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Tammy Workman



Standing Strong For Our Veterans & Sewing a Better Tomorrow



Hello everyone and Happy Autumn!

I wish to thank those of you who attended the Fall Workshop. I hope you found it informative and I wish you units a very productive year. I wish to thank all of you who did presentations and those who worked to help make this workshop a success. It was a wonderful surprise to see so many members repressing the theme. Our PDPs were wearing their cameos, the members of Fifth District wore branded aprons and straw hats and I noticed all of the pretty quilted tops, jackets and purses that several of you were wearing. Always remember these are your workshops and conferences. The themes are meant to be inspiring and motivating so you can add a little fun to the hard work we do.

The membership team did a fantastic job. Thank you "Seamstress," Debbie, "Farmerette," Lisa, "Rosie the Riveter," Rhonda and all of our "Lady Patriots." With our National Goal approaching our membership is a little more challenging but "We Can Do It!!!" It's going to be tough but with team work we've got this, Right? Of course we do! We're the American Legion Auxiliary. The Strategic Plan committee gave us the tools we need to cultivate and grow our "Victory Garden." If we work on those five steps then we'll also be able to preserve our membership.

I'd also like to also thank our Music Chairman, Kitty for writing such an uplifting song for us. Remember to take up her challenge. Thanks are also given to our junior members for all of their work. They made cards and ornaments for our veterans, and they helped with the purse auction for my special project, which raised \$1,207.00 for the Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy.

I plan to attend all of the District conferences this year. If I miss you this Fall I'll catch you in the spring. Remember this isn't my year it is **our** year and we are going to have a great one! If anyone wants tickets for the homecoming on October 22nd please let me know.

For God and Country
Tammy Workman
President



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Mission Statement

In the spirit of service, not self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

We need to repeat this Mission Statement At each meeting after we say our “Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary”.

Spirits: articles are due into Department the *15th of each month*. Spirit is emailed/mailed by the 20th of each month. If it falls on a weekend then it will be sent on Monday of the next week. **Please limit your article to 200 words or less. No addition clipart as the Publisher keeps crashing with too much clipart and I have to redo ALL of it as it won't print out.**

Membership: National is honoring our “new” women veterans again this year. Please remember to put “Honor Our Female Veterans” at top of application. If a member is rejoining, I don't need an application sent in. You may want one for your records to make sure she is still eligible. If you do send one in, write either “rejoin” or her ID number on the application so she won't be listed as a new member in the system. **Any dues besides 2017 dues are considered “back dues”. Please put in the area designated for back dues on your transmittal. Please don't send in 2016 transmittals to pay 2016 dues.**

Online payments: *You may now pay online by telephone and pay multiple members if you wish, by credit card only. #317-569-4536.*

Remember: *Your Department President is ex-officio of all chairmanships. If she attends one of your sessions, it is because of this. So if you have any meetings coming up or plans she needs to be aware of please let her know BEFORE.*

At the Membership Workshop I went over the forms that needed to be filled out by Units each year. Some members played with their phones, as it didn't pertain to them personally, some members kept saying they sent it in and even had copies.

The reason this was done:

I HAVEN'T BEEN GETTING THESE FORMS EACH YEAR.

This is responsibility that each Unit President, and Membership Chairman have. If your President, or Membership Chairman wasn't there, then it was your responsibility to make sure they understood. If you have been sending in the paper work each year, THANK YOU!!!

Dates To Remember

6th District Fall Conference
Gary Unit #38
September 24th
Raymonds Restaurant
Welch WV
Registration 9:00-10:00

4th District Fall Conference Joint
September 25th
New Haven Post #140
Registration 9:00-10:00

3rd District Fall Conference Joint
Jane Lew Post #166
October 15th
Registration 9:00-10:00

5th District Fall Conference Joint
October 22nd
Barboursville Post #177
Registration 9:00-10:00

1st District Fall Conference
October 23rd
Chester Unit #121
Registration 9:00-10:00

9th District Fall Conference Joint
October 29th
Belington Post #29
Registration 9:00-10:00
**Auxiliary will meet at Senior Citizens Center
Lunch at the Fellowship Hall with the Legion**

Commander Sherman Baxa
Homecoming
October 15th
Moose Lodge Buckhannon
25 N. Kanawha Street
Social Hour 5:30 Dinner 6:30

President Tammy Workman & Detachment Commander
Steve Wright
Homecomings
October 22nd
Marne Post #28
New Martinsville
340 Main Street
Social Hour 5:00-6:00
Dinner 7:00

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"Timeless Reflections We Can Do It"



Membership Chairman

Hello Members,

So many things are going through my mind to tell all of you I'm not sure where to start. First I'll try to convey the changes that the National organization has set into motion. For several years now we've been able to pay our dues online. Now we can pay our dues by calling the National office. Currently only Master Card or Visa Card can be used. Now new members may join online. This process seems to be fairly easy. After the application is completed there is a place for a sworn statement as to the eligibility of the applicant. After a call from our Central Division Membership Chairman I have a better understanding of the process. The new member is put in the Department holding unit and then will transfer to a unit of their choice. This is the NEW information I received; the unit CAN ask for a copy of eligibility from the online applicant.

