



The Auxiliary Spirit



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American Legion Auxiliary
2017-2018
Department President
Lisa Cadwallader



Serve & Honor Those Who
Defend our Freedom While
Building Future Leaders



Hello Ladies,

I'm honored to have been elected as Department President and look forward to working with Department Commander Frank Cooley and Detachment Commander Matt Bland, as well as all the Department officers, District Officers, Chairman and Committee members and the entire American Legion Family. I wish everyone a successful year!

Our theme's, icons, colors, and flowers for the year:

Department Theme -Serve & Honor those who defend our Freedom
While Building Future Leaders

Membership Theme – Soaring High with Membership While Strengthening
our Culture of Goodwill

Icons: Dept. President – Angel of Hope, Districts 3,5,10 (1st Vice) – Doves, Districts 1,4,6 (2nd Vice)—Eagles, Dept. Officers – Starlings, District Vices – Catbird, Juniors – Robins, Past Dept. President's – Owls Members - Gulls.

You will hear more about what these symbolize at Fall Work Shop.

Colors & Flowers – Red Poppy represents the sacrifices & bloodshed, and since we may no longer have WV made poppies in years to come.

White Rose represents the purity of the young that had gone to war & peace

The goal on our Special Project is to put a dedication stone in the new National Cemetery, and another one in the State Veterans Cemetery. Additional money collected will be used to purchase a metal sign/marker in the old National Cemetery. These will be in Honor & Memory of all Veterans with the American Legion Family Logo. More details will be available at Fall Work Shop. Any additional money collected will go into the welfare fund to assist veterans.

Membership chairman will hit on this more but it is very important that every unit meet the first target. Your unit will be entered into a drawing for \$50 and our Department wins money. So please start now!

Let me finish by saying Tammy you had a good year given all the obstacles along the way. You hung in there and didn't give up, I'm proud of you for that. I know it's been really tough.

I am looking forward to us having a very successful year!!

Serve & Honor Veterans,
Lisa Cadwallader
LisaC.ALA71@gmail.com



Department Officers 2017-2018

President-Lisa Cadwallader
1st Vice President-Rhonda Best
2nd Vice President-Sharon Kauffman
Secretary/Treasurer-Paulette Anderson
Chaplain-Cathy Post
Historian-Kelli Immel

District Presidents

1st District-Stephanie Handley
3rd District-Carla Wilfong
4th District-Cathy Post
5th District-Beth Kilgore
6th District-Peggy Swartz
10th District-Sharon Kauffman

District Vice Presidents

1st District-Holly Adams
3rd District-Michelle Dambaugh
4th District-Nancy Sundstrom
5th District-JoAnn Hastings
6th District-Reba Honaker
10th District-Linda Schlicht

Department Headquarters

Mission Statement

In the spirit of service, not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and 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 our 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".

Mandatory Funds: to be a unit in good standing one of the obligations is paying your unit mandatory funds yearly, no later than July 31, 2017. If you are attending Department Convention to be seated as a delegate, then it is 30 days before Convention.

Mandatory Funds are: ***Bonding, Girls State Project, Education, Veterans 1st Fund, Poppies, and 10% proceeds.***

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.***

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 2017 transmittals to pay 2018 dues.

New Membership year will start August 1, 2017. You may then pay the 2018 year!

Membership cards: has been sent out to the new membership chairman. Please read the booklet as this will help you tremendously this year, especially if you are a NEW membership chairman. 2018 year membership starts August 1st, but you may continue collecting 2017 dues until December 31st. Please put them on the Back Dues section of your transmittal sheet.

Online Dues will start very soon. The membership chairman will receive an email from me giving you your credit for your unit, and instructions how to process this credit.

The first renewal notice will be out September 15th. If you have any questions regarding the membership processing this year, please call or email this office. I am here to help.

I do have a **five Poppy pins** left from convention. They are \$2.95 each.

Attention: Spirit Articles for September Spirit (due in August) will be due no later than August 25th due to National Convention. I will do Spirit on Monday the 28th to be mailed by 31st. Target Sheets will be done on the 15th as usual. VA Checks will be mailed out BEFORE I leave for convention August ONLY.

Dates To Remember

August 1, 2017

Can begin to send in 2018 year dues

August 18-24, 2017

*National Convention
Reno Nevada*

September 4, 2017

Labor Day

September 8-9 2017

*Fall Meetings, Fall Workshop/Dept.
Executive Board*

September 23, 2017

*10th District Fall Conference
(Joint) Capon Bridge Post #137*

September 24, 2017

*1st District Auxiliary Fall Conference
McMechen Unit #5*

September 30, 2017

*Department Commander
Frank Cooley's
Homecoming Welch Post #8*

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“Soaring High in Membership While Strengthening our Culture of Goodwill”

Membership Chairman

Welcome doves and eagles to the 2017-2018 American Legion Auxiliary year! Department President Lisa has dedicated a lot of time carefully selecting icons with noteworthy qualities that represent our membership and I look forward to expanding this theme throughout the year.

