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Department President
Debbie Fox



Forever "Mindful" Of Our Veterans

Hello WV GEMS,

I just returned home from Wheeling Jesuit University, which is where Rhododendron Girls State was held June 8-13 2014. What an outstanding group of young women from all over our great state. The new RGS Governor is Bonnie Walton, a lovely girl from CharlesTown, was sponsored by Unit # 71, they must be so proud. While at RGS we had a special guest, CDNVP Donna Ray. She had some very good information for us and "Pass On" lots of knowledge about the Buckeye Girls State. Thank you Donna.

I was so blessed to have the opportunity to visit Grafton over Memorial Day weekend. I had never been to the National Cemetery nor even been in Grafton. It's a beautiful well kept resting place for our veterans. We also made a stop at the Old National Cemetery in downtown Grafton.

I tried to find my decedents with not much luck, but I did place a small flag on the grave of a Fox that died during the Civil War.

We are still collecting for my special project, Bonnie's Bus. You may send to the Department Office or bring to Department Convention where a parade of checks will be done on Friday morning.

Our membership has slowed down to a snail pace. In the last month our membership has only come up 0.42%. That's for the whole Department !!!!! Please don't hold membership. It's not right to give a member her card and then not send in to Department or just not do anything with money or membership card. Make sure our members keep all her benefits.

Since this is the last time you'll hear from me as Department President I would to thank everyone for all of their support. Unit # 60, my unit has been outstanding, they have been my advocate from day one. I couldn't have done this without my family's assistance and confidence in all I was about to achieve.

I truly hope that I can say we had a super convention, but I can't say it if you aren't there. See in Huntington, July 10-12.

Forever Mindful of Our Veterans,
Department President
Debbie Fox



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—Rose Reese
9th District—Jeanie Phares
10th District—Michelle Hart

Endorsements for Department Officers

President—Paula Booth
1st Vice Pres.—Susan Wade
2nd Vice Pres.—Tammy Workman
Secretary/Treasurer—Paulette Anderson
Chaplain—Ramona Westfall
Historian—

Endorsements for District Officers

1st Dist. Pres.—Donna Leek—elected
Vice Pres.—Marlene Stansberry—elected
3rd Dist. Pres.—Connie Bailey—elected
Vice Pres.—Carla Wilfong—elected
4th Dist. Pres.—Nancy Sundstrom—elected
Vice Pres.—Cathy Post—elected
5th Dist. Pres.—Beth Kilgore—elected
Vice Pres.—JoAnn Hastings—elected
6th Dist. Pres.—Peggy Swartz—elected
Vice Pres.—Rita Alley—elected
8th Dist. Pres.—Mary Bess—elected
Vice Pres.—Rose Reese—elected
9th Dist. Pres.—Marion Gregory—elected
Vice Pres.—Jeanie Phares—elected
10th Dist. Pres.—Lisa Turner—elected
Vice Pres.—Sharon Glassford—elected

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 July 31st to be a Unit in good standing.**

Processing Membership:

Make sure your membership is into Department Headquarters by the **15th** to be counted for Targets.

Membership:

All applications must have signature of a **Post Officer** and if they are a **Junior member a Birthdate. 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. If a veteran is living they **must** hold membership in The American Legion.

Update on Female Veterans Joining

Auxiliary:

If a female veteran wishes to join the Auxiliary under herself, she doesn't need to belong to the Legion, and the Unit Secretary may sign application, if eligibility falls under the same war era as The American Legion eligibility. But if members of her family wish to join the Auxiliary under her, she then must be a member of The American Legion and the Post Adj. needs to sign the application.

MAKE SURE THE POST OFFICER SIGNS APPLICATIONS.

UNIT CONTACTS: If you don't print Spirit off for the Unit President, then in order for her to receive the Spirit, your Unit need to pay \$16.00 for a year's subscription, starting with the August Issue.

This is the last Spirit for the year. If you haven't renewed please do so to continue receiving the Spirit.

Department Convention:

Remember: you **register** through the Auxiliary by credentials for Dept. Convention. **DON'T SEND INTO LEGION HEADQUARTERS UNLESS YOU ARE A GUEST.**

Directory Updates:

page 11: Ramona Westfall new address:
PO Box 515
Craigsville WV 26205
304-742-1033

Dates To Remember: 2014 Dates

*Department Convention:
July 10, 11, 12th*

*National Convention:
August 22-28, Charlotte NC*

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

Membership Challenges:

10th to 1st: Highest % of NEW members by June 15th. Loser donates \$25.00 to Presidents' Special Project "Bonnie's Bus" in winning District's name. **10th District-82 new members
1st District-56 new members
10th District WON>**

3rd to 9th: Highest % members by June 15th. \$10.00 to President's Special Project "Bonnie's Bus".
**3rd District-90.90%
9th District-93.14%
9th District WON>**

Remember Our Friends

*George Glassford had surgery on his arm for skin cancer. He was sent home and later that day was back in the hospital for low heart rate, and Mrs. He is not doing good at all. He is in isolation. Keep George and Sharon in your prayers. Cards can be sent to:
George Glassford
PO Box 87
Charles Town WV 25414*

*Juanita Reynolds' youngest son was found dead at his home last week. Condolences can be sent to:
Juanita Reynolds
605 Milford Street
Clarksburg WV 26301*

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Auxiliary website: www.wvvaux.org

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 V. P.. Katie Beth Caudill #16
2nd V. P.—Taylor Bush #16
Secretary—VACANT
Chaplain—Mary Grace Bannon #16
Historian—Brandee Fernandez #15
Sgt. At Arms—Ryleigh Shears #15



Mining For Gems



"Foreman"

Hello Everyone!

