th District Vice President

Fifth District President

Hello from the 5th District.

I am excited about the direction the membership of the Department of West Virginia is headed and 5th District is doing its part to help with our goals. Thank you but know that we all can do better in bringing those members in. Keep up the hard work and know that it will pay off in the end.

I am also excited about all you are doing in the 5th District. You have been hosting Halloween parties for the children of your post, having parties for developmentally disable adults and providing as safe Trick or Treating for the youth of your community. These are just a few of the many projects you are working on. We are in full swing of the activities taking place during the holidays and I know you are making a difference in the lives of so many. Send me an email at MBKilgore@frontier.com and let me know what you are doing and how it turned out. I would love to feature one of your projects in this column each month.

May each and every one of you have a blessed and joyful Thanksgiving. When you bow your head and give thanks for all you have, please give thanks for the men and women who are sacrificing so much so you may have the freedoms this country allows us to enjoy.

Beth Kilgore
5th District President

Tenth District President

Hello Ladies of the 10th District,

Last weekend I had the pleasure of attending the Veteran's day dinner in Petersburg. The food was outstanding, but there was even something more significant. When the dinner was served there were very few empty seats. A part of this could easily be attributed to the quality of the food, but an even bigger part has to be credited to the successful management of the Post and Auxiliary. A full house – even at a free dinner – means that the Post is vibrant and active; resulting in people taking notice and attending events.

Veteran's day weekend is always crazy. There are a lot of dinners – both from small units such as Kirby and larger ones like Berkeley Springs. Because they usually take place over one or two days I can usually only attend one. This year I had to run a Toys for Tots fundraiser which prevented me from attending Kirby's dinner. I regret that. Kirby has excellent food and their ceremony shows a lot of respect for veterans.

Respect for veterans is the reason for our existence. Most of us are married to one and all of us are related in some way to one. The men and women who comprise the veteran segment of society have all stated a willingness to give their life in support of their country, and whether they were in combat or not that willingness makes them unique among American citizens.

I want to thank all the ladies from all the units that went out of their way on Veteran's day weekend to make our heroes feel comfortable. You are a credit to your units, your District, and your country.

Quote of the month: "What we have here is a failure to communicate" – This is the source of most problems within any organization.

Have a good month and be safe.
Lisa Turner
10th District President

Membership!!

Membership!!!

Go Membership!!!

Chaplain

Hello Ladies,

As I am trying to focus on things to include in this spirit article today I just can't think of much except my grandmother. She passed away on November 13th fourteen years ago. She was a very big influence in my life. Recently I came across this quote from Mother Teresa floating around online and because it is pretty much the same thing she always advised I wanted to share it here.

"Sometimes people are unreasonable, or selfish, forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives, be kind anyway. If you are honest, people may cheat you, be honest anyway. If you find happiness, people may be jealous, be happy anyway. The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow, Do good anyway. Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough, Give your best anyway. For you see, in the end it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway." Mother Teresa.

We as auxiliary work in so many fields doing so many things and in the end our work is too often overlooked, ignored, or forgotten. We have critiques, and even when we give everything we possibly can it still doesn't seem enough. But we continue doing good things anyway. We could probably work on compromising a little more with each other, and be a little less critical. We stand for service not self, and that's the best gift we can give anyway.

For God and Country
Tammy Workman
Chaplain



Historian

Hello Gems;

I hope everyone is doing well and that your Veterans Day was a great success. I really enjoyed Post & Unit 33 Parade and dinner, I walked and threw candy out in the parade. The dinner was hosted by the Boy Scouts, they asked if they could do it this year and it was a wonderful dinner. They even served us at our tables. Mr. Williams from the House of Delegates was our Guest Speaker, it was such a heartfelt speech that it made you cry. He is all for our Veterans and stressed that it should be EVERY DAY that we honor them NOT just once a year. We topped it off with a door prize for every Veteran that joined us, around 45 Vets.

Well I hope everyone enjoys Thanksgiving, be thankful and blessed to God, Family and our Vets.

I will not be home much, my daughter tore her ACL in her left leg. She is looking at hard and extensive therapy and then surgery. If anyone needs to get ahold of me, please call my cell phone 304-689-0634.

