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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 Auxiliary Members,

I'm hope everyone is staying safe. I know this is a difficult time for everyone . It will be over hopefully soon. The Covid-19 has put us all at a stand still. I have been doing a welfare check by calling and have talked to some of you. I will continue to make the phone calls. Some are answering and some aren't but I will be calling everyone.

Even with the covid-19 we are still doing well with membership. We now have 13 Goal Units, way to go!!

Have really missed going to all the conferences and miss seeing you all. We still don't know about Summer Convention yet. As soon as Paulette finds out she will notify everyone. Please make sure to get your mandatory funds sent in.

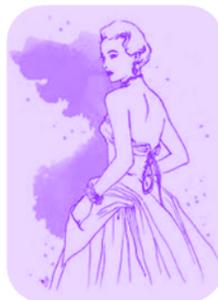
Make sure you are sending in your Spirit articles. I know the District Vices have been making calls so please respond to them so they can get their monthly reports in.

The VA is now allowed to take homemade masks, so they are asking for donations if anyone can help them out they would greatly appreciate it. The VA is asking for snacks for the Veterans and Employees to help boost them up. Some of the employees are working double shifts.

I know it is hard times for everyone but just be patient I know most of us are going crazy on lockdown but a least we are safe.

I will be giving an update on my Special Project. If anyone wants to donate send to Department Headquarters, earmarked President Sharon Special Project .

Department President
Sharon Kauffman
For God And Country
We serve our Veterans and Community



Department Officers 2019-2020

President-Sharon Kauffman
1st Vice President-Cathy Post
2nd Vice President-Savanna Kauffman
Secretary/Treasurer-Paulette Anderson
Chaplain-Mary Jennings
Historian-Beth Kilgore

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1st District-Holly Adams
3rd District-Carla Wilfong
4th District-Nancy Sundstrom
5th District-Beth Kilgore
6th District-Peggy Swartz
10th District-Debbie Michael

District Vice Presidents

1st District-Stephanie Handley
3rd District-Roxie Nicholson
4th District-Patricia Young-Greiner
5th District-
6th District-Mary Spence
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.

Conferences

Tentative:

- 1st District Auxiliary Conference
TBA
- 4th District Joint Conference
June 13th TBA
- 5th District Auxiliary Conference
TBA
- 6th District Auxiliary Conference
TBA
- 10th District Joint Conference
June 20th Berkeley Springs #60

Credentials: As of now the credentials will be sent May 29th for state convention. If convention is canceled before that date, I will notify you by email.

Endorsements: If you are planning on running for a Department Office, and/or District Office PLEASE send in your endorsement as soon as you are able. I know you have to have the signatures of your unit officers for the endorsement, but I am hoping you have already made the decision to run, and just hadn't done the paper work. Below you will see the candidates for offices, and open offices that are available.

2020-2021 Department Candidates

President: Cathy Post Tyler County #48
1st Vice President: Savanna Kauffman #14
2nd Vice President: Mary Jennings #32
Sec./Treas.: Paulette Anderson #28
Chaplain:
Historian:

District Officers Candidates

1st Dist. Pres.
Vice Pres.

3rd Dist. Pres. Carla Wilfong #31
Vice Pres. Kim Mellie #174

4th Dist. Pres. Patsy Young-Greiner #15
Vice Pres. Dawn Lutes #15

5th Dist. Pres.
Vice Pres.

6th Dist. Pres. Peggy Swartz #8
Vice Pres. Mary Spence #8

10th Dist. Pres. Debbie Michael #60
Vice Pres.

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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

Remember Our Friends

Katena Karnes, PDP, has been hospitalized for fluid in her lungs. She should be home this week.

Cards may be sent to Katena:

*Katena Karnes, PDP
721 Tenth Avenue
Huntington WV 25701*

I would like to thank you for all the calls, texts, cards, love and prayers I received during my recent illness. I am truly blessed to have such great friends and ALA family. God bless each and every one of you.

Beth Kilgore

*I would like to Thank everyone for the get well cards. It made me feel good just to know I hadn't been forgotten.
Nancy Sundstrom, PDP*

“Honoring Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows”

Membership Chairman

GREAT JOB TO OUR NOW 13 GOAL UNITS: Morgantown # 174, Bridgeport # 68, Wheeling #1, Belington # 96, Milton # 139, Tyler County # 48, Capon Bridge # 137, Bluefield # 9, Braxton County #33, Shinnston # 31, Martinsburg # 14, Gary # 138 and New Haven # 140!!!!

Let’s not stop now! We as a department are 86.81% of our goal.

Are you bored sitting home during this pandemic with nothing to do? Please make that extra effort – make those phone calls, go knocking on our delinquent member’s doors while practicing social distancing, consider having your Unit to pay those members’ dues that are in nursing facilities or shut in; sign up those daughters, granddaughters. We are so close!

