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Department President

“Building Memories for Our Future American Legion Auxiliary while Loving Our Veterans Everyday”



**Yellow Rose Represents
Friendship
White Rose Represents
Purity and Love**

Hello Ladies

I'm hoping everyone had a good summer. I'm so excited and hope to see everyone at workshop September 14th. Hope to see a lot of outfits for the fashion show I'm really excited to see the different era's.

I am looking forward to attending the District Fall Conferences. Hopefully with the numbers down for Membership we can make goal this year.

I'm looking forward to working with everyone of you. Membership chairmen remember to report to the District Vices so they can give a report to Department Vices as they need to turn in a report.

I am looking forward to the birthday auction, it will be exciting.

Keep up the great work each and everyone of you.

If all Officers pay their dues there should not be 0's for any unit.

If you have any questions give me a call.

Thank you for your services for our Veterans, Military Children, and our Community.

For God and Country
Sharon Kauffman
Department President



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10th District-Bonnie Wilcox

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: are Bonding (\$5.00), Education (Scholarship), Girls State Project, Veterans' 1st Fund, (any amount your unit can afford) and Poppy Order, 10% of Poppy Proceeds.

If you would like to receive the Spirit by email, please let me know so I can put you on the email listing. If you want Mail Call by email, I will need that also. You can have both, but if you want just one or other, let me know.

Membership: National is once again 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.

Department Commander's Homecoming is Saturday October 26th.
Department President's Homecoming is Saturday November 2nd.

New year for Spirit mailings start August 1st. If you haven't sent in your paid subscriptions please do so, so you can continue receiving the spirit. Emails will continue unless you wish to be removed.

Future Dates To Remember

****National Convention
August 23-29, 2019
Marriott Downton
Indianapolis Indiana**

**Office will be closed Monday
September 2nd**

****2019-2020 Membership/Officers
Training Workshop
September 13-14, 2019
Hilton Garden Hotel
Bridgeport WV**

Flyer for this Workshop is in this Spirit

**Fall Conference
3rd District Joint Conference
Saturday September 28th
Shinnston Post #31
Registration 9:00-10:00
Menu: Spaghetti and Meatballs
Salad, Italian Bread
and Deserts
Tea and Coffee
Cost \$10.00**

**4th District Joint Conference
Saturday September 28th
Parkersburg Post #15
Registration 9:00-10:00**

**5th District Joint Conference
Saturday October 5th
Ceredo-Kenova Post #93
Registration 9:00-10:00**

**1st District Auxiliary Conference
Sunday October 13th
Pine Grove Unit #81
Registration 9:00-10:00
Meeting Place Announced Later**

**10th District Joint Conference
Saturday September 7th
Charles Town Post #71
Registration for Auxiliary
8:15-8:45
Meeting 9:00**

**These are all the Conferences I have
at this time.**

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Remember Our Friends

I ask that you keep my husband John in your thoughts and prayers. He is recovering from a massive heart attack. He had two stents put in, and will have to have another one put in in about a month.

Paulette

I would like to thank you for the love and prayers I received following my recent surgery. I could feel the love all across the state and I appreciate it very much. I firmly believe in the power of prayer and know your prayers have helped me on my road to recovery.

*Love to you all,
Beth Kilgore*



“Honoring Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows”

Membership Chairman

Hello Ladies

We have a great Workshop planned and hope to see many of you and your Units represented, Saturday, September 14 at Clarksburg Hilton Garden Inn.

Thank you to all of the Units that have submitted membership. Our first target date is September 15 with 30%. Our membership goal is very reachable.

Remember, membership is just not up to the Membership Team but every one of us! Please do not hold membership, get them in and get credit for them.

We will meet with the District Vice Presidents on Friday, September, 13 at 4:00 p.m. This gives you time to get things ready for our workshop on Saturday!

Please don't forget to bring a birthday wrapped gift (that you would like to receive) to be auctioned off for our Department President's Special Project, Hershel "Woody" Williams Medal of Honor Gold Star Families Memorial.

Please also remember to dress according to the fashion you were assigned. We look forward to seeing your attire from the 1919 – 1980's.

Dept. 1st Vice Cathy (Districts 3, 5, 10)

WWII 1940's fashion

Dept. 2nd Vice Savanna (Districts 1, 4, 6)

Korea 1950's fashion

Dept. Sec./Treasurer Viet Nam 1960 & 70's

Dept. Chaplain Mary Lebanon/Grenada 1980's

Dept. Historian Beth Panama 1980 & 90's

Ladies, let's have a great 100th year, "Honoring our Legacy, Celebrating our Tomorrows."