As your membership chairman, I plan to work collaboratively with the department membership team to recruit and retain members. I want to educate and assist districts and units on how to implement effective membership programs. Motivating all members to get involved in Auxiliary programs and making Auxiliary membership meaningful will be a priority. I also want to provide support to membership chairman at all levels through several communication outlets.

Our Department membership goal continues to increase this year even though membership is decreasing. Please don't let your Unit goal be overwhelming! Work your membership programs and reach for each target one at a time.

This year there will only be four membership targets and the first one is very important but should be easily attainable. All Units that reach Target 1 will be entered to win a \$50 cash award. There are other awards that individual members and Units will be able to earn and those will be elaborated on at the Fall Workshop. Goal Units will receive a newly designed goal ribbon that will be revealed in September.

Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend the Fall Workshop on September 9 to learn more about implementing an effective membership program!

I look forward to soaring high with membership while strengthening our culture of goodwill!

Heather Fauble
Membership Chairman

Department 1st Vice President

Hello Ladies,

I want to thank each one for electing as Department 1st Vice President for the year 2017-2018. I am honored and excited to work with our Department President Lisa Cadwallader, as well as the other Department Officers and Chairmen.

My districts this year are 3, 5, and 10. I will be contacting each of the District Vice Presidents within the next 2 weeks so we can get a jump start on membership.

I can tell you that our districts will be the “Doves” this year and each of our ladies will represent some type of bird. There will be more Information to give in the near future.

Let's SOAR HIGH!!!!

God Bless,
Rhonda Best
Dept. 1st Vice President



Department 2nd Vice President

Hello ladies:

Thank you for the 2nd Vice President.

I am looking forward to working with you and Department President Lisa Cadwallader.

I love working on Membership. We are the EAGLES Districts 1,4,6.

Thanks everyone for all the prayers during this time.

Sharon Kauffman
Dept. 2nd Vice President



GULLS

OUR MEMBERS

1st District President

Hello 1st District,

I hope those of you that attended Department Convention this past weekend had a good time and safe travels.

The new officers were installed both on District and Department level. Congrats to all the incoming District Presidents and 1st Vice Presidents and to all the Department officers. Looking forward to working with all of you this upcoming year.

Membership cards were picked up at convention or mailed out for the upcoming year. This will be a good time to reach out to members who have not paid for a while to get them to rejoin. And it is always a good time to bring in new members. Our work is never done.

I know we just finished with Convention and time always has a way of sneaking up on us, but start making plans to attend Fall Workshop in September. This is where you will learn of the plan of works for all standing committees for the upcoming year.

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Looking forward to many things this coming year. Let's make it great!

God Bless,
Stephanie Handley
1st District President
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1st District Vice President

Hello Ladies

It was a wonderful seeing everyone at our convention this past weekend in Huntington. A lot of good information was learned and I plan on using what I learned as Department 1st Vice President last year to further our membership and assist units in increasing our 2017-2018 membership.

Our organization is one I take great pride in and want to continue to work hard for us all to meet our goals this upcoming year.

I will be making monthly phone calls to unit membership chairman around the 11th or 12th of each month to see how they are doing and see if there is anything I can do to help out.

Please feel free to contact me anytime

Holly Adams
1st District Vice President
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3rd District President

The new year is beginning and I hope everyone is still working on membership.

Past Department President Tammy challenged everyone to sign up a new member or re sign up a delinquent member by the end of this year.

Dates to remember: September 9th is Fall Workshop all Units are urged to attend. Plan of Action will be handed out. We should receive information after National Convention.

Third District Conference date is yet to be announced.

Units that have not sent in list of new officers, do so now.

If any Unit needs my help, please call me at 304-592-0247 or you can e-mail me at carlajwilfong@yahoo.com If I am working, I will reply in the evening.

God Bless our Veterans
Carla Wilfong
3rd District President

4th District Vice President

Hello Fourth District,

As you know it is time to start collecting your Units 2018 Membership Dues.

Our new Department President Lisa Cadwallader,

Symbols this year is Different Breeds of Birds and as members of Fourth District we are Gulls " Responsible Behavior, Communication: all members are key to responsible behavior and communication".

New and current Membership Chairman, please don't hold your paid dues; mail them into our Department Secretary/Treasurer at 1251 Doolin Run Road, New Martinsville, W.V.26155 - 7808.

