



# The Auxiliary Spirit



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American Legion Auxiliary  
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Department President  
Rhonda Best

*“Mending Fences While Building New Bridges  
To Better Serve and Support Our Veterans”*



Hello Ladies

I was really excited to see a lot of you at Mid-Winter Conference. We learned so much and were given wonderful information to utilize. I would like to take the opportunity to give a “Big Shout Out” and “Thank You” to all Department Chairmen, Officers, Membership Team, Our Juniors, Members, and especially Leadership Chairman Dr. Rosemary Thomas for the hard work and leadership put forth as a team to make this Conference so special.

Now it is time to turn our focus back on Membership Drives, Spring Conferences, and Legion 100th Year Celebrations. I will be attending as many as I possibly can and hope to see a lot of you during my travels.

Please continue working Our Auxiliary Programs, Serving and Supporting Our Veterans, and Membership. Keep in mind at all times our Mission Statement and what it means to us. I encourage each of you to visit our National Auxiliary Facebook Pages and share the events you hold. I ask all Units and Districts to send all pictures taken throughout this year to my Scrapbook Chairman Sondra Elson. Her email is [Sondralynn@hotmail.com](mailto:Sondralynn@hotmail.com).

Be Safe and God Bless,  
Rhonda Best  
Dept. President



### Department Officers 2018-2019

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

### District Presidents

1st District-Holly Adams  
3rd District-Roxie Nicholson  
4th District-Nancy Sundstrom  
5th District-Beth Kilgore  
6th District-Peggy Swartz  
10th District-Sharon Glassford

### District Vice Presidents

1st District-Stephanie Handley  
3rd District-Carla Wilfong  
4th District-Patricia Young-Greiner  
5th District-JoAnn Hastings  
6th District-Reba Honaker  
10th District-Debbie Michael



# 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, 2019**. 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.**

**Birthday Dinners:** If you wish the Department President to attend, please notify her so she can put it on her schedule.  
**Clarksburg Post 13** Birthday Dinner Friday March 8th  
**Bridgeport Post 68** Birthday Dinner Saturday March 9th  
**Shinnston Post 31** Birthday Dinner Sunday March 10th  
**Charles Town Post 71** Birthday Dinner Friday March 15th

**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.

### *Future Dates To Remember*

**\*\*Department Convention**

**July 11-13, 2019**

**The Doubletree Hotel Huntington  
(former Pullman Plaza)**

**\*\*National Convention**

**August 23-29, 2019**

**Marriott Downton  
Indianapolis Indiana**

### *Spring Conferences*

#### 3rd District Joint Conference

**Clarksburg Post #13**

**March 9th 9:00 Registration**

#### 1st District Auxiliary Conference

**Paden City Unit #86 Fire Hall**

**Sat. March 30th 9:00 Registration**

#### 5th District Joint Conference

**Hamlin Post #111**

**April 6th 9:00 Registration**

#### 4th District Joint Conference

**Pt. Pleasant Post #23**

**April 7th 9:00 Registration**

#### 10th District Joint Conference

**Petersburg Post #78 8:30 Aux Reg.**

#### 6th District Auxiliary Conference

**Beckley Unit #32 Post Home**

**April 27th**

**9:00 Registration**

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**National Website**

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### *2019-2020 Candidates for*

#### *Department Officers*

**President—Sharon Kauffman Unit #14**

**1st Vice—Cathy Post Unit #48**

**2nd Vice—Savanna Kauffman Unit #14**

**Sec./Treas.—**

**Chaplain—**

**Historian—**

#### *Candidates for District Officers*

**1st Dist. Pres.—**

**1st Dist. Vice—**

**3rd Dist. Pres.—**

**4th Dist. Vice—**

**5th Dist. Pres.—**

**5th Dist. Vice—**

**6th Dist. Pres.—**

**6th Dist. Vice—**

**10th Dist. Pres.—**

**10th Dist. Vice—**

**Membership Chairman**

I want to Thank all Units that attended Midwinter Conference! We had a great turnout and lots of great information! I hope everyone shares what they learned with their Units!!

Congratulations to the following Units that have made Target #6 at 70% and above: Tyler Co. Unit 48; Bluefield Unit 9; and Franklin Unit 30. Great job ladies!!! There are several Units that are close. Working together we can up our numbers!! Remember Do Not Hold Dues!! We need to work on Enhancing our Membership! Be kind to one another and "Put Your Heart Into It".

The Eers have went ahead of the Herd, 48.40% to 47.30%. So close!!!

Congratulations to Tyler Co Unit 48 for winning the Membership Challenge!! I had asked all Units to do a Membership Drive and bring a summary to our Membership Luncheon. Unit 48 received a Department Fundraiser ticket.