Target # 8 was 90% and we have 32 Units including Unit 200 that reached this target: Wheeling # 1, Moundsville # 3, Buckhannon # 7, Welch # 8, Bluefield # 9, Martinsburg # 14, Huntington # 16, Pt. Pleasant # 23, New Martinsville # 28, Franklin # 30, Shinnston # 31, Braxton County # 33, Gary # 38, Benwood # 46, Tyler County # 48, Piedmont # 52, Sistersville # 67, Bridgeport # 68, St. Albans # 73, Pine Grove # 81, Ceredo Kenova # 93, Belington # 96, Richwood # 97, Hundred # 120, Capon Bridge # 137, Milton # 139, New Haven # 140, Keyser # 152, Morgantown # 174, Barboursville # 177.

Nineteen of these Units have already reach Target # 9 of 95%! **We need 741 members to reach goal. Let’s do this! But we need your help. Let’s make President Sharon a Goal President!**

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd
aka Rosie the Riveter



Department 1st Vice President

Hello Jitterbugs,

I hope everyone is keeping with social distancing, miss seeing everyone. I know there isn’t a lot that we can do right now, but keep doing those buddy checks on the veterans and checking in on each other.

Congratulations to all the Goal Units, Shinnston 31, Braxton Co. 33, Bridgeport 68, Belington 96, Morgantown 174, Milton 139, Martinsburg 14, Capon Bridge 137, **YOU ALL ROCK!!!**

If you are trying to push your membership, perhaps you can pick up those having a bit of struggle right now. I also am only asking for what goes forward (\$19.00) to help some out...anything over and above that is not gonna make us or break us. Also drop a few applications in the mail to those you feel would be interested, just sent one out like that Monday, that makes three I’ve mailed.

Sorry to hear that National Convention is canceled, but better safe than sorry.

I know locally we are gonna have to make our Memorial Day Services very scant. We will just have to keep the faith and do everything we can until we can get back to “business as usual”.

Keeping you all in my prayers, hoping you are doing well and abiding by the safety precautions.

Send out some thank you notes to your veterans until we see them again.

For God and Country,
Cathy D. Post
1st Vice President



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

Department 2nd Vice President

Hello Auxiliary,

I’m sorry that we couldn’t have the rest of the conferences due to this difficult time, hopefully we will get together soon. I miss you all! Hope you all are doing well and staying safe.

On a good note! Congratulations to the Korea Era Side we have 5 goal units! As of April 15th our side is in the lead!!! So proud of everyone of you for getting all your membership up.

Congratulations to all 13 units that received 100%. There are units that are close to meeting their goal, keep doing what you do best!

If you need anything just call or email me. I hope that we can see everyone soon just be safe and stay home when you don’t have to go out.

Thank you to Mary Spence Sixth District Vice-President for always sending me updates for Sixth District, keep up the good work. 1st and 4th I would love to know what your units are doing. Just send me an email or give me a phone call.

Remember: Be you - Do you - Love you
Savanna Kauffman
2nd Vice President
God & Country



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

1st District Vice President

Ladies of 1st District,

I know we are all trying to adjust to our new everyday lives during this troubled time. Just want to say that everyone is doing a great job. I know you will continue to do your best during this time.

Continue to send in memberships as soon as you can so your unit can obtain your membership goal. Now is the time each unit is going to have to find creative ways to recruit new members and retain current members.

God Bless,
Stephanie Handley
1st District GO
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5th District President

ATTENTION MEMBERS OF THE 5TH DISTRICT:

With the current pandemic we are experiencing, Spring Conferences that were scheduled have been canceled. 5th District Legion elects their commanders to serve a two year term. This is their off year and will not have elections this year. With that being said, it is unlikely they will have a conference before Department Convention.

The Auxiliary elects their District President every year. We will need to meet to elect the District President for the coming year. Tentative dates to meet are June 6th or 27th. We will also need a place to meet. Please get in touch with me and let me know your preference of date and place. I will keep you posted on what the majority wants. Call me at 304-654-7750.

It is time to submit your year-end reports and I hope everyone has done so. This information is sent to national who reports it to Congress for budgeting to help our veterans.

Beth Kilgore
5th District President



3rd District Vice President

Third District members, we still have time, but you have to work at this.