Thank you all for your hard work this month on membership. We are currently at 92.28% as of June 15th. We still have time to make 100% for Department President Debbie. We have until July 31st to do this.

SAPPHIRES ARE STILL IN THE LEAD: with 93.59%, OVER RUBIES which is 93.30%. Even though the Sapphires are ahead the Rubies can still jump ahead, so continue with your membership being sent to Department.

Out next National Milestone is #4—30 days before NATIONAL convention—100%. WE CAN DO THIS!! LET'S PRESENT PRESIDENT DEBBIE ALL FOUR NATIONAL MILESTONES RIBBONS!!

We need to reach out a little further to get those GEMS to renew their membership. Remember seating at National Convention is set by how many renewals we get and we are seating right now at 27th. We have went backwards about 5 positions and we need to move upward as close to the front as we can.

Thank you for all you have done in membership this year, please keep it up and we will become a GOAL Department!!!! I know you have been working tirelessly all year. WE CAN DO THIS!!

It has been my pleasure serving as Department Membership Chairman this year for President Debbie. I appreciate having a great Membership Team helping me this year: our two Department Vice Presidents, Paula and Susan. I can't leave out the District Vice Presidents and Unit Membership Chairmen. All have made this a great year!!

Sharon Glassford

Department Membership Chairman

"PASS IT ON"

Spirit of Service Not Self for Veterans, God and Country

"Gold"

Sapphires of Blue!

Thanks for the hard work this last month by 12 of our Units who have increased in numbers since last month (Clarksburg 13, Huntington 16, Hamlin 111, Milton 139, Barboursville 177, Martinsburg 14, Berkeley Springs 60, Moorefield 64, Charles Town 71, Romney 91, Paw Paw 128, and Ridgeley 136). Let's all remember that "Diamond Debbie" wants 100% out of us and that adds up to a total of 230 renewals or new members or rejoins for our side still needed before we meet her goal. 11 of our Units have already reached 100% or more! You've done an Outstanding job all year, Ladies, and I am very proud of all of you for your efforts. Now's the time to make our one last push and bring a big smile to our President's face.

We need to recognize three of the above 12 Units who have been successful in reaching Target 11-- 95%. Congratulations to HAMLIN 111, MOOREFIELD 64, AND PAW PAW 128!!

Also we want to congratulate DISTRICT 10 for being the only District in Department to reach Target 11—95%!!

Hope to see you all at Department Convention.

Stay safe and keep smiling!!

Paula Booth

Department 1st VP aka Gold Prospector

"Silver"

Hello Rubies!!!

I can not believe how fast this year has flown by!! I have enjoyed my year as your Department 2nd Vice President. I appreciate all the hard work each of you have given to Membership!

We still have time to bring our numbers up as some Units are so close to Goal! I want to congratulate the following Units that have reached GOAL: McMechen #5; Wellsburg #34; Pine Grove #81; Wheeling #89; Newell #114; Williamstown #159; Beckley #32; Gary #38; and Belington #96!! Great job ladies!!

I also want to congratulate the following Units for reaching Target #11 with 95%; Moundsville #3; Weirton #10; New Martinsville #28; Pt. Pleasant #23; Elkins #29; and Lewisburg #69. Some were so close...it really does make a difference to send in even 1 renewal or new member.

At Department Convention, the winner of the challenge between the Rubies and Sapphires will be announced. I look forward to seeing you at the State Convention!!

Again, I want to thank you for your support and your continued dedication to our Veterans!!!

God Bless Our Veterans!

God Bless America!

Susan Wade aka "Silver Prospector"

Department 2nd Vice President





Rubies



Sapphires

Fourth District Vice President

Hello Ladies Of Fourth District,

Congratulations to Williamstown Unit 159 for making 102.95% Goal and the Units still working hard to make goal ladies you are hard workers when it comes to Membership. I know it has been hard for a lot of our members to pay their dues this year because times are hard and their money is needed else where.

I hope to see many of Fourth District members at State Convention in Huntington this month so we can show all of our 2013-2014 Officers how much we have appreciated their leadership over the past year. We can also welcome our new Officers for the year 2014-2015.

I want to thank my Secretary Helen Leasure and Chaplain Melinda Roush along with my Committee Chairmen for your hard work this year. I am looking forward to working for you as Fourth District President along with Vice President Cathy Post for year 2014-2015 with everyone's support we will have great year.

Wishing you and your family a safe and Happy 4th of July and a fantastic Summer.

God Bless
Until next month
Nancy Sundstrom
4th District President

Ninth District President

My goodness, is it warm today? Oh well, rather it be hot then to be buried in all the snow.

Ladies we are all soooo close to being Goal units. Congratulations to Belington for making Goal. Elkins, Lewisburg, Richwood, and Pickens – we are all so close just a couple more for each unit.

I hope everyone's elections went well and we are all getting ready to start a new year.

We have the Convention coming up in July. Make sure your mandatory fees are paid and get your delegate forms into Paulette. It is a great experience for those who have never been. It's great for the ones that have been as well.

I just wanted to say that I have enjoyed meeting everyone that I have this year and all of the experiences that I now have.

Danielle Hedrick
9th District President

Third District Vice President

Hi Sapphires

Hope we can all say this has been a good year. We have all dug diligently and come up with some very valuable "gems".