Ramona Westfall
Department Historian

Poppy

It is hard to believe it is the Holiday Season already. I hope all Units utilized the Poppy at all the Veterans Day Celebrations held on November 11th. Remember to use the Poppy when you have your Cheer Parties each month, use them when you visit a Veteran in the Nursing Homes, in their own homes, or when they are in the Hospital and you visit them.

Be sure to work with the Public Relations Chairman in your Unit, so they can put it in the Newspapers, on the television, and even on the radio. The more we do this people will realize what we the American Legion Auxiliary do for all Veterans and their families.

I would like all Units to send me a report by December 15th, on how they utilize the Poppy. This way I can send a report to National, it is due to them by January 1st.

If you need my help, please e-mail at carlajwilfong@yahoo.com, or you can call me at 304-592-0247.

Carla Wilfong,
Poppy Chairman

Legislative

In this Spirit you will find a copy of the Legislative Priorities for the 113th congress. These are the top priorities the American Legion is fighting for in the first session. Let's do our part by writing on these topics as well as any other veteran related topic that needs addressed.

Current Action list:

Congress:

Legion Commander to Senate: Ratify the Disability Treaty for our Wounded Warriors
Legion to Congress: Pass Save Our Veterans Act

Cost-Of-Living Benefits Threatened
Multi-Recipients:

Legion to Congress and White House: Stop the government shutdown NOW!
Normandy Commemoration Disgrace
Veterans Health Care in Jeopardy
Kill the Chained CPI Cut to Social Security & Veterans' Benefits

Current Legislative partial listing:

Current Legislation

Congress:

S.877 Veterans Affairs Research

Transparency Act of 2013

S.852 Veterans' Health Promotion Act of 2013

S.851 Caregivers Expansion and Improvement Act of 2013

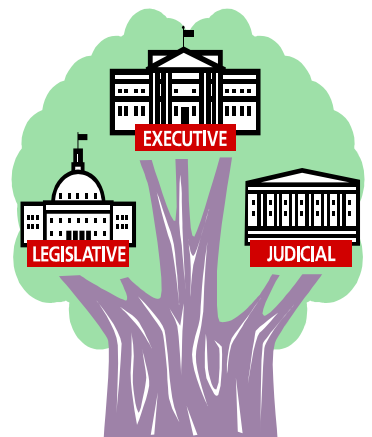
S.845 To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Professionals Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes

S.832 Improving the Lives of Children with Spina Bifida Act of 2013

S.825 Homeless Veterans Prevention Act of 2013

To see the full list of both go to: <http://capwiz.com/legion/issues/>

Lisa Cadwallader
Legislative Chairman



Public Relations

Happy Birthday to the American Legion Auxiliary. The American Legion designated the birth date of the American Legion Auxiliary as November 10, 1919, as per our National Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules. Many Auxiliary units celebrate this historic date by hosting parties with their American Legion Family. It is never too late for a party.

Happy Thanksgiving to all and I wish you well. Take the time to slow down and count your blessings. I am.

Pass It On

I encourage everyone to use www.alaforveterans.org for information on service to our veterans. There is a form letter there for honoring our veterans for Pearl Harbor Day. Please encourage you local newspapers to print these articles for you. If they do not then please read them and Pass It On as you go to ceremonies and functions.

Do you have an idea or success story you can Pass It On using the same website/Resources. There is a form there to complete.

Are You Using the Correct Name of Our Organization?

Do you cringe when you hear our organization _ American Legion Auxiliary – referred to as “Ladies Auxiliary”?

Always capitalize the first letter of each word of the name “American Legion Auxiliary.” If it appears in lowercase letters, the words could become confused with the other words in a sentence.

Never shorten the name American Legion Auxiliary to something like “Legion Auxiliary” or “American Auxiliary.” The full name American Legion Auxiliary should be spelled out for the general public.

This is all part of the national public awareness campaign. If our organization is to survive, we need help in making the public aware of who we are, what we do, and why we matter in our communities. This begins at home by ensuring our members use our full, proper and trademarked name – the American Legion Auxiliary.

What Are You Doing?

How many Units participated in Veterans Days programs at your Post or in your communities, let me know. November is Public Relations Month so let me know what you are doing so I can Pass It On to the Central Division and National Chairman.

