



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,

Membership has really slowed down, we are currently 608 members behind where we were at the end of July last year. Good news is we are still signing up new members, which is great!! However, we need to be checking in with those members who have not renewed and find out why. Do the best you can, at bringing back those who have not renewed and signing up new members into this wonderful organization.

Memorial Day is just a few days away. Many celebrate this holiday weekend, by holding cook outs and such, while others participate with their posts in holding Memorial Day services. Regardless of how one chooses to spend their weekend, let us not forget the true reason for Memorial Day. Memorial Day is to remember those who never made it home, those who died while serving in the country's Armed Forces. I myself am honored to say I will be in Grafton representing our Auxiliary for the long weekend and helping with the 10th District Memorial Day Picnic for Veterans at Martinsburg VA on the 30th.

I look forward to visiting both Girls State and Boys State this year and seeing all the wonderful young ladies and gentleman who attend.

A member in good standing is a member whose current dues are paid. Those members have the same rights, they may run for any office, see governing documents, minutes, treasurer's reports, etc., and they have the right to vote.

We are here 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. Our Legionnaires are veterans; please don't forget they also served.

It is a wonderful thing when Posts and Auxiliaries, along with the S.A.L work together as an American Legion Family. Unfortunately this does not always happen. A few things to keep in mind, the Legion does not control us, nor do we control them. It is their Post Home. They have no rights to ask for things from us such as copies of governing documents, or to know how much is in our accounts. We unlike the S.A.L. are chartered by congress. If something was to happen with the Legion's post home or charter, we can continue on. You can hold your unit meetings at other locations. Not all Legions' even have post homes, so those do hold meetings in officer's homes, a church, or community center.

Any member is welcome to call or email me any time. Remember there is no dumb question, maybe only the one not asked.

Keep up the wonderful work you all do!
Serve & Honor Veterans,
Lisa Cadwallader (304) – 707 - 1121
LisaC.ALA71@gmail.com



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 Department Office needs to be the original. Copies are for you to keep.

As of February 1st 2018 dues MUST be paid before any back dues. If you send me back dues and they aren't paid for 2018, they will be marked for 2018 year.

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

Please do not staple checks to transmittals.

Menu for the Past President's luncheon will be in the next Spirit and mailed out with credentials.

Bring Your Ribbons, (White Dresses for Installation) and Traveling Plaques (Thursday Evening)

***Dates To Remember
Rhododendron Girls State Week
Davis & Elkins College
June 10-June 15***

2018-2019 Candidates for Office

Dept. President-Rhonda Best Unit #3
Dept. 1st VP-Sharon Kauffman Unit #14
Dept. 2nd Vice Pres.-Cathy Post #48
Dept. Sec/Treas.-Paulette Anderson #28
Dept. Chaplain- Kelly Immel #71
Dept. Historian-

District Candidates for Office
1st Dist. Pres. Holly Adams #121
VP Stephanie Handley #121
3rd Dis. Pres. Roxie Nicholson
VP Carla Wilfong
4th Dist. Pres. Nancy Sundstrom #15
VP Patsy Young-Greiner #15
5th Dist. Pres. Beth Kilgore
VP JoAnn Hastings
6th Dist. Pres. Peggy Swartz
VP Reba Honaker
10th Dist. Pres. Sharon Glassford #71
VP Debbie Michael #60

Remembering Our Friends

Betty Rea, PCDNVP, is home now from Rehab. She is using a walker, and doing fairly well with it.

Sharon Glassford, PDP, is home from Rehab also and doing well.

Let us remember these members in our prayers and thoughts.

Department Headquarters

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New Martinsville WV 26155-7808

Department Website:
www.wvauux.org

Rhododendron Girls State Website
www.wvgirlsstate.org

**The American Legion
Department of WV**
wvlegion@suddenlink.com

**American Legion Auxiliary
National Website**
ALAforveterans.org

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

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

Membership Chairman

The membership report was sent in from the Department and I would like to thank the Units that sent a narrative report as requested. Those Units will receive a gift at Convention.

Just a reminder to work on recruiting a new member and submit your ALA Pin Recruitment challenge paper that was in the last Spirit and in this one also. At the current time, I have not received any so please work on recruiting!!

Thank you for your continual work to build relationships with your community to recruit and retain members.

If you need help, please reach out to your District Vice President, Department Vice Presidents and me.

Soaring High With Membership,
Heather Fauble

Department 1st Vice President

Hello Doves,

I know everyone is starting to wind down and hopefully have turned in all your Year-End Reports.

We still have time to get those few renewals as well as new members. Please continue to process all memberships once you receive them even if there is only 1 member to send.