Time passes so quickly we cannot falter in our efforts to grow, not just maintain, but to grow. There is strength in numbers and our auxiliaries are the driving force to support our veterans.

I thank each and every one for your hard work. It is a labor of love for our veterans, past, present and future.

Yours in service
Connie Bailey
3rd District VP
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Fifth District President

During the past year, the 5th District has been labeled as Sapphires as part of President Debbie's theme of mining for Gems. There are many different types and colors of Sapphires, just as there are many different types of Units in the American Auxiliary. Your Unit is unique to your community and should not be compared to other Units. The need of their community is not the same as those of your community.



As your Unit becomes involved with elections, installations, budgets for the coming year, and prepare to attend the Convention, do not lose sight of our membership. Keep processing those memberships and get them sent to Department as quickly as possible.

Looking forward to seeing everyone from the 5th District at the Department Convention in just a few short weeks.

Until then..... Thank a veteran for our freedom.

Beth Kilgore
5th District President



Chaplain

Hello Ladies,

I wish to take this time to thank you for having me as your Chaplain this past year. It doesn't seem like a whole year has already gone by but here it is. No matter where I go or what I do from this point on I'll always reflect to this year as Chaplain. I've always loved this organization and all of you but serving as your chaplain has given me something more. Each step we take is a learning experience, an experience that deepens your faith in this organization, and, in each other. It is pretty amazing to know so many hundreds and thousands of ALA members are working miracles in every day of every year. Let's pray together, for us to always take a closer look around, when things don't work out the way we've planned, because God always has a better one.

For God and Country
Chaplain Tammy Workman



Historian

Hello Ladies

I want to thank everyone for their reports, received several more from District #1. Great job to the Units and District President Donna Leek.

Excited to see how many History Books will be submitted for judging.

See you at the Convention, be well and be safe in your travels.

Ramona Westfall
Department Historian

Leadership

The end of the year is now upon us and we need to take the time to evaluate if we have done our best. If there is room for improvement, we need to start making plans to make things better during our next year. We are the leaders that need to train and urge the leaders of tomorrow. Remember, that age is not a factor in being a leader or a follower and both are needed to have a successful organization.

I hope that many of you are planning on attending our Department Convention, July 10-12. On Thursday, the Juniors will be meeting to evaluate and start making plans for the upcoming year then elect their new leaders. The Auxiliary will meet on Friday to reward and acknowledge those units that have great accomplishments this year. On Saturday, we will elect those that will lead us in 2014-2015. It is important that you, as a member, be part of these proceedings. Please take the time to make sure that your unit's credential forms are in order, completed, and returned by the deadline.

We were able to see Leadership Training at its best at our American Legion Auxiliary Rhododendron Girls State. The staff were given training before the girls arrived, but more important was the training the participants received during the week. Michelle Sirbaugh did a great job as the new Director this year. It was great to see these young ladies grow as our future leaders.

Always remember that our goal is to support and help provide for the needs of our veterans. We need to work together to make sure that our goal is met in all areas. Take time to check our egos and work as a team and "be nice" to each other.

Ann Buchanan,
Leadership Chairman

Junior Activities

The Juniors will be selling candles at the Department Meeting for their yearly Fundraiser.



Community Service

Hello Ladies,

I wish to thank you all for everything you do in your community services. This is an area where your work never ends. Even when you are focused on another program you are still offering community services.

Always remember our veterans. Usually the smallest gesture makes the biggest difference.

I'll see you at the Department Summer convention.
For God and Country
Tammy Workman

Americanism

I have received a lot of nice reports on Americanism. Thanks to all.

I will have a full report in the August Spirit for all who will miss the convention in July.

Enjoy the summer and always thank a veteran for your freedom to live the life style we so all enjoy.

Rita Alley
alliecat@shentel.net

Poppy

It has finally turned warm today over 90 degrees outside. Just because it is warm doesn't mean that we can forget our Veterans. Keep some poppies with you if it is possible and when you meet a Veteran give him or her one. My Father always enjoyed receiving a Poppy and he would smell it. He told me one day that it smelled like a rose, so now my granddaughter calls them a rose and smells them also.

Please keep track of all your hours and all the Poppies you use. Just because it is the end of the year doesn't mean these cannot be used. Pass them on to the new Unit Poppy Chairman for this coming year. They will help her year end report look really good.

It has been a pleasure working with President Debbie and all the Unit Poppy Chairman this past year. I am looking forward to working with the new Dept. Poppy Chairman this coming year in any way I can.

If you need my help please feel free to call me at 304-592-0247, or e-mail me at carlajwilfong@yahoo.com See you at Convention in July.
Carla Wilfong
Poppy Chairman



Public Relations

It has been a great year for Public Relations and National has provided us with lots of great information to PASS ON to everyone.

Thanks to all of the Units that have started a face book page for your Unit or have a website to tell all about what you are doing. If you are a Unit that has not done this yet I still encourage you to do so. Information can be found in the Auxiliary Magazine or on the ALA website ALAforVeterans.org

Be a Leader and stand out in your Unit. Make your Unit shine. Let your friends, family and community know what your Unit does for the Veterans, Children and Youth and your Community. Take pictures, make flyers, put articles in the newspapers, use social media or TV networks to help Pass On what you do.

Thanks to all the Units that sent me reports and articles for the press book.

Keep up the good work and take the time to make your Unit stand out.

