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American Legion Auxiliary
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Department President
Lisa Cadwallader



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



BUILDING LEADERSHIP

Hello Ladies,

Wow, what an experience to participate in all 4 four gift shops!! Each chairman did a wonderful job!! It was good to see each one in action and how each one is different. Nothing warms the heart any better than serving our veterans and seeing our auxiliary members in action doing so. Great job to all!!

District 4 Fall Conference is a wrap in December. But at least it's done.

We still have a few units who have less than 10 paid members. We have to get units up. Units without 10 paid members are delinquent. Members who have not paid by the end of the year chance losing any benefits they may be taking advantage of. So ladies lets pay up.

Mid-Year reports are due NOW!! If you haven't sent one, please do so our department chairmen can report to National. Department Chairmen, please be aware Central Division chairman will call if you don't submit a report from our state. I'm asking all of you to please make sure our department gets all reports in.

Ladies I have seen some wonderful things happening so please report them and please remember to send stuff to our Scrapbook Chairman, Historian, PR Chairman and prayers to our Chaplain.

Mid-Winter is fast approaching and planning is in the works. I hope to see many of you there and at the luncheon. We are trying something a little different this year with the meal.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Safe New Years!

Serve & Honor Veterans,
Lisa Cadwallader
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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.

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, 2018. 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.***

Spirit 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" female 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.

Please don't send me the DD214. They are for the unit files only. Post Officer signature is all I need on application to verify the eligibility.

All applications sent to the Dept. Office needs to be the original. Copies are for you to keep.

Any dues for 2017 dues are considered "back dues" starting with the 2018 year. Please put in the area designated for back dues on your transmittal. Please don't send in 2017 transmittals to pay 2018 dues.

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

Directory Updates:

Page 14: Remove Teresa Rose as Co-Chairman under Flag Alliance.
Page 24: Under Martinsburg VA Hospital-Volunteer Services, remove Dottie Hough and replace with Terry Stotler.
Page 30: Paw Paw Unit #128 email contact: bvtmich75@frontiernet.net, President is Dorothy Saville, 184 Abrell Lane, Paw Paw WV 25434, 304-947-7441; Secretary is Rosella Walsh, 17800 Dailey Road SE, Oldtown MD 21555, 301-478-5489

Please do not staple checks to transmittals.

Dates To Remember

***Midwinter Conference
February 9-10 2018
Laleview Resort
Morgantown WV***

***3rd District Spring Conference
March 10, 2018 (Joint)
Shinnston Post #31
State Oratorical Contest
After Conference***

***Shinnston Post #31 Birthday Dinner
March 11, 2018***

***10th District Spring Conference
March 24, 2018 (Joint)
Berkeley Springs Post #60***

***5th District Spring Conference
Saturday April 14, 2018 (Joint)
Huntington Post #16***

***4th District Spring Conference
Sunday April 15, 2018 (Joint)
TBA***

***ALA 1st District Spring Conference
Sunday April 29, 2018
Moundsville Unit #3***

***This is all I have and they are
TENATIVE***

Department Headquarters

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***Rhonda Best, candidate for
2018-2019 Department President
has her endorsement on file in De-
partment Headquarters.***

***Rhonda will email/mail her en-
dorsement out to Units, District
Presidents, Department Officers,
and Past Department Presidents.***

***All candidates for a Department/
District Office may send their En-
dorsements in for the February
Spirit.***

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

Membership Chairman

Tis the season to be jolly and share the gift of membership to the American Legion Auxiliary!! We are very close to the Target 2 deadline so even in this busy season recruit, renew and rejoice to reach your 50%. Many Units are participating in community outreach programs for the holidays and that is a perfect opportunity to reach out to potential members. Always have a membership application and an information sheet or brochure with you while participating in these programs.

Congratulations to Franklin Unit 30 for being a Goal Unit!! There are 15 Units who have already met Target 2. I am hoping to see many more by December 31st. The Eagles are maintaining a very, very slight lead over the Doves at this time!