Thank you and have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

See you in the News

Vickie Luttrell

Public Relations Chairman

Leadership

Ladies – we are now starting a very busy time of the year for our organization. We are busy helping our community and especially our veterans during the holiday season. Remember, we are showing others what we care about, who we want to help, and how we will serve our community and its citizens. Please take the time to read your SPIRIT and pass on to others the information that you find as you read. Discuss what you read with those in your group.

Can you remember the last time that you had a need that was met from an unexpected person/group. Was it a “miracle” to you? We as the largest women's patriotic serve have the ability to be that group or person that brings a miracle to someone (a veteran, their family, or just a friend). One of goals is to have members that are dedicated to service and willing to help other by meeting the needs of our veterans and our community. In order to meet the needs, we need to have leaders that are willing to serve and be an example of the volunteers needed by our organization.

Each time we work in our community area we are representatives of our organization. Make sure that you are giving a favorable examples to those we are serving and to those that are observing. Here are a few ways to set an example:
** Take the time to mention that you are a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. Be proud of the organization, your unit, your community, and our veterans.

** Always have an application for the Auxiliary, the Legion, and the SAL to give to potential members.

** Always have a smile for everyone – the other workers, those being served, and the observers.

** Remember the most important words for those around us. - Use “THANK YOU” and give acknowledgement to those working and those you are serving.

** We need to work as a TEAM.

Remember that there is no I in TEAM.

ATTENTION: Department Officers or Chairmen If you would like to be included in the program for the Midwinter Conference, please let me know your topic and the amount of time needed. The program will need to be set by the January SPIRIT.

I wish for each of you a great holiday season. May the best blessing of 2013 be the least blessing you have in 2014.

Ann Buchanan

Leadership Chairman

Gift Shops

Beckley Gift Shop: Dec. 5th & 6th

Clarksburg Gift Shop: Dec. 4th, 5th, 6th

Huntington Gift Shop: Dec. 3rd

Martinsburg Gift shop: Dec. 6th 10-4
7th 9-12



Community Service

Hello Ladies,

I wish to thank Districts 1, 3, 4, and 8 and their hosting units, Paden City, Clarksburg, Williamstown, and Charleston. The fall conferences were very nice and I am happy I was able to attend them.

I am sure everyone has been busy with Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving Day activities, and getting ready for Christmas.

We also have Pearl Harbor Day on December 7th.

Remember to keep track of your activities for your reports, and to send me a mid- year report by **December 15th**. I need to have a report in to the National chairman before the New Year. I will be watching the mail.

I have already mentioned in other articles about checking with shelters, soup kitchen, or even schools to see how you can help those in need during the cold weather. Also, and very important, is to be cautious and advise others about all the SCAMS that seem to gain force through the holiday season. It is sad, but true, that people use our veterans to cheat trusting and giving people. Let people know they can donate through the American Legion Family programs, or through supporting our fundraisers.

Membership for 2013 is running out so remind members they will be on Santa's delinquent list if they don't get their 2014 By January 1st.

I hope everyone has a safe Thanksgiving
Tammy Workman
Community Service



Americanism

Veterans Day for the year 2013 has come and gone. I have seen lots of parades on television and all are wonderful red white and blue colors and our Veterans are just beautiful. These Veterans have seen so much pain and heartache, they are due our total respect.

I was involved in a Veterans Day Parade that was 94 years old. That means it has never been canceled due to the weather or sickness. There was 5 World War 11 Veterans on a big battle ship float, our heroes "Americanism".

I hope that all the ladies in each and ever Unit in the Department of West Virginia was involved in Americanism this Veterans Day. God Bless all of the Units who participated in some way.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving
and God Bless
Rita Alley
Americanism

Scrapbook

Hello Auxiliary,

I hope everyone is getting ready for the holidays.

President Debbie has been collecting all sorts of things for her scrapbook. If you have pictures to go along with these items please send them to me ASAP. I've already started some of the pages and sure would like some pictures.

Happy Holidays,
Patti Riggleman
Scrapbook Chairman



Children and Youth

There are many things facing our kids today. There are support groups in place. I found a web site that would be good for Military kids: MyClubMyLife.com It's where teens can talk to other teen in the same situation. Some times a kid can talk to another kid. Some times its easier to talk to someone your own age.

There is also Boys Club And Girls Club and Big Brother And Big Sisters.