I look forward to attending upcoming Birthday Dinners and Spring Conferences!! Always great spending time with Our Legion Family!!

Keep moving that football down the field!!! We still have time to run up the scores!!

Let's Go Eers and Herd!!!  
Susan Wade  
Membership Chairman



**Department 1st Vice President**

Hello Herd

We lost to WVU by 78 members so I will be sending \$25.00 to Department for President Rhonda's Special Project. I appreciate all of your hard work. Keep up the good work.

Here are some ideas on getting some new members when your unit or post are having special events. \*\*Talk to the women, mention to them about joining the Auxiliary. \*\*Tell them what we do for the Veterans and the community. Some of them may not know they are eligible to join. \*\*Be nice; don't try too hard as this sometimes turn people away. \*\*Work on the old members who have not paid for a while; kindness goes along way.

Again thanks for all your hard work. Remember to get your reports to the District Vices so they can get their reports in.

It was nice seeing a lot of you at Mid-Winter.

If anyone needs help please call me.

Sharon Kauffman  
Dept. 1st Vice



**Department 2nd Vice President**

Hello Mountaineer Sisters,

WOW what a Mid-Winter Conference, one of the largest ones lately. So great to see everyone, shows me that things are picking up with more interest. Keep Up the great work. Thank you Madam President Rhonda and Miss Paulette for all your hard work and preparation for this event. Thanks go out to our Membership Chairman, Susan Wade, delicious luncheon/meeting. Always great to see Betty Rea make it out to be with us.

We were offered so much good information. It's difficult to add anything. Congratulations to all the units hitting so many targets, I'm so proud of you!!

I'm hoping everyone is recovering from any sickness a lot of us picked up. I know it sent me to the Emergency Room, but I am starting to feel better now. Let's keep our sisters at Unit 28 in our prayers for their loss.

Please keep working hard to renew and enhance our current membership, but never miss an opportunity to gain new members too. My tip this month: "Create your own personal renewal notices and list your unit's accomplishments of this year, just to remind each lady how important their presence is to the unit!"

Get your reservations in early for Convention, as we were not allotted as many rooms as before. I've already sent mine in!

In the Spirit of Service Not Self,  
Cathy D. Post

2nd Vice President.



### 3rd District Vice President

Happy March! Soon we will be in Spring.

Hope everyone is doing fine and has not got the virus that is going around.

March 9th is Third District Meeting to be held at Clarksburg 13. I hope to see all Units represented.

Third District Units need to step up the pace we are near the bottom. We still have one Unit that has only one person paid. We need more paid members from this Unit. We have one Unit that has only ten members paid. Come on Ladies, I know you can do better than that.

Please do not hold your membership. Send it in even if you have only one member paying, that is one more.

If you need my help please call me at 304-592-0247, or e-mail me at : [carlajwilfong@yahoo.com](mailto:carlajwilfong@yahoo.com) I will try to answer any questions you have, if I cannot answer it I will find out and call you back.

See you at Third District Spring Conference.

God Bless American and our Veterans

Carla Wilfong  
Third District Vice President



### 4th District Vice President

Greetings to Members of the 4th District, I hope you all were able to attend and learn something new at the recent American Legion Auxiliary Mid-Winter Conference in Morgantown. I had a family emergency and could not attend.

On February 6th District 4 was at 45.09% in membership. Our goal was to achieve 70% per unit by February 15th. Congratulations to Tyler County #48 for reaching 84.85%. Yay, Mountaineers!! Following closely is Sistersville #67 with 64.15%; New Haven #140 is at 51.36%; Parkersburg #15 at 44.26%; Pt. Pleasant #23 at 41.94%; Williamstown #159 at 39.53%; and Spencer #21 at 33.67%.

Remember, we are "Enhancing and Strengthening Our Membership Through Teamwork, Good Communication, and our Mission."

Our membership statistics increase every day. Every member counts so Auxiliary Membership Chairmen, please don't hold dues. Process them as soon as possible. Always carry some ALA Membership applications with you. Potential members are everywhere! Invite family, friends and acquaintances to join our great organization.

Please remember to recruit, retain and reinstate members!

**If you love your Freedom,  
thank a Veteran!**

Patsy Young-Greiner  
4th District Vice President  
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### 5th District Vice President

Hello Ladies

I'm sorry that I didn't make it to Mid-winter this year ladies; I unfortunately had to work on the day it was held. I did miss each and every one of you.

Looking on the target sheet we need to work harder on membership to stay ahead and I know we can do it. I know the weather and the holidays have set us back a bit. Its time to start working on our goals so we can show people what hard working women of the auxiliary is all about.