I want to take this opportunity to “THANK” each of the District-Vice Presidents for the wonderful job you have done this year and to “THANK” each Unit Membership Chairman for the awesome work you have done too. It takes all of us to work together as a team to be able to make any kind of progress. Ladies, take this time to reflect on this year and take with you the pros and cons to build on years to come.

I hope to see many of you next month at Summer Convention in Huntington.

Have a wonderful month and some Summer fun.

God Bless
Rhonda Best
Dept. 1st Vice President



Department 2nd Vice President

Hello Ladies,

Thank you for all the kindness at your district conferences. I enjoyed each one and learned a lot from each of you. I did receive a report to hand in to Heather.

Here are a few things to remember. The phone calls do help, door to door, a little reminder card; these do help. Invite them to your unit to see the changes and new things you are doing. Remind them that we are here for our Veterans and that they count with volunteering and most of all that their membership means a lot to us.

Hope everyone had a great Mothers Day and Have a Great Memorial Day.

Sharon Kauffman
Dept. 2nd Vice
304-707-5512



Candidates for Department Office:

**Department Convention Chairman
Kitty Kelly-Smoot will need a picture
for the Candidates Board
for 2018-2019.**

Please give to her on Thursday.



From the Department Headquarters

There have been questions regarding former members wishing to come back in but their eligibility was no longer due to being divorced, or spouse dropped out of The American Legion. I contacted National Headquarters on this matter. I have been informed by National that if a member drops out and wishes to come back in, but she is either divorced or her spouse is no longer a member of The American Legion, she may come back in **AS LONG AS SHE PAYS ALL PAST DUES AND CURRENT DUES AT THE SAME TIME.**

I hope this clarifies any questions that were asked.

The Unit membership chairman needs to contact this office, to make sure that the former member is still in the system. When the records were purged from The American Legion in 2010, if the member didn't pay dues for years, (1990's) then they didn't follow into the American Legion Auxiliary records.

If this is the case, THEN she will have to find new eligibility. That is why I will need the information from unit membership chairman. Any questions Please contact this office.

Paulette Anderson
Secretary/Treasurer

3rd District President

Here it is the last of the year. It has been a hard and busy year for most in my District, but I think everything will work out.

There is still several Units in Third District that are under 20 members in membership, I know it is hard but come on we have until the end of July, (before National Convention) to get our numbers up.

All I can say this month is work a little harder. If you need my help, you know to just call me at 304-592-0247 or e-mail me at: carlajwilfong@yahoo.com.

God Bless America and our Veterans.
Carla Wilfong,
Third District President

5th District President

I hope everyone has submitted their year-end reports to Department. I have had units tell me they are not interested in doing the reporting they just want to help veterans. By submitting the reports, you are helping veterans. The information you send to Department is compiled and sent to National, who in turn, compiles the information and uses it to approach Congress about funding for veteran's benefits. So, you see it does help the veteran. Think about the benefits veterans would have if no one turned in reports.

Keep up the great work you are doing on membership. I know it has slowed down a lot, but keep sending in what you receive on a timely basis.
Service not Self

Beth Kilgore
5th District President

6th District President

Hello Everyone:

Hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful weather.

Sixth District Spring Conference was hosted by Cowan Unit #62, and was a nice conference. As you know Cowen was one of the new Units that came into our District this year. The members were so nice to the one in attendance; looking forward to seeing them at the Fall Conference which I hope will be hosted by Bluefield Unit 9. Getting back to Cowen we had great food and dessert was delicious.

It was also nice to have with us the Department President Lisa Cadwallader, 1st Vice Rhonda Best, 2nd Vice Sharon Kauffman, and our great Secretary Paulette Anderson. Paulette gave us a lot of information along with information from the others present from the Department.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Department Convention in July.

Hope everyone has sent in their Girl State information because it was due on May 1st.

Sixth District has one GOAL UNIT and that is Bluefield Unit 9, thanks for the hard work ladies! Still hoping that we will have more Goal Units. I know everyone is working hard on this.

Guess everyone has elected new officers for the coming year, and getting ready for them to be installed.

Work on membership real hard.

Memorial Day will be here before we know it, so let's do something for our Veterans, and let's keep all our Veterans in our prayers.

So until next time God Bless each and everyone.

Peggy Swartz
President
6th District

10th District President

Hello Doves,

Hope everyone had a great Mothers Day. We are getting ready for the 10th District picnic at the VAMC. If anyone would like to volunteer, donate food or money to help with the picnic, you can contact myself, Debbie Fox, Linda Schildt, or Kelli Immel. You will enjoy doing it.

Here are a couple of event coming up at the VAMC

**May 25th National Veterans Awareness Ride

**May 20th Annual Volunteer Awards Luncheon

**May 30th Memorial Day Ceremony

**June 3rd Annual Operation God Bless America Ride

**May is National Poppy month.

Remember when out and about or Volunteering wear your badge, shirt or something letting people know who you are.