Plans for the Membership Luncheon at Mid-Winter are being finalized so that attendees can enjoy a delicious lunch while having fun learning about other Auxiliary members. Please purchase your ticket so you don't miss the excitement! Door prizes will be awarded to those in attendance.

As the holidays draw near, I would like to sincerely thank each of you for your hard work and dedication to the American Legion Auxiliary family. I wish you and your family a joyous holiday season and prosperity in the New Year!

Soaring High With You,
Heather Fauble
Membership Chairman

Department 1st Vice President

Happy New Year's Doves,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's Celebration.

I want to congratulate all Units in Districts 3, 5 and 10 that reached Goal 2 @ 50%. You did a fantastic job.

I want to "Thank" the District Vice-Presidents and Presidents, as well as the Membership Chairman and Lisa Cadwallader, ALA Dept. President for all of their help as well.

The units that are still under 10 Paid Members I will learn how to best help them over the next month. In addition I will have conversations with the Membership Team and Chairman.

If anyone has questions, concerns, or needs help, then please contact me. My information is in the directory.

God Bless,
Rhonda Best
Department 1st Vice-President



Department 2nd Vice President

Hello ladies,

You have done a great job. Now we need to work on getting our Units up to where they belong. There are a few who are still behind but we can help. We need to get the ones under 10 up to 10. We need to make sure all officers are paid up; this should have been done by November 1st. So we need to start calling the units to see if we can help them. Maybe you might have an idea on how to help. We will be more than glad to take your ideas. Let's help everyone make goal.

If you could I need a count of new members for Districts 1,3,6 so I can keep track. I would greatly appreciate it.

Hope everyone and a nice Christmas and New Year.

For God and Country
Sharon Kauffman
Department 2nd Vice President
304-707-5512



Pay Your Dues By December 31, 2017

And Be Eligible for Senior Renewal Drawing for \$50.00

At the Membership Luncheon

1st District President

Ladies Of 1st District,

I hope everyone is ready or close to being ready for Christmas. It is so nice to see all the holiday lights on display.

We need to continue on meeting our membership goals. We need to reach out and get out current members renewed as well as looking for those new members.

The action plans for the committees are available on our department website. So please make sure you look at the action plans and are aware of what is expected from each committee. This information will help guide you in the completion of year end reports. The due date for year end reports is just around the corner.

I wish everyone Happy Holidays! I hope the Holidays were good to you.

God Bless,
Stephanie Handley
1st District President

1st District Vice President

Hello Ladies

Our second target goal is fast approaching December 31, 2017 at 50% paid members. I encourage all to keep working on new members but most importantly reaching out to current members especially officers to get their dues in.

District #1 currently has 3 units that have already met that target goal and my hopes are we can get all units there. I realize this is a big challenge and difficult but continuing to recruit and communicating about our organization is the "KEY".

I have made my calls for this month and appreciate all those units that I have been able to talk to in reference to membership. Remember I need to have communication with units so that I can relay information to Department 2nd VP Sharon Kauffman.

Happy Holidays and God Bless
Holly Adams
1st District VP
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3rd District President

I hope everyone has enjoyed the Christmas Season, I know I did.

Now everyone in District 3 needs to buckle down and work really hard on Membership. We still have one Unit with only one member paid, and I received updated information that one unit did get their 10 senior members. All Unit and District Officers should have their dues paid. If not please pay them now before the end of this month.

With the start of the new year, we will be having Mid-Winter Conference, District Meetings and Birthday Dinners coming up so it will be really busy, really fast. Remember Membership, please work on it.

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

God Bless our Veterans
God Bless the USA
Carla Wilfong
Third District President

4th District President

Christmas greetings,

I'll make this brief for I've have had the Ohio Valley Crud. I want to thank the units that came out for our much delayed 4th District Conference. For as few as we were, we had a very successful meeting. I'd like to thank Madam President Lisa for her attendance and guidance.

