



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,

Wow, where has the year gone? As I sit here writing this last article as Department President, I think back over the past year and many of the wonderful things I've gotten to participate in. The Veterans day parade, all four gift shops, Memorial weekend in Grafton, Girls State and Boys State. What an honor it has been. It would have been nice to have been a goal department but I know we did the best we could and that is all that can be expected. We do have a 3rd Unit, Tyler County Unit #48 who made goal. Congratulations ladies!!

We are gearing up for Department convention and when I was at the Pullman both elevators were working and 1 side of the room had AC. However, friends were there for a conference a week later and only 1 elevator was working and no AC in the meeting rooms. So I'm not sure what to say. Come prepared for anything. Bring a sweater and a hand-held fan.

Our Central Division National Vice President Trish Ward will be with us. I hope to see many there and let's just make the best of things.

Chairman, please have your award winners with you and if you cannot make it, please send me your winners and small write-up. Units, please remember to bring back all awards from last year so this year's winners can take the award home.

I want to remind everyone, we accomplish more when we work together! To continue on with this wonderful organization and strive in what we do, we need to work together, and learn to put things behind us. We also need members to step up and take positions, officers, chairman, committee members. No one person can do it all.

We are still taking donations towards the second dedication stone for the State Veterans Cemetery. I have all confidence we will make it. Donations need to be in to Department headquarters no later than July 31, 2018. At that time the books are closed and a new year starts. I would like to see all donations in by the end of convention if possible. I want to thank everyone, individual's, units, and districts that has donated to make this happen.

I have enjoyed working with The American Legion Department Commander, Frank Cooley and the Detachment Commander of the S.A.L, Matt Bland and all American Legion Family members!

Hope to see you in Huntington.
Honor & Serve Our Veterans,
Lisa Cadwallader



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.

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

***New Spirit Starts in August!
Price is \$18.00 for year.***

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 Hasitings
6th Dist. Pres. Peggy Swartz
VP Reba Honaker
10th Dist. Pres. Sharon Glassford #71
VP Debbie Michael #60

Remembering Our Friends

***Ann Buchanan, PDP, had knee surgery to repair 2 tears. She is home and recuperating. Cards may be sent to Ann:
Ann Buchanan, PDP
105 Cheyenne Trail
Ona WV 25545***

***Beth Kilgore, Fifth District President had knee surgery to repair tears in her knee. She is home and recuperating. Cards may be sent to Beth:
Beth Kilgore, Fifth District President
1562 Holderby Run
Huntington WV 25701***

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Department Address:
1251 Doolin Run Road
New Martinsville WV 26155-7808

Department Website:
www.wvvaux.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

Thank you for your outstanding work in enhancing membership to the American Legion Auxiliary.

It has been a pleasure working with each of you throughout the year.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Department Convention and recognizing each Unit's accomplishments.

Soaring High with Membership,
Heather Fauble

Department 1st Vice President

Hello Ladies,

I would like to take this opportunity to “Thank” each and everyone of you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Dept. 1st Vice President. It has been an honor and privilege. I have learned so much and met a lot of kind, caring, and hardworking women. I enjoyed working with all of you.

Department President Lisa Cadwallader: “Thank You So Much For A Wonderful Year”.

I am grateful for each members' dedication and hard work this year on membership. It was enhanced.

I hope to see most of you ladies at Summer Convention.

God Bless and Be Safe!!
Rhonda Best
Dept. 1st Vice President



Department 2nd Vice President

Hello Eagles,

Hope everyone had a great Memorial Day.

It has been my pleasure being your 2nd Vice President. I have worked with a lot of you and everyone has worked hard From District Vice to Units; everyone worked great together.

Thank you to Holly Adams, Nancy Sundstrom, Peggy Swartz. I enjoyed all the conferences and learned a lot from each of you. And to all the Members and Units thank for all your hard work. Looking forward to next year.

Sharon Kauffman
Dept. 2nd Vice
304-582-2973 (please note new #)
God Bless



***Sargent At Arms
Are To Wear
Navy Blue Skirts, and
White Tops.***

***All Pages to Wear All
White***

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 July already. Everyone is getting ready for State Convention and for some of us the last Presidents' report for the Spirit. But this is not the last report I will be submitting.