God Bless  
JoAnn Hastings  
Vice President Fifth District

### 10th District Vice President

Tenth District Spring Conference  
April 13, 2019  
Petersburg Unit 78

Registration.....8:00-8:45  
Meeting.....9:00

We would like to invite all Department Officers and Department Chairmen to attend.

Hope to see you there.  
10th District Vice President  
Debbie Michael

### Remember Our Friends

*Richard Gamerdinger, husband of Past Department President Janice Gamerdinger passed away early this morning (Monday Feb. 18th). Funeral will be held on Friday the 22nd at 11:00 am at West Minister Presbyterian Church.*

*You may send cards to Janice at:  
Janice Gamerdinger, PDP  
513 Florida Avenue  
Chester WV 26034*

*Sharon Glassford is now home. Let us keep her in our thoughts and prayers. Cards may be sent to Sharon at:  
Sharon Glassford, PDP  
90 Westhall Drive  
Charles Town WV 25414*

*Michelle Hart, Past Junior Activities Chairman, is in a hospice facility to regulate her meds. Michelle is in NO pain. Keep Michelle, Scot, and Katie in your prayers.*





### 1st District President

Hello Ladies

It was wonderful to see so many of you at Midwinter Conference.

Remember now is the time to start working on your year end reports as they are due very shortly, give our units the recognition they deserve for all the work we do.

May is just around corner don't forget to get your poppies ordered and start working on your poppy drive for veterans.

1st District Spring Conference is March 30th at Paden City. Hope many can attend.

God bless

Holly Adams

1st District President

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### 3rd District President

I am so sorry I haven't written anything for the Spirit for a couple of months, but I have been under the weather. I am back now and ready to go.

To the Third District units who say you can't make it and want to give up your Charter, please, let someone else try their hand at it. Don't give up so easily. Maybe it's time for a new President, or new Secretary or new Treasurer. Try, you'll never know if you don't. Every unit has one person who likes to do things, but says, I don't want an office. Get up and say, yes, I can do it. Then, do it.

Our District meeting is March 9th at Clarksburg Unit 13, please try to come and join us, registration is from 9:00 to 10:00. Hope to see you there.

Roxie Nicholson

3rd District President



### 4th District President

Hello Ladies,

Hope this finds everyone well.

Remember Spring is just around the corner and with it comes warm weather.

Thanks to the 4th District Members that attended Midwinter Conference.

For those that were unable to attend you missed a great Conference.

A reminder Spring Conference is on April 7th, at Point Pleasant, Post #23, and Registration at 9am. At this meeting we will hold Elections for District President and Vice President. Forms are in the mail. Make sure you return them by the deadline.

Until next month GOD BLESS each and everyone, and don't forget to say a prayer for our Veterans and our deployed service men and women that they all make a safe return home.

Nancy Sundstrom

Fourth District President

### 5th District President

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Mid-Winter Conference. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. **Dr. Rosemary Thomas** did an outstanding and motivational presentation. Everyone had a great time. Sorry if you missed it. Great job, Rosemary!

I hope you are continuing to bring in new members and getting renewals of those already a member. Now is a good time of the year, with winter upon us and people needing and wanting to get out and about. Why not with the American Legion Auxiliary? Do not hold dues. Send them in as soon as possible. Your members benefits do not start until those dues are received at Department and National.

**Plan ahead:** The 5th District Spring Conference will be held on Saturday, April 6th in Hamlin. Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend. It should be fun and there will be lots of information given and we will have elections of District officers.

Service not Self!!

Beth Kilgore, President

5th District



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## Chaplain

I hope everyone enjoy Midwinter Conference. I enjoyed what we learned for our selves and our Auxiliary Family. Hope everyone is starting to feel that have been under the weather.

Thank you to the units that have given me their prayers for National President Kathy Dungan prayer book & President Rhonda's prayer book. If everyone could get their prayers to me in the next couple months so I can get them in and start working on Rhonda's prayer book to be given to her at the summer convention .

If anyone knows of a member of the American Legion Family that needs a card please let me know . You can email the information at [kitbas-ket@hotmail.com](mailto:kitbas-ket@hotmail.com).

*As I arise today,  
may the strength of God pilot me,  
the power of God uphold me,  
the wisdom of God guide me.  
May the eye of God look before me,  
the ear of God hear me,  
the word of God speak for me.  
May the hand of God protect me,  
the way of God lie before me,  
the shield of God defend me,  
the host of God save me.  
May Christ shield me today.  
Christ with me, Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ in me, Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit,  
Christ when I stand,  
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.  
Amen."*

In God and Country,  
God Bless  
Kelli A Immel



## Historian

Hello Ladies,

It was nice to see everyone that came to Midwinter this year.