I will be appointing a committee for Constitution & By-Laws and Standing Rules.

In the future, in the event of a Joint Conference cancellation, we will still conduct ours, the veterans are not required to hold one and we must, in order to be eligible for some awards.

I have a couple of visits set up for Unit meetings after the first of year. I look forward to visiting any of the units.

I'd like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

In the spirit of service not self
Cathy D. Post
4th District President

5th District President

I hope everyone is having the happiest of holiday seasons and you have been able to relax and enjoy all the excitement they bring.

I have been seeing pictures and messages on Facebook of some of the Holiday activities the Units are doing. Keep up the great work and remember to send a mid-year report to the various chairmen about your activities. Include pictures with these reports.

I have included this before but think we all need to be reminded of the difference we are making in the lives of our veterans.

Why We Matter

The 2014 estimated value of one hour of volunteer service is **\$23.07**, according to the Independent Sector, a coalition of charities, foundations, and corporations that publishes research important to the nonprofit sector. **American Legion Auxiliary members have volunteered more than 10 million hours for a collective value of service to our veterans, service members, and their families of more than \$3.1 billion.** That's quite a global impact, and a powerful number that accentuates who we are, what we do, and why we matter!

Think about the difference you are making in so many lives when negative thoughts enter your mind about if we are making a difference. **Yes, we are!**

I hope many of you are planning on attending the Mid-Winter Conference in Morgantown the 9-10th of February. It should be a great time as our National President will be in attendance.

See you there!
Beth Kilgore,
5th District President

5th District Vice President

Hello Ladies,

It's a busy time of the year. We need to work a little harder on membership. Our membership is low in the Fifth District. Each unit that reaches 50% by December 31st will be put in for a drawing for \$50.00. Please don't hold membership, get it as soon as possible.

Have a Merry Christmas
JoAnn Hastings
Fifth District Vice President

10th District President

Hello ladies,

Hope everyone had a nice Christmas and a Happy New Year. The 10th District Spring Conference has a new date it will be March 24 the in Berkeley Springs. Please remember to send your deceased list in as we will have the Memorial Service.

We had a great time at the Gift Shop all the Volunteers did a great job. Joy Jenkins did a great job.

All officers should have paid up their dues by now they were due by November 1st.

Remember Mid - Winter is coming up soon hope to see a lot of you there.

Valentine's Day will be coming up remember there are Veterans who would love a care package, cards, candy or just a Thank you card.

We will be visiting some more Units during the spring. We appreciate everything you ladies do.

If you need any help were here to help you.

Have a blessed day

Sharon Kauffman

District 10 President

304-707-5512

10th District Vice President

Tis the Season Doves,

Hope everyone is well, I know you are all very busy.

Please allow me to apologize for missing last months' Spirit. Health sometimes keeps us from doing what we need to accomplish.

Please remember you have until December 31st 2017 to complete your 50% target goal. Special thank you to the Units who have made the goal and to those who are still working on it. Please contact me if I can be of help.

We need to remember to send members in as soon as they are received. Please do not hold for more memberships to come.

Hope to see all of your at Mid Winter.

Be safe, stay well, enjoy your family and keep our Troops and Veterans in your Prayers during this Special Seasons. Happy New Year.

Linda Schlicht

10th District Vice President

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Chaplain

Dear Auxiliary Sisters,

May the peace of Christ be with you all through this Christmas season.

Almighty and Everlasting God, as we celebrate the birth of Your Son in this world and experience the peace He has to offer us today, we remember our troops at home and abroad who dedicate their lives to protecting our people on this planet.

We pray that You will enable us one day to put an end to war and truly experience peace on Earth, so that our Christmas celebrations will be full of joy.

We pray for our troops stationed both here and abroad. We ask that You bless, protect and preserve them wherever they are located. We pray for their families this Christmas who suffer from separation and distance at this time of year. We also remember those who have been wounded in action, who are recovering at home or in Veterans' hospitals. May they be deeply cared for and honorably respected.