For God and Country
District 10 President
Sharon Kauffman
304-707-5512

5th District Vice President

Hello Ladies,

I know all the ladies in the Fifth District have been working hard on membership, but things are slowly down.

The Fifth District has 51.92% of goal. We will still need to work harder. Membership numbers for each unit from 2017 that has increased by at least one member from the 2017 year will be awarded with a goal ribbon at the Department convention.

Ladies I want to thank you for working so hard.

JoAnn Hastings
Fifth District
Vice President



1st District Vice President

Hello Ladies,

I hope everyone is enjoying this spring weather. I know I am, come on summer.

Thank you for all the return calls and texts regarding membership this month. Remember that our next target is June 12th at 100%. I understand it is difficult and we are all in the same boat just keep on working for our membership.

At the 1st District Spring Conference in Moundsville President Lisa explained to us that National wants us to increase our last year's membership as they too understand and realize the difficulty all units are having.

Take care

Holly Adams 1st District VP
Hollyadams847@gmail.com

10th District Vice President

Hello Doves,

Hope everyone is safe and staying dry.

Well Ladies we are nearing the end of 2017-2018. The 10th District is a little over half way to our goal. I know all of are working hard to reach your goals.

Don't give up good things will happen, reaching out to unpaid will let them know they are important to our mission.

We are slightly ahead of District 3 for the percent challenge. July convention is coming fast, so keep trying.

Thank you for all you do.

Linda Schlicht
10th District Vice President
443-618-2494
Chappylinda@gmail.com

Historian

Hope this finds everyone well and enjoying their spring / summer.

Thanks to everyone who sent in their end of year reports. I have really enjoyed this year.

God Bless
Kelli A Immel

Poppy

Dear Poppy Chairmen;

The work you have put into the program is inspirational . Remembering the legacy, sharing it and putting the donation to use for our Veterans.

I hope each Unit had a successful Poppy Day.

A special Thank You to the Units completing their Year-End reports.

Remember to keep a check on the National Poppy site for ideas for the future.

Thank you again for all you do.

Linda Schlicht
Poppy Chairman
443-618-2494
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Chaplain

My Auxiliary Sisters, As we pause to remember all those that gave the life in service, let us be ever grateful. I have offered you a prayer for such occasion. Also I will put you in remembrance that I need you to send prayers from your unit for President Lisa's Prayer Book.

"In the quiet sanctuaries of our own hearts, let each of us name and call on the One whose power over us is great and gentle, firm and forgiving, holy and healing..."

You who created us, who sustain us, who call us to live in peace, hear our prayer this day.

Hear our prayer for all who have died, whose hearts and hopes are known to you alone...

Hear our prayer for those who put the welfare of others ahead of their own and give us hearts as generous as theirs ...

Hear our prayer for those who gave their lives in the service of others, and accept the gift of their sacrifice ...

Help us to shape and make a world where we will lay down the arms of war and turn our swords into ploughshares for a harvest of justice and peace ...

Comfort those who grieve the loss of their loved ones and let your healing be the hope in our hearts...

Hear our prayer this day and in your mercy answer us in the name of all that is holy.

The peace of God be with you."

Cathy Post
Chaplain



***Credentials,
New Unit Officers Form,
Past Department President's Luncheon
Form will be mailed and emailed
out on May 29th***

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

10th in a series of 11

“To participate in and contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of The American Legion...”

The Auxiliary pledges its full strength to the support of The American Legion, and affirm its character as an auxiliary to the Legion. It has always been faithful to this pledge, never developing programs or policies of its own, but directing all of its activities towards the “accomplishment of the aims and purposes of The American Legion.”

Beth Kilgore, Chairman
Constitution & By-Laws Committee

Community Service

Hello Ladies,

I want to thank you for sending me your reports on community service. They were very good; you all have been working hard in the community. You are working hard helping the veterans, the sick, food banks, children hospitals and we still are doing more and more.

Thank you for every thing you all do. Keep up the good work!

God bless
JoAnn Hastings
Community Service

Constitution & Bylaws

The year may be winding down with your year end reports being submitted, election of officers, putting the final touches on this past year. However; your Constitution and By-Laws are constant. Just because you may be changing the dynamics of your unit with new officers and chairmen, doesn't change the fact you may need to update your constitution. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 304-654-7750.

REMINDER: If you are raising your dues because of the increase imposed by National, you will need to revise your constitution or by-laws depending on where you have your dues listed.