This doesn't include transfers from a unit but ONLY online applicants. Some of this information didn't get reported at our Fall Workshop mainly because it wasn't explained as clearly as it could have been while I was at the National Convention.

This week our comparison from national looks a little better than last week. We are seventy-five (75) members less than last year this time. Most of the renewal statements were sent out September 15, 2016 from the National office. The new membership cards have been in the units hands since July. It's not necessary to wait for your statement to pay your membership for next year. If you're really committed to this organization there is no reason to wait.

September 15 the 30% "Button" report looking better than last month's report. This time we have eight (8) units with 30% or better and at least 2 units have 60% membership. We also have way too many "0's". All unit officers should all have their membership renewed no later than November 1st.

For God and Country,
Debbie Fox

Department 1st Vice President

Hello Farmeretts,

Well fall workshop is behind us for this year and plan of works are out. Please ladies the workshop is for your benefit and we asked members to write down at the end of the work shop what they liked, didn't like, want to see more of and we only received 3. So please let me know what you want to see more of or less of so we can plan and hopefully provide you with what you need and want and hopefully get more to attend.

Congratulations to those units that met their first few buttons. I have certificates to those units that were not at workshop and will have them with me for conferences. Speaking of conferences, I am currently planning on 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 10th. I am unable to make 6th and 4th and not yet sure about 9th. Keep working towards your buttons and Farmeretts, let's stay ahead of the Rosie's.

Districts are not going to challenge each other this year due to the uneven numbers. So District Vices will work with Units to Challenge each other during your conferences. Ladies make it fun.

Remember, all Unit officers dues should be paid by Nov. 1.

Hope to see many at the fall conferences.

Bless our Veterans

Lisa Cadwallader

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Department 2nd Vice President

Hello Rosie Riveters,

We had a wonderful Workshop and collected the tools we need to use throughout this year. Now it is time for us to get busy and really focus on getting our membership up.

At this time I want to throw out a big "WOO-HOO" to Pickens Unit #122 and Tyler County Unit #48 for the terrific job you are doing with building your membership and expanding your units. Keep up the great work!!!! Also I want to Thank Holly Adams for the great job she is doing in District 1 for contacting her units and giving me the updated information I need.

For our other units in Districts 1,4,6,and 9 lets pick up the step and build our numbers so we can meet our next buttons.

If anyone has questions or need any help, then please contact me I am here for you all.

I hope to visit several places this fall and talk with some wonderful ladies.

Until next time get your tools out and hammer away!!!!

God Bless and For Service Not Self,
Rhonda Best
2nd Vice President



1st District Vice President

Hello Ladies

It was great to see everyone at the officers training and the Department Fall Executive Board meetings.

I am eager to be working along with Districts 1, 4, 6 and 9 on membership and getting the "Rosie the Riveters" strong with membership and increasing our numbers.

Again I will be in touch with all units in District # 1 monthly to check in and see how we are all doing. Please feel free to reach out and contact me with any questions or if I can assist in any way.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Fall District Conference in Chester Unit #121 on October 23, 2016.

Until Next Month

Take Care and God Bless

Holly Adams

1st District Vice

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5th District Vice President

Hello Ladies,

I just got back from the fall workshop in Bridgeport; it was good to see everyone. Membership is down in the fifth district. We will need to work together so we can get our membership back up. I know its hard work but we can do it. Please don't hold dues, get them out as so as you can.

God Bless.

JoAnn Hastings

5th District

Vice President



New Designs in Spring Hats
THE DRESSMAKER
APRIL, 1906

6th District Vice President

Hello Ladies

Hope everyone is doing well.

It was a wonderful opportunity to be able to attend the National Convention.

It was a wonderful learning experience to be able to bring back the knowledge.

The workshop at Bridgeport this past weekend was all so wonderful and gave us much information. I am looking forward to our fall conference this year hosted by the ladies of Gary.

In other news our unit has signed up one senior and three junior members. We are planning a membership drive and Poppy Drive. We also plan to clean the American Legion Cemetery headstones as part of our Junior program.

The American Legion Post 32 recently celebrated its 96th birthday; we also remembered two Legion members that's celebrated their 91st birthday with dinner and cake.

Take care and stand strong may God bless each and everyone of you.

Kathy M. Bailey

Vice President

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1st District President

Hello Everyone,

Fall Workshop was this past weekend in Bridgeport, WV. Our District VPs did a nice job dressing up as Rosie the Riveters' and the Farmerettes.

We all have work ahead of us to get membership up. All unit officers should have their membership paid by no later than November 1, 2016. The purse auction, once again, was a lot of fun and monies raised from the auction went to President Tammy's project, Mountaineer ChallenGe. I want to thank the young cadets in attendance from the Mountaineer ChallenGe program for answering all our questions and informing us about the program.

Just a reminder, 1st District Fall Conference is on Sunday, October 23rd Chester Unit #121 is the host of the 2016 Fall Conference. I hope all those who can plan to attend the conference.

Stephanie Handley

1st District President

10th District Vice President

Hello ladies

We had a good meeting at the Fall Conference and we learned a lot of things.