We pray for our military leaders and Commander in Chief who need to make tough and unenviable decisions

Finally, we pray for those service families who have an empty chair at their Christmas tables that will never be filled. In the midst of their loss, surround them with caring friends and loving people. Let the real sacrifices that they have made, and still sadly experience, be humbly honored and deeply respected by all of us. May we cherish the freedom that our troops have accomplished through the giving of their lives. In the Name of the Holy One Who made the Supreme Sacrifice for the world – Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

For God and Country

Cathy D. Post

Chaplain



Historian

Hope everyone had Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We had several mid year reports sent in and thank you for the units that took time to sent them in.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in February for Midwinter.

Everyone be safe as we hit winter.

God Bless

Kelli A Immel

Historian

Education

Happy New Year Ladies,

I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's celebration.

Now that we have one of the busiest Holiday Season past us we can focus more on up-coming Auxiliary duties and events.

MID-YEAR REPORTS WERE DUE TO HOLLY ADAMS ALREADY. IF YOU HAVE NOT EMAILED IT TO HER, THEN SEND YOUR REPORT ASAP. "THANK YOU" TO ALL UNITS AND DISTRICTS THAT SEND YOUR REPORTS IN.

Your Mid-Year Report is a written email or letter consisting of the things your Unit did from May 2017 to December 2017.

Also, if you have not gotten Scholarship information out to the schools, then Please get that information out by the end of this month.

Need additional Educational Ideas, then visit www.nea.org. (National Education Association)

Until next month-

Happy Educating

God Bless,

Rhonda Best

Education Committee

Meaning of our Preamble

When we gather for auxiliary functions, we recite the Preamble to the Constitution. Do you know what the meaning of the Preamble is and why it was written? During the coming year, I will offer you a breakdown of the Preamble is and the next time you recite it, hopefully it will have more meaning for you.

Explanation of the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary 5th in a series of 11

“To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation...”

The individual is the basis of the American nation. Unlike other ideas of government, the American ideal places the individual first. The nation belongs to the individual, not the individual to the nation. The government exists for the purpose of serving the individual, not the individual for the purpose of serving the nation. If this ideal is to survive, there must be a voluntary sense of obligation of the individual to the nation and its component parts, the community and state. The American citizen serves his community, state and nation, not as a driven slave, but as a free man guided by his own sense of duty. To inculcate this feeling among all Americans is one of the great purposes of the Legion and Auxiliary.

Beth Kilgore, Chairman
Constitution & By-Laws Committee

Constitution & Bylaws

I have requested for each unit to review your Constitution and By-Laws to see if they need to be updated. Many of you have done so or are in the process of doing so. I have received a couple to review or messages indicating you are in the process.

Remember a by-law revision is a major overhaul of the bylaws. Units, 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

Happy New Year to everyone..

I would like to thank Units 14, 60, and 140 for getting their mid year reports in. You young ladies are doing a great job. I would like to share a great idea from unit 60.. These young ladies make cards every month for veteran residents at a local nursing home and visit with them. I think this is a great idea. Whether you have one or 10 juniors in your unit, this is something they can do at home or together.

Don't forget you can let me know anytime what your juniors are doing and if anyone needs anything please let me know.

Tentative Junior Midwinter Meeting is in this Spirit. Fees are \$10.00 each Junior. You pay your registration at the Junior meeting and there will be forms to fill out for parents (s) or guardians.

Until next month everyone have a great new year.

Michelle Ryan
Junior Activities

Public Relations

How are you letting people know what the American Legion Auxiliary is about? Are you using branding? As a member do you wear auxiliary articles such as a shirt or even just a pin? Are you spreading the news of events or accomplishments via your local newspaper or even posting it to your units Facebook page?

Any way we are able to get the word out about our organization and what we do or plan to do is a good thing.

Keep working on getting the Word Out Of Who We are. Attempt to try something new by creating a social media account for your unit.