Hope to see members from all Units in Fourth District represented at the Fall Work Shop on September 9th in Bridgeport, WV. It is a great learning experience for everyone.

Remember to keep our Veterans and our Military Men and Women that are still serving in your Prayers because they have and are still fighting for our Freedom.

Nancy Sundstrom
Fourth District Vice President
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4th District President

Hello my Auxiliary Sisters,

First, I want to send my deepest condolences to Department 2nd Vice President Sharon Kauffman, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

I am honored to be you District President again. I look forward to a successful year.

Convention was very nice this year with a few exceptions, such as; the elevators and showers. There are always a lot to be learned.

So proud of Tyler County Unit #48, they have had great success and not even a year old yet. Sending in reports and doing narratives sure paid off. Please please start now keeping track of everything you do as a unit.

I'm so sorry that we have lost Parkersburg Unit 104, perhaps we can someday get it back up and running.

Now is the time to start recruiting and rejoining, we need to bring in at least one member each.

As the new school year begins, it's time to dig in and start planning the childrens' programs.

Have you invited your citizens that you sent to Girls State? Bring them in for a follow up and perhaps host a tea for them. We can never do enough for our future auxiliary members.

Thank a Veteran!
Until next month,
For God and Country,
Cathy D. Post
4th District President

3rd District Vice President

Hello 3rd District:

I'd like to thank you unit members of 3rd District for this office as vice president.

Our theme is "Soaring High with Membership while Strengthening our Culture of Goodwill". I'd like to tell everybody good luck to each and every unit.

I'm hoping to have a member from each unit from our district at membership workshop in September at Bridgeport .

I know we all can reach our new goals for membership this year Thank you and God bless each and everyone

Michelle Dambaugh
3rd District Vice President

5th District President

We just completed a great convention and have a fantastic year ahead of us.

I would like to congratulate President Lisa and all the 2017 – 2018 officers. You have an exciting time ahead of you and know you will achieve many things during the coming year.

I will be visiting the local unit meetings in the coming months, along with Jo Ann Hastings, 5th District Vice President. I am anxious to learn about what exciting things you have planned for your veterans and the community. Good luck to the new officers of your unit. You have been given an opportunity to make a difference.

If you need to get in touch with me, please feel free to give me a call at 304-654-7750.

Beth Kilgore
President
5th District

5th District Vice President

Hello Ladies,

The annual summer convention in Huntington has drawn to an end. The Auxiliary meetings were very informative this year.

I know we are starting on another year but we will never stop trying to get new members in. The Auxiliary is low in memberships unfortunately.

I know we have been working hard and I'm proud of you all. We all work hard for the veterans. Please don't stop.

Thank you
JoAnn Hastings
Fifth District Vice President

6th District President

Hi Ladies

The convention is over and we are starting a new year and a new Department President. Welcome aboard Lisa Cadawallader.

The convention was very nice; sorry that we did not have members from all the Units from Sixth District present. It was nice to have members from Unit 32 present we had Mary Jennings and Theresa Rose with us, and Theresa worked real hard at the registration table. We also had Peggy Swartz, Reba Honaker and Mary Spence from Unit 8.

I would like to congratulate Unit 32 and Unit 38 for being Goal units!

Reba Honaker fell on Saturday in the dining room and really has a black chin and on Sunday Mary Spence fell in the bathroom and has two breaks in her leg. She will be wearing a boot for 6 to 8 weeks.

I will soon be calling our Units about coming for a visit with them.

I need to get our Fall Conference rescheduled since it had to be cancelled on September 30, 2017. We will be doing the food for your new Department Commander Frank Cooley who is a member of Post 8. Congratulation Frank Cooley.

I would also like to thank each and everyone who sent sympathy to me in the death of my husband; thanks again to all.

I will close with asking to please keep our veterans in our prayers.

So until next time God Bless to everyone.

Thanks
Peggy Swartz
6th District President

10th District President

Hello ladies

First I would like to thank all of you for voting for me to be your 10th District President. I can't wait to see everyone at Spring Conference. I will promise to do my best for you.

I'm sorry I can't write more and would like to thank everyone for their prayers through this very hard time.

Sharon Kauffman
10th District President



Chaplain

I'd like to thank everyone for the opportunity of being your Department Chaplain; I look forward to a wonderful year with all Department officers.

As we venture into a new year together, may we all be blessed with knowledge, patience and perseverance to further support and work for our Veterans and the children.

Please join me in a prayer for our educators and children as they prepare for a new school year.