I hope to see many of you at Convention and I always want to see you in the NEWS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Vickie Luttrell,
Public Relations

Legislative

With all the stuff going on with the VA system, please remember our veterans still need our support and help. This is a huge issue and it never hurts to write our Senators and let them know how we feel about this issue or other issues. As this year ends and you move on to new committees, please keep in mind, the more we do, the more it helps the National American Legion fight for the rights and benefits of our veterans. This is one reason, the end of year reports are so important.

Hope to see many of you at convention, to those traveling in, be safe.

Thank You and please keep up the good work!!

Lisa Cadwallader
Legislative Chairman
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Children and Youth



**The American Legion
Child Welfare Foundation
Our foremost
philanthropic priority is
to provide other nonprofit
organizations with a means to
educate the public about the needs of
children across this nation.**

Not all American children grow up inside the comfortable definition of normal childhood development. For thousands, each day is a challenge marked by pain, prayer and perseverance. Many of these youngsters require specialized care. To overcome their obstacles, they need help from you and the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

Established in 1954, the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation was developed as a repository of funds from individuals who wished to contribute to the betterment of children in this country. Our foremost philanthropic priority is to provide other nonprofit organizations with the means to educate the public about the special needs of children across this nation.

I hope every Unit in the Department of West Virginia will strongly consider either doing a fundraiser or committing to make a donation to the Child Welfare Foundation. These children need to know they are loved and cared for. If you need information on this worthy program, please get in touch with me and I will get the information to you.

Beth Kilgore, Chairman
Children & Youth



***Parade of Checks
for Department
President's Special
Project "Bonnie's
Bus" will be done on
Friday morning after
"Auxiliary Unit
Member of The Year
Presentation"***

Education

Hello Ladies:

It's been a good year for Education – we have a local winner of the National President's Children of Warriors Scholarship and we have Unit reports to judge! Sounds like a lot of you have been working to promote education for children and adults in our communities. Thank You!

One thing we haven't gone over, yet, is assisting and supporting veterans pursuing higher education or vocational training. National suggests that one way to do this is to collaborate with a Student Veterans of America chapter or other campus student veterans group at colleges or universities in your area. To find a local SVA chapter, visit www.studentveterans.org and click on Chapters. Just a quick search netted four: WV State University in Institute (email militarystudentservices@wvstateu.edu), WVU in Morgantown (veteranswvu@gmail.com), WVU-Parkersburg (veterans@wvup.edu), and Davis & Elkins College (VETERANS@mail.dewv.edu)

Once you contact the SVA chapter, encourage them to host a discussion panel on campus or at your post home to make other students aware of the SVA and offer American Legion Family help in bringing veteran awareness to campus. Another way National suggests to assist and support veterans pursuing higher education and/or vocational education is to promote the American Legion Auxiliary's Non-Traditional Student Scholarship by:

1. Encouraging membership in TAL, SAL, or the Auxiliary (two years consecutive membership is required to apply),
2. Identifying potential candidates and assisting them with the application process,
3. Submitting scholarship information to SVA chapters, local colleges' and universities' offices of Financial Aid and Scholarships, and
4. Having applications available for all related events.

I'm sure there are many veteran students out there that are not aware of these scholarships. Just a little knowledge could help a lot. Please keep passing on the word of the many different scholarships available to our military families and veterans. And Thank You for all you do for our veterans and active duty families.

Linda Crumm
Education Committee member

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Another Auxiliary membership year is about to come to an end, but the needs of our veterans continue on. There are veterans still fighting on Foreign shores to keep us free and their families still waiting and struggling to keep everything going until “Father or Mother, Sister or Brother, Son or Daughter” comes home. There are veterans in hospitals, in nursing homes, and in our communities that need us. I will now get off my “soapbox”. But I sincerely believe these sentiments are correct.

Don't forget any donations that your budget can afford—namely to the Creative Arts Festival or to The Fisher House Foundation. Also keep in mind any extra donations you can make to our own Welfare Fund. Remember our Welfare Fund supports our programs for Veterans and their families.

Thank you for all you do for our Veterans and their families.

See you at Department Convention!
Mary Waybright
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation



Happy 4th of July!!!



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Rhododendron Girls State

Thank you to all of you for your assistance for a great 2014 Session of Rhododendron Girls State. Many hours of planning went into this session by our Director Michelle Sirbaugh, Assistant Director Dr. Rosemary Thomas, Registrar Ann Buchanan and many others and to those who contributed making this years session available online at www.wvgirlsstate.org

There were 366 citizens in attendance.

We were honored to have many special guests speakers: Department Commander Frank Nicholson, Department President Debbie Fox, SAL Detachment Commander Rocky Fox. WV Honorary Junior President Carlie McCoy, who spoke to the brightest of young ladies in West Virginia as well as our Central Division National Vice President Donna Ray (OH).

Also our elected West Virginia representatives brought greetings throughout the week to the citizens of Rhododendron Girls State: Congresswoman Shelley Moore-Capito, Governor Earl Ray Tomlin, Secretary of State Natalie Tennant, Treasurer John Perdue and Judge Ronald Wilson. We honored two women veterans of West Virginia: Marie Graham and Rosalind Oldaker. These women were nominated from our own Units and we thanked them for their service to our Country.

David Hall (PDC and PNVC) told of those POW/MIA's. Irene Weber (Past RGS Director, PDP and PCDNVP) told the American Legion Auxiliary Story and Janice Gamerding (PDP) told of the Poppy Story.