Any time you have the opportunity tell everyone who we are and what we are about.

Happy Holidays!!
Stephanie Handley
Public Relations Chairman

Poppy

Seasons Greetings Ladies,

Hope all of you are well and not stressed out.

We are still looking for Mid Year Reports, Thank you to those who have submitted one. Remember they are just a summary narrative of activities.

As we start our New Year 2018, keep Poppy activities in your thoughts. Contact your local business to reserve your space for Poppy Day. Have you put your orders in for Poppies?

Mid Winter Poppy Poster Contest; Check your Plans of Action for rules. Please bring posters on February 10 2018 between 8:00AM and 8:30 AM, We will be setup near the Silent Auction table. All money raised will go to the Department Welfare Fund. Any questions, please call me. Hope we have a representation from all Units.

Reminders; use Poppies during Legion Birthday Dinners or any event you hold for the community.

Hope everyone stays well. Have a safe Holiday and remember our Veterans and Troops.

Linda Schlicht
Poppy Chairman
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Community Service

Hello Ladies,

I know this is a busy time of the year for everyone. We must remember that there are people that are cold and hungry. There are children that have no toys. We can help by having food drives, coat drives and toy drives. We can feel the stockings for the children; Visit the nursing homes and the sick. There is so much we can do in our community.

Merry Christmas,
JoAnn Hastings
Community Service Chairman

Strategic Planning Committee

Goal #3 Leadership/Utilize Member Strengths

In the Leadership packets for every Unit in the state that were distributed at the Fall Workshop in Bridgeport, I included a copy of the Member Data Survey form and National's suggestions on how to utilize the information from the completed forms.

Send the Member Data Survey Form to EVERY member or call and go over the form with members and fill out their form as you chat. Form a Committee to do this so that several members can participate in the survey process. Once the surveys are completed, compile a list of strengths and skills and interest that you can draw from AND that will engage more members in your Unit activities.

It is important that we remember that EVERY paid-up member is a member in good standing and we need to reach out to every member even if they are not those who attend meetings regularly. Every member matters!

Dede Kelly
Department Leadership Chairman

National Security

Hello Ladies,

Welcome to 2018!!!! Can't believe it I know but its here!

These are 10 steps to becoming a good leader:

1. Set goals-decide what needs to be done.
2. Take initiative-have plan and plan the work.
3. Is cooperative-helps and shares with others.
4. Communicates effectively-know the facts.
5. Shows sympathy.
6. Is creative and original-if not, uses those around you that are.
7. Is always ready to serve.
8. Makes learning a lifetime experience.
9. Inspires others.
10. Knows what you do well and what your talents are.

National Security is always floating in the air... These people made a donation to contribute to our American Legion Auxiliary Foundation to give back to our nation #Giving Tuesday #Giving Back. Black Friday and Cyber Monday have come and gone. What's #Giving Tuesday, you might ask? The name pretty much sums it up – it's a global day dedicated to giving back. Donate to the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation to help ensure our mission of service endures. Your support leads to job training, finding adequate shelter, physical and mental health services, and much more for our heroes – our veterans.

And it only gets better: Innovairre Communications will match every dollar up to \$15,000 - that's all the more reason to donate this holiday season.

Feeling really generous? When you make a single contribution of \$250 or more, or a cumulative contribution of \$250 or more in a calendar year (January-December) to the ALA Foundation, you'll receive a gift – a beautiful ornament depicting the American Legion Auxiliary's stained glass window in the Washington, D.C. National Cathedral.

Everyone have a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

God Bless You
Savanna Kauffman
National Security

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY JUNIOR MIDWINTER AGENDA Tentative Agenda

Registration: 8:00-9:00
Fee: \$10.00
Meeting: Saturday 9:00 am

Order of Business

1. Call to Order
2. Prayer
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. National Anthem
5. Preamble
6. Reading and Approval of previous meeting minutes
7. Unfinished Business

BREAK FOR LUNCH 11:30am

8. New Business
9. Craft Project
10. Announcements
11. Closing Prayer
12. Meeting Adjourned 3:30pm

**Fees and Forms will be at Juniors
Meeting Room**

Holiday Greetings

Mid Winter Conference is almost here Ladies.