We are doing the challenges between Units instead of districts this year.

I want to thank those who have given me your membership chairmen names, I will be contacting you.

Here are the challenges
Romney #91 to Charlestown #71
Berkeley Springs #60 to Martinsburg #14
Capon Bridge #137 to Moorefield #64
Ridgeley #136 to Petersburg #78
Franklin #30 to Charlestown #102
Paw Paw #134 to Keyser #152
Kirby #134 to Piedmont # 52

Highest percentage over all prior to Spring Conference

Rejoins

New Members

Juniors

Renewals

The loser pays \$25.00 to President Tammy's Special Project Mountaineer Challenge Academy.

Thank you

Sharon Kauffman

10th District Vice

3rd District President

Saturday, September 10th was Fall Workshop, District 3 had only 3 Units present. I wish more Units had been there. It was a very informative Workshop. All Chairman handed out Plan of Works. Those that wasn't there I mailed out the Plan of Works today.

It is difficult to put everything in words what went on, so Please be at Fall Conference we will try to bring up everything that went on.

Registration forms for Third District Fall Conference will go out this coming week. It will be held at Jane Lew at the Post. Cost will be \$10.00, made payable to Jane Lew Unit 166.

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

God Bless Us All

Carla Wilfong

4th District President

Hello my Auxiliary Sisters!

I do apologize; I didn't make it to Workshop this year. Have been slightly under the weather and went on an already planned vacation, which was very good for me to catch up on some rest. I have all the packets for units that did not make it either this year and will be handing these out at 4th District Fall Conference September 25 at New Haven. I commend Unit 15 for attending Workshop.

If you have not made your reservations for conference please do so immediately, as Unit 140 needs a meal count.

As you already know the new Tyler County Unit 48 is up and running. Proud to let you know they have sold 44 of the leftover cook books.

Hope everyone is working hard on membership renewals and recruits. If any of you would care to do a unit report at conference, please feel free to have these prepared to give during our meeting. Also please keep 4th District Secretary/Treasurer in your prayers as Alice continues her battle, she will not be with us during conference.

I remind any chairmen reporting to keep it brief and on point, giving information to guide all units. I look forward to see ALL units represented at New Haven. Have a safe trip! Until then .. Service Not Self.

For God and Country,
Cathy D. Post
4th District President



5th District President

Hope those who attended the Fall Leadership Conference had a great time. There was a wealth of information presented to the units. I will have information presented at the Fall Conference for those who were unable to attend.

5th Fall Conference will be held on Saturday, October 22nd at Barboursville #177. Registration will be from 9:00 – 10:00 with the meeting starting at 10:00. The cost is \$10.00 per person. I hope every unit in the 5th District will be there. There will be lots of information available for both individuals and the units. Not to mention loads of fun and fellowship.

As of the Leadership Conference the 5th District has less members than any other District in the Department. Turn in the membership as soon as you receive it. **DO NOT HOLD DUES.** Member benefits do not begin until dues are received by department and the national organization. It is not fair to those members if you do not send them in promptly. For those of you who do, thank you. See you in Barboursville on the 22nd of October.

Beth Kilgore
5th District President



6th District President

Hello

Fall is on it's way hope everyone had a great Summer. To start off with I want all Units in Sixth District not to forget our Fall District Conference which will be on Saturday, September 24, 2016. This conference is being hosted by Gary Unit 38. This meeting will be at Raymond's Restaurant located at 24 McDowell Street, Welch. This luncheon will be DUTCH treat. Registration is from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM; hope to see members from all our Units present, and inviting anyone from other Units that would like to attend you would be very welcome if you would like to attend.

Would like to let every one know that Helen Schuler from Gary Unit 38 is now living at the Haven, 2205 New Hope Road, Princeton, WV 24739, if anyone would like to send her a card or you may call her at 304-487-1927, she would enjoy hearing from everyone.

Looks like Beckley Unit 32 has been busy cleaning the American Legion Cemetery headstones. They also had a dinner for two veterans that celebrated their 91st birthday, they are also planning a membership and Poppy drive in October. Welch Unit 8 is still busy cooking for the 40/8 Voiture one a month and also cooking every Monday for bingo. Gary Unit 38 has been busy getting ready for the Fall Conference. Have not heard from Bluefield # 9 but sure they have been busy. I am sure that everyone is working on membership I am sure Kathy our new District Vice President will have a lot to talk about on membership at the Fall Conference.

Please keep all of our Veterans in our prayers. So until next time I will say good night and God Bless each and everyone.

Peggy Swartz
6th District President



Chaplain

Hope everyone is doing well.

We have several members who need some prayers. Let me know if anyone in your unit needs a card sent.

We have mailed cards out to Leona Kidwell and Betty Burton.

Remember to send me prayers, poems, etc. for President Tamala's Prayer book.

As each of us gives our own thanks according to our personal persuasions, let us dwell on some thoughts that bind us together:

We are blessed with friends and laughter and fun

With rain that's as soft as the light from the sun ---

We are blessed with stars to brighten each night You've given us help to know wrong from right -- You've given us so much please, Lord give us too, A heart that is always Grateful to you."