The following girls were elected:
Governor: Bonnie Walton
Secretary of State: Peyton Panger
Auditor: Kathryn Quillen
Treasurer: Maggie France
Commissioner of Agriculture: Taylor Stewart

Attorney General: Ashley Bruner
Justices of the Supreme Court:
Jillian Kinder (Chief Justice)
Mackenzie Bosley, Tori Anderson,
Genna Liu, and Jana El-Khatib
Girls Nation Senators : Yihang Liu
Kayla DeLorenzo

For more information you can sign on to www.wvgirlsstate.org

Thank you again for the young ladies you selected and to the dedicated staff for making this a very successful session!!!
Lynda Lancaster
Chairman Rhododendron Girls State

2014 May Ways & Means Winners

NAME	LOCATION	WINNING #	DATE	AMT PAID
		789	5/1/14	
Debbie Maxian	Moundsville, WV	359	5/2/14	\$25.00
		798	5/3/14	
Mark Wendel	Glen Dale, WV	539	5/5/14	\$25.00
		371	5/6/14	
		569	5/7/14	
Susan Wade	Paden City, WV	233	5/8/14	\$25.00
		934	5/9/14	
		893	5/10/14	
		069	5/12/14	
		573	5/13/14	
Charles Cadwallader	Kearneysville, WV	318	5/14/14	\$25.00
M. A. Girod	Dayton, MD	052	5/15/14	\$25.00
Mike Walters	Charles Town, WV	242	5/16/14	\$25.00
Christy Eddy	Paden City, WV	555	5/17/14	\$25.00
Harry Crow	Moundsville, WV	017	5/19/14	\$25.00
		810	5/20/14	
		191	5/21/14	
		791	5/22/14	
		054	5/23/14	
Kinsey Byron	West Minster, MD	865	5/24/14	\$25.00
		561	5/26/14	
		964	5/27/14	
		808	5/28/14	
ALA Unit # 16	Huntington, WV	534	5/29/14	\$25.00
		868	5/30/14	
Kathryn Martin	Erbacon, WV	531	5/31/14	\$25.00

Convention Chairman

Ladies time is winding down and it is time to get ready for Convention. Please get the credentials and convention fee in to **Paulette** and get your PDP luncheon form and check to **me**. They are coming in very slow and it is so nice to honor our Past Department Presidents. The form was in the last spirit, if you did not get it please contact Paulette or myself and we will get one to you.

I need all Department Officers Candidates to bring me a picture for the Poster Board to Convention.

Door Prizes :do not forget the door prizes please bring with you. If you are not attending but would like to send a door prize please mail to me and I will see it gets to Convention. I must receive by July 7.

I look forward to seeing all of you at Convention.

Vickie Luttrell
 Convention Chairman
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ATTENTION!!!

**ALL SGT. AT ARMS
 AND PAGES:**

**PLEASE WEAR WHITE
 BLOUSES AND EITHER
 NAVY BLUE OR BLACK
 SKIRTS, WITH DARK
 SHOES FOR
 DEPARTMENT
 CONVENTION**

**THANK YOU!
 PRESIDENT
 DEBRA FOX**



MEMBERSHIP 2013-2014

"MINING FOR GEMS"

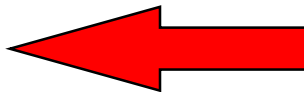
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 Total to Date — 7206 (92.28%)
 2014 National Goal — 7809
 Headquarters Unit #200 — 90

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District 1	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Unit			
Wheeling #1	13	NEW	
Moundsville #3	308	296	96.10%
McMechen #5	52	53	101.92%
Weirton #10	77	75	97.40%
Cameron #18	212	190	89.63%
New Martinsville #28	141	135	95.74%
Wellsburg #34	25	27	108.00%
Follansbee #45	53	50	94.34%
Benwood #46	107	93	86.92%
Pine Grove #81	79	85	107.59%
Paden City #86	114	108	94.74%
Wheeling #89	30	31	103.33%
Newell #114	43	44	102.33%
Hundred #120	109	72	66.06%
Chester #121	170	146	85.88%
TOTALS	1533	1405	91.65%



Goal—4059
 To Date—3787
 (93.30%)



District 3	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Unit			
Buckhannon #7	66	56	84.85%
Grafton #12	25	21	84.00%
Clarksburg #13	134	137	102.24%
Shinnston #31	302	302	100.00%
Braxton Cty. #33	33	27	81.82%
Mannington #40	21	18	85.71%
Philippi #44	49	29	59.18%
Bridgeport #68	59	42	71.19%
Jane Lew #166	41	47	114.63%
Morgantown #174	17	NEW	
TOTALS	747	679	90.90%

District 5	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Unit			
Huntington #16	295	261	88.47%
Logan #19	19	11	57.89%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	460	413	89.78%
Hamlin #111	53	51	96.23%
Milton #139	83	84	101.20%
Barboursville #177	151	162	107.28%
TOTALS	1061	982	92.55%

District 4	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Unit			
Parkersburg #15	901	851	94.45%
Spencer #21	64	54	84.38%
Pt Pleasant #23	352	342	97.16%
Tyler County #48	16	8	50.00%
Sistersville #67	193	178	92.23%
Parkersburg #104	21	10	47.62%
New Haven #140	166	155	93.37%
Williamstown #159	172	177	102.91%
TOTALS	1885	1775	94.16%