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd,
Membership Chairman



Department 1st Vice President

Hello my Auxiliary Sisters,

We are now into our new year full force! Currently our Cha-Cha side is ahead of the Jitter Bugs. Keyser is really shining at 91.11%...You girls Rock!!

Now is the time of year to be thinking about a membership drive, perhaps at your Fall Festivals, I gained 2 new members during our county fair.

School has started; our work there can translate into members also, with teachers and the children's mothers. I'm sure we can attend PTA meetings and put applications in the teacher's lounge/lunchroom.

Fall workshop is just around the corner, get your rooms, it's gonna be fun!! We are in the Korea Era and 40's fashion is key. Get your outfits together for the fashion show. I've got mine, we are stepping back in time, only to go forward in a big way!

Until we meet in Bridgeport, thank a veteran every chance you get. See ya soon!!

In the spirit of service not self

Cathy D. Post

1st Vice President



WWII/
Merchant Marines Era
12/7/41-12/31/46

Department 2nd Vice President

Hello My Korea War Era Ladies,

We're off to a good start with membership. I'm looking forward working with all of you.

I can't wait to see everyone at Fall board in September for the workshop. I hope everyone comes with an outfit for the fashion show.

I'm looking forward for getting reports from district vices on my side (1,4,6). I'm here if you all need any help.

Thank you for all that you do for the veterans.

Savanna Kauffman
2nd Vice President



Korea Era
6/25/50-1/31/55

**Hello
september**

1st District Vice President

Welcome Ladies of 1st District,

We have officially begun the new membership year. I hope everyone has their dancing shoes ready to get the membership party going. Let's get out on the dance floor and get our membership rolling.

Hopefully with the readjustment on how membership goals are decided upon, these goals will seem a little more attainable. So let's not be wall flowers and get out on that dance floor and get our membership dancing in.

Several units have already gotten their feet out on the dance floor. Keep up the good work.

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

The National Security program maintains and promotes a strong national defense by strengthening and supporting military service members and their families.

Support the emotional and social needs of active, reserve and transitioning military service members and their families. Assist military spouses in getting and maintaining employment.

Let people know when your area is having a stand down, so they can learn about employment and schooling in your area that can help them.

I will have my plan of works at the Fall Workshop in September.

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

God Bless America and our Veterans
Carla Wilfong

4th District Vice President

Greetings to Members of the 4th District

It is time to get busy on membership. New membership goals set for District 4 Units have been announced for 2020. They are as follows: Parkersburg #15 is 548; Spencer #21 is 40; Pt. Pleasant #23 is 250; Tyler County #48 is 34; Sistersville #67 is 86; New Haven #140 is 132; and Williamstown #159 is 131. A total of 1221. Ladies, we can do it!!

Our new membership year is here. We look forward to the exciting plans and ideas President Sharon Kauffman and Membership Chairman Lynda Lancaster have presented. As you know the 4th District is in the Korea Era. Our dance is the Jitterbug and the fashion is from the 1950's. Oh, my! We should be able to have fun with this at our workshop in September.

Remember to review your roster and please pay dues for auxiliary members who are in need. It is just one way we can show our appreciation for their service to our great organization.

Auxiliary members always carry blank ALA Membership applications with you. Invite eligible friends and family to join today.

Our 2019 – 2020 Membership Theme is "Honoring Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows."

Until next time, God Bless.
Patsy Young-Greiner
4th District Vice President
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3rd District President

Good evening

I am happy to say that membership is coming in really good for the first target that is due on September 15th.

Since National has made our goals more attainable I look for more Units to make goal.

I hope to see several Units at Fall Workshop on September 14th. This is a time to learn useful information to take back to your Units. Remember to bring a birthday gift wrapped in birthday wrapping paper for the Silent Auction.

Third District Fall Conference will be held at Shinnston Post 31. I will be sending out information for this this coming week to all Units and all Department Officers.

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

God Bless America and our Veterans
Carla Wilfong

3rd District Vice President

Hello Ladies,

I hope you all have been working on Membership. This year it is possible for us to make Goal. Buckhannon, you need 41, Clarksburg, 89, Elkins, you need 149, Shinnston needs 262, Braxton County needs 30, Bridgeport needs 67, Belington, 17, Pickens needs 23, Jane Lew needs 32 and Morgantown needs 30. So lets really work on this, we can do it.

Third District Fall Conference is set for September 28. 2019 at Shinnston Post 31. Registration is from 9:00 to 10:00, meeting at 10:00. Please plan on being there.

The Department Fall Workshop is September 14th at Hilton Garden Inn across from Aldi's at Eastpoint. Registration begins at 8:00 AM. Please try and be there, we need to make a good showing for Third District.