Amen.

*An Irish Prayer. Tim Creedon PDG
Rotary Club of Phoenix*

Sharon Kauffman
Chaplain
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Remembering Our Friends

Betty Burton, PDP, fell about a month ago and broke her pelvis on both sides. She is in a Rehab Center in Winchester.

Cards may be sent to Betty:

*Betty Burton, PDP
Ever Green
380 Millwood Ave #2218
Winchester VA 22601*

Alice Detore, PDP, is in ICU in Elkins for respiratory failure, congestive heart failure, and pneumonia along with her AFib. If you would like to send her a card, send them to her home at: Alice Detore, PDP

*714 1/2 Gorman Ave.
Elkins WV 26241*

and her daughter will deliver them to her.

Please keep these auxiliary sisters in our prayers and thoughts.



Legislative

It was nice to talk with the Auxiliary Members attending Fall Workshop. We distributed Plan of Works. Five minutes is not enough time to discuss what you need to know.

Please subscribe to the Legion's Legislative Action Alerts: you can go on [Legislative Action Center | The American Legion](#) to subscribe. You will get an alert when something is coming up to be voted on.

Please subscribe to the Legions [Legislative Update at Legislative Center | The American Legion](#) Here you will stay informed on veteran and military legislative issues.

Both of these web sites are very important and informative. If you need my help, please contact me.

God Bless Us All
Carla Wilfong

Community Service

I would like to thank President Tamala for the appointment of Community Service Chairmen.

I hope everyone in their units and members are keeping track of your activities. This will help with your mid reports and also end of year reports. Pictures also would be great.

Remember our Veterans and their families. Please remember President Tamala's Special Project Mountaineer ChallenGe Academy.

Remember when volunteering to wear your badge or shirt to show you are with the American Legion Auxiliary

Thank You
Sharon Kauffman
Community Service

Historian

*We are not makers of history. We are made by history. –
Martin Luther King, Jr.*

We do have the responsibility to keep a record of what we do for those that will follow. Your unit minutes are a record of your history, but more is needed. Photos, newspaper clippings, details of a program or project, and the names of officers and chairmen are just a few items of history that needed to be saved for our future members. Can you imagine the delight of a member in 2030 seeing their grandmother's name in some of the documents in your unit's archives? It could inspire her to be a better and more active auxiliary member.

My Program Action Plan for Historian was distributed at the Fall Workshop. I hope that it will be given to each unit Historian. If anyone has a question, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am available to help whenever I can.

The new National Historian is Coral M. Grout from Massachusetts was elected at National Convention.

I hope that each Historian and unit member is keeping a notebook of notes on the programs, project, and events done during this year. It will be a great help in April when you start compiling the History for your unit. Remember to include the activities of your Junior members and urge the Junior group to submit a history to department. Please keep a history even though you feel you do not want to submit it to department. Your unit and its members need to have a record of all they accomplish each year.

I look forward to working with each of you this year. Let keep our History alive for those that follow.

Ann Buchanan
Historian



Americanism

Encourage members to vote!!! Encourage members to support the amendment to protect the United States flag from desecration. The amendment currently reads, "The Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States."

Recruit others to support the flag amendment by explaining what it is and why it is important!

Each Unit should encourage members to contact state and federal representatives, asking them to support the flag amendment.

Encourage members to participate in Get Out the Vote and Kids Voting USA Campaigns. Take your children or grandchildren with you when you go to vote!! They are never to young to learn. Guidelines: www.legion.org/vote and www.kidsvotingusa.org

Susan Wade
Americanism Chairman



Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Hello Ladies

It was great to see everyone at the workshop in Bridgeport.

The AEF was established in 1969 through a bequest from the Estate of Helen Colby Small to help auxiliary members who had suffered a financial setback: in 1981 educational grants were included.

Any auxiliary member is eligible for assistance if she has been a member for three years (current year dues paid, plus the previous two years). She may receive up to \$2400 and may be disbursed as determined by the grant committee. Payment can be paid directly to the member, or mortgage company or utility company. Educational grants will be paid directly to the educational institution.

Grant applications may be gotten through the office of the Department Secretary or online at

<http://www.alaforveterans.org/>

All information on the applications is confidential. No information will be release or disclosed to any other organization.

Each Unit should appoint an AEF chairman, who is responsible for publicizing the program. All members should be assured that assistance is provided in a quiet, personal manner, free from embarrassment.

All Units area urged to support the AEF by having a fund raiser of some kind. All donations or contributions to the AEF are tax-exempt.

Margaret Yost
Chairman
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Constitution & Bylaws

Plan of Works was distributed at the Fall Workshop, this past weekend. If your Unit was not there your District President should have them.

If your Unit has not reviewed or changed their Constitution and By-laws please do so now. Be sure to change Article IV ELIGIBILITY; Section I should read as follows: Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary shall be limited to the grandmothers, mothers, sister, wives, and direct and adopted female descendants of The American Legion, and to the grandmothers, mothers, sisters, wives, and direct and adopted female descendants of all men and women who were in the Armed Forces of the United States during any of the following Periods:

When you have revised your Constitution and By-laws please send to me. If you need my help, please call me at 304-592-0247 or you can e-mail me at carlajwilfong@yahoo.com

God Bless Us All
Carla Wilfong

Junior Activities

Thanks to everyone who brought the Juniors to Fall Workshop this past weekend.