Dear God, we thank you for the gift of education. As the children and teachers approach the new year, we pray your guidance and understanding for the teachers, that have given their lives to serve our families and a willing heart for the children to continue to learn. Fill them with strength, grace and hope to thrive in their classrooms. Lord we thank you for our veterans that have given us the right, that ALL children in this great country have the privilege to continue their education from Pre-K to college level. Protect them as they travel each day and accompany them on all their special outings. In your Holy Name we pray, Amen

Perhaps each unit could type up a prayer for all the children to be used in your prayer books.

Cathy Post
Chaplain

Remembering Our Friends

Sharon Kauffman, Department 2nd Vice President grandson passed away unexpectedly Monday afternoon. Cards may be sent to Sharon and Family at:

*Sharon Kauffman and Family
1671 Kelly Island Drive
Martinsburg WV 25405*

I would like to take this time to thank each and everyone of you for the pretty cards I received while recuperating from my recent broken hip, and pacemaker put in. I am still on a walker and using a wheelchair.

Janice Gamerdinger
Past Department President



Historian

I would like to thank everyone for the honor of being our Department Historian.

I'm looking forward to getting all the information put together for our President Lisa Cadwallader.

Please keep me in touch with everything your unit is doing this coming year.

God Bless
Kelli A Immel
Department Historian
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Auxiliary Emergency Fund

I would like to thank Madame President Lisa Cadwallader for this appointment. It will be a challenge.

As soon as I receive any information from the National Chairman I will pass it through the Spirit to the members.

I wish the best and have a great year!

Connie Pyles
AEF Chairman

Americanism



I'd like to thank Madam President Lisa for the Americanism chairmanship.

We are to promote patriotism to all of our children while they are small. We need to educate every citizen on Americanism; in our government, our home and also our community.

We need to participate in the Americanism Essay Contest in our class room, Patriotic holidays, and support our flag amendment. Americanism is everyday in America.

At our Fall meeting I will have our plan of action for each unit.

So please FLY THAT AMERICAN FLAG HIGH and be PROUD TO BE an AMERICAN!!

May God Bless America and
Each One of You
Michelle Dambaugh
Americanism Chairman

Flag Alliance

The Citizens Flag Alliance is a broad-based, nonpartisan, nonprofit, national organization, which was formed to persuade Congress to pass a constitutional amendment that would return to the American people the right to protect their flag.

LEARN MORE

Dozens of surveys since 1989 (latest done in 2006) have consistently shown that 75-80 percent of the American people support a constitutional amendment to protect the flag. A nearly equal number sees no incompatibility between a flag-protection amendment and their right of free speech.

More than 140 organizations, representing millions of Americans, have joined the Citizens Flag Alliance since it was incorporated in June 1994. This broad-based, single-purpose organization includes ethnic groups, community-based fraternal and veterans organizations, women's groups, businesses and many more.

To date, more than 200,000 people have personally contributed to this effort because they believe in what we are doing, and more people are joining with us as individual citizens every day.

All fifty state legislatures have passed Memorial Resolutions asking Congress to pass a flag amendment and send it to the states for ratification. This is twelve more than is needed to ratify an amendment

Thank you and God bless
Michelle Dambaugh
Co-Chairman

Children & Youth

Congratulations to Department President Lisa.

I also want to thank her for this children and youth appointment and I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at September Workshop.

Donna Freeland
Children & Youth Chairman

Child Welfare Foundation

I would like to thank everyone for their generosity and support during the 2016 – 2017 year. I have joked about gaining and losing weight through your donations and collections during the Mid-Winter Conference and Department Convention. I have lost my final weight for this year and am very proud to announce the West Virginia Department will send a check, on your behalf, to The American Legion Child Welfare Fund in the amount of **\$753.00!!**

Once again, thank you for opening your hearts to this worthy cause.

Beth Kilgore
2017 Child Welfare Fund



Community Service

Hello Ladies

I want to thank President Lisa for giving me this appointment. I will do my best to inform you what the Auxiliary is doing in Community Service.

Remember to always let everyone know who you are by wearing your badges, and shirts to show that you are from the Auxiliary.

We have children that are out of school now. Some may not eat a meal. If you know a child that is like that please help them.

Thank you
JoAnn Hastings
Community Service Chairman

Education

Hello Ladies

First I would like to thank our newly elected Department President Lisa Cadwallader the opportunity as the appointed Education Chairman for the upcoming 2017-2018 year as well as working with my committee members Ronda Best and Kelly Immel.

I take great pleasure in assisting and educating myself with our Education program and being able to distribute the information to all our units so that our youth know all the wonderful scholarships available and giving the units the information so they can get that information to their area schools.

Let's make this a great year and strive to work together so our youth know what our great organization to support our veterans and their families.