Remember, if you need anything, call me at 304-657-5740, and if I can't answer your questions, I'll find someone who can.

Roxie Nicholson
Third District Vice President



5th District President

Membership renewals should be coming in and they should be processed as they are received and sent to Department on a timely basis. **Please do not hold dues in your unit.**

I hope the 5th District will be well represented at the Membership/Leadership Workshop in Bridgeport on September 14th. There will be lots of valuable information from the Department chairmen on the various ways your unit can benefit from the many programs offered by the American Legion Auxiliary.

As fall approaches, your unit should be gearing up for all the activities the holidays afford us. From children to homeless veterans, all can use our help and we should to everything we can to see their needs are taken care of. I

if I can help your unit, in any way, please do not hesitate to give me a call at 304-654-7750.

Beth Kilgore,
5th District President

10th District President

Hello Ladies,

I hope you are all settled in for a fun and productive 2019-2020 ALA year. Those beautiful leaves and crisp evenings are just around the corner. I would like to congratulate the units in our district who brought back awards from the Department Convention.

A special congratulation to the Timeless Award winner, Diane Teter Capon Bridge Unit 137. She is such a deserving, special lady. Also, congratulations to Cami Gile, Martinsburg Unit 14 for receiving the Kati Hart Honorary Junior President plaque. Best wishes for a good year.

Plaques for best overall reports: Martinsburg Unit 14-Music & Public Relations.....Berkeley Springs Unit 60-Children & Youth, Junior Activities, Past Presidents Parley & Junior History...They also received cash awards for Junior Scrapbook & Junior History.....Moorefield Unit 64...Legislative, Leadership & Total Participation.....Charles Town Unit 71-Chaplain, Legislative & Membership....Capon Bridge Unit 137...V A & R. If I have missed any, please let me know.

Great job, Ladies! Let's all start to work now for awards next year. Remember...document what you do when you do it and the end of the year reports will be so much easier. Don't forget the pictures, Social Media and newspaper articles. Start collecting them all now to use for later.

You all should have received your credential and registration forms for the Fall Conference. If you did not, let me know. Get them back on the date specified. Hope to see you in Charles Town #71 on Saturday September 7, 2019.

Hope you are also making plans to attend the Fall Workshop on September 13-14 in Bridgeport.

If I can help you with anything, please contact me.

10TH District President
Debbie Michael
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Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Membership/Leadership and Board Meetings.

Even though we do not have veterans plans for the new year as yet; we continue working our annual programs. These include being generous with our welfare donations, setting up our boxes around our Post homes to collect our donations to the VAMC's in the State and the West Virginia Veterans Homes as well as other veterans initiatives. Plans as always will be available at the Leadership Meeting thanks to Department Secretary Paulette.

Remember as Unit VA&R chairman, you want to keep your hours for your members Service to Veterans. VAMC hours are verified by the hospitals. They send written reports from the VA, which should come to the Department Chairman. Please contact me if you have any questions or I can help you in any way.

Mary Waybright
V A & R

5th District Vice President

Hello Ladies,

I want to thank everyone in the units of the Fifth District for all their hard work this past year on getting memberships up. I know we are very hard working ladies and we can do it again. So let's all get started and show the other districts what we can achieve.

We all work for the veterans and we are very proud of each and every one of them.

I hope to see all of you at the workshop September 14th in at the Hilton Garden Bridgeport.

God Bless
JoAnn Hastings
Fifth District VP

Scrapbook

Thank you President Sharon for entrusting me with your Scrapbook.

I would like to ask the District Presidents to please provide me with pictures from your Fall Conferences, especially any that include President Sharon. Please include information with them such as date, location, etc.

Also, please have your Public Relations Chairmen send me any articles that are published or pictures that are taken by your Unit that include Sharon or information about her activities.

You may send pictures to me by either mail or email at the below listed addresses or you may post them to the Department Facebook page and tag me.

I would greatly appreciate any help you give me this year in making President Sharon's scrapbook a wonderful keepsake for her.

Thanks a bunch!
Melanie Shambaugh
Scrapbook Chairman
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Chaplain

If you know of an American Legion family that needs a card sent please let me know so I can take care of it. My email address is : mkjennings@frontier.com.

"There is no problem so big, no trouble so tall, no fear so terrifying, no threat so imminent that God cannot handle and subdue it. When you come to Him with worries large and small, He gently holds you, reassures you, and then exchanges them for that peace that surpasses all understanding."

Please remember Paulette and her husband John in your thoughts and prayers: John for healing and Paulette for strength for whatever is ahead for them both.

God Bless
In God and County
Chaplain Mary Jennings



Americanism



The Americanism Program promotes patriotism and responsible citizenship!