I hope all the Units in Third District have been working hard at making a goal unit, I know it is hard with the extra membership national put on us, but do your best.

I am looking forward to next year working with membership as I will be going in as Vice-president for the District. I want to thank Michelle for her hard work this year and hope to work with her in the future.

If any Unit or person has any questions please call me at 304-592-0247 or e-mail me at carlajwilfong@yahoo.com.

God Bless American and our Troops
Carla Wilfong
Third District President

5th District President

As the 2017 – 2018 year ends, it becomes increasingly difficult to get new members. I know it is difficult to have as new member pay their dues and in a month or so, their dues are due again. It is a difficult time but I encouraged you: **DO NOT HOLD DUES!** Send them in to Department as soon as you receive them.

The Department Convention is fast approaching. It will be held July 12th – 14th at the Pullman Plaza Hotel in Huntington. I hope several members from your unit are planning on attending. I would love to see a great turn out from the 5th District since the convention is being held in the 5th District.

Continue to work on the programs that make this a great county and organization. You **DO** make a difference.

Beth Kilgore, President
5th District

10th District President

Hello Doves,

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to be your District 10 President. There were some rough spots but we all learned. I have enjoyed all of you and have made friends along the way.

Good luck to Sharon Glassford and Debbie Michael.

The Memorial Day Picnic was last month and thank you to all who came out to help.

The VAMC had their Baby Shower on June 14th. They had 4 Veterans showed up, one couldn't come because she was sick. One baby was born in April and other 3 are due. They played games. One game was the price is right they winner won a basket full of baby stuff. They now have a Dr. on staff to do check ups. Unit 60 donated croquet blankets. They had a donation of 17 car seats. You can donate anytime. Anything you think a mother would need and you may take to the VAMC, they will greatly appreciate it. The 10th District bought items for the mothers. Kelli Immel went shopping and fixed the baskets up they were very nice. Thank you Kelli!

If anyone wants to make desert for the convention Hospitality Room, Lisa Turner would appreciate it.

Remember our Veterans on the 4th of July. Again thank you all for your support through my year.

Sharon Kauffman
District 10 President
304-582-2973 (new phone #)
For God And Country

4th District President

Hello Ladies

Proud to say that Tyler County Unit #48 has made 100% Target with 106.90%. All units are doing a great job with membership and I am very proud of each and every one of you for all of your hard work.

This will be my last message as your 4th District Vice President for 2017-2018. I want to thank you for your electing me as your 4th District President for year 2018-2019.

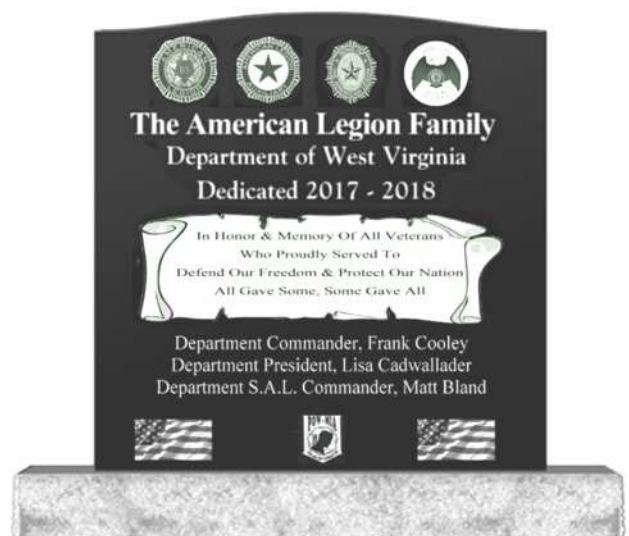
FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
Nancy Sundstrom
4th District Vice President

Department President's Special Project

Help put this dedication stone in the West Virginia State Veterans Cemetery in Dunbar. The contract on the first dedication stone has been signed for the National Cemetery in Grafton. Once each stone is in, a dedication date will be set and notification will go out.

Check are made out to ALA Dept. WV with a memo line of Special Project and brought to convention or mailed to:

American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of WV, Inc.
1251 Doolin Run Road
New Martinsville WV 26155-7808



“Thanks to everyone who has supported this project to place both stones”

1st District Vice President

Hello Ladies

HAPPY SUMMER!!!!