We are gathering items for a Basket to raffle on February 10, 2018 at Mid Winter.

If you have any items to donate for the basket, you may mail to me before February 5, 2018 or please bring items by 8:00 AM on the 10th. This will allow us to put Basket together and sell raffle tickets all day.

Basket will be located at Silent Auction table, so please stop by for tickets.

Thank you in advance for your support for the Department's Welfare Fund.

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Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year !
I know this is January Spirit, but I just had to send this wish to everyone.

It is now Mid-Winter time, time to think of Comfort Items. I hope Units near the Hospitals and Nursing Home, have checked with them to see what is needed. Remember feel free to take items directly to them, just bring information slip to me at Mid-winter.

I received a phone call from Irene Weber stating that Martinsburg VA is in need of items for Women Veterans. The following is a list of some of the items they can use:

Sports Bras all sizes
Panties (Briefs, Hip Huggers, Bikinis style or regular panties),
Sports socks
Sweats both sweat shirts and pants, all sizes including extra large
shampoos, conditioners
Body wash, soaps, deodorants
Brushes, combs
Reading glasses
Winter coats (new or slightly used)

Used coats must be clean.

The women Veterans in most all hospitals have to wear clothing for men. so please remember our Female Veterans.

Stamps are also always appreciated.

Hope to see everyone at Mid-Winter.

After the first of the year take advantage of after Christmas Sales and buy for our Veterans.

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

God Bless our Veterans
God Bless the USA
Carla Wilfong
Chairman



2017 Martinsburg VA Gift Shop



2017 Clarksburg VA Gift Shop



2017 Huntington VA Gift Shop



2017 Beckley VA Gift Shop

Ways & Means

Congratulations to the November Ways and Means winners!

Next month will be my last article as Chairman of the Ways & Means. Starting in the January for the 2018 winners it will be under the Secretary position.

Right now there are 157 tickets for 2018 sold. Remember December 31st is the last drawing for 2017, to receive the 2018 tickets for the January 1, 2018 drawing.

I know money is tight at this time, but a \$20.00 fundraiser ticket for Christmas is a great idea. They have a chance to win ALL year.

Please continue to sell and send to the office to be eligible for drawings.

Paulette Anderson
Chairman

November Ways and Means Winners

	865			11/1/17	
Merri Roush	785	New Haven	WV	11/2/17	\$25.00
Kimberly Cox	674	Skygusty	WV	11/3/17	\$25.00
Jeanne Queen	837	Ellicott City	MD	11/4/17	\$25.00
	838			11/6/17	
Jay Swartz	532	Bruceton Mills	WV	11/7/17	\$25.00
Bobby English	040	Bluefield	WV	11/8/17	\$25.00
Bill Yealer	190	Parkersburg	WV	11/9/17	\$25.00
Sherry Doss	295	Thorpe	WV	11/10/17	\$25.00
	400			11/11/17	
Jon & Meghan Speiser	328	Mt. Airy	MD	11/13/17	\$25.00
Miracle Davis	114	Keyser	WV	11/14/17	\$25.00
Bill Yealer	190	Parkersburg	WV	11/15/17	\$200.00
	830			11/16/17	
Charles Pearce Sr.	889	Gore	VA	11/17/17	\$25.00
Susan Powell	619	Wellsburg	WV	11/18/17	\$25.00
Eileen Poland	250	Rio	WV	11/20/17	\$25.00
Kimyacta Simpson	313	Clarksburg	WV	11/21/17	\$25.00
Bradley Ciampanella	046	Roderfield	WV	11/22/17	\$25.00
Jeff Wisley	022	Lavalette	WV	11/23/17	\$25.00
	366			11/24/17	
	385			11/25/17	
Bret Van Dyke	329	Beckley	WV	11/27/17	\$25.00
Steve Estep	160	Friendly	WV	11/28/17	\$25.00
Margy Toler	222	Moundsville	WV	11/29/30	\$25.00
Sherri Sparks	193	Bluefield	VA	11/30/17	\$25.00