What an exciting year we are going to have, celebrating our 100 year Anniversary!! Promoting Patriotism and being responsible citizens is what we are all about!!

Be Proud of being an American and show our pride in all we do!!

I will touch on important programs in each of my Spirit articles.

**This month is Flag history. We all need to do programs in our schools. Teach the children early. Fly the American Flag high and proud!! As members, we can publish flag etiquette tips in local newspapers and on social media. Practice respect for our flag at public events, ex. sporting events, community events, and any fundraising events your Unit participates in. Remember, lead by Example!!

Educate others. You would be surprised to find those that do not know the proper way to conduct a Flag disposal ceremony. Most Units participate with their Post Home, but if you can not do this, arrange one with your local schools. Organize or participate in local patriotic holiday events.

The most important thing to remember is: Work Together, Be Kind to One Another, Be Respectful and Encourage one another. We are a TEAM.

For God and Country
Susan Wade
Americanism Chairman

Children & Youth

Knowledge is power. A core element of the Auxiliary's mission, caring for our children and youth, is sharply focused on educating adults about the needs of our young people. We believe that the more people know and understand about the needs of the children in their communities, the more interest they will have in learning how they can help meet those needs.

I hope you are planning on attending the Leadership Conference on September 14th in Bridgeport. I will have plenty of information available about the various programs your unit can participate in to benefit the children of your community. Our youth of today have so much more peer pressure than we did at their age and they need to know we care about them whatever they may be facing. Lots of information will be available, so I hope to see you there.

Beth Kilgore
Children & Youth

Historian

ATTENTION:

ALL UNIT HISTORIANS

In this day where 90% of us have a social media account of some sort, I would like to encourage each of you to join the American Legion Auxiliary Historian page at ALA Historians Facebook Group.

This group encourages all Historians, from the National level to the Unit level, to share ideas and suggestions about how we can best record the history of this great organization. This is our "online chat room." Join now and let's make some history! We believe that reflecting on where we have been and how far we have come is crucial in charting our course for the future. For more than 90 years, the women of the American Legion Auxiliary have been diligent in recording the history of our organization. Historians at the unit, state, and national levels recount our activities and accomplishments.

As always, if you have any questions or I can help you in any way, just give me a call at 304-654-7750.

Beth Kilgore

Child Welfare Foundation

Nickels, dimes, pennies, bills of all denomination...I feel myself getting fatter each day. Hope you are feeding me so I will be very plump.

I should have pigs to distribute at the Membership/Leadership Workshop in Bridgeport on September 14th. Hope you plan on being there.

Beth Kilgore



Auxiliary Emergency Fund

I would like to thank President Sharon for appointing me Auxiliary Emergency Fund Chairman for the 2019-2020 year.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Training Workshop in September and working with any unit or member that may need assistance this year.

I ask that each Unit do what they can this year to help raise funds for this committee that is so important to our members in need.

Blessings,
Melanie Shambaugh
AEF Chairman

**AEF Pins from 2018-2019 \$50.00 donations will be given out at workshop.

Constitution & Bylaws

The Role of the Parliamentarian at Convention

FOR A CONVENTION – The duties of the parliamentarian for a convention include those listed for meetings. Also be prepared to advise convention committees such as resolutions, credentials, rules, and elections. Review the script with the presiding officer. Stay focused, steady, patient, and fair.

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY – Any organization requires rules of operation. The most important should be the hardest to change.

Typically these include a Corporate Charter, Constitution and/or Bylaws, Rules of Order such as Robert's Rules, and Standing Rules. The Charter, Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules are written specifically for a given organization. Those rules take precedence in governance. On matters not specifically addressed in those documents, the Rules of Order specified in the Bylaws are the parliamentary authority. This is usually the most recent edition Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised. A parliamentarian should spend time studying these rules.

HELP MEMBERS LEARN – During your year of service as parliamentarian also consider working with members to educate them in parliamentary procedure. This can be as you counsel them in their roles or teach lessons to further develop their knowledge and skills.

DEVELOP YOUR KNOWLEDGE – Good parliamentarians are always learning their craft. Invest in your knowledge. Resources are available through Emblem Sales, through parliamentary associations, and online. Excerpted from the ALA 2017-2022 Programs Action Plan.

Dede Kelly, Chairman
Linda Crumm, member
Debbie Fox, member
Constitution & Bylaws Committee

***ALA 10th District,

The Third Annual Female Veterans Baby shower will be held September 12, 2019@2pm.

After speaking to the coordinator I've discovered that we're prepared for 12 mothers same as last year and they have 26 mothers invited.