I want to thank all the units in District #1 for the opportunity for the past 2 years serving as the District VP and getting to talk with those units about promoting membership for the ALA.

I know it has been a tough year for membership just always keep in mind that our organization is one of dignity, respect and dedication for our veterans and their families honoring and assisting them and the sacrifices they have made for our freedom.

God Bless

Holly Adams District #1 VP
304-670-4105

hollyadams847@gmail.com

5th District Vice President

Hello Ladies

Ladies membership has slowed down in the fifth district. We have 53.74% so far. I know it will go up by the convention in July. So let's keep on working to meet our goal.

Thank you so much for your hard work. I hope I will see you at the summer convention in July.

Thank you

JoAnn Hastings

Fifth District Vice President

Historian

I just want to say thank you to everyone who has helped out this this year.

I'm hoping for a great summer convention this month wish everyone safe travels.

Don't forget your History Books for judging. Need them there on Thursday evening, by E Board.

God Bless have a great summer.

Remember our veterans for our freedom.

Kelli A Immel

Department Historian

Past President's Parley

Hello Ladies,

Its hard to believe that another year is almost behind us.

I am looking forward to our Department Convention! I hope we have a great turnout for our Past Department Luncheon. Its nice to let them know how much we appreciate their dedication to our great organization!!

I want to thank those that sent me reports and I look forward to presenting awards.

I wish you all safe travels and see you in a few weeks!!

Susan Wade

Chairman

Past Presidents Parley

Chaplain

My Auxiliary Sisters,

As our year draws to the end, it has been my pleasure to be your Chaplain.

We are about to start a new year, a very important year for our organization, let us remember all the good that has come this year and hold all these officers near and dear to our heart. We will shortly begin anew, with new officers and new hopes for the future. I'll offer one final prayer:

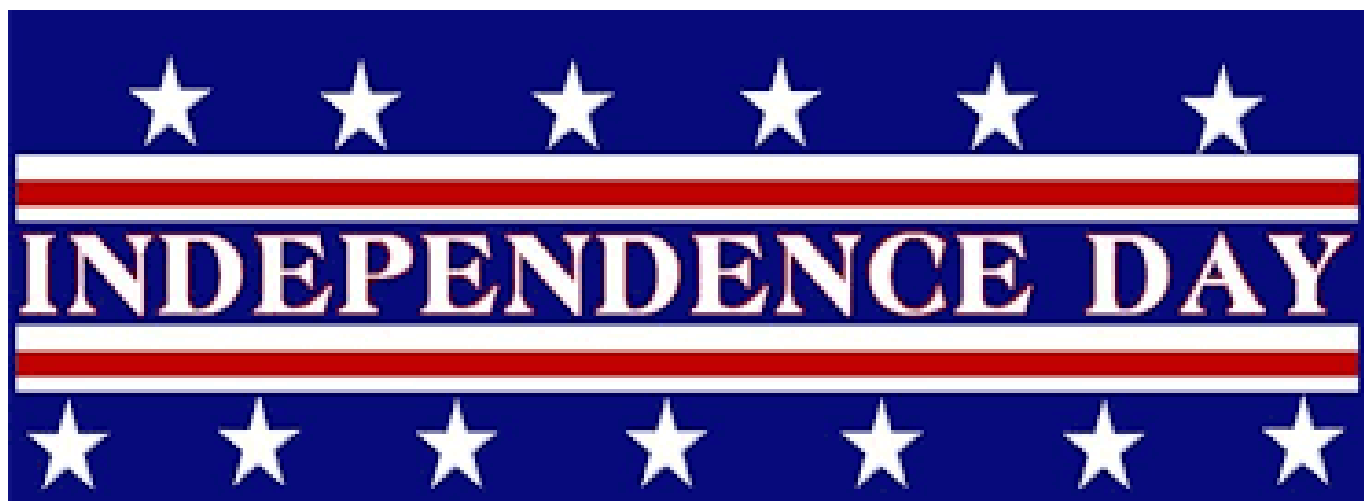
Father,

*Thank you Lord, that you are with us to lead and guide us though out our earthly walk. We give you praise for all opportunities that have given each of us. We lift up to you the new officers in our units and those about to lead us in the Department of West Virginia. Give them all the endurance to pursue all Your gifts that You make available to us each and every day. God bless and keep our veterans and all active duty troops both at home and abroad. We ask all this in Your precious name,
Amen*

For God and Country,

Cathy D. Post

Chaplain



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 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

11th in a series of 11

“To consecrate and sanctify our association by devotion to mutual helpfulness.”