We had six members attending, three were new members which was great to see more units bringing their Juniors.

The Juniors did Christmas Cards for our Veterans Hospitals and Nursing home, Juniors also made Christmas Ornaments for the Veterans. plus making ornaments for themselves.

I would really love more Juniors helping within their Units.

Juniors are our tomorrow Auxiliary.

God Bless,
Kelli A Immel
Junior Activities

Education

Hello Ladies,

School is now back in session most places. If you have not done a Give 10 for education or a school supply drive now would be a great time to do so. The give 10 program is supplying 10 items in a back pack for a child in need. Most schools provide listing of supplies that each child needs. School counselors know which children are in need. School supply drives can be done as a unit or in partner with other groups. American Education Week (Nov. 14 – 18) presents all Americans with a wonderful opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education. National offers a card that can be printed and used. <https://www.alaforveterans.org/Resources/#Education>

Now, is also the time to fundraise for the scholarship programs offered by your unit, and our department.

Lisa Cadwallader
LisaC.ALA71@Gmail.com
Education Committee Member

VOLUNTEER

Some may ask, "Why volunteer
And give up my free time?
For all that work and trouble
And not get paid a dime?"

Is it a shame people feel so
About helping one another,
When needed, people should help
As they would a sister or brother.

Think of it, no one to help
When some day you're in need -
You'll be wishing for one
To do for you a good deed.

When you're asked to help
Think of what I have said
Be first to ask "What can I do?"
Be a leader, don't be led

Carol Moeller Edwards

Leadership

Ladies, we just returned from a wonderful Fall Workshop. I hope that you have taken the time to organization all the information you received at the Fall Workshop and are preparing to share with your other unit members. The information from fourteen (14) department chairmen was shared at the Round Tables and now you need to share with the local chairmen that were not in attendance. As we prepare for our programs and projects, they need the information to be able to make each program area a success.

L -- Leaders are everywhere so give them the opportunity to succeed.

E -- Educate your members on our programs.

A -- Accept thoughts and ideas from your members.

D -- Donate your time and energy before asking others to do the same.

E -- Expect success with a smile.

R -- Respect everyone.

I placed in each District Presidents' file folder a copy of the meaning of our Preamble. I hope that it will be shared at each district meeting. You may want to include how and when it was written (a little research may be needed).

I am very excited about the ALA Academy. I am hoping to get more information at the Mission Training in October and I will pass it on as soon as I get it. Our future depends on our members and our members depend on our leaders.

Here is your monthly quiz:

A3: Central Division has nine (9) states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, West Virginia, and Wisconsin

A4: 7 Central Division VP from WV: Mrs. B.D. Ward, Mrs. Earl Davis, Mrs. James Williams, Shirley Davis, Betty Rea, Irene Weber, and Lynda Lancaster.

Q5: How many ALA districts does WV have? Name them.

Q6: Who is eligible to run for District Vice President?

*"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant." —
Robert Louis Stevenson*

Ann Buchanan
Leadership Chairman

Scrapbook

Thank you President Tammy for entrusting me with your Scrapbook. Your theme this year will make this a fun book to work on!

District Presidents, a challenge for you! Send me 2 pictures from your Fall Conference within a week of the date it is held – be sure at least one of them includes President Tammy if she attends your conference. I will be asking you to do the same for Spring Conferences. All Districts who send me 2 pictures within one week of each conference will receive a small gift from me at the 2017 State Convention. Please include information with these and any other pictures you send me (date/place, etc.).

Don't forget to have your Public Relations chairman send me any articles you publish or pictures you take this year that includes information on Tammy's travels and activities. Pictures can be sent to me three different ways – printed copies by mail, electronic file by email, or post to the Department's Facebook page and tag me.

Help me make Tammy's scrapbook a true journal of her year!

Dede Kelly'
Scrapbook Chairman
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Children & Youth



It is that time of year when there will be ghost and goblins, super heroes and villains, prince and princesses collecting candy from parties in the neighborhood, school, community, and many post homes. Now is the time to get in touch with the elementary schools in your community about distributing brochures titled *Make Halloween a Fun and Safe Night*. Give Betty a call (317-630-1323) at the National Legion headquarters and she will get those sent out to you. Just let her know how many you need. This brochure has a wealth of information about how to have a safe trick or treat and the best part is IT IS FREE!!!

Hope those who attended the Fall Leadership Conference had a great time. There was so much information presented.

I hope you got your Children & Youth Program Action Plan. Let me know if you did not and I can email it to you. For those units unable to make the workshop, your District President should have your copy for distribution at you Fall Conferences.

It is not too early to be thinking about a special project to conduct during Children & Youth month in April. Doesn't have to be a big project but what can you do to honor children?

Beth Kilgore, Chairman

Child Welfare Foundation

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.