If you or your unit are interested in donating to this amazing project., please contact either the VAMC or me for more information..

H:304-258-5804 C:304-268-2353

For God and Country,
Debbie Fox

Education

Unit Education Chairman and Officers:

The information below is from the National Plans of Action for 2019-2020.

Please sit down now and plan what you want to do for Education this year. Try something you have never done. Write down the dates when you want emphasis: Give 10 to Education, American Education Week, Teachers Recognitions, Scholarships—distribution, follow ups with schools/counselors, deadlines, etc. The National website: alaforveterans.org has suggestions tools that may help you plan your year. They have certificates of participation that you can use and American Education Week cards to download. The information is there for you to access. Use whatever tools it takes to make education an important part of our Auxiliary year. The Education Plans of Action will be distributed at the September workshop.

EDUCATION: What is this program, and why do we have it? The Education Program promotes the American Legion Auxiliary's role in providing quality education for children and adults through classroom activities, literacy programs, scholarship promotions and support of education beyond high school, with a special emphasis on children of veterans and service members.

Special 100th Anniversary History Program Facts: The American Legion and the Auxiliary have been advocates of Education through the years. Kicking off at its inception in 1919, The American Legion met with representatives of the National Education Association to discuss the state of Education in our country and to create awareness of the problems of illiteracy. The first American Education week was introduced in December of 1921, with The American Legion and the NEA as cosponsors. The week before Thanksgiving has been designated as American Education Week and Auxiliary Members still support this important week.

Dianne McClung Education Chairman
Holly Adams
Nicole Shepherd
Members

Junior Activities

Hi Ladies,

Summer is just about over and the children are back in school. Now is the time to work on that Junior Membership. Get the info in your schools and churches to recruit new Junior members. There are probably many girls who would be interested in joining if they were asked.

I am sorry that we are not able to have a Juniors Workshop this year but, I will bring info to share with you on September 15th. Hopefully it will be useful with the Juniors in your units.

Now is the time to start planning anything big that you might want to do with your Juniors. Think about helping someone or doing something for our Veterans. There are always fun things to do with Halloween, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving or Christmas.

I will have my Juniors Plan of Works at Fall Workshop. If there is no one from your unit attending, I will mail it to you.

“Let's Donate and Share” is our project this year. I will explain in the next Spirit.

If I can help you, please let me know.

Until then,
Juniors Are Such a Joy!
Junior Activities
Debbie Michael
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Happy 100th Birthday to the American Legion Auxiliary!!

Chinese Auction at Workshop:

Bring a gift wrapped in Happy Birthday paper!

Make sure it is something you would like (Please not old items)

**Proceeds will go to President Sharon's Special Project:
“Gold Star Family Memorial”**



American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

Rhododendron Girls State

It's not too early to start planning for next year's 78th Rhododendron Girls State Session. Please start to solicit businesses and secure funding from organizations as they are preparing next year's budgets.

Also, please use your citizens that just attended Girls State for your Veterans Day, Poppy Day, Christmas Parade or to help out with a Unit function!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact your district representative or myself.

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd
Girls State Chairman



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100 Years of Celebration 1919-2019



Hello Ladies,

I am excited to work with everyone throughout this year and celebrate the Auxiliary's 100 Years. I am attending a meeting at National Convention for the ALA 100th year and will have a better idea of what National is expecting from each Department this year. Our committee will get together and have additional information in next month's article. Until then please compile pictures, flyers, and memorabilia from previous years events and programs.

Be Safe and God Bless

Rhonda Best

ALA 100th Year Committee Chairman

Past President's Parley

Hello Ladies,

I am working on the Action Plans and will have them ready for distribution at Workshop. Throughout this month I will be contacting each unit for their Past Presidents Parley Chairman's Contact information. I want to work closely with everyone in order to get as much information out to everyone as possible. If you have any questions/concerns, then contact me. I will have more information in next month's article.

Be Safe and God Bless

Rhonda Best

PPP Chairman

2019-2020 NEC

Hello Ladies,

This has been a very busy time for me with getting ready to go to National Convention soon.

There are no updates to get out to all of you. However, I will have information in next month's article from National.

Until then I hope everyone stays healthy and Safe.

God Bless,

Rhonda Best

NEC Chairman

Leadership

Leadership Toolbox

For the next item we find in our Leadership Toolbox... let's talk about the highly effective, always essential duct tape.

We all know duct tape has a million uses. How many have you tried? I know I have patched, strengthened, tried to keep my mouth shut, held things in place, covered up a multitude of sins... and more.

The thing about duct tape is that it comes in different sizes and different colors. The part that doesn't change is its strength and versatility. It is sticky! It is strong! It is durable!