In this final phrase of the Preamble is set forth the purpose which has guided the Legion and Auxiliary in all their vast rehabilitation and youth work; in everything they have done to lighten the burden for those suffering from the results of wars; and to bring full justice to those paying the human price for America’s victory. In this work of mercy and relief, the Auxiliary has made great contributions toward the achievement of the Legion’s purpose.

Beth Kilgore, Chairman
Constitution & By-Laws Committee

Ways & Means

This is my last article for the 2017-2018 membership year. But not the last of 2018 Ways and Means tickets. They run until December 31, 2018. You still have time to purchase them. I will have the tickets at Department Convention if anyone wishes to purchase or take some to sell.

I will have a report on the 2018 year at convention.

Please if you have outstanding stubs with money, send in or give to me at Department Convention. They can’t win unless I have them in the system.

Thanks to all members and units who have taken tickets and sold them this membership year.

Paulette Anderson
Ways and Means

Constitution & Bylaws

The Department Convention is just weeks away and the 2017 – 2018 year will be in the books. I want you to know it has been a pleasure working with each one of you this year. Keep working on revisions to your constitution and By-Laws. You have done an excellent job this year. See you at Convention.

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

Community Service

Hello Ladies

Thank you ladies on your reports you sent me on community service. They all were really good.

The units have been working hard for our community. Thank you for taking time to share a favorite story about the positive impact you or someone you know has had on our mission. It is well worth doing; it helps us tell the world who we are and what we do and why we matter.

Thank you
JoAnn Hastings
Community Service Chairman



Children & Youth

The 2017-2018 year is winding down and the Department Convention is just around the corner.

I am so proud of the work you are doing in your communities for the betterment of the young people. You are showing them that life should be of “**service not self**”; there are those who care about their fellow man.

Continue to work for your children, community and our veterans. Your actions mean so much to so many.

See you at Convention.
Beth Kilgore
Chairman

Education

Hello Ladies

First I would like to thank President Lisa for the opportunity to chair the Department Education committee as well as Rhonda Best, Kelly Immel for all their help and direction. Also Heather Fable for her support as the Education mentor. I learned a lot this year about the ALA Education program and what great things we all do to support our youth.

I received many year end reports and am excited to report all the time, energy and efforts our Department of WV does in the education department.

Hope to see many of you in July

Take Care and God Bless
Holly Adams
Department of WV Education Chairman
304-670-1405
Hollyadams847@gmail.com

Rhododendron Girls State

I would like to thank Department President Lisa, for the opportunity to serve as your Rhododendron Girls State Chairman. It has been a enjoyable year.

Nancy Sundstrom
Chairman

National Security

Hello Ladies,

Thank you President Lisa for this appointment of National Security. I am glad we all had a great year with this group of woman!

Can't wait to see everyone at convention in July at Huntington.

Good luck on your unit awards!

Savanna Kauffman
National Security



Strategic Planning Committee

Goal #5

“Build Brand Loyalty in Our Legion Family

As this membership year comes to a close, the Strategic Plan still continues into the 2018-2019 year.

To be able to state we have accomplished Goal #5, we first must look at what we have done with our Legion Family.

Have we participated and helped put on the programs, membership drives with The American Legion Family?

Have we explained our “Brand” in meetings, and functions when we have been asked what our Brand stands for?

Have we gotten along with our Post, Unit, and SAL's in our own Units, our Districts, and Department?

If we can say yes to all of these questions than we have accomplished this Goal. If we have reservations on some of these questions, then we need to work harder at accomplishing this Goal for our next administrative year.

Irene Weber
Goal #5 Chairman

100 Years of Celebration 1919-2019

As we are preparing for our 100 Year Celebration, let us all remember WHY we are in this organization!!!