The ALA and the community can get involved to help Military and Veteran Kids. Set up a town meeting with local Boys & Girls Club and local Big Brother & Big Sisters and pick project like sending care package to their loved one. Having a dinner for them at the home Post.

With the Holiday Season here make sure that they have things they need food, presents and emotional support.

We talk about Military kids, Veteran's kids but what about parents that their kids are deployed? I think we need to also think about them and help them by sending cards with notes inside. Send care packages. Get the community involved.

At your next ALA meeting talk about what you all can do to help Military kids and their families.

Kathy Hogue
C & Y Committee Member



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

Rhododendron Girls State Representatives

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

Education



November 18-22, 2013, is American Education week. This is a good time to provide small thank you items to school personal showing your appreciation. Small candy bars, donuts, brownies, apples, survival pack that contains items for teachers or that contains supplies for the children that teacher's sometime purchase out of their own pockets due to cutbacks. Include a small note showing appreciation. Don't forget other staff members, such as principals, school nurse, or bus drivers. You can download a card of appreciation form: <https://www.alaforveterans.org/Programs/Education/> and it is included in this spirit.

The Auxiliary National level offers several scholarships, these include the Children of Warriors National Presidents scholarship for veteran's children, the Spirit of Youth scholarship for Junior Auxiliary members, and a Non-Traditional Scholarship for members of the American Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion. Units are encouraged to publicize the availability of these in their communities. You can download "Your Role With National Scholarships".

The American Legion National level also offers the Legacy scholarship, for children of active-duty, Guard or Reserve who were federalized and died while serving our County on or after Sept. 11, 2001 and the Samsung Scholarship for high school junior who attended Girls State or Boys State who is a direct descendant of a U.S. wartime veteran who meets the Legions eligibility. To get more information about all five of these scholarships you may download "Scholarships Provided by National Headquarters (pdf)". Both documents can be found along the right side of <https://www.alaforveterans.org/Programs/Education/> So let's get this information out in your local schools and community so West Virginia can submit some dissevering students for these scholarships.

Lisa Cadwallader
Education



Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Winter came rather quickly yesterday; when I woke up to about 2 inches of snow on my vehicle! Fortunately, it was not on the road, so it wasn't as bad as it could have been. I had been off work for a week working on making items for a Country Store at our Huntington VAMC, and yesterday was my first day back to work....not a pleasant surprise.

I hope many of you remember and try to help in areas where you can those homeless veterans that might appreciate an extra coat hanging in your closet and on food. money or bedding for that local city mission or homeless shelter in your area. You might want to consider having a coat drive at your Post, getting the SAL and Post involved with the donation of clean coats for the homeless in your community.

I received a reminder yesterday from our National Representative to Hospital Chairman that NOVEMBER is the month for the Annual Joint Review at your area Veterans Administration Hospital. She reminded me it is my job to tell you that **it is your responsibility to contact the Voluntary Services Director or whoever handles the joint review at your VAMC to schedule the joint review before the end of the month. Please take care of this immediately.**

The Department Annual Comfort Item Drive held at Mid-Winter Conference next February is rapidly approaching, so start collecting those items for our VA Hospitals and the West Virginia Veterans Home. I have forwarded a form to Department Headquarters, so that you can complete and tape to the packages/boxes you bring. Please copy the form as many times as you wish. Also, there is an updated list of items requested for the West Virginia Veterans Home, which I have forwarded to Department Headquarters.

Hope you had a great Veterans Day Program in your Community or at your Post home. Remember Pearl Harbor Day is December 7th. Also, remember those families who have service personnel deployed, and don't forget to send cards/gifts to those service personnel away from home. The last date to send anything overseas is rapidly approaching. Not sure what that date would be, but check with your local Post Office.

Mary Waybright
V A & R Chairman

Rhododendron Girls State

The end of the year is here ladies and winter is fast approaching.

I hope that you have started to make plans for the 2014 Session of Rhododendron Girls State which will be held June 8-13, 2014 at Wheeling Jesuit University in Wheeling, WV. Please contact your schools and let them know who you are and associate yourself with the American Legion Auxiliary. Start securing funding for the upcoming session.

If you need help please contact your District Representative or if I can be of any assistance please feel free to contact me.