Don't forget to keep track of your history and send me a report for the end of year, it's going to come before we all know it.

You guys need anything just reach out by email or phone.

Savanna Kauffman  
Historian

## Poppy

Hello Ladies,

I am proud to say that you did a great job on the 2 Poppy Programs. We had 4 units that brought Poppy Corsages and 2 units that brought Poppy Posters.

We collected a total of \$266.26 for our Poppy Corsages; this money goes to our Department Welfare Fund. First place winner was Unit # 139 with \$127.00. Second place winner was Unit # 15 with \$116.00.

We have a total of 4 Poppy Posters Unit # 16 brought 3 posters and Unit # 60 brought 1 poster. All 4 of these posters will be sent to National for display.

Remember the PROGRAM FOR MAY IS **POPPY**. I know you all will have a great program and with that being said the Poppy Reports will be awesome.

Thank you again for the great job well done.

Nancy Sundstrom  
Poppy Chairman



## Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Hello ladies! It was great to see everyone at the Mid-Winter Conference. If you were unable to attend, we discussed proactive solutions to challenges we face in our communities. Many of our members felt encouraged to offer their time and talents to make a positive impact by acting on our motto of "Service, Not Self." March is a marvelous time to give the gift of hope to our Legion family members in need. Donating to the American Legion Auxiliary Emergency Fund provides relief in the most stressful of situations. Your support is critical for families facing weather related disasters like fires, floods, lack of food and other financial hardships. The ALA Fund also assists with education and vocational training to provide a better economic future for our members and their families. ALA members who have maintained membership for at least three consecutive years (current year plus immediate past two years), and who are current on their dues, are eligible to apply for a grant in the wake of a significant financial setback as described above. For more details on the AEF, to download the grant application, or to donate, visit [www.ALAforVeterans.org/Members/Auxiliary-Emergency-Fund/](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org/Members/Auxiliary-Emergency-Fund/) (member login required). For non-ALA members, donations can be accepted through the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation website at <http://alafoundation.org/donate/>. So far **\$750** has been donated by units in our State.

In order to help ALA members in need through continued funding, donations to the AEF are critical. Contributors giving \$50 or more to the fund receive a special pin



The pin shown here represents helping each other.

Here are a few new fundraising ideas to help kick-start your campaign this March. Does your post have karaoke? Try a fun 70's theme night like "Classic Country and Disco for Disaster!" fundraiser. I am also offering my assistance to District 10 Units for a paint night. If anyone in District 10 would like me to teach and lead this West Virginia themed painting, please contact me at [hknauffsmith@k12.wv.us](mailto:hknauffsmith@k12.wv.us).



Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Thank you for advocating for veterans, educating our citizens, mentoring youth, and promoting patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

Holly Knauff-Smith  
AEF Chairman

## Constitution & Bylaws

We have just returned from a great Mid-Winter Conference at Lakeview. I received a few Constitutions & By-Laws for the committee to review while at the conference. We will be in touch with those soon.

If you are updating your Constitution & By-Laws, please email them to [MBKilgore@frontier.com](mailto:MBKilgore@frontier.com) or mail them to 1562 Holderby Road, Huntington, WV 25701. If you have any questions, give me a call at 304-654-7750.

Service not Self!

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

## Junior Activities

Hi Ladies,

It was so great to work with the Juniors at Mid-winter.

Thank you to Carly Unit 14, Charli Unit 60 and SAL member Lucius, Squadron 60 for handing out Thank You cards to those attending the Joint session of Friday evening.

They had a very busy Saturday. We had 2 girls to register. They were Mary Grace, Unit 16 and Charli, Unit 60. They attended the opening session with the auxiliary and participated in the Military Child's table, presented by Dept. Children and Youth Chairman, Debbie Fox.

Along with an SAL member, they helped in the Comfort Items room. They filled boxes to be taken to the VA Hospitals.

At the meeting, they learned the history of our poppy and what it represents. They made poppy wreaths and gave them to the Department Officers, District Presidents, Dr. Rosemary Thomas and one to be taken to the National Junior Activities Chairman.

The girls seemed to enjoy themselves except for the lack of a pool! Lol

Please sign up those Juniors and please try to bring your Juniors to Dept. Convention.

Start getting your notes together for your Year-end report and then write a story about it.

If I can help you, just contact me.

Juniors...Such A  
Joy!  
Debbie Michael  
Junior Activities



## Children & Youth

Hello To All,

Well for those of you that missed Mid-winter, Department President Rhonda and Leadership Chairman Rosemary Thomas made the conference both informative and interesting. During the day I was afforded the time, along with junior members and a young Sons of the American Legion member, to do the Military Child's Table. If you've never seen the ceremony it's patterned after the POW/MIA ceremony.