District 8	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Unit			
Charleston #20	55	44	80.00%
St Albans #73	91	65	71.43%
South Charleston #94	21	21	100.00%
TOTALS	167	130	77.84%

District 6	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Unit			
Welch #8	85	77	90.59%
Bluefield #9	34	29	85.29%
Beckley #32	31	35	112.90%
Gary #38	71	71	100.00%
Beckley #70	12	1	8.33%
TOTALS	233	213	91.42%



Goal—3557
 To Date—3329
 (93.59%)



District 9	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Unit			
Elkins #29	206	200	97.09%
Cowen #62	61	45	73.77%
Lewisburg #69	76	74	97.37%
Belington #96	30	30	100.00%
Richwood #97	24	22	91.67%
Pickens #122	26	23	88.46%
TOTALS	423	394	93.14%

District 10	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Unit			
Martinsburg #14	161	146	90.68%
Franklin #30	19	9	47.37%
Piedmont #52	44	55	125.00%
Berkeley Springs #60	250	236	94.40%
Moorefield #64	125	119	95.20%
Charles Town #71	230	243	105.65%
Petersburg #78	79	89	112.66%
Romney #91	276	255	92.39%
Charles Town #102	19	15	78.95%
Paw Paw #128	71	69	97.18%
Kirby #134	52	45	86.54%
Ridgeley #136	108	97	89.81%
Capon Bridge #137	114	114	100.00%
Keyser #152	40	46	115.00%
TOTALS	1587	1538	96.91%



American Legion Auxiliary Department of West Virginia



July 2014



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13	14	15 <i>Target #12 100%</i>	16	17 <i>New Spirit Articles Due</i>	18 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Mail Call</div>	19
20	21 <i>Spirit Out Hospital Checks Mailed</i>	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 <i>Checks Sent to National for Donations</i>	29	30	31 <i>Closing of Books in Department</i>		

**CALL FOR
NINETY-SECOND ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
OF THE
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA, INC.**

The Ninety-Second Department Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary is hereby called and, in conformity with Article IX, Section 1 of the Department Constitution and Bylaws which provides, "That the Department Convention be held annually concurrent with the Convention of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia." The Convention will meet in Huntington, West Virginia on July 10, 11, 12, 2014 at the Pullman Plaza.

PURPOSE

The Convention is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, amending the Department Constitution, receiving reports of Department Officers and Chairmen, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it.

REPRESENTATIVES

Representation at the Convention shall be by Units. Each Unit shall be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for each fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof, whose dues have been paid and received by the Department Headquarters one month prior to the Convention for which they were elected. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote. **No Unit unrepresented shall have a proxy vote.** The elective officers, all Past Department Presidents in good standing shall be delegates-at-large to the Department Convention, with vote to be exercised with their Units, provided said officers are present at the Convention.

ALTERNATES

Each Unit is entitled to one alternate for each delegate. The alternate will have power to vote **ONLY** in the absence of the regular delegate.

CREDENTIALS

Membership cards must be presented by delegates and alternates. Certification of the election of the delegates and alternates **MUST** be mailed to Department Headquarters no less than two weeks prior to the Convention, and **SHALL BE** accompanied by the Convention fee of \$15.00 for each accredited delegates so certified.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Pre-Convention Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 10, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. at Pullman Plaza in the Virginia-Maryland Room. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Department Elective Officers, NEC, the Eight District Presidents, all Past Department Presidents, and Chairmen of all standing committees. All members of standing committees, exclusive of the chairman, may attend the Executive Committee Meeting with the privilege of discussion but without vote. Any member in good standing may attend the Executive Committee Meeting with the privilege of discussion but NO vote.

DEPARTMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE

This committee will meet on July 10, 2014 at 1:00 P.M. in the Virginia Room. Those to attend this meeting are the three (3) members of the Finance Committee and the Department President and Department Secretary/Treasurer who are ex-officio members without vote.

POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Post Executive Committee will meet immediately following the Church Service on July 13, 2014 in the Virginia-Maryland Room.

Debra Fox
Department President

Paulette R. Anderson
Department Secretary/Treasurer

2014 Department Convention Committee

Convention Chairman	Vickie Luttrell, Berkeley Springs Unit #60
Convention Recorder	Dede Kelly, Clarksburg Unit #13
Sergeants – At- Arms	Katena Karnes, Huntington Unit #16 Rontina McCann, Morgantown Unit #174
Personal Pages	Lynda Lancaster, PDP, Charles Town Unit #71 Sharon Glassford, PDP, Charles Town Unit #71
Floor Pages	Kathy Hogue, Clarksburg Unit #13 Rhonda Best, Moundsville Unit #3
Distinguished Guest Committee	Nancy Sundstom, NEC, Chairman, Parkersburg Unit #15 Dortha Parsons, PDP, Clarksburg Unit #13 Sharon Glassford, PDP, Charles Town Unit #71
Rules & Order of Business	Dede Kelly, Constitution & Bylaws Chairman, Clarksburg Unit #13
Credential Committee	Mary Waybright, Chairman, Huntington Unit #16 Michelle Hart, Charles Town Unit #71 Margaret Yost, Shinnston Unit #31
Election Committee	Ann Buchanan, PDP, Chairman, Huntington Unit #16 Connie Bailey, Buckhannon Unit #7 Drema Goolsby, Barboursville Unit #177
Standing Rules	Janice Gamerdinger, PDP Chairman, Chester Unit #121 Rhonda Best, Moundsville Unit #3 Connie Bailey, Buckhannon Unit #16
Judging Committee	Betty Rea, PDP, Follansbee Unit #45 Juanita Reynolds, Clarksburg Unit #13 Marion Gregory, Cowen Unit #62
Policy & Procedures	Paula Booth, Belington Unit #96 Susan Wade, Paden City Unit #86 Tammy Workman, New Martinsville Unit #28
Resolutions	Rita Alley, Welch Unit #8 Cindy Chucci, Bridgeport Unit #68 Karen “Jean” Thomas, Cowen Unit #62
Constitution & Bylaws	Dede Kelly, Chairman, Clarksburg Unit #13 Michelle Hart, Charles Town Unit #71 Mary Rose Yoho, New Martinsville Unit #28
Courtesy Resolutions.....	Beth Kilgore, Chairman, Huntington Unit #16 Linda Crumm, Benwood Unit #46
Parliamentarian	Susan Brown, PDP, Moundsville Unit #3
Ways & Means	Rhonda Best, Chairman, Moundsville Unit #3 Susan Brown, PDP, Moundsville Unit #3