Yes, we are in the middle of a Pandemic, but if you can't go anywhere, you can still use the phone, Third District has 5 GOAL units, 5. I am so proud of these 5. and Third District is ahead of all other Districts at 92.97%. Buckhannon, you only need 3 more, Clarksburg, you really need to step it up, you still need 32 more to renew. Elkins, you are doing pretty good, only 20 more. Pickens, you only need 4. Jane Lew, I'm ashamed of all of you. I know you didn't want to continue with your unit, what I didn't know was you just wanted to quit helping the Veterans all together. You don't have to belong to your unit to be a member. The ones you are hurting are the ones who need our help the most. So pick up the telephone and call the delinquent members and get those dues sent in. We may be in a Pandemic, but that doesn't mean we have to lay down and quit.

I am hoping to see many of you at Convention in July, until then, please stay safe and stay home. And if you are an essential worker, THANK YOU.

Roxie Nicholson
Vice President
Third District

3rd District President

Good afternoon Auxiliary Members,

I hope everyone is staying home and are okay. I know everyone is getting stir crazy, but now is the time to work on Membership.

District Three has several Units that are lacking just a few Auxiliary Members from making goal. Lets get after those fellow Members to Pay their dues.

I have not been able to make it to Jane Lew like it was planned, but just as soon as the travel ban is lifted I will make plans to go there. If you know a member of that Unit please contact them and urge them to pay dues.

There are several Units that have not paid their MANDATORY funds, please do so now so your Unit has a Vote.

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

Stay Home and Stay Safe.
Carla Wilfong,
Third District President

6th District Vice President

It was nice to touch base and speak to everyone. Everyone commented that they were staying home and only going out in the public as necessary.

Great news that I would like to share is that Georgia Hayes is home back from the nursing home. Georgia is reporting that she has finished her therapy and loves being back home. Hoping to find everyone staying safe and healthy.

I would like to take this time to wish our mothers, Happy Mothers' Day and hopefully by Memorial Day this quarantine that we are under will be lifted and this pandemic will soon be contained. If you happen to be with your family or friends during Mothers' Day and/or Memorial Day please remember social distancing. This could still be very important in term of spreading the virus.

Our May membership target goal is 95%. Let's remember our 3 "M"s, Mothers' Day, Memorial Day, and Membership Goal. Make sure that we work hard to increase and meet our membership "GOAL" for the month of May as our last opportunity to collect our outstanding dues will be June 15, 2020.

Hope everyone enjoys their Mothers' Day and Memorial Day with your family and that we continue to pray for our State and Nation during this National State of Emergency.

Remember to keep your distance, disinfect, and wash your hands.
Prayers for all to be safe!

Mary E. Spence
Vice President
District 6

4th District President & Poppy

I would like to thank all members of 4th District for letting me serve as your District President the last few years.

Due to my medical problems, I will not be seeking reelection as District President.

Please remember to send in your Poppy Year End reports to Department, on time.

Thank you!
Nancy Sundstrom



10th District President

Hello to all!

I hope everyone is doing well. I guess we are all ready to get back to normal. It will come with time.

As far as I know, our 10th District Conference is still scheduled for June 20th in Berkeley Springs. If that changes, and it certainly can, I will let you know.

I hope everyone is still working on membership. Congratulations to Martinsburg # 14 and Capon Bridge # 137 for making Goal. So many more units are getting close. Keep up the good work.

As reminders, please review the 10th District Bylaws/Standing Rules and PLEASE send me your unit report so that I may do a district report. It doesn't need to be a narrative. Just send me a list of things your unit has done this year.

Don't forget to send your Year-end-reports to the Department Secretary.

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

Hugs!

Debbie Michael
10th District President
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304-258-2705



10th District VAMC Picnic

Hello 10th District,

Due to these uncertain times the Annual 10th District Memorial Day picnic has been postpone. Each year this picnic is held at the Martinsburg VAMC for the hospitalized veterans. After talking to Chief of Voluntary Service, Mr. Terry Stotler, I was informed of the restrictions put in place to protect our veterans.

Tenth District Conference has been rescheduled for June 20, 2020. If this meeting is ultimately held we'll discuss when to hold the annual picnic.

All in-person donations for the VAMC during March and April have been suspended. It's quite possible this policy will be extended. All donations can be mailed to:
Martinsburg VAMC
Voluntary Service
510 Butler Ave.
Martinsburg, WV 25405

Anyone interested in donating items to the VAMC here is an updated list:

Men's underwear sizes M L XL
Men's socks size 6-12
Body wash
Conditioner
Sheetz gift cards
FOREVER postage stamps.. sheets of 10 or rolls of 100
Puzzle books of any kind
Denture adhesive/paste

Any questions about the list or the VAMC please give me a call: 304-258-5804.

I found this quote from Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy. During this uneasy time a lot of us are looking for some small uplift. "*Birds sing after a storm, why shouldn't we?*" *RFK*

Stay safe and healthy.
For God and Country,
10th District VA&R Chairman
Debbie Fox

Chaplain

"O Christ Jesus, when all is darkness and we feel our weakness and helplessness, give us the sense of your presence, Your love, and Your strength. Help us to have perfect trust in Your protecting love and strengthening power, so that nothing may frighten or worry us, for, living close to You, we shall see Your hand, Your purpose, Your will through all things."