April is Children and Youth month this would be an added touch to program.

Our National Organization is recommending that we focus on "Youth Hero Award" and "Good Deed Award". Both of these awards need to be validated, sent to the Department office and then it will be sent to the National office.

While at Midwinter I was asked why the auxiliary was so interested in focusing on CWF when it is a Sons of the American Legion (SAL) program. Well the truth of the matter is SAL is the largest contributors of the Child Welfare Foundation (CWF). As of February 13, 2019 the SAL has donated \$8 million. So I'll go back to the beginning Dr. Garland Murphy PDC, Department of Arkansas made the foundation possible through an oil-rich land deal. On July 9, 1954 the foundation became non-profit organization to benefit young people with physical, mental or environmental challenges. An American Legion committee along with the CWF are accepting applications now through July 15, 2019. So reach out to non-profit organizations that are doing great work in our state. Let them know about CWF and the possibilities. Have interested organizations can go to [www.cwfinc.org/grantseekers/overview](http://www.cwfinc.org/grantseekers/overview) for grant guidelines. Now you can see it's not a SAL program it's a foundation overseen by the American Legion for distressed children. And this is why we donate.

If you have any question about any of this article please give me a call.

For God and Country,  
Debbie Fox

## Education

**DID YOU KNOW?** Students who may not be interested going to a traditional college or university may want to consider a vocational or trade school. Former "Dirty Jobs" host Mike Rowe is offering a scholarship program through his charitable foundation that will offer money for skilled jobs training. Applicants need to be a high school senior, graduate or GED recipient who are enrolled or plan to enroll in a vocational school. For information, go to <https://www.mikeroweworks.org>. The Work Ethic Scholarship application deadline is Thursday, March 28, 2019.

**DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?** Does your Unit offer a scholarship? Want to establish one and don't know how to start? Our national organization has a how to guide, "How to Create a Unit Scholarship Fund." It is located in the 2017-2022 Programs Action Plan How To Guides under education@ALAforVeterans.org. Information on the following is covered on the sheet:

- \*\*Set a dollar amount for scholarship
- \*\*Set criteria for applicants
- \*\*Determine the information needed/wanted on the scholarship application
- \*\*Information from a high school applicant
- \*\*Information from a college applicant
- Judging
- \*\*How many scholarships may the applicant receive in a year and over a lifetime?
- \*\*Awarded scholarship

Dianne McClung  
Department Education Chairman





## 100 Years of Celebration 1919-2019



The American Legion designated the birth date of the American Legion Auxiliary as Nov, 10,1919.

I'm sure we all read that in our Auxiliary magazine. What a wonderful start to a great organization! In less than 1 year, we had 1,342 units in 45 states. In 1920, the Committee on Women's Auxiliary presented recommendations to the Legion that the women decide on their name, so the American Legion Auxiliary was born, omitting the word "women's".

We have continued to grow and we need to remember how we did it. Share with your members ways your unit has grown since you've been a member, ask your oldest member to share her memories and don't forget to ask some older Legion members what they remember about the Auxiliary when it first started in their Post.

Search out old pictures and compile a book with memories. And try and think of ways to get your membership to grow. Always have an application handy, you never know when you meet a new person and can talk them into joining. Come up with ideas of your own and share them with members of this committee. Lisa, Beth and I will enjoy hearing from you.

Roxie Nicholson  
Committee Member



## Legislative

Greetings Ladies,

With Valentine's Day over and Spring around the corner hopefully, it is time to turn our attention to Year-End Reports! Legislative Reports are due April 30, 2019.

Here are just a few tips for District and Unit Legislative Chair to help create Year-End reports:

1. Did you participate in the Legislative Action Alerts and did you forward any responses to your Department Legislative Chair?
2. Do you subscribe to your Legislators newsletter?
3. Did you invite any Representatives to your post home for a town hall meeting?
4. How many letters, phone calls, and emails did you make to your legislators?
5. Reach out to your unit members to send you some information on what they have been doing since April 1, 2018. What did they do to help the Get Out the Vote for the Election we had November 6, 2018.

We still have time to contact our State Representatives as The West Virginia Legislature remains in session through March 9, 2019

Remember...our voices do make a difference...let's all Become an advocate for our Veterans...Stay Connected by logging-on and logging-in!

Susan Yoho  
Legislative Chairman

## Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Good day to all Auxiliary members. I think we had a very successful Midwinter.

We had a nice donation of Comfort Items from different Units for our Veterans Hospitals and Nursing Homes. Out of the six Districts we had five Districts, and seventeen Units from these Districts to donate.