The American Legion Auxiliary is the largest Patriotic Women's Organization. We are here for our Veterans, our Communities, Children and Youth, National Security, Americanism, Girls State and numerous other programs.

We need to Enhance other women to want to join us in order to reach our goals. By following the Strategic Plan, we should be able to accomplish this. There are also member benefits that are available for Auxiliary members and they are updated regularly.

There are several great ideas that can be done for celebrating our 100 years: examples-A time capsule; a Centennial Ball; Parades; Centennial celebrations of your choosing.

Best of luck to all as we Celebrate our milestone.

Susan Wade
Chairman
100 year committee

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

I hope everyone is enjoying a short vacation. Please do not forget our Veterans. Remember them as we enjoy our July 4th celebrations as many of them do not enjoy the noise.

If you can spare the time, visit with them and really listen to what they have to tell you. Please remember to respect their privacy and remember we are not supposed to take pictures of our Veterans without permission in writing.

Begin thinking of what you can do for our veterans during the upcoming holidays. Begin with your Comfort Item for this coming year.

Most of all remember to keep track of your hours.

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

God Bless America and our Troops
Carla Wilfong
VA&R Chairman

2018 Convention Chairman

Hello Ladies!!

This is Kitty, your Convention Chairman. I hope you are getting excited for our Department Convention, which is right around the corner on July 14 – 16 in beautiful downtown Huntington at the Pullman Plaza Hotel!!

Now I need to warn you, the hotel is still under construction. Our meeting rooms are still being worked on. The front of our room will be **VERY WARM**, and the back of the room will be **VERY COOL**. Instead of seating all the delegates in the front and the alternates and guests in the back, we are going to seat **ALL** the delegates on one side, and **ALL** the alternates and guests on the other. That way the warmer-natured people can sit in the back, and the cooler-natured people can sit in the front. **PLEASE** bring a sweater or cover of some kind if you tend to stay cold. We cannot adjust the room temperatures, so you will have to adjust yourself!

I need some helpers on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at the registration tables, please. You will be counted as in attendance and you will be able to come in and vote, if necessary. If we could get a few people for each day, no one would have to miss the entire meetings. Please let me know if you could help, even for just a little while.
THANKS IN ADVANCE!!

Also, don't forget – **we need door prizes!!** If each unit could please bring something nice, in a gift bag or wrapped, please, we could have lots of prizes and lots of winners!!

If I can help you in any way or answer any questions you may have, or if you can help at registration, please feel free to either call or text me at (304) 412-3649.

I'm looking forward to a great convention with lots of fun and friends!!

See you soon!
Kitty Kelly-Smoot
Convention Chairman

Department Convention Information

The Pullman is full, below are three other options for hotels in the area and parking information for those staying in other hotels. Also, below is some information about the Pullman.

Construction will not stop while we are there. They are working on some AC issues in meeting and luncheon areas and hope to have most of them fixed. The Maryland Virginia room where the Auxiliary meets, the back half has AC, the front have does not. Because of this, we will have the delegate, alternate, and guest seating set up a little different than past years. If you are cold blooded sit in the front, if hot blooded sit in the back of the room. Bring a sweater and or a hand fan. We will be keeping the doors closed and the lighting in the front of the room dimmer to help.

Other Hotels

Super 8 - 16th Street, just off Hal Greer Blvd Exit.

Stay 2 nights \$70 - \$88 a night before taxes

[https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/super-8/huntington-west-virginia/super-8-huntington-wv/overview?](https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/super-8/huntington-west-virginia/super-8-huntington-wv/overview?CID=LC:SE:20160927:Rio:Local)

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304-525-1410

Ramada Limited 16th street, just off Hal Greer Blvd Exit

304-523-4242 \$83 a night tell them you are with the Legion

Holiday Inn Express

\$117.47 a night 304-523-8880

[https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/find-hotels/hotel/rooms?](https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/find-hotels/hotel/rooms?qCiMy=62018&qCiD=12&qCoMy=62018&qCoD=14&qAdlt=2&qChld=0&qRms=1&qRtP=6CBARC&qSIH=HTSCA&qAkamaiCC=US&qSrt=sBR&qBr)