Once again we want to fatten up the pig. Unfortunately, I do not have any pigs to distribute but you can use one from past years or any container to put loose change into. As you can see our pig is pretty skinny right now. Let's see if we can fatten him up before Mid-Winter Conference in February. Start saving your change now!!

National Security

You can support the families of service members and check and see if they have a Banner to display in window to honor their service members.

There is financial assistance should they inquire. This is through the American Red Cross Armed Forces 1-877-272-7337. The A.R.C. can help in so many different ways and in any disaster. We will touch on that through out the year.

Our National Security accommodates many featured areas for the United States.

Everyone can help if able to donate blood

The Community Emergency Response Training; also known as CERT.

Help make emergency kit and plan that are available in your Area. All communities are different. One example: Will alarms sound when a flood, or snow storm hit your area.

Juniors can help prepare kits for children so they feel safe when something takes place and they are afraid. These are only a few items that you can do as a member and/or unit.

These need to be included in your reports that you send to me in by December 21, 2016.

How the Blue/Gold Star Banners were presented. How many did you present of each.

How many MIA families recognized if you were aware the remains had been returned to the family.

Should you have a welcome/ home event? How did you present the Service member (s). How many? When service member (s) moved to a new location did you put them in touch with American Legion Post and American Legion Auxiliary. How many and where? National Security does not only mean war. Other areas are floods, snow, wind, illness and many others that can cause disasters. I will be covering them also.

Bit of history: July 26, 1947 President Harry S. Truman signed the National Security Act. This became one of the most important pieces of legislation of the cold war. This Act was framework for the foreign policymaking.

God Bless America
Thank you
Sharon Glassford

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

It was good to see many of you at the Workshop in Bridgeport. I placed the Veterans Affairs Plan of Action in the folders for each unit with the exception of the Fifth District, which I will bring to District Conference as I did not have enough copies for all units.

In the Plan of Action, I want to bring one thing to your attention, which is timely. It is the "**VAVS Volunteer of the Year Award**," which must be submitted to the National Rep by November 1, 2016. It must be written by the Chief of Voluntary Service and sent to me to be submitted to the National Deputy for her to receive by November 1st. This is awarded to the nominee who has given extraordinary service to veterans thru the ALA VA&R and VAVS Program. Must be a regularly scheduled volunteer in a VA assignment. Must be actively involved in anyone of the following areas: outpatient clinics, nursing homes, homeless veterans programs, hosted veterans-related functions outside the VA, or visited veterans confined homes (as assigned by VAVS).

If you have someone that qualifies, please have your VA write and submit to me, so I can get to National person by November 1st.

Mary Waybright
V A & R

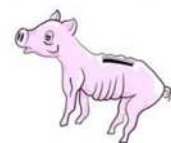
Public Relations

Hello Ladies,

Public Relations are who we are, the job we do, and why we matter.

We strengthen our name and that makes us more appealing to potential members who will recognize our common traits. To help in the aid of our members and their families.

God Bless
JoAnn Hastings
Public Relations Chairman



Ways & Means

Thanks to the units who picked up the 2017 Ways & Means tickets, from the workshop!

I am mailing tickets to those units who weren't able to attend. Please try to sell as many as you can, so I can report at State convention in July that ALL Units and Districts sold tickets this year.

We want to try to surpass our 701 tickets sold and I know we can if we just take a little extra effort to push the tickets.

We have had several winners this year, and some have won more than twice!! So you see it can be done!!

Congratulations to the 2016 August winners!

Until next month!

Paulette Anderson
Ways & Means Chairman

2016 Convention Report

*Total number of Delegates and Alternates registered was 89

*Total number Checked in was 77

*Total number of Guest checked in and paid 11

**Giving total of 88.

*42 attended the Past Presidents Luncheon Money collected \$180.00. Turned in to the Dept. Secretary.

*Total registration money turned in for 11 Guests was

\$220.00 Plus (\$100.00 start up money)

*50/50 Raffle was sold and Total collected was \$266.00 Winner was Lynn Rose of Berkeley Springs Unit 60; \$133.00 to the Winner and \$133.00 to the Dept. Secretary. Plus (start up money of \$55.00)

Thanks to all who helped with the registration and all who helped to make another successful Convention.

This is my Report.

Vickie Luttrell
Dept. Convention Chairman

August Ways and Means Winners

Winner	Number	City	State	Date	Amount
Phyllis Peters	395	Romney	WV	8/1/2016	\$25.00
Charlotte Meade	140	Fairmont	WV	8/2/2016	\$25.00
Bill Estep	611	Clarksburg	WV	8/3/2016	\$25.00
Nick Klug	381	Proctor	WV	8/4/2016	\$25.00
Tom Hicks	231	Moundsville	WV	8/5/2016	\$25.00
	563			8/6/2016	
Nora Michael	123	Shanks	WV	8/8/2016	\$25.00
Doan Wasson	179	Fort Ashby	WV	8/9/2016	\$25.00
Donald Peters	121	Romney	WV	8/10/2016	\$25.00
	660			8/11/2016	
Jim Hampton	314	Roderfield	WV	8/12/2016	\$25.00
	717			8/13/16	
Kathy Richardson	386	New Martinsville	WV	8/15/2016	\$25.00
Regis Grimm	928	Lakeview	OH	8/16/2016	\$25.00
	701			8/17/2016	
Karen Rolls	149	Keyser	WV	8/18/2016	\$25.00
Gala McCune	396	Delray	WV	8/19/2016	
	535			8/20/2016	
	544			8/22/2016	
Don Dillon	322	Anawalt	WV	8/23/2016	\$25.00
Erica Rice	183	Berkeley Springs	WV	8/24/2016	\$25.00
Bill Brown	421	Moundsville	WV	8/25/2016	\$25.00
	041			8/26/2016	
Will Chapman	519	Roderfield	WV	8/27/2016	\$25.00
Harold Plants	534	Ellicott	MD	8/29/2016	\$25.00
	017			8/30/2016	
Karen Sears	265	Shinnston	WV	8/31/2016	\$25.00