This year we had approximately 4,000 items donated for a total of \$9,500.00, stamps totaling \$410.00, checks \$1,300.00, the VFW \$222.81 in socks, for a grand total of \$11,432.81. This will really look good on my report to National.

I would like to thank Margaret Yost, Dortha Parsons, Lynda Lancaster, Peggy Swartz for their help. Junior Auxiliary members Charli Michael, Mary Grace Bannon, and Debi Michael; SAL member Lucius Michael and 2 other SAL Members that came in and donated time. But we cannot forget all the kind people who brought Items for the Comfort Drive and all the members who transported items back to the VA Hospitals and Nursing Homes.

I am looking forward to receiving all the Unit reports with all the hours on them. Please remember these reports they are very important. Again thank you to everyone for helping and everyone for bringing items and taking them to the hospitals and nursing homes.

If you need my help, please call me at 304-592-0247 or you can e-mail me at [carlajwilfong@yahoo.com](mailto:carlajwilfong@yahoo.com).  
God Bless America and our Veterans  
Carla Wilfong  
VA&R Chairman

## National Security

It was a pleasure seeing so many of you at our Mid-Winter Conference in Morgantown. I go back to the first conference in Pt. Pleasant, so that makes me an old-timer.

I know the first priority of our National Security programs is to remember and assist our active military and their families, but don't forget Home Security is a part of our National Security Program. Things like the flooding we have experienced throughout this winter months with the excessive rain in parts of the state. Also CPR classes and other programs that might be involved with the Red Cross or other disaster relief.

Don't forget the National Guard that might be deployed or any unit in your area that might have a need of assistance. That is a part of our program, and I thank you for all you do.

Mary Waybright  
National Security



### *Past President's Parley*

Reminder to all Past Department Presidents, please send me a little information about your year. Ann is providing me with a CD of stuff she put together her year and that should help. Once I see it, I will know what else I may still need. From my understanding the CD goes up to her year. Those after that, I will need information from you.

District and Unit President's, as we approach our 100 year anniversary you should consider working on your 100 year history. How many Past President's can you name and list the year (s) they served?

Are you planning some kind of event? You could honor the past President's by creating a special display, a luncheon or dinner. Share your history with other members.

Lisa Cadwallader  
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### *10th District VAMC Picnic*

Hello 10th District,

As I'm watch the snow fall in Morgan County I know it won't be long till spring. At least the ground hog said only six weeks.

Two years ago I lost my food vendor and last year I had another organization step up and help me out of a jam. So I'm asking that post, units and squadrons that want to donate think about doing early for the 10th District Memorial Day Picnic. I know some changes will need to be made. Would like to get some of the logistics taken care of soon.

When donating please make checks to *10th District ALA* and mail to *874 Longview Dr. Berkeley Springs, WV 25411.*

Thanks for all your help this year and years past.  
Debbie Fox

### *National Executive Committeewoman*

National is now in their new building. I will have the honor of seeing it in a few days of writing this. They are taking \$200 donations for an engraved brick. The engraving is 3 lines, 18 characters each line. Symbols count as a character. They can be engraved in Memory of, in Honor of, with an officers name, title and date or a group. The bricks will be displayed for visitors to see. They are taking orders until March 27th or until they sell out. You can down load the order form on line and mail it or place the order online. The money goes to the American Legion Foundation, which provides grants and supports our programs.

Lisa Cadwallader, NEC  
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### *Rhododendron Girls State*

Application packets were handed out to those who attended Mid-Winter Conference in Morgantown on February 8-9. If you did not attend they were mailed out.

This year's theme will be "In the Spirit of Service, Not Self Experience the Power of Giving" and special project will be Honor Flight.

This year, parents will be able to attend the Inauguration on Thursday as well as our Closing ceremony on Friday morning.

We have three months to go before we begin our 77th Annual Rhododendron Girls State session which will be held June 9 -June 14, 2019 at Davis & Elkins College in Elkins, WV.

If you know of a female veteran you would like to be honored please notify our Director Michelle Sirbaugh at [michelle.girlsstate@yahoo.com](mailto:michelle.girlsstate@yahoo.com).

Once again the cost is \$250 per citizen and this includes the cost of the parade T-shirt. Please be in contact with your schools personnel.

Please feel free to contact me or your district representative if you have any questions.