It has been said that... "Duct tape is not a perfect solution to anything. But with a little creativity, in a pinch, it's an adequate solution to just about everything."

We don't always have the perfect tool for the job but we are blessed to have well-intended people in our organization who have the strength and creativity to help make it work... while we are on our way to a more permanent solution. Don't forget the "leaders" who help patch others up along the way. They fix projects that seemed to be falling apart. They swoop in at the 11th hour and get the job done. They are so dependable we cannot imagine all they are capable of doing... and we cannot imagine life without them.

Keep a roll close by at all times; it provides a life-line that is second to none!

Rosemary M. Thomas
Leadership Chairman

Legislative

If you have not yet heard congress passed a change that opens the eligibility dates up opening the doors for more membership.

The National American Legion website now reads:

"If you have served federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7, 1941, and have been honorably discharged or are still serving - you are eligible for membership in The American Legion!"

*Because eligibility dates remain open, all active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces are eligible to join The American Legion at this time, until the date of the end of hostilities as determined by the government of the United States.

**U.S. Merchant Marine eligible only from December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946 (WWII).

Lisa Cadwallader
Legislative Chairman
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Public Relations

Hello Department of WV ALA,

As we begin this new and exciting year, let us continue to spread the news about our organization and all the wonderful things we do.

To help spread this news and let everyone know that we have been doing this great work for 100 years, your unit can download the American Legion Auxiliary's 100th anniversary media toolkit. The toolkit is available on the national website ALAforveterans.org. The toolkit provides press releases, speeches, celebration ideas and much more. I hope each unit takes the opportunity to look at and use this information that is provided.

For Service, not self
Stephanie Handley
Public Relations Chairman
stephaniehandley@msn.com

Congratulations to the July winners for 2019

2019-2020 tickets will be available at the workshop to sign out for your unit. Please pick up at least 10 tickets to sell.

Thanks
Paulette
Susan



July Ways and Means Winners

<i>Name</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Phyllis Sieben	998	Augusta	WV	7/1/19	\$25.00
Jim Davis	869	St. Clairsville	OH	7/2/19	\$25.00
Charles Honaker	434	Welch	WV	7/3/19	\$25.00
Tom Dillon	754	Anawalt	WV	7/4/19	\$25.00
	596			7/5/19	
	426			7/6/19	
	651			7/8/19	
Pam Ciampanella	049			7/9/19	\$25.00
Scottie Thorn	003	Welch	WV	7/10/19	\$25.00
	693			7/11/19	
ALA 5th District	036	Huntington	WV	7/12/19	\$25.00
Sherry Doss	520	Thorpe	WV	7/13/19	\$25.00
	893			7/15/19	
	685			7/16/19	
Teresa Crilly	177	Groveport	OH	7/17/19	\$200.00
Mildred Barber	771	Gary	WV	7/18/19	\$25.00
	866			7/19/19	
	878			7/20/19	
	772			7/22/19	
	762			7/23/19	
	889			7/24/19	
Stephen Wilson	040	Snow Camp	NC	7/25/19	\$25.00
	653			7/26/19	
Betty Bryson	263	Thorpe	WV	7/27/19	\$25.00
Will Chapman	203	Roderfield	WV	7/29/19	\$25.00
Jason Judy	736	Shanks	WV	7/30/19	\$25.00
Christy Bland	791	New Martinsville	WV	7/31/19	\$25.00

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

Final Report July 31, 2019
Department Goal—9966 Membership to Date—5,501 (55.20 %)
Department Unit Goal—86 Membership to Date—78

District 1			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	26	25	96.15%
Moundsville #3	428	235	54.91%
McMechen #5	73	35	47.95%
Weirton #10	112	50	44.64%
Cameron #18	262	145	55.34%
New Martinsville #28	217	127	58.53%
Wellsburg #34	48	25	52.08%
Follansbee #45	65	40	61.54%
Benwood #46	131	73	55.73%
Pine Grove #81	112	84	75.00%
Paden City #86	178	94	52.81%
Wheeling #89	39	22	56.41%
Newell #114	57	30	52.63%
Hundred #120	115	48	41.74%
Chester #121	269	162	60.22%
TOTALS	2132	1187	55.68%



**Special Teams
Coach
Goal—4915
To Date—2748
55.91 %**

**Membership
Chairman
Special Teams
Coach**



**Special Teams
Coach
Goal—4965
To Date 2675
53.88 %**



District 3			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	83	40	48.19%
Grafton #12	32	17	53.13%
Clarksburg #13	230	86	39.39%
Elkins #29	253	146	57.08%
Shinnston #31	412	255	61.89%
Braxton County #33	48	29	60.42%
Philippi #44	41	10	24.39%
Bridgeport #68	93	65	69.89%
Belington #96	43	16	37.21%
Pickens #122	41	22	53.66%
Jane Lew #166	65	31	47.69%
Morgantown #174	30	29	96.97%
TOTALS	1371	762	55.58%