Beth Kilgore, Chairman
Dede Kelly, Member
Linda Crumm, Member

Junior Activities

Thank you to all the Units that got me their Year-End Reports to me. I enjoyed reading all the amazing things these young ladies did this year. Our Juniors did combine total of 889 volunteer hours this year. Way to go girls. You ladies are amazing.

Department Convention is coming up in July. We will be electing and installing new officers at this time. The young being installed need to wear **white** please. I will also need a Past Department President to install them. If anyone is interested please let me know.

The date for this is Thursday July 12th. Registration is at 9:00 am. Meeting starting at 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. Installation of officers at 3:30 pm. Please remember to wear white.

Until next month,.....
Thank you
Michelle Ryan
floridaroush71@yahoo.com

Children & Youth

I have received eighteen year-end reports and I am impressed by all you are doing for the children and youth in your respective communities. Keep up the great work. By showing these young people what it is like to do for others, they should grow up with the same ideals of “*Service Not Self*” that you demonstrate anytime you do for the youth of your community.

Do not let the winding down of the year slow you down from helping the children in your area. School will be out soon and what better time to have an event to honor them and keep them active during the summer. Think about it, plan it, and the have it!!

Service Not Self!
Beth Kilgore
Chairman

Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Hello Ladies,

I think spring has sprung finally.

I'd like to thank the units and members who generously donated to this program this year. West Virginia had three members that were helped, I'm sure they greatly appreciated the help in time of need.

There will be at least one more donation after convention. I still have my plaque to raffle off and give that money for Department to send to National.

I'll give my final report at convention. Hope to see you there!

Connie Pyles
AEF Chairman

National Security

Hello Ladies,

I hope you sent your reports in.

I hope to see you all at the Convention in July.

Heads up: **June 14, 2018 - Flag Day**, Lets join the American Legion Family in proudly flying Old Glory on Flag Day!

Something to remember is ALA Units and Legion Posts across the country will also conduct proper flag collection and retirement ceremonies!!! Go and get involved with your post or other posts!

Savanna Kauffman
National Security



Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Hope everyone is enjoying the weather. I just hope storms are over so my electric stays on.

Well reports are over and into National. I was glad to receive 18 reports, and 11 narratives. I was impressed with everything the Units have done. Wish Units would have sent in hours ahead of time. The list of Auxiliary members donating hours was impressive

I will keep this short. I hope all Units are planning a Memorial Event, visit cemeteries and pay tribute to our deceased Veterans.

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

God Bless America and our Veterans
Carla J Wilfong
Chairman

Strategic Planning Committee

Goal #3

Leadership/Utilize member strengths

Seven Simple Truths

(Written in 2016 for the ALA Centennial Strategic Plan)

1. Most ALA members don't think of themselves as leaders unless they have a title. Leadership is not a rank to attain; it is a mantle of responsibility. True leaders put the organization's needs before their own. Not all ALA leaders have titles.
2. Our organization operates with layers of leadership. Those who don't hold a title may not have a sense of ownership that empowers them to solve problems.
3. When members accept a position of responsibility and don't fulfill it, they break down trust. Documents that outline Roles & Responsibilities must address accountability and establish a basis for replacement.
4. In general, we are struggling with being welcoming, especially to people who are not like us. Until we improve this, we are unlikely to match the diversity of the military.
5. Lack of information is a significant barrier to leadership development. Leadership Committee members can help members become informed and make use of tools.
6. Different leadership positions require different skills. The rigid, cumbersome process in most departments does not allow the necessary flexibility to make adjustments when a candidate is already in line for office but doesn't demonstrate the ability to be successful at the next level. Departments should evaluate whether their succession process still serves their needs.
7. Succession planning should be part of leadership development. Good leaders leave a legacy of new leaders who are set up for even greater success. We must be cultivating the next generation of ALA leaders.

Dede Kelly
Strategic Planning Committee

Standing Rules

Hello everyone!

In this month's Spirit will be the changes to Department's Standing Rules. Please read. If you are making changes to your Unit's Standing Rules those changes need to be sent to the Standing Rules committee NOT Constitution & By-law committee. When sending include your old standing rules with your new standing rules, so we can see what change or additions have been made.

On behalf of Standing Rules Committee, we thank President Lisa for this appointment.

Susan Brown, PDP
Standing Rules
Chairman

100 Years of Celebration 1919-2019

As I have traveled about our beautiful State of West Virginia for the past few years, one of the things I have noticed in different Units, is not to many of you actually know how to conduct a meeting. Now, I am not condemning anyone. I just want you to be aware of the fact that if you look at the manual, you will see an outline of how to do this and learn to stand and also to set at the correct times. You will also see the correct times to say the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble for the ALA and also the Mission Statement.

The manual is there for a reason, and has been for several years. Lets make our ALA of 100 years better and brighter than ever and do it correctly. If you have a new member take an office, help them do it the right way, show your pride for our organization.