Lynda Lancaster, Chairman  
Rhododendron Girls State

**The Past Department Presidents Club held a cash drawing at Mid-winter Conference. We would like to Thank All that participated!!**

**Congratulations to PDP Roxie Nicholson who won our cash drawing!!! She received \$193.00 and \$192.00 went to the Welfare Fund!!!**

**Susan Wade  
PDP Club Chairman**

**Congratulation to Robin Spencer, Paden City Unit #86 for "Renewal Drawing" . Robin won \$50.00.**

**Drawing held in Headquarters  
John Anderson, Legionnaire,  
Assisted with Drawing**

### **Silent Auction**

**Thank you to all who brought items for the Silent Auction. There were plenty of items to bid on.**

**Silent Auction Bids**

**\$894.00**

**Donation of \$20.00**

**Total of \$914.00**

**Raffle Basket Donated by  
Past Presidents Club  
Collected \$235.00**

**Winner of Raffle Basket  
Karen Malcolm  
Moorefield Unit #64**

**Thanks to ALL who contributed,  
Bid, and purchased items!!**

## January Ways and Means Winners

Thanks to members and units who picked up or purchased additional tickets at Midwinter.

Still have plenty of tickets left. If you need more email me at: [alawvsec@frontier.com](mailto:alawvsec@frontier.com) or call office. Will be glad to send you some.

Paulette and Susan



Name	Number	City	State	Date	Amount
Jennifer Thompson	525	Cameron	WV	1/1/2019	\$100.00
Nancy Blosser	839	Wheeling	WV	1/2/2019	\$25.00
Paul Turman	376	Barboursville	WV	1/3/2019	\$25.00
Sheila Simms	743	Cameron	WV	1/4/2019	\$25.00
Karen Malcolm	638	Moorefield	WV	1/5/2019	\$25.00
Fran Rayl	111	Reedsville	WV	1/7/2019	\$25.00
	880			1/8/2019	
	717			1/9/2019	
Dorinda Romano	689	Nutter Fort	WV	1/10/2019	\$25.00
Margaret Yost	470	Gypsy	WV	1/11/2019	\$25.00
Gary Wendal	121	Glen Dale	WV	1/12/2019	\$25.00
Ann Smith	334	Harpers Ferry	WV	1/14/2019	\$25.00
Kathy Richardson	522	New Martinsville	WV	1/15/2019	\$25.00
	519			1/16/2019	
	820			1/17/2019	
	901			1/18/2019	
	166			1/19/2019	
ALA Milton #139	128	Milton	WV	1/21/2019	\$25.00
Thurman Chapman	058	Anawalt	WV	1/22/2019	\$25.00
David Kyzner	619	Ranson	WV	1/23/2019	\$25.00
	966			1/24/2019	
	642			1/25/2019	
	913			1/26/2019	
	907			1/28/2019	
Michelle Powell	208	Wheeling	WV	1/29/2019	\$25.00
	433			1/30/2019	
Dortha Parsons	418	Clarksburg	WV	1/31/2019	\$25.00

# Enhancing and Strengthening Our Membership Through Teamwork, Good Communication, and Our Mission

**Target #6—February 15th—70%**  
**Department Goal—9966 Membership to Date—4801 ( 48.17 %)**  
**Department Unit Goal—86 Membership to Date—73**

District 1			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	26	18	69.23%
Moundsville #3	428	219	51.17%
McMechen #5	73	32	43.84%
Weirton #10	112	44	39.29%
Cameron #18	262	133	50.76%
New Martinsville #28	217	121	55.76%
Wellsburg #34	48	16	33.33%
Follansbee #45	65	36	55.38%
Benwood #46	131	66	50.38%
Pine Grove #81	112	74	66.07%
Paden City #86	178	86	48.31%
Wheeling #89	39	18	46.15%
Newell #114	57	23	40.35%
Hundred #120	115	46	40.00%
Chester #121	269	142	52.79%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2132</b>	<b>1074</b>	<b>50.38%</b>



**Special Teams  
Coach  
Goal—4915  
To Date—2325  
47.30 %**

**Membership  
Chairman  
Special Teams  
Coach**



**Special Teams  
Coach  
Goal—4965  
To Date 2403  
48.40%**



District 3			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	83	38	45.78%
Grafton #12	32	1	3.13%
Clarksburg #13	230	63	27.39%
Elkins #29	253	132	52.17%
Shinnston #31	412	240	58.25%
Braxton County #33	48	27	56.25%
Philippi #44	41	10	24.39%
Bridgeport #68	93	47	50.54%
Belington #96	43	16	37.21%
Pickens #122	41	17	41.46%
Jane Lew #166	65	31	47.69%
Morgantown #174	30	13	43.33%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1371</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>46.32%</b>

District 5			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Huntington #16	347	146	42.07%
Logan #19	30	11	36.67%
St. Albans #73	65	29	44.62%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	489	249	50.92%
South Charleston #94	26	10	38.46%
Hamlin #111	99	39	39.39%
Milton #139	113	60	53.10%
Barboursville #177	243	124	51.03%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1412</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>47.31%</b>