Membership 2017-2018 "Soaring High with Membership While Strengthening our Culture of Goodwill"



Membership Target
December 31, 2017—50%
Department Goal 9446
Unit #200 Goal 88 To Date: 64
Membership to Date: 4061 (42.99 %) Updated 12/20/17



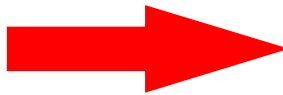
District 1			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	20	9	45.00%
Moundsville #3	423	173	40.90%
McMechen #5	67	37	55.22%
Weirton #10	106	44	41.51%
Cameron #18	257	116	45.14%
New Martinsville #28	211	121	57.35%
Wellsburg #34	42	22	52.38%
Follansbee #45	59	20	33.90%
Benwood #46	125	62	49.60%
Pine Grove #81	106	38	35.85%
Paden City #86	172	79	45.93%
Wheeling #89	33	14	42.42%
Newell #114	51	17	33.33%
Hundred #120	109	39	35.78%
Chester #121	264	102	38.64%
TOTALS	2045	893	43.67%



Membership: 4704
To Date: 2030
(43.15 %)

District 3			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	76	33	43.42%
Grafton #12	25	1	04.00%
Clarksburg #13	222	95	42.79%
Elkins #29	245	117	47.76%
Shinnston #31	404	212	52.48%
Braxton County #33	41	21	51.22%
Philippi #44	34	15	44.12%
Bridgeport #68	86	25	29.07%
Belington #96	36	15	41.67%
Pickens #122	34	19	55.88%
Jane Lews #166	58	38	65.52%
Morgantown #174	23	12	52.17%
TOTALS	1284	603	46.96%

District 4			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	1067	446	41.80%
Spencer #21	84	37	44.05%
Pt. Pleasant #23	470	185	39.36%
Tyler County #48	29	21	72.41%
Sistersville #67	92	29	31.52%
New Haven #140	206	97	47.09%
Williamstown #159	201	79	39.30%
TOTALS	2149	894	41.60%



Membership: 4654
To Date: 1967
(42.26 %)

District 6			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Welch #8	89	44	49.44%
Bluefield #9	16	8	50.00%
Beckley #32	87	21	24.14%
Gary #38	148	78	52.70%
Cowen #62	48	27	56.25%
Lewisburg #69	86	48	55.82%
Richwood #97	36	17	47.22%
TOTALS	510	243	47.65%

District 5			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Huntington #16	335	148	44.18%
Logan #19	20	10	50.00%
St. Albans #73	55	18	32.73%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	476	131	27.52%
South Charleston #94	16	1	06.25%
Hamlin #111	89	34	38.20%
Milton #139	103	43	41.75%
Barboursville #177	231	83	35.93%
TOTALS	1325	469	35.40%

District 10			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	144	59	40.97%
Franklin #30	16	17	106.25%
Piedmont #52	65	13	20.00%
Berkeley Springs #60	334	146	43.71%
Moorefield #64	129	81	68.99%
Charles Town #71	320	137	42.81%
Petersburg #78	119	42	35.29%
Romney #91	349	159	45.56%
Charles Town #102	38	16	42.11%
Paw Paw #128	61	29	47.54%
Kirby #134	64	36	56.25%
Ridgeley #136	129	40	31.01%
Capon Bridge #137	207	76	36.71%
Keyser #152	70	44	62.86%
TOTALS	2045	895	43.77%