Merry Christmas!!!!
Lynda Lancaster
Girls State Chairman



Spring Conferences

8th District
March 22nd
St. Albans Unit #73

10th District
April 5th
Berkeley Springs Post #60 Joint

6th District
April 26th
Bluefield Unit #9

1st District
April 27th
Pine Grove Unit #81

9th District
No Date Set

4th District
No Date Set
Pt. Pleasant Post #23 Joint

5th District
May 3rd
Huntington Post #16 Joint

3rd District
March 8th ???
Shinnston Post #31 Joint

October 2013 Ways & Means Winners

<u>Winner</u>	Number	City	State	Date	Amount
ALA Unit #91	003	Romney	WV	10/1/2013	\$ 25.00
Steve Estep	372	Friendly	WV	10/2/2013	\$ 25.00
	290			10/3/2013	
Don Foltz	571	New Cumberland	WV	10/4/2013	\$ 25.00
Patty Paugh	088	New Haven	WV	10/5/2013	\$ 25.00
Brittany Flesher	082	Paden City	WV	10/7/2013	\$ 25.00
	770			10/8/2013	
Sharon Kauffman	278	Martinsburg	WV	10/9/2013	\$ 25.00
	660			10/10/2013	
Karen Yeager	196	Parkersburg	WV	10/11/2013	\$ 25.00
Melissa Arner	687	Little Birch	WV	10/12/2013	\$ 25.00
Lynette Addair	048	Bristel	TN	10/14/1013	\$ 25.00
Monte Delawder	586	Moorefield	WV	10/15/2013	\$ 25.00
Robert Knisley	157	Reuterstown	MD	10/16/2013	\$ 200.00
	960			10/17/2013	
Daryl Petry	818	New Haven	WV	10/18/2013	\$ 25.00
ALA Unit #136	418	Ridgeley	WV	10/19/2013	\$ 25.00
Peggy Swartz	297	Gary	WV	10/21/2013	\$ 25.00
ALA Unit #5	878	McMechen	WV	10/22/2013	\$ 25.00
	462			10/23/2013	
Maggie Warnick	701	Augusta	WV	10/24/2013	\$ 25.00
Elsie Gerwig	682	Fort Ashby	WV	10/25/2013	\$ 25.00
Karla Nock	195	San Antino	TX	10/26/2013	\$ 25.00
	712			10/28/2013	
Deborah Bailey	234	Wellsburg	WV	10/29/2013	\$25.00
Jean Cross	587	New Martinsville	WV	10/30/2013	\$25.00
Robert Patterson	740	Burlington	WV	10/31/2013	\$25.00

2013 Ways & Means

Congratulations to all the lucky
October Winners

Thanks to everyone that supported this Fundraising Project for our Veterans this year by selling and/or purchasing tickets. If you still have 2013 tickets and have sold them please send to me as soon as possible so be posted on computer. Keep up the good work and continue the support of this program so 2014 tickets sales can increase even more.

PLEASE note new e-mail address below for **2013** Chairman
49rose72@frontier.com

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

2014 Department Fundraiser Information

Rhonda Best
2014 Ways & Means Chairman
37 Simpson Ave.
Moundsville WV 26041
304-281-8152
E-Mail: rlcbest@aim.com

Thank you again for all your support as your Ways & Means Chairman for 2012 and 2013. I have really enjoyed working with you all. You are all a great group of ladies.

Mary Rose Yoho,
2013 Ways & Means Chairman



MEMBERSHIP 2013-2014

"MINING FOR GEMS"

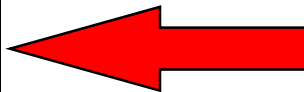
Target #4— November 15th—60.00 %
 Total to Date — 4419 (56.57%)
 2014 National Goal — 7809
 Headquarters Unit #200 — 73

November
 15th

District 1	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Unit			
Wheeling #1	13	NEW	
Moundsville #3	308	142	46.10%
McMechen #5	52	45	86.54%
Weirton #10	77	48	62.34%
Cameron #18	212	93	43.87%
New Martinsville #28	141	99	70.21%
Wellsburg #34	25	17	68.00%
Follansbee #45	53	24	45.28%
Benwood #46	105	70	65.42%
Pine Grove #81	79	39	49.37%
Paden City #86	114	93	81.58%
Wheeling #89	30	14	46.67%
Newell #114	43	25	58.14%
Hundred #120	109	49	44.95%
Chester #121	170	79	46.47%
TOTALS	1531	837	55.14%