God Bless
Holly Adams
Education Chairman
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Constitution & Bylaws

I would like to congratulate Lisa Cadwallader on her election as Department President and thank her for this appointment. I am looking forward to serving with Dede Kelly and Linda Crumm on this committee. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve you, the members of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of West Virginia.

I am requesting each unit review your Constitution and By-Laws to see if they need to be updated. A by-law revision is a major overhaul of the bylaws. Units should be constantly reviewing their bylaws to see if it meets their current needs. If a unit is changing rapidly either through growth or through decline, they may need to be amending the bylaws yearly. Updated documents allow questions about the Auxiliary, its governance, its programs and eligibility to be answered easily. And that is a benefit to all members. Your constitution and by-laws ensure you are operating according to your agreed-upon rules. It is the best environment in which to accomplish your goals and objectives.

If you have any questions or I can help you in any way, feel free to call me at 304-654-7750 or email me at MBKilgore@frontier.com

Beth Kilgore
Chairman



Junior Activities

Hello ladies,

I hope everyone is having a great summer.

Let me first introduce myself. My name is Michelle Ryan. I have been the president of New Haven Unit 140 for the past 4 years.. This is my first year heading a committee so please bare with me.

I would like to announce the new officers for the Juniors this year: Mary Grace Banning - President, Huntington #16; Casey Michael - Vice President and Chaplain, Berkeley Springs Unit #60, and Charlie Michael - Secretary, Berkeley Springs Unit #60. I wish these young ladies a successful year.

As we gear up for a new year I would like to challenge my Juniors to also get out in the community and recruit new Junior members.. We as auxiliary members need to promote and support our Juniors 100%.

Next spirit news letter I hope to be a little more prepared, until than enjoy the rest of your summer.

Michelle Ryan (304)593-1631
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Poppy

Wow Ladies we are starting another New Year!

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer. As we move through this year's program, may each of us keep in mind the legacy and traditions that are being shared.

Our older Veterans; see they are not forgotten, our younger Veterans are learning about the Legacy.

Sharing is the big word. Sharing the Poppies, Poem, Memories and Legacy will help this tradition carry on.

Through your programs with the schools, Poppy Day and Creative ways the Poppies are used each of us are passing on History.

May everyone cease the day and pass the memories on.

As your new chairman I look forward to working with each Unit.

Please contact me with question, ideas or just to chat.

Linda Schlicht,
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Leadership

We need to continue to nurture a culture of goodwill at ALL levels of our organization! How can we do that? Some reminders from last year's plan of action, well worth reviewing!!

- Resolve to consider your own behavior before evaluating others –expect the best of people
- Participate in discussions or debates while demonstrating respect for opinions that are different from your own. When you disagree, extend the olive branch of friendship since we all share a common mission
- Speak privately with another member directly, rather than involving others with your concerns
- Invite new members to participate in meetings and events
- Always greet new members and offer a new member packet
- Provide unit officers/board of directors contact information
- Unit leaders should encourage members to work their issues out directly with the parties involved rather than attempting to fix the situation by intervening
- Listen to what members have to say and thank them for their ideas
- Be open, rather than critical, of the ideas of others
- Assist in positive solutions to conflicts by focusing on the desired outcome
- Give praise and recognition when members do what is asked or go beyond what was expected

Dede Kelly
Leadership Chairman
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Legislative

Hello Ladies,

We all had a good time at the state convention in Huntington.

I want to thank Department President Lisa Cadwallader for this appointment.

It is not too early to start contacting your representatives on the bills that are coming forth in the next several months.

The Plan of Works will be at the workshop in September. I hope you will be able to attend, and take back valuable information to your unit Legislative Chairman.

I hope I can do a good job this year for the Department President and this organization. I am new at this so I will be asking for help and advice from my mentor Tammy Workman, PDP.

Teresa Rose
Chairman

Past President's Parley

I would like to Congratulate the following Award winners from this years' Department Convention:

Auxiliary Member of the Year:
Wendy Roy
Member of Martinsburg Unit #14

Past President's Parley Plagues
Membership 10-150-
Susan Brown Plague
Sharon Kauffman-Member Unit #14

Membership 151 and over:
Norma Lee Clise Plaque-
Rhonda Best-Moundsville Unit #3
Unfortunately we had no Timeless Award this year.

Susan Wade
Past Presidents Parley Chairman

BUILDING
LEADERSHIP

Public Relations

Hello Ladies,

Thank you President Lisa for allowing me to take on Public Relations and to be your Chairman of this committee. Looking forward to this experience.

Public Relations on all levels of the Auxiliary is important. It is what gets us noticed for the things we do and accomplish for our veterans and our communities. It is important to get your events posted in your local paper, etc. and documented. This lets National know what we've been up to.