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Parking from Other Hotels: Parking for those staying at other hotels. They normally will park you for a \$5.00 a day fee. If you tell them you are there for the meetings, they will park you for \$2.00 a day

May Ways and Means Winners

Name	Number	City	State	Date	Amount
	990			5/1/2018	
	206			5/2/2018	
Brian McKinney	980	Bluefield	VA	5/3/2018	\$25.00
Ashlee Weatherman	414	Statesville	NC	5/4/2018	\$25.00
	555			5/5/2018	
ALA Past Pres. Club	796	Moundsville	WV	5/7/2018	\$25.00
	218			5/8/2018	
	370			5/9/2018	
	80			5/10/2018	
Miles Epling	363	Pt. Pleasant	WV	5/11/2018	\$25.00
Teresa Stine	645	LaValle	MD	5/12/2018	\$25.00
Gary Wendel	720	Glen Dale	WV	5/14/2018	\$25.00
Nina Mann	726	Paw Paw	WV	5/15/2018	\$25.00
Larry Redmiles	54	Odenton	MD	5/16/2018	\$200.00
ALA 1st District	5	Moundsville	WV	5/17/2018	\$25.00
ALA Benwood #46	107	Benwood	WV	5/18/2018	\$25.00
Lisa Cadwallader	896	Kearneysville	WV	5/19/2018	\$25.00
Jean Ann Pyle	532	McMechen	WV	5/21/2018	\$25.00
Darlene Ramsay	863	Augusta	WV	5/22/2018	\$25.00
	233			5/23/2018	
	328			5/24/2018	
Kent Longwell	460	Sardis	OH	5/25/2018	\$25.00
Robert McGhee	131	Griffithsville	WV	5/26/2018	\$25.00
SAL Squad #18	333	Cameron	WV	5/28/2018	\$25.00
	899			5/29/2018	
Merri Roush	261	New Haven	WV	5/30/2018	\$25.00
SAL Squad #18	249	Cameron	WV	5/31/2018	\$25.00



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



Membership Target
June 12, 2018 100 % Updated June 19th
Department Goal 9446
Unit #200 Goal 88 To Date: 74
Membership to Date: 5626 (59.56 %)



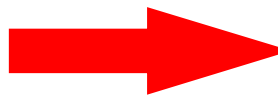
District 1			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	20	15	75.00%
Moundsville #3	423	257	60.76%
McMechen #5	67	39	58.21%
Weirton #10	106	57	53.77%
Cameron #18	257	154	59.92%
New Martinsville #28	211	136	64.45%
Wellsburg #34	42	27	64.29%
Follansbee #45	59	40	67.80%
Benwood #46	125	79	63.20%
Pine Grove #81	106	67	63.21%
Paden City #86	172	102	59.30%
Wheeling #89	33	26	78.79%
Newell #114	51	29	56.86%
Hundred #120	109	52	47.71%
Chester #121	264	151	57.20%
TOTALS	2045	1231	60.20%



Membership: 4704
To Date: 2800
(59.52 %)

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	157	64.08%
Shinnston #31	404	268	66.34%
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	778	60.59%

District 4			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	1067	579	54.26%
Spencer #21	84	43	51.19%
Pt. Pleasant #23	470	266	56.60%
Tyler County #48	29	31	106.90%
Sistersville #67	92	63	68.48%
New Haven #140	206	132	64.08%
Williamstown #159	201	128	63.68%
TOTALS	2149	1242	57.79%



Membership: 4654
To Date: 2751
(59.11 %)

District 6			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Welch #8	89	65	73.03%
Bluefield #9	16	26	162.50%
Beckley #32	87	42	48.28%
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	327	64.12%

District 5			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Huntington #16	335	189	56.42%
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	49	55.06%
Milton #139	103	59	57.28%
Barboursville #177	231	129	55.84%
TOTALS	1325	712	53.74%

District 10			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	144	76	52.78%
Franklin #30	16	17	106.25%
Piedmont #52	65	14	21.54%
Berkeley Springs #60	334	200	59.88%
Moorefield #64	129	106	82.17%
Charles Town #71	320	206	64.38%
Petersburg #78	119	81	68.07%
Romney #91	349	214	61.32%
Charles Town #102	38	25	65.79%
Paw Paw #128	61	41	67.21%
Kirby #134	64	38	59.38%
Ridgeley #136	129	80	62.02%
Capon Bridge #137	207	120	57.97%
Keyser #152	70	44	62.86%
TOTALS	2045	1262	61.71%