Goal—4059
 To Date—2354
 (57.99%)



District 3	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Unit			
Weston #4	10	1	10.00%
Buckhannon #7	66	47	63.64%
Grafton #12	25	1	4.00%
Clarksburg #13	134	108	80.60%
Shinnston #31	302	210	69.54%
Braxton Cty. #33	33	23	69.70%
Mannington #40	21	18	85.71%
Philippi #44	49	6	12.24%
Bridgeport #68	59	14	23.73%
Jane Lew #166	41	21	51.22%
Morgantown #174	17	NEW	
TOTALS	757	449	59.31%

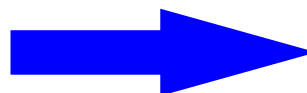
District 4	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Unit			
Parkersburg #15	901	606	67.26%
Spencer #21	64	44	68.75%
Pt Pleasant #23	352	185	52.56%
Tyler County #48	16	0	
Sistersville #67	193	81	41.97%
Parkersburg #104	21	0	
New Haven #140	166	77	46.39%
Williamstown #159	172	116	67.44%
TOTALS	1885	1109	58.83%



District 6	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Unit			
Welch #8	85	61	71.76%
Bluefield #9	34	24	70.59%
Beckley #32	31	24	77.42%
Gary #38	71	62	87.32%
Beckley #70	12	0	
TOTALS	233	171	73.39%



Goal—3557
 To Date—1992
 (56.00%)



District 9	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Unit			
Elkins #29	206	105	50.97%
Cowen #62	61	29	47.54%
Lewisburg #69	76	59	77.63%
Belington #96	30	21	70.00%
Richwood #97	24	0	
Pickens #122	26	23	88.46%
TOTALS	423	237	56.03%

District 5	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Unit			
Huntington #16	295	170	57.63%
Logan #19	19	11	57.89%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	460	187	40.65%
Hamlin #111	53	14	26.42%
Milton #139	83	50	60.24%
Barboursville #177	151	90	59.60%
TOTALS	1061	522	49.20%

District 8	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Unit			
Charleston #20	55	26	47.27%
St Albans #73	91	35	38.46%
South Charleston #94	21	9	40.86%
TOTALS	167	70	41.92%

District 10	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Unit			
Martinsburg #14	161	90	55.90%
Franklin #30	19	0	
Piedmont #52	44	12	27.27%
Berkeley Springs #60	250	160	64.00%
Moorefield #64	125	54	43.20%
Charles Town #71	230	169	73.48%
Petersburg #78	79	55	69.62%
Romney #91	276	154	55.80%
Charles Town #102	19	10	52.63%
Paw Paw #128	71	38	53.52%
Kirby #134	52	35	67.31%
Ridgeley #136	108	61	56.48%
Capon Bridge #137	114	73	64.04%
Keyser #152	40	40	100.00%
TOTALS	1587	951	59.92%



American Legion Auxiliary Department of West Virginia



December 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2	3 <i>Huntington Gift Shop</i>	4 <i>Clarksburg Gift Shop</i>	5 <i>Beckley Gift Shop</i>	6 <i>Martinsburg Gift Shop</i>	7 <i>Pearl Harbor Day</i>	
8	9	10	11	12	13 Mail Call	14	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 <i>1st Day of Winter</i>	
22	23	24 <i>Office Closed</i>	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	26	27 Mail Call	28	
29	30	31 <i>New Years Eve</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	Program of Month Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Gift Shops				

West Virginia Veterans Home Donation List

While we always appreciate ALL donations, there are some things our Veterans need more than others..
If you have questions, please call 304-736-1027.

For the Recreation Dept.