January 2018

Sun

Mon


Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<i>New Years Day Office Closed</i>	<i>Closed for New Year Eve Holiday</i>				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	<i>15 Martin Luther King's Birthday Spirit Due</i>	16	17	18	19	20
21	<i>22 Spirit Out VA Checks Mailed</i>	23	<i>24 Leave for In- dianapolis Office Closed</i>	<i>25 Secretary Organization Effectiveness Training Indianapolis</i>	<i>26 Traveling Home</i>	27
28	29	30	31			
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38th Annual Mid-Winter Conference
American Legion Auxiliary
Conference Program
Lakeview Resorts, Morgantown WV

Tentative Schedule

Friday, February 9, 2018

8:00 am Comfort Items Open
3 - 7 pm Registration
2:15-2:45pm Policy & Procedures
3:00-4:00pm Girls State Executive Board Meeting
4:15-4:45pm Centennial Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
6:00-6:45pm Membership Team
6:00-6:45pm Back to Basics Committee Meeting
7:00 pm Opening Joint Session

Saturday, February 10, 2018

8:00am -12:00 pm Registration
8:00am -2:00 pm Silent Auction
8:30am Juniors Session
8:30am Opening Session
Call to Order
Prayer
Moment of Silence
Pledge of Allegiance
National Anthem
Preamble of Constitution
Mission Statement
8:40am Welcome
8:45am Chapel-4-Chaplains
9:00am Leadership
9:45am Membership Introductions
10:15am Treasurer
10:30am Girls State
10:45am 2017 Rhododendron Girls State Governor

11:00am Membership Introductions
11:10am Strategic Planning Committee
11:40am Announcements and Recess
11:45 am Membership Luncheon

1:00pm Reconvene Membership
1:30pm National President Diane Duscheck
Department of Wisconsin

2:00pm Silent Auction Closes
Membership Introductions
2:10pm Year End Reports/Impact Reporting
2:25pm Department Chairmen Reports
2:45pm Secretary's Job
3:00pm Reports From:
Poppy Posters
V A & R
Ways & Means
Silent Auction
3:15pm Questions & Answers
3:30pm Announcements
Benediction
Salute To Our Flag
Adjournment

2018 Midwinter Membership Luncheon

Saturday February 10, 2018

Lakeview Resort Morgantown

MENU

Deli Presentation Buffett

Includes: Soup de Jour, Fresh Seasonal Cubed Fruit

Tossed Salad, Homemade Pasta Salad

*Deli Display of thinly sliced oven Roasted Turkey, Virginia Baked Ham, and Roast Beef
assorted cheeses, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, and condiments*

Served with sliced breads and sandwich rolls

Chef's selection of assorted desserts, Iced tea, and regular/decaffeinated coffee and herbal tea

Price \$22.00 each person

Advance Registration with Payment Needed by January 29, 2018

NO DEVIATION

List of Names Attending:

Please list Allergies beside Name

*Send to: ALA Dept. Treasurer
1251 Doolin Run Road
New Martinsville WV 26155*

SILENT AUCTION

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2018

MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

LAKEVIEW RESORTS MORGANTOWN WV

Linda Schlicht will be Handling the Silent Auction

ITEMS CAN BE SPECIAL BASKETS—

VALENTINES, ST. PATRICK DAY, FOOTBALL, MOVIE THEME, ETC.

WREATHS, FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS, QUILTS,

GIFT CARDS, BAKED GOODS, AFGHANS

BRING ON SATURDAY BY 8:00AM

IF WRAPPED, INCLUDE LISTING OF WHAT IS INSIDE

A SPECIAL THEME BASKET WILL BE RAFFLED OFF AT THIS AUCTION

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE DEPARTMENT WELFARE FUND

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Comfort Item Drive

UNIT/POST/SQUADRON # _____

LOCATION _____

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Earl Francis Unit 3

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For The

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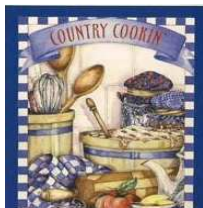
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