**MAKE IT SHINE
MAKE IT BETTER
MAKE IT PROUD
MAKE IT FUN**

Roxie Nicholson
Member Centennial Committee

April Ways and Means Winners

Winner	Number	City	State	Date	Amount
	390			4/2/2018	\$25.00
Susan Wade	229	Paden City	WV	4/3/2018	\$25.00
Al Olson	655	Boone	NC	4/4/2018	\$25.00
Tony Farrell	999	Capon Bridge	WV	4/5/2018	\$25.00
PDP Club	933	Moundsville	WV	4/6/2018	\$25.00
	668			4/7/2018	
	300			4/9/2018	
Judy Letterman	816	Romney	WV	4/10/2018	\$25.00
Bonnie Haines	369	Augusta	WV	4/11/2018	\$25.00
	057			4/12/2018	
	895			4/13/2018	
Pat Calain	313	Elkins	WV	4/14/2018	\$25.00
Gary Thomas	003	Upper Glade	WV	4/16/2018	\$25.00
Michelle Kuykendall	605	Romney	WV	4/17/2018	\$25.00
Scottie Thorn	088	Welch	WV	4/18/2018	\$200.00
	736			4/19/2018	
Susan Yoho	844	Moundsville	WV	4/20/2018	\$25.00
Bill Rose	338	Pageton	WV	4/21/2018	\$25.00
Mike Smith	438	Mt. Airy	MD	4/23/2018	\$25.00
	489			4/24/2018	
Peggy Rund	514	Stevensville	MD	4/25/2018	\$25.00
Daniel Veach	144	Purgitsville	WV	4/26/2018	\$25.00
	146			4/27/2018	
Lisa Cadwallader	896	Kearneysville	WV	4/28/2018	\$25.00
	566			4/30/2018	





American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

Rhododendron Girls State

Greetings Ladies!

Rhododendron Girls State is just around the corner! Good things are happening but your help is needed.

While many registrations have been received, girls are very slow to register online. Unit Chairman, please connect with your girls and remind them they must register online before attending RGS. If they have not received their password information from Registrar Ann Buchanan, please contact Ann as soon as possible to confirm she has the correct information. **Online registration MUST be completed by May 30th.** Girls are to report to Davis & Elkins McDonnell Center to receive their dorm assignment when arriving on Sunday afternoon.

We are working hard to ensure the girls have a great week. We have several elected officials scheduled to attend. Two new classes have been added to our program. We are so pleased to honor Jessica Lynch as our Female Veteran Honoree during our closing assembly at 9:00 a.m. on Friday morning and we welcome parents to attend this assembly.

I cannot emphasize the importance of staying connected with your girls between now and June 10th. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ann Buchanan or me.

Thank you for your hard work and commitment to Rhododendron Girls State!

Sincerely,
Michelle Sirbaugh
Director

Thank you Ladies for meeting the deadline with your applications for Rhododendron Girls State.

It has been a very busy couple of weeks for Paulette and I.

I received 20 Unit reports and 9 narratives. I did my report to National Rhododendron Girls Chairman.

By now all girls should be on the website filling out their application for Rhododendron Girls State.

If you have a cancellation please try to fill the position as soon as possible.

Thank you for your assistance. You are the root that makes this program possible.

Nancy Sundstrom
Chairman
Rhododendron Girls State

Rhododendron Girls State Week

Davis & Elkins College

June 10-15 2018

Registration

1:00-3:00 pm

1st Dist. — Susan Brown
2172 Grandview Rd.
Moundsville WV 26041
304-845-5122

3rd Dist. — Mary Jo Thomas
279 Rock Lake Road
Fairmont WV 26554
304-366-2912

4th Dist. — Nancy Sundstrom
1307 23rd Street
Parkersburg WV 26101
304-422-1263

5th Dist. — Beth Kilgore
1562 Holderby Road
Huntington WV 25701
304-654-7750

6th Dist. — Peggy Swartz
P O Box 124
Gary WV 24836
304-448-2394

10th Dist. — Lynda Lancaster
PO Box 1037
Ranson WV 25438
304-676-3979



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



Membership Target
June 12, 2018 100 % May 15, 2018 Update
Department Goal 9446
Unit #200 Goal 88 To Date: 74
Membership to Date: 5542 (58.67 %)