**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
.....	Connie Pyles, Kirby #134
.....	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



96th ANNUAL CONVENTION

Tentative Program

Thursday July 12, 2018

9:00-9:30 am	Registration for Junior Department Convention	Pennsylvania Room
9:30-2:00 pm	Junior Department Convention	
3:30-3:45 pm	Installation of Junior Officers 2018-2019	
12:00-6:00 pm	Registration	Outside Virginia Room
1:00 pm	Department Finance Meeting	Virginia/Maryland Room
2:30 pm	Convention Committee Meetings	
	Constitution & Bylaws Committee	
	Standing Rules Committee	
	Policy & Procedures Committee	
	Resolutions Committee	
	Credentials Committee	
7:00 pm	Pre-Convention Department Executive Board Meeting	Virginia/Maryland Room

Friday July 13, 2018

8:00-4:00 pm	Registration	Outside Virginia Room
8:15 am	Department/District Officers Line Up	
8:30 am	Processional	Virginia/Maryland Room
	District Presidents	
	District Vice Presidents	
	Past Department Presidents	
	Department Officers	
	Presentation of Gavel to	Lisa Cadwallader, Department President
	By	Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Department Convention Chairman
	Call to Order	Lisa Cadwallader, Department President
	Advancement of Colors	Savanna Kauffman Sgt. at Arms Michelle Dambaught, Sgt. at Arms Cathy Post, Department Chaplain
	Invocation	
	Moment of Silence	
	Pledge of Allegiance	Michelle Dambaugh, Americanism Chairman
	National Anthem	Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Music Chairman
	Preamble	Beth Kilgore, Constitution & Bylaws Chairman
	Roll Call	Paulette Anderson, Department Secretary
	Rules & Order of Business	Paulette Anderson, Department Secretary
	Constitution & Bylaws	Beth Kilgore, Chairman
	Report of Credentials Committee	Linda Crumm, Chairman
	Report of Resolutions Committee	Susan Brown, Chairman
	Standing Rules Committee	Susan Brown, Chairman
	Presentation	Susan Wade, NEC, Past Presidents Parley

“West Virginia Unit Member of The Year”

Friday July 13th (con't.)

Membership Citations and Awards: Heather Fauble, Chairman and Membership Team

Presentations of Traveling Plagues and Awards:

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

11:30 am LUNCH Pennsylvania/Ohio Room

Presentation of "Timeless Award" Susan Wade, NEC, Past Presidents Parley

1:00 pm Joint Session with The American Legion Grand Theatre

2:00 pm Reconvene Virginia/Maryland Room

Central Division National Vice President
Trish Ward
Department of Kansas

Complete Traveling Plagues and Awards

4:00 pm Recess

Practice for Installation

9:00 pm Karaoke Grand Ball Room

Saturday July 14, 2018

8:00-12:00 pm Registration Outside Virginia Room

8:00 Session Resumes

- Call to Order
- Invocation
- Moment of Silence
- Pledge of Allegiance
- National Anthem
- Preamble

8:15 am Memorial Service Cathy Post, Chaplain and 8 District Presidents

9:00 am Joint Session with The American Legion Grand Theatre

9:30 am Greetings Frank Cooley, Department Commander
Matt Bland, Detachment Commander
Paulette Anderson, Department Secretary
Susan Brown, Chairman
Beth Kilgore, Chairman
Donna Leek, Chairman

9:45 am Roll Call

- Final Report of Resolutions
- Final Report of Constitution & Bylaws
- Final Report of Courtesy Resolutions
- Nominations & Election of Officers 2016-2017
- Election of Delegates & Alternates to National Convention
- Appointment of Personal Pages at National Convention
- Ratification of District President & Vice Presidents

12:00 pm Recess

1:00 pm Reconvene

- Installation of 2018-2019 Officers
- Closing Remarks Lisa Cadwallader, Department President
- Retirement of Colors