Make sure you are clipping your pictures, articles, etc. along with clipping the name of the newspaper or magazine and the date it was published when submitting your info.

One of the best ways to keep track of those clippings is by taping the name of the paper, the date, and the article or picture to a blank sheet of paper. It will help keep everything organized and easier to sort through when you submit your info to me.

I will have more information regarding Public Relations and Plan of Action in upcoming articles.

Stephanie Handley
Public Relations Chairman
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Policy and Procedures

Hello Ladies,

As Policies and Procedures Chairman for year 2017-2018 there will be at least 1 item to correct this year.

If/When more come along, then I will let all of you know.

If you have any questions/suggestions, then please get with myself or the 2 committee members Sharon Kauffmann and Cathy Post.

I hope everyone enjoys the rest of this summer.

Until next month God Bless
Thank you,
Rhonda Best
Policies & Procedures Chairman

Strategic Planning Committee

The members of the Strategic Planning Committee for 2017-2018 year are:

Paulette Anderson—Chairman

Sharon Glassford—Member

Irene Weber—Member

Ann Buchanan—Member

Heather Fauble—Membership

Dede Kelly—Leadership

Rhonda Best—Department 1st Vice

This year the committee will do articles in the Spirit, each one taking a turn with their assigned Goal.

There will be information at the Workshop in September on each Goal, and what we can do to strive and reach each incentives under the Goals. You will receive the strategic plan at this workshop.

I am proud to say that WV did receive \$1,000.00 this year for finishing Stage 1 of the 5-year plan. Thank you all for your hard work!! We are now moving into Stage 2 in National. Information hasn't been sent to Department yet on Stage 2, but we will continue doing our mission.

We as members and units, need to work this plan each and every day to make our mission come true. Our Department can reach Goal if we practice what we preach and work harder on our membership. We need to gain "Membership Strength" to reach "one million" members nation wide by the 2019-2020 centennial year.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact anyone of the members on this committee. Their information will be in the 2018 year Directory.

Paulette Anderson
Chairman
Strategic Plan



Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation



I want to thank President Lisa for giving me this opportunity to serve as Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Chairman.

I will be in contact with Mary Waybright if I have a question and if I am not fulfilling this position I want her to let me know. Mary has done a wonderful job and I will try my best to do good.

This year I want to ask each Unit in the State to send me or e-mail me your hours along with names. (Names and individual hours).

The end of August the Louis A Johnson VAMC will be holding a stand down at the Clarksburg Armory. Clarksburg 13 and Shinnston 31 will be participating. If a VA Hospital in your area has a stand down for the homeless Veterans, I urge you to participate.

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

God Bless
Carla Wilfong
V A & R Chairman

RECEPTION for Denise Rohan from Wisconsin. Mrs. Rohan is a Candidate for National Commander She will be sworn in as National Commander, during the upcoming National Convention, Reno, Nevada.

Reception is scheduled for Wednesday August 2, 2017. Location: Department Headquarters from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Please RSVP if you are planning on attending the Reception. Any questions you may contact our office toll-free 1-888-534-4667.

Thank you
Lois E. Moles
Executive Secretary
American Legion
Dept. of West Virginia
2016 Kanawha Blvd. East
Charleston, WV 25311
304-343-7591

National Security

Hello Ladies,

First I would like to thank our Madam President Lisa Cadwallader for this appointment.

National Security is maintaining and promoting a strong national defense by supporting service members and their families.

Support active-duty military families by working with a Family Readiness Group.

Wear red on Fridays to support our "Deployed service members."

Check and make sure that the Families have a Blue Star or Gold Star Banner to display.

You can locate a Military Family that you can keep in contact with to show your support.

When service members return home make their homecoming a special day and sign of support.

Community Emergency Response Training: To help in disaster situations. "How To train for FEMA'S Community service. Support the First Responders, your Firefighters and Police. Show your appreciation for what they do. Blood drives. Make sure we include our Junior members for Youth Preparedness.

Keep our Military in your prayers and always remember the families.

God Bless America

"Standing Strong for our Veterans".

Savanna Kauffman

Ways & Means

Congratulations to the June winners!! The first half of the Department Fundraiser profited \$4,892.00. 25% (\$1,223.00) went to the General Fund, and 75% (\$3,669.00) went to the Department Welfare Fund. Thank you members and units who sold tickets. A total of 610 tickets were sold this year.

Congratulations to the winners of:
Members Who Sold Most Tickets-A Tie:

Leona Kidwell Unit #91 (50)

Bonnie Wilcox Unit #91 (50)

Unit Who Sold Most Tickets:

Romney Unit #91

District Who Sold Most Tickets:

10th District (close race with 1st Dist.