American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

Girls State Chairman

Hi Ladies,

Thank you for all you do for Girls State without you we would not have citizens participating in our program! Now, is the time for you to start working on securing funding from your outside sources: your local banks, businesses, other organizations to help send your girls to Girls State.

We had a great Fall Workshop and Girls State was presented at the round table forum. A lot of information was passed on in the short period of time. We had our Fall Board Meeting Friday evening, September 9 at the Bridgeport Days Inn. The District Board of Directors and Incorporators were voted on and officers were elected with: Director Michelle Sirbaugh, Assistant Director Dr. Rosemary Thomas, Registrar Ann Buchanan, Secretary Lynda Lancaster, Finance Officer Janice Gamedinger and were ratified by the Department Executive Committee Meeting on Saturday evening.

In 2018, the registration fee will be \$250 per citizen. The 2017 Session will continue at \$200 per citizen!

This year will be our 75th Anniversary Session for Rhododendron Girls State!!! Thank you ladies for your years of service and your commitment to this program; without you we wouldn't be where we are today!!!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact your district representative or if I can be of any assistance feel free to contact me at 304-676-3979 or email to LancasterL@aol.com

Lynda Lancaster
Girls State Chairman



Rhododendron Girls State

Representatives

1st Dist. — Susan Brown
2172 Grandview Rd.
Moundsville WV 26041
845-5122

3rd Dist. — Mary Jo Thomas
279 Rock Lake Road
Fairmont WV 26554
366-2912

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1307 23rd Street
Parkersburg WV 26101
422-1263

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721 10th Ave
Huntington WV 25701
525-5634

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

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215 N. Pinch Road
Elkview, WV 25071
965-3192

9th Dist. — Paula Booth
2031 River Road
Belington WV 26250
823-3251

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



Timeless Reflections "We Can Do It"



Button #2-- 15th—30%
Membership To Date—981 (10.96%)
Dept. Unit #200—23
Department Goal—8954



District 1			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	34		
Moundsville #3	373	44	11.80%
McMechen #5	76	30	39.47%
Weirton #10	85		
Cameron #18	238	13	5.46%
New Martinsville #28	171	52	30.41%
Wellsburg #34	40		
Follansbee #45	59	10	16.95%
Benwood #46	125	15	12.00%
Pine Grove #81	119		
Paden City #86	154	22	14.29%
Wheeling #89	48		
Newell #114	58		
Hundred #120	115		
Chester #121	200	19	9.50%
TOTALS	1895	206	10.82%



WWI
Farmetts
Goal—4055
To Date—530
(13.07 %)

District 3			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	73		
Grafton #12	33		
Clarksburg #13	187	93	49.73%
Shinnston #31	365	106	29.04%
Braxton Co. #33	41	13	31.71%
Philippi #44	46	10	21.74%
Bridgeport #68	63		
Jane Lew #166	52		
Morgantown #174	43		
TOTALS	903	222	24.59%

District 4			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	1027	128	12.46%
Spencer #21	82	12	14.63%
Pt. Pleasant #23	439		
Tyler County #48	17	9	52.44%
Sistersville #67	175		
Parkersburg #104	30		
New Haven #140	190	22	11.58%
Williamstown #159	218	5	2.29%
TOTALS	2178	176	8.08%



District 5			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Huntington #16	312	47	15.06%
Logan #19	29		
St. Albans #73	87		
Ceredo-Kenova #93	461		
South Charleston #94	34		
Hamlin #111	71	10	14.08%
Milton #139	92	12	13.04%
Barboursville #177	178		
TOTALS	1264	69	5.46%

District 6			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Welch #8	91		
Bluefield #9	38		
Beckley #32	54	9	16.67%
Gary #38	94	20	21.28%
TOTALS	277	29	10.47%



WWII
Rosie The Riveters
Goal—4812
To Date—428
(8.89 %)

District 9			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Elkins #29	220		
Cowen #62	59		
Lewisburg #69	81		
Belington #96	47		
Richwood #97	24		
Pickens #122	31	17	54.84%
TOTALS	462	17	3.68%