92nd ANNUAL CONVENTION

Tentative Program American Legion Auxiliary

Thursday, July 10, 2014

8:30-9:00 A.M.	Registration for Juniors	Pennsylvania Room
9 AM—2 P.M.	Junior Meeting Sessions	Pennsylvania Room
3 P.M.—3:45 P.M.	Junior Installation of 2014-2015 Officers	Pennsylvania Room
12 P.M. - 6. P.M.	Registration - - -	Outside Virginia Room
1:00 P.M.	Department Finance Committee -	Virginia/Maryland Room
2:30 - 5P.M.	Convention Committee Meetings -	Virginia/Maryland Room
	Constitution & Bylaws Committee	Dede Kelly, Chairman
	Standing Rules Committee	Janice Gamerdinger, Chairman
	Policy & Procedures Committee	Paula Booth, Chairman
	Resolutions Committee	Rita Alley, Chairman
	Courtesy Resolutions	Beth Kilgore, Chairman
	Credentials Committee	Mary Waybright, Chairman
7:00 P.M.	Department Executive Committee -	Virginia/Maryland Room

Friday, July 11, 2014

8:00 A.M. - 4 P.M.	Registration - - -	Outside Virginia Room
8:30 A.M.	Opening Session - - -	Virginia/Maryland Room
	Processional - - -	Vicki Luttrell, Convention Chairman
	District Vice Presidents	
	District Presidents	
	Past Department Officers	
	Department Officers	
	Presentation of Gavel to - -	Debra Fox, Department President
	By - - - -	Vicki Luttrell, Convention Chairman
	Call to Order - - -	Debra Fox Department President
	Advancement of Colors - -	Katena Karnes, Sergeant-At-Arms
		Rontina McCann Sergeant-At-Arm
	Invocation - - -	Tammy Workman, Department Chaplain
	Moment of Silence	
	Pledge of Allegiance - -	Rita Alley, Americanism Chairman
	National Anthem - - -	JoAnn Hastings, Music Chairman
	Preamble of the Constitution of	Dede Kelly, Constitution & Bylaws Chrm.
	American Legion Auxiliary	
	Presentation of Convention Committees	Debra Fox, Department President
	Draping of Charter	Tammy Workman, Department Chaplain
		Debra Fox, Department President

Ina Polsinelli, Past Department President
Marlene Bonar, Past Department President

Roll Call - - -	Paulette Anderson, Dept. Secretary/Treasurer
Rules & Order of Business - -	Dede Kelly, Constitution & Bylaws Chairman
Constitution & Bylaws - -	Dede Kelly, Department Chairman
Report of Credentials Committee -	Mary Waybright, Chairman
Report of Resolutions Committee—	Rita Alley, Chairman
Standing Rules - - -	Janice Gamerdinger, Department Chairman
Presentation:	Nancy Sundstrom, NEC, Past Presidents Parley

“WV Auxiliary Unit Member of the Year”

Friday , July 11, 2014 (Cont.)

Membership Citations and Awards

Sharon Glassford, PDP, Membership Chairman
Paula Booth & Susan Wade, Membership Committee

Presentation of Trophies & Awards

Americanism	Junior Activities	Scrapbook
Auxiliary Emergency Fund	Leadership	Unit President's Award
Chaplain	Legislative	V A & R
Children & Youth	Music	Total Participation
Community Service	National Security	
Education	Past Presidents Parley	
History	Poppy	
Girls State	Public Relations	

11:30 - 12:45 P.M. PAST PRESIDENTS' LUNCHEON ————— Pennsylvania/Ohio Room
Presentation of "Timeless Award" Nancy Sundstrom, NEC, PPP Chairman

1:00 P.M. Joint Session with American Legion - Grand Theatre
2:00 P.M. Reconvene - - - Virginia/Maryland Room