They will receive a personal gift from me.

This will be the last year this will be done, as the Ways and Means is now under the Department Secretary duties. There will be no more Chairman and Member.

New tickets for 2018 year will be at Workshop in September, for units and members to sign out. If you are requesting certain numbers please let me know in advance.

June Ways and Means Winners

Joe Monti	096	Welch	WV	6/1/17	\$25.00
	559			6/2/17	
	941			6/3/17	
Jeff Wisley	009	Lavalette	WV	6/5/17	\$25.00
Dave Yeater	545	Moundsville	WV	6/6/17	\$25.00
Kenny Voit	399	Romney	WV	6/7/17	\$25.00
	186			6/8/17	
Bill Deem	931	Hapzibah	WV	6/9/17	\$25.00
Emily Yeager	180	Welch	WV	6/10/17	\$25.00
	129			6/12/17	
Michelle Hart	240	Kearneysville	WV	6/13/17	\$25.00
Jeff Wisley	022	Lavalette	WV	6/14/17	\$25.00
Robin Taylor	365	Cowen	WV	6/15/17	\$25.00
Dortha Parsons	771	Clarksburg	WV	6/16/17	\$25.00
	448			6/17/17	
	472			6/19/17	
Michael Pearce	968	Severna Park	MD	6/20/17	\$25.00
	616			6/21/17	
	021			6/22/17	
Sue Briggs	067	Cameron	WV	6/23/17	\$25.00
Tammy Workman	014	Reader	WV	6/24/17	\$25.00
Mindy Cross	163	Shadyside	OH	6/26/17	\$25.00
Vickie Hossman	815	McMechen	WV	6/27/17	\$25.00
Karen Bell	647	Cowen	WV	6/28/17	\$25.00
Thurman Chapman	318	Anawalt	WV	6/29/17	\$25.00
Shirley Baker	412	Romney	WV	6/30/17	\$25.00



Timeless Reflections



**Button #12-- July 15th—105%
Membership To Date—6150 (68.68 %)
Dept. Unit #200—89
Department Goal—8954**



District 1			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	34	13	38.24%
Moundsville #3	373	272	72.92%
McMechen #5	76	43	56.58%
Weirton #10	85	68	44.71%
Cameron #18	238	165	69.33%
New Martinsville #28	171	135	78.95%
Wellsburg #34	40	27	67.50%
Follansbee #45	59	43	72.88%
Benwood #46	125	83	66.40%
Pine Grove #81	119	68	57.14%
Paden City #86	154	110	71.42%
Wheeling #89	48	21	43.75%
Newell #114	58	33	56.90%
Hundred #120	115	70	60.87%
Chester #121	200	169	84.50%
TOTALS	1895	1320	69.66%



**WWI
Farmettes
Goal—4055
To Date—2830
(69.79 %)**



**WWII
Rosie The Riveters
Goal—4812
To Date—3231
(67.14 %)**

District 3			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	73	49	67.12%
Grafton #12	33	16	48.48%
Clarksburg #13	187	142	75.94%
Shinnston #31	365	266	72.88%
Braxton Co. #33	41	26	63.41%
Philippi #44	46	22	47.83%
Bridgeport #68	63	58	92.06%
Jane Lew #166	52	37	71.15%
Morgantown #174	43	15	34.88%
TOTALS	903	631	69.88%

District 5			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Huntington #16	312	214	68.59%
Logan #19	29	14	48.28%
St. Albans #73	87	35	40.23%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	461	317	68.76%
South Charleston #94	34	17	50.00%
Hamlin #111	71	57	80.28%
Milton #139	92	66	71.74%
Barboursville #177	178	150	84.27%
TOTALS	1264	870	68.83%

District 10			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	155	92	59.36%
Franklin #30	31	10	32.26%
Piedmont #52	41	41	100.00%
Berkeley Springs #60	260	216	83.08%
Moorefield #64	140	83	59.29%
Charles Town #71	314	209	66.56%
Petersburg #78	117	78	66.67%
Romney #91	319	231	72.41%
Charles Town #102	24	24	100.00%
Paw Paw #128	79	39	49.37%
Kirby #134	63	41	65.08%
Ridgeley #136	127	87	68.50%
Capon Bridge #137	153	133	86.93%
Keyser #152	67	45	67.16%
TOTALS	1890	1329	70.32%

District 4			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	1027	684	66.60%
Spencer #21	82	54	65.85%
Pt. Pleasant #23	439	305	69.48%
Tyler County #48	17	18	105.88%
Sistersville #67	175	59	33.71%
Parkersburg #104	30	Turning	Charter In
New Haven #140	190	135	71.05%
Williamstown #159	218	132	60.55%
TOTALS	2178	1387	63.68%