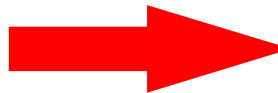
District 1			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	20	12	60.00%
Moundsville #3	423	253	59.81%
McMechen #5	67	39	58.21%
Weirton #10	106	56	52.83%
Cameron #18	257	151	58.75%
New Martinsville #28	211	136	64.45%
Wellsburg #34	42	26	61.90%
Follansbee #45	59	39	66.10%
Benwood #46	125	79	63.20%
Pine Grove #81	106	67	63.21%
Paden City #86	172	102	59.30%
Wheeling #89	33	24	72.73%
Newell #114	51	26	50.98%
Hundred #120	109	52	47.71%
Chester #121	264	151	57.20%
TOTALS	2045	1213	59.32%



Membership: 4704
To Date: 2757
(58.61 %)

District 3			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	76	45	59.21%
Grafton #12	25	10	40.00%
Clarksburg #13	222	106	47.75%
Elkins #29	245	156	63.67%
Shinnston #31	404	257	63.61%
Braxton County #33	41	27	65.85%
Philippi #44	34	15	44.12%
Bridgeport #68	86	60	69.77%
Belington #96	36	15	41.67%
Pickens #122	34	24	70.59%
Jane Lews #166	58	38	65.52%
Morgantown #174	23	14	60.87%
TOTALS	1284	767	59.74%

District 4			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	1067	570	53.42%
Spencer #21	84	43	51.19%
Pt. Pleasant #23	470	264	56.17%
Tyler County #48	29	28	96.55%
Sistersville #67	92	59	64.13%
New Haven #140	206	128	62.14%
Williamstown #159	201	128	63.68%
TOTALS	2149	1220	56.77%



Membership: 4654
To Date: 2711
(58.25 %)

District 6			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Welch #8	89	65	73.03%
Bluefield #9	16	24	150.00%
Beckley #32	87	41	47.13%
Gary #38	148	96	64.86%
Cowen #62	48	27	56.25%
Lewisburg #69	86	50	58.14%
Richwood #97	36	21	58.33%
TOTALS	510	324	63.53%

District 5			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Huntington #16	335	187	55.82%
Logan #19	20	14	70.00%
St. Albans #73	55	30	54.55%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	476	232	48.74%
South Charleston #94	16	10	62.50%
Hamlin #111	89	46	51.69%
Milton #139	103	58	56.31%
Barboursville #177	231	125	54.11%
TOTALS	1325	702	52.98%

District 10			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	144	75	52.08%
Franklin #30	16	17	106.25%
Piedmont #52	65	14	21.54%
Berkeley Springs #60	334	200	59.88%
Moorefield #64	129	103	79.84%
Charles Town #71	320	206	64.38%
Petersburg #78	119	76	63.87%
Romney #91	349	210	60.17%
Charles Town #102	38	22	57.89%
Paw Paw #128	61	41	67.21%
Kirby #134	64	38	59.38%
Ridgeley #136	129	77	59.70%
Capon Bridge #137	207	119	57.49%
Keyser #152	70	44	62.86%
TOTALS	2045	1242	60.73%

June 2018

Sun

Mon



Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		<i>Programs of The Month</i> <i>Rhododendron</i> <i>Girls State</i>			1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			<i>Office Closed</i> <i>Prepare for</i> <i>Convention</i> <i>Huntington</i>	<i>Office Closed</i> <i>Leave for</i> <i>Girls State</i>		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<i>Rhododendron</i> <i>Girls State</i> <i>Week</i>		<i>Target #4</i> <i>100%</i>		 <i>Day</i>	<i>Spirit Articles</i> <i>Due</i>	
→						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<i>Father's Day</i>	<i>Office Open</i>				<i>Spirit Out</i> <i>VA Checks</i> <i>Mailed</i>	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			<i>Credentials</i> <i>Due into</i> <i>Department</i>			

ALA Recruitment Pin Challenge

May 1 – June 15, 2018

Recruiter Name

Recruiter Address

Recruiter Unit Name and Number

New Member Name

Mail this form to Heather Fauble

32 Snowshoe Crt

Ranson, WV 25438

Email this information to Heather Fauble

hkfauble@aol.com

Form must be postmarked by June 18.

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

The Ninety-Sixth Department Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary is hereby called in conformity with Article IX, Section 1 of the Department Constitution and Bylaws which provides, "That the Department Convention be held annually concurrent with the Convention of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia." The Convention will meet in Huntington, West Virginia on July 12, 13, 14, 2018 at the Pullman Plaza.

PURPOSE

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

REPRESENTATIVES

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

ALTERNATES

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

CREDENTIALS

Membership cards must be presented by delegates and alternates. Certification of the election of the delegates and alternates **MUST** be mailed to Department Headquarters **no less than two weeks** prior to Convention, and **SHALL BE** accompanied by the Convention fee of \$20.00 for each accredited delegates so certified.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Pre-Convention Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday July 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Pullman Plaza in the Virginia-Maryland Room. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Department Elective Officers, NEC, the Eight District Presidents, all Past Department Presidents, and Chairmen of all standing committees. All members of standing committees, exclusive of the chairman, may attend the Executive Committee Meeting with the privilege of discussion but without vote. Any member in good standing may attend the Executive Committee Meeting with the privilege of discussion but NO vote.

DEPARTMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE

This committee will meet on Thursday July 12, 2018 at 1:00 pm in the Virginia Room. Those to attend this meeting are the three (3) members of the Finance Committee and the Department President and Department Secretary/Treasurer who are ex-officio members without vote.

POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Post Executive Committee will meet immediately following Installation on July 14, 2018 in the Virginia-Maryland Room.

Lisa Cadwallader
Department President

Paulette R. Anderson
Department Secretary/Treasurer

2018 Convention Committees

Convention Chairman.....	Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Huntington #16
Convention Recorder.....	Dede Kelly, Clarksburg #13
Sergeant at Arms.....	Michelle Dambaugh, Grafton #12
.....	Savannah Kauffman, Martinsburg #14
Personal Pages.....	Holly Adams, Chester #121
.....	JoAnn Hastings, Huntington #16
Floor Pages.....	Wendy Roy, Martinsburg #14
.....	Shanna Adams, Chester #121
Distinguished Guest Committee.....	Roxie Nicholson, Shinnston #31
.....	Susan Wade, NEC, Paden City #86
.....	Beth Kilgore, Huntington #16
Rules & Order of Business.....	Paulette Anderson, New Martinsville #28
Credentials Committee.....	Linda Crumm, Benwood #46
.....	Stephanie Handley, Chester #121
.....	Joy Potts, Charles Town #71
Election Committee.....	Shirley Davis, Ceredo-Kenova #93
.....	Mary Stump, Moorefield #64
.....	Carla Wilfong, Shinnston #31
Courtesy Resolutions.....	Donna Leek, Pine Grove #81
.....	Joy Potts, Charles Town #71
Judging Committee.....	Peggy Swartz, Welch #8
.....	Mary Stump, Moorefield #64
.....	Connie Pyles, Kirby #134
Standing Rules.....	Susan Brown, Chairman, Moundsville #3
.....	Melanie Delawder, Moorefield #64
.....	Linda Crumm, Benwood #46
Policy & Procedures.....	Rhonda Best, Chairman, Moundsville #3
.....	Sharon Kauffman, Martinsburg #14
.....	Cathy Post, Tyler County #48
Resolutions.....	Susan Brown, Chairman, Moundsville #3
.....	Peggy Swartz, Welch #8
.....	Nancy Sundstrom, Parkersburg #15
Constitution & Bylaws.....	Beth Kilgore, Chairman, Huntington #16
.....	Dede Kelly, Clarksburg #13
.....	Linda Crumm, Benwood #46
Music.....	Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Huntington #16
Parliamentarian.....	Nina Mason, Kirby #134

Sgt. at Arms are to Wear Navy Blue Skirts, White Tops

All Pages are to Wear All White

Standing Rules – Update

2017-2018

Number 1 changes: Under Department President

Delete – Expenses to Awareness Assembly \$250.00

Rationale – We no longer attend the Awareness Assembly

Under Department Secretary/Treasurer

\$0.20 per mile for any of the 8 District Conference she may attend (claim to be made after each Conference).

Change to read - \$0.20 per mile for any of the District Conference she may attend with claims to be made after each Conference.

Rationale – Department no longer has 8 district.

Delete - Expenses to Awareness Assembly \$250.00

Rationale – We no longer attend the Awareness Assembly

Delete – Department Secretary/Treasurer or Department President – expenses to Department Presidents/Secretaries Conference (Indianapolis), will be allowed \$75.00 per diem and \$0.25 per mile travel.

Rationale – this conference is no longer held by National.

Number 4 reads - The sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) shall be allowed for membership prizes (established by the Department) itemized statement to be filed by the Department Secretary/Treasurer at the close of the year.

Change to read – The sum of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) shall be allowed for membership cash prizes (established by the Department) with itemized statement to be filed by the Department Secretary/Treasurer at the close of the year.

Added the word Cash to read the same as Awards Manual.

Number 5 reads - Senior Scrapbook classes are: (1) Membership up to 300 members (2) Membership 301 and over

Change to read – Senior Scrapbook classes are: (1) Membership from 10 to 150 members (2) Membership from 151 and over

Rationale – to match Awards

Number 7 reads – All outstanding bills are to be presented to the Department Secretary/Treasurer by the 10th of each month for payment and all invoices shall accompany vouchers to the Finance Chairman. She shall remit to incoming Finance Chairman all vouchers paid for the previous year.