Complete Trophies & Awards Presentations

4:00 P.M. Recess
9:00 P.M. Karaoke by Pam Grand Ballroom

Saturday, July 12, 2014

8:00 A.M.—Noon	Registration - - -	Out Side Virginia Room
8: A.M.	Opening Session - - -	Virginia/Maryland Room
	Call to Order - - -	Debra Fox, Department President
	Invocation - - -	Tammy Workman, Department Chaplain
	Pledge of Allegiance - -	Rita Alley Americanism Chairman
	National Anthem - - -	JoAnn Hastings, Music Chairman
	Preamble - - -	Dede Kelly, Constitution & Bylaws Chrm.
8:15 A.M.	Recess For Joint Session	Grand Theatre
9:00 A.M.	Memorial Service - -	Tammy Workman Department Chaplain
		Eight District Presidents
9:30 A.M.	Greetings - - - - -	Frank Nicholson Department Commander
		Rocky Fox, SAL Commander
945 A.M.	Roll Call - - -	Paulette Anderson, Dept. Secretary/Treasurer
	Final Report of Resolutions Committee	Rita Alley Chairman
	Final Report of Constitution & Bylaws	Dede Kelly, Chairman
	Report of Credentials Committee -	Mary Waybright, Chairman
	Report of Courtesy Resolutions	Peggy Swartz, Chairman
	Nomination & Election of Officers for 2014-2015	
	Election of Delegates & Alternates to National Convention	
	Ratification of District Presidents & District Vice Presidents	
12:00 Noon	Recess	
1:00 P.M.	Reconvene	
	Installation of Officers for 2014-2015	
	Closing Remarks - - -	Debra Fox, Department President
	Retirement of Department Colors	
3:00 P.M.	Convention Adjourned	
	Post Everlasting Service	
4:00 P.M.	Auxiliary Post Executive Board Meeting	Virginia/ Maryland Room
7:00 P.M.	Department Commander & Department President's Banquet	
9:30 P.M.	Karaoke by Pam	Grand Ballroom

7th Annual
Department of West Virginia
Junior American Legion Auxiliary
Meeting

Agenda

8:30- 9:00 am	Registration
9:00-9:45 am	Icebreaker Team Building
9:45- 10:15	Call to Order Invocation Pledge of Allegiance National Anthem Preamble Special Guests
10:15- 10:45 am	Junior Activity & Craft
10:45- 11:15 am	Election of Honorary Officers
11:15- 12:00 pm	2014 Plan of Works Department Junior Auxiliary Member of the Year
12:00- 1:00 pm	LUNCH and Door Prizes
1:00- 2:00 pm	Department Special Project
3:00-3:45 pm	Installation of 2014-2015 Honorary Junior Officers

Past President Luncheon

Friday July 11, 2014

Pullman Plaza Hotel Huntington

Cost—\$17.00

Menu

Boneless Southern Fried Chicken Breast
Chef's Selection of Vegetables
Salad Dessert
Coffee Iced Tea Water

Reservation Deadline _____ July 1, 2014

Make checks payable to: ALA Department Treasurer

Mail reservations and check to: Vickie Luttrell
Department Convention Chairman
205 Merrywood Drive
Berkeley Springs WV 25411

Unit Name and Number _____

Number Attending (include list of names) _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Name _____

Allergies: Please List beside Name

You may add more names on a separate list of paper if necessary.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO STANDING RULES

Present Reading of Standing Rule #4:

The sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) a year be allowed for membership prizes, an itemized statement to be filed by the Department Chairman at the close of the year.

DELETE STANDING RULE #4

Rationale for change:

Standing Rule #4 has erroneous information.

Standing Rule #4 needs to be updated to comply with Recommendations of Finance Committee 2013-2014.

New Standing Rule #4 outlines the complete membership program of the Department of West Virginia.

New Standing Rule #4 encompasses Standing Rule #20 which would be deleted.

Proposed Reading of new Standing Rule #4

(a) The sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) a year shall be allowed for membership prizes (established by the Department), an itemized statement to be filed by the Department Secretary-Treasurer at the close of the year.

(b) The Department shall purchase GOAL banners not to exceed \$125.00.

(c) The Membership Chairman shall be allowed \$200 for expenses, postage, supplies, door prizes etc. with receipts to be submitted to the Department Secretary-Treasurer.

(d) The incoming Department Membership Chairman shall attend the **Department Leadership National Conference** and present her program/plan at the post Department Executive Committee meeting. In the event she wishes to make changes or add awards for membership, she shall present any requests to the Finance Committee and Department Executive Committee for consideration.

Present Reading of Standing Rule #20:

Department shall purchase GOAL banners not to exceed \$125.00.

DELETE STANDING RULE #20

Rationale for change: Standing Rule #20 incorporated in Standing Rule #4.

Presented by: Shirley Davis Cerado-Kenova Unit 93

Shirley Davis, Department Finance Chairman 2013-2014

Betty Ree, Finance Committee Member 2013-2014

Irene Weber, Finance Committee Member 2013-2014

Policy & Procedure Book, Page 15, Paragraph 5

CURRENT READING: DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SHALL ATTEND AWARENESS ASSEMBLY
At the Awareness Assembly, the Department President shall attend all sessions.
(Recommendation of Finance Committee #6, 2002)

PROPOSED CHANGE: Add Department Secretary

REASON FOR CHANGE: Recommendation by Department Finance Committee 2013.

PROPOSED NEW READING OF POLICY AND PROCEDURES:

At the Awareness Assembly, the Department President and Department Secretary shall attend all sessions. (Recommendation of Finance Committee, September 14, 2013)

Submitted by:

Paula Booth, Policy & Procedure Committee Chairman

Susan Wade, Member

Tammy Workman, Member

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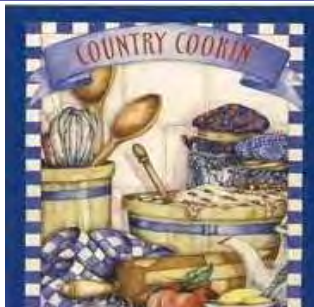
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