District 10			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	151	82	54.30%
Franklin #30	19	15	78.95%
Piedmont #52	72	14	19.44%
Berkeley Springs #60	338	157	46.45%
Moorefield #64	136	80	58.82%
Charles Town #71	326	163	50.00%
Petersburg #78	126	51	40.48%
Romney #91	353	177	50.14%
Charles Town #102	45	27	60.00%
Paw Paw #128	68	22	32.35%
Kirby #134	71	33	46.48%
Ridgeley #136	136	61	44.85%
Capon Bridge #137	214	96	44.86%
Keyser #152	77	44	57.14%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2132</b>	<b>1022</b>	<b>47.94%</b>

District 4			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	1080	508	47.04%
Spencer #21	98	35	35.71%
Pt. Pleasant #23	484	219	45.25%
Tyler County #48	33	28	84.85%
Sistersville #67	106	68	64.15%
New Haven #140	220	114	51.82%
Williamstown #159	215	100	46.51%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2236</b>	<b>1072</b>	<b>47.94%</b>

District 6			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Welch #8	100	52	52.00%
Bluefield #9	28	22	78.57%
Beckley #32	98	37	37.76%
Gary #38	159	62	38.99%
Cowen #62	62	25	40.32%
Lewisburg #69	100	37	37.00%
Richwood #97	50	22	44.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>43.05%</b>



# March 2019

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	<p><i>Programs of Month Community Service Auxiliary Emergency Fund</i></p>					
3	4	5	6 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	7	8 <i>Clarksburg Post #13 Birthday Dinner Office Closed</i>	9 <i>3rd District Joint Conference Clarksburg Post #13 Bridgeport #68 B Day Dinner</i>
10  <i>Shinnston Post #31 B Day Dinner</i>	11	12	13	14	15 <i>Target #7 80%</i>	16
17 	18 <i>Spirit Articles Due—No Deviation</i>	19	20 <i>Spring Has Sprung!</i> 	21 <i>Spirit Out VA Checks</i>	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 <i>1st Dist. Spring Conference Paden City #86</i>
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**101<sup>ST</sup> Annual State Convention**  
**2019**  
**ADVERTISING FORM**

The American Legion  
Department of West Virginia, Inc.

I hereby authorize the following advertisement to be placed in the official program of the 101<sup>st</sup> Annual State Convention of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia, Inc., scheduled July 11-13, 2019, at The Doubletree by Hilton, Huntington, West Virginia.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2019  
Name of Post/Unit/SAL \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify exactly how your ad should read. Only the information you supply will be published. An attached copy of your ad is very helpful. Be sure to state if Legion, Auxiliary, or SAL Emblem is requested.

Ad should read as follows:

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Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Price List:	<b>Full Page</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>Full Page (Color)</b>	<b>\$160</b>
	<b>Half Page</b>	<b>\$60</b>	<b>Half Page (Color)</b>	<b>\$100</b>
	<b>Quarter Page</b>	<b>\$35</b>	<b>Quarter Page (Color)</b>	<b>\$70</b>
	<b>Eighth Page</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>Eighth Page (Color)</b>	<b>\$ 50</b>

Please send your ad along with a check made payable to: **The American Legion**  
**P.O. Box 3191**  
**Charleston, WV 25332**

Ad and Payment Deadline is June 14, 2019.  
No Deviation

**ALL Reservations must be booked, no later than May 26, 2019 and must be accompanied with the 1<sup>st</sup> night deposit. ANY reservations that are received, after 5/26/2019 will be booked at the rate of \$129.00, plus tax.**

**2019 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION  
RESERVATION FORM**

July 11-13, 2019  
Doubletree by Hilton  
1001 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Huntington, West Virginia 25701

**\$96.00** per night room rate (plus 13% tax)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ AM PM Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

Room Type: (circle one)      Doubles      King

Non-Smoking Facility

Handicap Room: (circle one)      wheelchair      oxygen tank      other

If you circled "other", please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

\*Members with wheelchair disabilities will receive first priority.

**One night's deposit must accompany this request to reserve a room. Any form, without a deposit will be returned.**

Enclosed, please find one night's room deposit of **\$96.00** (plus 13% tax) = \$108.48 per night

(circle one)

check

cash

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expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Your credit card may be charged for the one night's room deposit.

**Mail to:      Doubletree by Hilton  
                  ATTN: Eugene Robinson  
                  1001 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
                  Huntington, West Virginia 25701**

**This form must be mailed to reserve a room at the Doubletree by Hilton. (No phone calls for rooms will be accepted.)  
PLEASE PRE-REGISTER EARLY- THANKS!**