Change to read – All outstanding receipts shall be presented to the Department Secretary/Treasurer for payment. All check stubs shall be sent for signature to the Finance Chairman. The Current Finance Chairman shall remit to the incoming Finance Chairman all signed check stubs. Outside Auditor shall receive all paid invoices for the purpose of auditing the ledgers.

Rationale – Job clarification.

Number 16 letter (a) reads – The Unit Member of the Year shall be announced at the opening session and be presented with a ribbon.

Change to read – The Unit Member of the Year shall be announced at the opening session of Department Convention and be presented with a ribbon.

Rationale – Clarification of when this award is presented.

Number 21 reads – The incoming President, incoming Membership Chairman, and Department Secretary shall attend the National Leadership Conference at National with a total expenses of \$600.00 to be allowed which includes the \$400.00 from National.

Change to read – The incoming President, incoming Membership Chairmen, and Department Secretary/Treasurer shall attend the National Leadership Conference at National with expenses to be determined by the Finance Committee.

Rationale – The amount received by National has changed over the years, and the budget amount is more accurate.

Number 23 (a) reads – The Department shall hold a Department Fundraiser with 75% earmarked for Welfare Fund and 25% earmarked for General Fund. Tickets for the Department Fundraiser shall be ordered by Ways and Means Chairman and mailed to Units.

Change to read – The Department shall hold a Department Fundraiser with 75% earmarked for the Welfare Fund and 25% earmarked for the General Fund. Tickets for the Department Fundraiser shall be order by Department Secretary/Treasurer and mailed to the Units.

Rationale – As of January 1, 2018 there is no longer a Ways and Means Chairman. This committee has be dissolved by Department, and the Department Secretary/Treasurer is in charge of the Fundraiser.

23 (c) reads – The Past Department Presidents Club may hold a 50/50 drawing at the Department Convention with the winner awarded half and PDP club receiving the other half.

Change to read – The Past Department Presidents Club may hold a raffle on a basket with the winner receiving the basket. The PDP club will receive all monies raised.

Rationale – The Past Presidents Club has not held a 50/50 drawing at convention for years.

Number 25 reads – Cell phones and pagers are to be disallowed during Convention business sessions. In emergency situations, prearrangements must be made to allow a member to turn them on.

Change to read – Cell phones are requested to be placed on vibrate mode during Department Mid-Winter Conference, Department Convention, Department Fall Workshop, and all Executive board meetings.

Rationale – This is a courtesy to all members present at these meetings. Also, added Mid-Winter conference.

Submitted by:
Chairman
Susan Brown, PDP

Committee
Linda Crumm
Melanie Delawder

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF WV
POLICIES & PROCEDURES
CHANGE PROPOSALS**

Department Convention Awards Linked To Mandatory Funds (Page 10)

It currently reads “In addition to payment of Mandatory Funds, a Unit must be represented at both the Fall and Spring District Conferences in order to receive membership awards at Department Convention.”

Change to read as follows: “In addition to payment of Mandatory Funds, a Unit must be represented at least one of the Fall or Spring Conferences in order to receive membership awards at Department Convention.”

Rationale: This will encourage members to be more active with Membership because awards will be more accessible and it will give members a morale boost.

**Department Awards
Membership (Page 23)**

It currently reads: “Department Citation- Goal and Mandatory Funds paid, Attendance at Fall and Spring District Conferences.”

Change to read as follows: “Department Citation- Goal and Mandatory Funds paid, Attendance at either the Fall or Spring District Conference.”

Rationale: This will encourage members to be more active with Membership because awards will be more accessible and it will give members a morale boost.

**Department Awards
Requirements For Department Citations (Page 24)**

It currently Reads: “Representation at Spring and Fall District Conferences”

Change to read as follows: “Representation at either the Spring or Fall District Conference”

Rationale: This will encourage members to be more active with Membership because awards will be more accessible and it will give members a morale boost.

**Department Committees
Membership- Department Citations (Page 36)**

It currently reads: “Department Citations- Goal and Mandatory Funds Paid- Attendance at Fall and Spring District Conferences”

Change to read as follows: “Department Citations- Goal and Mandatory Funds Paid- Attendance at either the Fall or Spring District Conference”

Rationale: This will encourage members to be more active with Membership because awards will be more accessible and it will give members a morale boost.

Submitted By:

Rhonda Best, Chairman

Sharon Kauffman, Committee Member

Cathy Post, Committee Member

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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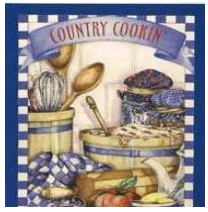
MAIL TO:

**The American Legion Auxiliary
Department of West Virginia
1251 Doolin Run Road
New Martinsville WV 26155-7808**

NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____



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