Cash/Check Donations
TTA Bus Tickets (\$5 increments)
Adopt-A-Care Package Program
Tickets to Sporting Events
NFL/NASCAR/Baseball Items
Gift Cards (ex. Wal-Mart)
International Phone Cards
Movie Passes
Camping & Fishing Equipment
Sporting & Exercise Equipment
Archery Arrows & Pool Cues
Remote control cars & planes
Bookshelves
Oil/ Acrylic Paints & Brushes
Hand Tools & Craft Supplies
Darts and Dart Supplies
Small Folding Tables
Digital Picture Frames
DVD Players
Metal Detectors
Movies & Music
Surge Protectors
Individually Wrapped Snacks
Individual Microwave Popcorn
Individual Hot Chocolate
Coffee, Creamer, & Tea Bags
Garden Items (Pots & Plants)
Holiday Decorations
Shuffle Board Table
Magazine Subscriptions
Bottled water & Gatorade

For the Veterans

Pen Pals
Cologne
Body Wash
Bar Soap Cases
Hand Sanitizer
Shoelaces
Hats, Gloves, & Jackets
Combo Shampoo & Conditioner
Hand & Body Lotion
Sewing & Eyeglass Repair Kits
Wallets & Watches
Batteries (AA, AAA, c, & d)
Laundry Detergent
Dryer Sheets
Radios/ CD Players
TV Sets & DVD Players
Clock Radios/ Alarm Clocks
Bedside Lamps
Laundry Bags
Men's Pocket T-shirts, esp. XXL/
XXXL sizes
Diabetic Socks
Men's Underwear, Pajamas
Sweat Pants & Shirts
Depends (All sizes)
Plants (Indoor)
Pillows & Twin Sheets
Musical Instruments
Guitar Strings & Music
Coffee Mugs
Cards & Board Games

We are seeking sponsors for future field trips & Sponsors for Care Packages to our troops overseas- (\$12.50 each)

Here is a suggested listing of items needed for veterans at the Veterans Home in Barboursville. This facility is different than the VAMC Hospitals. Veterans live here in this facility—their needs are different. If any questions contact me at mwaybright@yahoo.com or call 304-736-6484
Mary Waybright, VAMC Chairman

*American Legion Auxiliary
Department of West Virginia*

Comfort Item Drive

UNIT/POST/SQUADRON # _____

LOCATION _____

PERSON IN CHARGE _____

ADDRESS _____

ITEMS DONATED _____

VALUE OF DONATION \$ _____

****** turn this form in with your donation or tape to your box (s) of donations. Make sure your name is on box so can be given credit of donation.**

THANK YOU,

Mary Waybright
Department VA & R Chairman

It's SEW Easy to Help Veterans!



At the Mid-Winter Conference being held on February 8, 2014 the Department of West Virginia will be holding a Silent Auction to benefit veterans. Profits of the Silent Auction go to the Welfare Fund. The Welfare Fund covers the cost of Christmas gift shops and monthly cheer parties at all VA Medical Centers and the WV Veterans Home.

How can an American Legion Auxiliary member help veterans?

Use your talents and your imagination to:

1. Knit an afghan, a scarf, gloves.
2. Sew a quilt, placemats, pillow, embroidery a tablecloth.
3. Bake some delicious homemade candy, jellies.
4. Craft a wreath, flower arrangement, etc.
5. Put together a special basket—Valentine, sports, kitchen.
6. Make a piece of jewelry or donate pieces of jewelry.
7. Donate a piece of Blenko glass or Fiesta.
8. If you make ceramics, donate a piece.
9. Donate a purse, a NEW item, or "re-gift" something that just was not right for you.

We appreciate donations from all members of The American Legion Family. We urge all to support our West Virginia veterans and help make the Silent Auction a big success.

2014 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
RESERVATION FORM

February 7-8, 2014
Pullman Plaza Hotel
1001 Third Avenue
Huntington, West Virginia 25701

\$68.00 per night room rate (plus 13% tax)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

Arrival Date _____ AM PM Departure Date _____

Room Type: (circle one) Doubles King

Smoking Preference: (circle one) Smoking Non-Smoking

Handicap Room: (circle one) wheelchair oxygen tank other

If you circled "other", please explain _____

*Members with wheelchair disabilities will receive first priority.

One night's deposit must accompany this request to reserve a room. Any form without a deposit will be returned.

Enclosed, please find one night's room deposit of \$68.00 (plus 13% tax) = \$76.84 per night
(circle one)

check cash credit card
_____ credit card # _____
type _____
expiration date _____

Your credit card may be charged for the one night's room deposit.

Mail to: Pullman Plaza Hotel
1001 Third Avenue
Huntington, West Virginia 25701

This form must be mailed to reserve a room at Pullman Plaza Hotel. (No phone calls for rooms will be accepted.)