District 5			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Huntington #16	347	167	48.13%
Logan #19	30	11	36.67%
St. Albans #73	65	30	46.15%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	489	282	57.67%
South Charleston #94	26	14	53.85%
Hamlin #111	99	47	47.47%
Milton #139	113	60	53.10%
Barboursville #177	243	141	58.02%
TOTALS	1412	752	53.26%

District 10			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	151	92	60.93%
Franklin #30	19	15	78.95%
Piedmont #52	72	27	37.50%
Berkeley Springs #60	338	182	53.85%
Moorefield #64	136	97	71.32%
Charles Town #71	326	190	58.28%
Petersburg #78	126	73	57.94%
Romney #91	353	215	60.91%
Charles Town #102	45	27	60.00%
Paw Paw #128	68	34	50.00%
Kirby #134	71	40	56.34%
Ridgeley #136	136	80	58.82%
Capon Bridge #137	214	118	55.14%
Keyser #152	77	44	57.14%
TOTALS	2132	1234	57.88%

District 4			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	1080	540	50.00%
Spencer #21	98	39	39.80%
Pt. Pleasant #23	484	243	50.21%
Tyler County #48	33	33	100.00%
Sistersville #67	106	83	78.30%
New Haven #140	220	129	58.64%
Williamstown #159	215	128	59.53%
TOTALS	2236	1195	53.44%

District 6			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Welch #8	100	57	57.00%
Bluefield #9	28	25	89.29%
Beckley #32	98	42	42.86%
Gary #38	159	74	46.54%
Cowen #62	62	26	41.94%
Lewisburg #69	100	41	41.00%
Richwood #97	50	22	44.00%
TOTALS	597	288	48.24%



2019-2020 Membership Theme
"Honoring Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows"

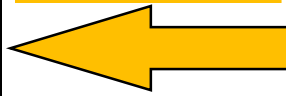


Membership Target Sheet September 15th Target #1
Department Goal— 5616
Membership To Date: 391 (6.96 %)
Unit #200 Goal— 80 To Date: 16



District 1	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
	Wheeling #1	26	10	38.46%
	Moundsville #3	242	6	2.48%
	McMechen #5	36		
	Weirton #10	52		
	Cameron #18	148		
	New Martinsville #28	130	14	10.77%
	Wellsburg #34	26	2	7.69%
	Follansbee #45	41	1	2.44%
	Benwood #46	75	1	1.33%
	Pine Grove #81	87		
	Paden City #86	97	17	17.52%
	Wheeling #89	23	1	4.34%
	Newell #114	31	3	9.68%
	Hundred #120	50		
	Chester #121	166	3	1.81%
	TOTALS	1230	58	4.72%

**WWII/
Merchant
Marines Era
40's Fashion
Jitterbug Dance**

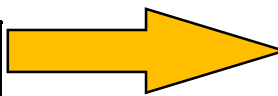


**Goal 2747
To Date: 116
(4.22%)**

**Membership
Chairman
Moderator**



**Korea Era
50's Fashion
Cha-Cha Dance**



**Goal 2789
To Date: 259
(9.29%)**

District 4	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
	Parkersburg #15	548	24	4.38%
	Spencer #21	40	7	18%
	Pt. Pleasant #23	250	1	0.04%
	Tyler County #48	34		
	Sistersville #67	86	1	1.16%
	New Haven #140	132	5	3.79%
	Williamstown #159	131	13	9.92%
	TOTALS	1221	52	4.26%

District 6	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
	Welch #8	59	1	1.69%
	Bluefield #9	26		
	Beckley #32	43	1	2.33%
	Gary #38	76		
	Cowen #62	27	3	11.11%
	Lewisburg #69	42	1	2.38%
	Richwood #97	23		
	TOTALS	296	6	2.03%

District 3	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
	Buckhannon #7	41	11	26.83%
	Clarksburg #13	89	7	7.87%
	Elkins #29	149	3	2.01%
	Shinnston #31	262	2	.076%
	Braxton County #33	30	13	43.33%
	Bridgeport #68	67	3	4.48%
	Belington #96	17		
	Pickens #122	23		
	Jane Lew #166	32		
	Morgantown #174	30		
	TOTALS	740	39	5.27%