District 10			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	155	21	13.55%
Franklin #30	31		
Piedmont #52	41		
Berkeley Springs #60	260	18	6.92%
Moorefield #64	140		
Charles Town #71	314	74	23.57%
Petersburg #78	117		
Romney #91	319	50	15.67%
Charles Town #102	24	15	62.50%
Paw Paw #128	79		
Kirby #134	63		
Ridgeley #136	127		
Capon Bridge #137	153	20	7.65%
Keyser #152	67	41	61.19%
TOTALS	1890	239	12.65%

October 2016

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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9	10  <i>Columbus Day</i>	11	12	13	14 <i>Button #3 35%</i> →	15 <i>3rd Dist. Fall Conf. Post #166 Commander Homecoming</i>
16	17 <i>Spirit Articles Due</i>	18	19	20	21 <i>Spirit Out VA Checks Out</i>	22 <i>President's Homecoming</i>
23 <i>1st Dist Fall Conf. Chester Unit #121</i>	24	25	26	27	28	29 <i>9th Dist. Fall Conf. Belington Post #96</i>
30	31  <i>Halloween</i>					

Send me a video of your unit singing our membership song before Mid-Winter Conference and I will have
a gift for you at Mid-Winter!!

Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Music Chair

Email: kittyks2@comcast.net

Home: 304-525-4242 or Cell: 304-412-3649

Membership Song

(With apologies to our founding fathers!!)

This part is sung to the tune of “Yankee Doodle Went to Town”

We Ladies Aid Societies
Will keep our Hope Chest loaded,
Help our Seamstress work real hard
To show that WE CAN DO IT!!

We Rosies shall roll up our sleeves
And search to find new members.
We want our Quilt to be our pride
So more will want to join us!

We Farmerettes will work real hard
To keep our Units growing.
With our Lady Patriots
We’ll guide our members serving!

Our Daughters of Liberty learn right
To be good future leaders.
Help us grow up to be smart
Then we can be the teachers!

This part is sung to the tune of “I’m a Yankee Doodle Dandy”

**We are proud Auxiliary members,
Membership is do or die!!
We work to serve our vet’rans every day,
Grateful for what they have done!
They served our country with great honor
Risking lives along the way.
Our Farmerettes and Rosies join
The pieces of our quilt.
We are the Auxiliary!!



Department President
 Tammy Workman
 2016-2017



Detachment Commander
 Steve Wright
 2015-2017



Homecoming Celebration

Saturday, October 22nd, 2016



Location: American Legion Post 28 New Martinsville, WV

Social Hour 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Dinner at 7:00 pm

Menu:

Choice of Pot Roast / or/ Baked Ham
 Salad, Baked pota to, green beans, hot roll,
 coffee, iced tea, and cake

Tickets \$20.00



Entertainment by: The Backwoods Boogie Grass Band

from 8:00 - 11:00 pm

For Tickets contact,

Tammy Workman
 P.O.Box 63,
 Reader, WV. 26167
 Phone: 304-815-2308

Lodging in New Martinsville

Holiday Inn - \$89.00 + tax phone, 304-455-0033

(Rooms released October 1st).

Microtel Inn - \$99.00 + tax phone, 304-455-6223

(Rooms released on October 7th)

Mention ALA President,, Tammy Workman





Department of West Virginia

2016-2017 Commander's Homecoming

October 15, 2016

The Homecoming Dinner for the 2016-2017 Department Commander Sherman W. BAXA, Jr, will be held on October 15, 2016 at Buckhannon Moose Lodge, 25 N. Kanawha Street, Buckhannon, WV .

Social Hour at 5:30 PM with dinner at 6:30 PM. Program to follow dinner.

Menu

**Roast Beef or Lasagna
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy
Green Beans/Corn
Salad
Hot Rolls/Garlic Bread
Dessert
Coffee, Tea, Water**

Tickets will cost \$20 (1 free bar drink will be included with ticket/cash bar will be available). Tickets will be available by August 8th.

Send reservation requests to:
Evelyn Murphy
81 Norvell Drive
Buckhannon, WV 26201
304-472-4837 or 304-614-8326
email: EvelynMurphy1796@msn.com

Hotel Rooms have been blocked at:

Microtel Inn & Suites, 40 Clarksburg Road, Buckhannon, WV
(WV Rt 20 North Exit off Corridor H)
The rate is \$89.00 + tax and includes a hot breakfast

Call 304-460-2525 for reservation – (Note for American Legion Homecoming)
Rooms will be released to public on October 8, 2016

WHO RECEIVES SPIRIT: Emailed to all **Unit Contacts** and any **Unit Officers** with an email address. It is emailed to **All Department Officers, Department Chairmen, District Presidents/Vice Presidents, Past Department Presidents** with emails. Spirits are posted monthly on the website: www.wvaux.org Unit Presidents **with no email contact** will receive a free copy.

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CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Cookbook sales are an ongoing project that will continue to put much needed dollars into the Veteran's Fund. Get your cookbooks today! Buy some as gifts! The recipes are the best kind – Tried & True!

Cookbooks are \$10.00 each plus \$4.00 (S & H)

If you buy 5 ALL AT ONCE then the 6th one is free!!

I want to purchase ___ cookbooks and have the cookbooks mailed to:

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

Mail to: ALA Department of West Virginia

1251 Doolin Run Road

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