**PLEASE PRE-REGISTER EARLY- THANKS!
CANCELLATION MUST BE 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE
TO RECEIVE REFUND.**

**33RD Annual Mid-Winter Conference
2014
ADVERTISING FORM**

The American Legion
Department of West Virginia, Inc.

I hereby authorize the following advertisement to be placed in the official program of the 33rd Annual Mid-Winter Conference of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia, Inc., scheduled February 7-8, 2014, at Pullman Plaza Hotel, Huntington, West Virginia.

Date: _____, 2014
Name of Post/Unit/SAL _____

Please specify exactly how your ad should read. Only the information you supply will be published. An attached copy of your ad is very helpful. Be sure to state if Legion, Auxiliary, or SAL Emblem is requested.

Ad should read as follows:

Authorized Signature: _____

Price List:	Full Page	\$100	Full Page (Color)	\$160
	Half Page	\$60	Half Page (Color)	\$100
	Quarter Page	\$35	Quarter Page (Color)	\$70
	Eighth Page	\$25	Eighth Page (Color)	\$ 50

Please send your ad along with a check made payable to: **The American Legion
P.O. Box 3191
Charleston, WV 25332**

Ad and Payment Deadline is January 17, 2014.

No Deviation-You may complete a fillable advertising form on-line: www.wvlegion.org

**2014 AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION
RESERVATION INVOICE**

AUGUST 22-AUGUST 28, 2014
CHARLOTTE MARRIOTT CITY CENTER
100 WEST TRADE STREET
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA 28202

**WE ONLY
HAVE
21 ROOMS
FIRST COME
FIRST SERVE**

NAME(S) OF ATTENDEE(S)

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-MAIL:

(\$135.00 per night plus 15.25 % hotel tax) One Night's Room Deposit \$155.59

\$12 Self Parking Rate per day - \$18 Valet Parking

PLEASE MAIL PAYMENT BY MAY 1, 2014

ARRIVAL DATE TO HOTEL	
DEPARTURE DATE FROM HOTEL	
KING OR DOUBLE	
SMOKING OR NON-SMOKING ROOM (one floor for smoking) reserve early	

	Quantity	Amount
ONE NIGHT'S ROOM DEPOSIT @	\$155.59	
ADDITIONAL OCCUPANT @ Third Person in a Room	\$10.00	
REGISTRATION FEE @	\$25.00	
NATIONAL COMMANDER'S BANQUET @	\$45.00	
SOUTHERN BLOC BREAKFAST @	\$20.00	
HOSPITALITY ROOM FEE @	\$20.00	
NATIONAL CONVENTION SHIRT @ First Name: Size:	\$25.00	
TOTAL		

FIRST NIGHT'S DEPOSIT REQUIRED.

WE WILL BILL YOU FOR OTHER CHARGES

PLEASE ORDER YOU NATIONAL CONVENTION SHIRT ON THIS FORM

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE AND MAIL TO:

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA

Total

PO BOX 3191

CHARLESTON WV 25332

National Convention fillable form on-line: www.wvlegion.org

If you have any questions, please contact Department Headquarters at 1-888-534-4667

First Night Deposit Required

PLEASE RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE"

THANK YOU

***You will not be charged for the Delegate fee. If you are not elected as a delegate at your District Convention or on the floor at the State Convention, Department Headquarters will bill you for the \$25.00 registration fee after State Convention.**

***CANCELLATION MUST BE
48 HOURS IN ADVANCE
TO RECEIVE REFUND***

YOU ARE INVITED
TO THE 33RD ANNUAL
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 7-8, 2013

PULLMAN PLAZA HOTEL
HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA

ADVANCED REGISTRATION - \$15
AT DOOR REGISTRATION - \$20

RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

I AM SENDING \$ _____ FOR _____ ADVANCED REGISTRATION(S). **PLEASE ATTACH A LIST OF INDIVIDUALS FOR WHICH YOU PAYING.**

SPELL NAME AS IT IS TO APPEAR ON NAME BADGE DURING CONFERENCE

NAME (S) _____

ADDRESS _____

POST/UNIT/SAL NO. _____

TITLE/OFFICE HELD _____

MAIL TO: THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA
P.O. BOX 3191