District 5	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
	Huntington #16	171	23	7.60%
	Logan #19	17		
	St. Albans #73	31	5	16.13%
	Ceredo-Kenova #93	290	11	3.79%
	South Charleston #94	15	1	7.14%
	Hamlin #111	49	1	2.41%
	Milton #139	62	16	25.81%
	Barboursville #177	144	3	2.08%
	TOTALS	779	60	7.70%

District 10	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
	Martinsburg #14	95	44	46.32%
	Franklin #30	16		
	Piedmont #52	28		
	Berkeley Springs #60	187	6	3.21%
	Moorefield #64	100	8	8.00%
	Charles Town #71	195	2	1.03%
	Petersburg #78	75	1	1.33%
	Romney #91	221	18	8.14%
	Charles Town #102	28		
	Paw Paw #128	35		
	Kirby #134	41	6	14.63%
	Ridgeley #136	83	2	2.41%
	Capon Bridge #137	121	32	26.45%
	Keyser #152	45	41	91.11%
	TOTALS	1270	160	12.60%

Call To Department Fall Meetings

September 13-14, 2019

Hilton Garden Inn Clarksburg WV

This is a notice to all concerned about the Finance Committee Meeting and the Department Fall Executive Board Meeting. The purpose of these meetings are to set up the administrative year for our Department for 2019-2020.

September 13, 2019—Friday Meeting Room 1 (Rhododendron Room)

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

Department President—ex-officio member without vote

Department Secretary/Treasurer—ex-officio without vote

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

4:00 pm—Membership Committee—**Department President, Department Membership Chairman Department Vice Presidents, District Vice Presidents**

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

September 14, 2019—Saturday Meeting Room 1 (Rhododendron Room)

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

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

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

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

September 13, 2019—Saturday Workshop Meeting Room 1 (Rhododendron Room)

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

Purpose of this session is for instruction to Units/members/Officers and to announce the membership program for 2019-2020 year. There will be some different items for all to enjoy. **ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THIS WORKSHOP.** Good tool for learning if you want to help with leadership in your Unit, in your District and on Department level.

Travel Allowances: Travel allowances will be paid by Department to **all Department Officers, District Presidents, Department Finance Chairman, and Department Parliamentarian** that attend Department Executive Board Meeting. They will be allowed one day per diem (\$60) plus (if eligible) mileage as per Standing Rule #1. If not spending the night will receive \$20.00 plus (if eligible) mileage. (as per Department Budget)

District Vice Presidents that attend the Membership Workshop. They will be allowed one day per diem (\$60) plus (if eligible) mileage. If not spending the night, will receive \$20 plus mileage. (as per Department Budget)



FALL MEMBERSHIP/LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

CLARKSBURG HILTON GARDEN INN



MEETING ROOM 1

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2019

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Registration	
9:00 a.m.	Opening Session	
9:15 a.m.	Convention Awards	Susan Wade, PDP
9:30 a.m.	Membership Team	Lynda Lancaster-Loyd, Membership Chairman
		Cathy Post, Dept. 1 st Vice President
		Savanna Kauffman, 2 nd Vice President
		District Vice Presidents
10:15 a.m.	Department Plan of Actions	Department Chairmen
11:00 a.m.	Department President's Special Project	Bryan Casey
		Grandson and Founding Board Member
		Hershel "Woody" Williams Medal of Honor Gold Star Families Memorial
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN	
1:30 p.m.	"How to Properly Conduct a Meeting"	Irene Weber, PCDNVP, PDP
2:00 p.m.	Girls State	Lynda Lancaster-Loyd, Girls State Chairman
2:30 p.m.	Department Secretary/Treasurer	Paulette Anderson
3:00 p.m.	Questions & Answers	
	Auction	
	Survey	
	Closing Prayer	
	Adjournment	
5:00 p.m.	Fall Executive Board Meeting	Meeting Room 1

September 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2 <i>Labor Day Office Closed</i>	3	4	5	6	7 <i>10th Dist. Conference Charles Town Post #71</i>
8	9	10	11  <i>Patriot Day (Half Staff til Noon)</i>	12 <i>Leave for Workshop Office Closes</i>	13 <i>Workshop Fall Meetings</i>	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 	24	25	26	27	28 <i>3rd Dist. Shinnston #31 4th Dist. Parkersburg #15</i>
29	30	<i>Program of Month Junior Activities Music</i>				

WHO RECEIVES SPIRIT: Emailed to all **Unit Contacts** and any **Unit Officers** with an email address. It is emailed to

All Department Officers, Department Chairmen, District Presidents/Vice Presidents, Past Department Presidents with emails. Spirits are posted monthly on the website: www.wvvaux.org Unit Presidents **with no email contact** will receive a free copy.

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