District 6			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Welch #8	91	57	62.63%
Bluefield #9	38	10	26.32%
Beckley #32	54	55	101.85%
Gary #38	94	94	100.00%
TOTALS	277	216	77.98%

District 9			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Elkins #29	220	157	71.36%
Cowen #62	59	31	52.54%
Lewisburg #69	81	55	67.90%
Belington #96	47	23	48.94%
Richwood #97	24	23	95.33%
Pickens #122	31	22	70.97%
TOTALS	462	311	67.32%



American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

Girls State Chairman

It is with pleasure that I serve as Girls State Chairman this year, and I wish to thank President Lisa Cadwallader for this appointment.

Nancy Sundstrom
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

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

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

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

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





August 2017

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13	14	15 <i>Target Report Emailed VA Checks</i>	16 <i>Office Closed</i>	17 <i>National Convention Reno NV</i>	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 <i>Office Closed Articles Due</i>	26
27	28 <i>Spirit</i>	29	30	31	<i>Program of The Month Leadership</i>	

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.

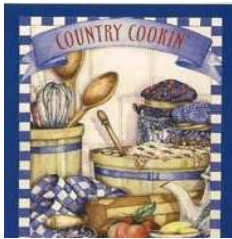
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1251 Doolin Run Road
New Martinsville WV 26155**

NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX: _____

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! There are about 50 cookbooks left!!

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
New Martinsville WV 26155 –7808

Call To Department Fall Meetings

September 8-9, 2017

Days Inn Bridgeport WV

This is a notice to all concerned about the Finance Committee Meeting and the Department Fall Executive Board Meeting. The purpose of these meetings are to set up the administrative year for our Department for 2016-2017.

September 8, 2017—Friday West Virginia Room

1:00 pm—Finance Meeting—The three members of the Department Finance Committee

Department President—ex-officio member without vote

Department Secretary/Treasurer—ex-officio without vote

Purpose of this meeting is setting up budget for this administrative year to be ratified by the Department Executive Committee.

5:00 pm—Rhododendron Girls State, Inc. Executive Board Meeting—5 Board of Incorporators, Department President, 8 District Representatives, Girls State Finance Officer, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, Director and Assistant Director

7:00 pm—Membership Committee—Department President, Department Membership Chairman

Department Vice Presidents, District Vice Presidents

September 9, 2017—Saturday West Virginia Room

5:00 pm—American Legion Auxiliary, Department of West Virginia, Inc. Executive Board Meeting

According to Department Constitution: Article VII, Executive Committee:

Section 1: Department Executive Committee which shall be composed of the Department President, Department First Vice President, Department Second Vice President, Department Secretary/Treasurer, Department Chaplain, Department Historian, National Executive Committeewoman, the eight District Presidents, all Past Department Presidents, and Chairmen of all Standing Committees (Americanism, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Children & Youth, Community Service, Constitution & Bylaws, Education, Finance, Girls State, Junior Activities, Leadership, Legislative, Membership, National Security, Past President's Parley, Poppy, Public Relations, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation. (Bylaws, Article IV, Committees, Section 2).

Section 2: All members of standing committees, **exclusive of the chairmen**, may attend Executive Committee meetings **with the privilege of discussion with no vote.**

Section 3: Any member in good standing may attend the Executive Committee Meeting **with the privilege of discussion but without vote.**

September 9, 2017—Saturday Workshop West Virginia Room

Registration—8:00 am to 9:00 am (\$15.00) each Session: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Purpose of this session is for instruction to Units/members/Officers and to announce the membership program for 2017-2018 year. There will be some different items for all to enjoy. **ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THIS WORKSHOP.** Good tool for learning if you want to help with leadership in your Unit, in your District and on Department level. **Juniors will have meeting and activities planned for them also. Registration \$10.00 each at Senior Registration Table. Meeting held in Nathan Goff room next to West Virginia Room.**

RESERVATION FORM

American Legion Auxiliary
Fall Meetings
Officers Training
Department Fall Executive Board

Date: September 8-9, 2017

Place: Bridgeport Days Inn

Cost: \$84.60 plus tax

Deadline for Housing: September 1, 2017

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Unit Name & # _____

Room Type: Single (King Size Bed) Double: (2 Full Size Beds) Handicap _____
Smoking _____ Non Smoking _____
(Can't guarantee rooms will be adjoining)

Please list names of persons rooming with you:

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Check # _____ Amount of Check _____

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

(One Nights Deposit Required for each room)

Mail Reservations To:

Days Inn
ATTN: Cindy Gibson
112 Tolley Street
Bridgeport WV 26330