2:00 pm Convention Adjourned

2:15 pm Post Executive Board Meeting

4:00 pm Religious Services Grand Theatre

6:00 pm Social Hour

7:00 pm Commanders and Presidents Banquet Grand Ballroom

9:00-12:00 Karaoke Cash Bar

July 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2 <i>PDP Luncheon Deadline</i>	3	4 <i>Office Closed Celebrate 4th of July</i>	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 <i>Office Closed Leave for Department Convention</i>	12 <i>Department Convention</i>	13	14
15	16	17 <i>Office Open Articles Due for August Spirit</i>	18	19	20 <i>Spirit and VA Checks Out</i>	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 <i>Final Report on 2018 Membership Closing of Books</i>	<i>Programs of The Month State Convention</i>			

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32. Whistleblower Protection

1) A whistleblower is any member who, in good faith, promptly reports instances of any suspected violation of the Code of Ethics or Code of Conduct. The ALA, Department of West Virginia shall establish and abide by policies to protect the Auxiliary.

2) Any member who acts maliciously by making known information she knows or reasonably believes to be false is not a whistleblower and will not be protected under the whistleblower mechanism.

3) The organization will investigate any allegation that a whistleblower has been retaliated against for disclosing information that that person believes to be accurate. Any member who believes she has been retaliated against for whistle blowing is expected to report it immediately. If the complaint is validated, the organization can impose disciplinary sanctions against the retaliating member including termination of membership in the organization.

33. Code of Conduct

1) The American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Code of Conduct describes the principles of good behavior expected of all ALA members. A member's participation in the American Legion Auxiliary is a privilege, not a right. The ALA expects every member to understand and abide by the Code of Conduct, and to exemplify the spirit of the principles of the Code. Every ALA member is expected to conduct herself in accordance with this Code of Conduct in order to foster and sustain a spirit of goodwill in the organization.

34. Pledge to Abide by the ALA Code of Conduct

1) A written pledge will include a signed and dated statement by a member that she has read and understands the American Legion Auxiliary's Code of Conduct, agrees to abide by the principles of good behavior described therein, and understands that violation of any part of the Code may result in disciplinary action as allowed by the ALA.

2) A member's pledge to abide by the Code of Conduct will include her statement that

a) She understands she represents the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) and that her behavior reflects upon The American Legion Family.

b) Understands and agrees to adhere to the highest ethical standards to earn and protect the public's trust in carrying out the Auxiliary's mission.

c) Agrees to be a good steward of ALA resources.

3) To fulfill the obligations of membership in the American Legion Auxiliary, a member serving in any capacity representing the ALA is expected to pledge to uphold the following standard of conduct:

a) To conduct herself with dignity, displaying good manners and good morals at all times.

b) To respect the dignity of all persons and not bully, nor physically, mentally, or psychologically abuse any other person.

c) To demonstrate a high regard for the ALA mission, rendering quality service to veterans, our military, their families, the community, and The American Legion Family at all levels.

- d) To value all members regardless of their ability to participate in ALA meetings, events, or projects.
 - e) To be kind, considerate, and welcoming to members of all ages, ethnicities, and abilities regardless of their appearance or years of membership.
 - f) To be a good citizen and a good neighbor by obeying local, state, and federal laws and regulations.
 - g) To abide by all governing documents of the American Legion Auxiliary.
 - h) To respect the property of the ALA, The American Legion Family, her personal property and the property of others; and to not abuse nor tolerate the abuse of property.
 - i) To not abuse or tolerate the abuse of alcohol; to not use illegal drugs or tolerate the illegal use of drugs.
 - j) To honor and fulfill her commitments and financial obligations to the American Legion Auxiliary in a timely manner.
 - k) To be honest, helpful and to not undermine others.
 - l) To challenge all members to abide by this Code and appropriately address those who violate the ALA Code of Conduct.

Rational - National has requested that all Department include a Code of Ethics and a Code of Conduct to their Department Standing Rules.

Submitted by Standing Rules Committee

Susan Brown, PDP
Chairman

Committee:
Linda Crumm
Melanie Delawder

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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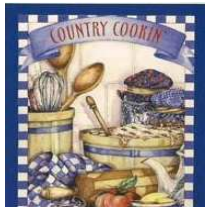
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