Saint Ignatius of Loyola

I hope everyone had a nice Easter even though we missed having a large gathering with family and friends.

May God bless you all
Mary Jennings
Chaplain



Historian

I hope this article finds everyone safe, healthy and holding onto your sanity for those who are staying at home. If you are an essential employee and finding yourself having to leave the safety of your home, I pray for your protection as you go to work.

I hope every unit has turned in a history report and are currently working on your history book to be turned in at the Department Convention. These books will need to be turned in by 9:00 pm on **THURSDAY** night before the convention starts on Friday.

The reports and History books are extremely important in helping to compile the history of the Department of West Virginia. Do both your unit and the Department a vital service and complete both.

If you have any questions, please give me a call a 34-654-7750.

Service not self,
Beth Kilgore

Americanism



I hope you all are staying safe and I sure do miss you all!! I pray we will all be together soon!!

I just recently received an email from Central Division Americanism Chairman Lynda Lancaster Loyd. She wishes you all well!! She sent me a message from National Americanism Chairman, Denise Conrad. I am giving you all this information as follows:

“Dear American Legion Auxiliary Members:

The National Americanism Committee is looking for your assistance for a slideshow project. The slideshow is going to be of members from all around the country showing your appreciation for the individuals working the frontline during The Corvid-19 pandemic. Here are the instructions if you would like to participate:

1) Create a sign, hand drawn or printed from your computer, that includes the following:

*Hashtag: #ALATHankU

*American Flag

*Your Department/State

*Your Message stating Thank You to all those on the Frontlines.

2) Take a picture of you holding the sign (or just the sign)

3) Email the picture to Doreen Gallagher, National Americanism Vice-Chair:

doreengal@hotmail.com

Deadline is MAY 1, 2020

It will not matter how many submissions we get from each Department. Lets make this an awesome slideshow! We are excited to see how many submissions we can get! Ready..Set..Go!

P.S. for all those who are participating in the American Legion Auxiliary #ALATHANKU project, we have one more request. **Please post the finished sign on your front lawn, on your porch or in your front window for all to see.**

Maybe someone will ask, WHO we are, WHAT we do, or WHY we matter! Members working Membership!!”

PLEASE, send in your End of the Year Reports!! This information is vital to our organization for Department Awards and to send my Department report to National!! Thank you!!

God Bless You All
Susan Wade
Americanism Chairman

Children & Youth

April has been designated as Children & Youth month and the month of the Military Child. I know most units had activities planned to honor these military kids and/or the children in their community. I am sure these activities did not happen because of the “Stay-at-Home” order. If by some chance you held an activity, let me know so I can include it in the report I need to make to national.

I hope you wrote a year-end report telling us all about what great job you are doing. This is one of the biggest ways to let Congress know what you are doing to help our veterans when they are preparing their Budget and how veterans will be impacted.

As always, if there is anything I can do for you; do not hesitate to give me call at 304-654-7750. Stay safe and healthy!

Beth Kilgore
Chairman

Junior Activities

Hi to all!

It’s hard, without having your Juniors meet, to do activities with them but, there are many things they can do at home. They can make and send cards to the Veterans at home or in the nursing homes. It is a way to let them know that we are thinking of them.

They can be working on their patches. Any patch earned this year will receive a 100th Anniversary patch from our National President. When the patch forms are filled out, please send them to me so I can order the patches.

Please continue to sign up those new Juniors. If you just go through your auxiliary and legion membership, you will find many.

Don’t forget your Junior Activities Year-end-reports. I would like to have them by May 10th, as my report needs to be completed and sent to National by May 15th.

Please be safe and when we can get back to things as normal, let your Juniors help you.

If I can help you, please let me know.

Hugs!
Debbie Michael
Junior Activities
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304-258-2705

Legislative

Hope everyone is staying safe during these trying times.

National is compiling a listing of those who are on friendly terms or have a personal relationship with members of Congress, please send me your name, email and phone number and the name of the member of congress.

The Legislative Agenda for the 116th Congress, Second Session had many items our Legionnaires are concerned about.

One is Toxic Exposures and Burn Pits: millions of veterans have been exposed to toxic hazard materials, to include but not limited to chemical, physical and environmental; as well as exposure to pesticides, burning materials; tainted water supplies. These have resulted in health many concerns. The VA has not done enough studies to determine these illnesses and diseases directly related to the various toxic materials, nor have they begun to develop a list of conditions. These health issues continue to burden service members and veterans socially, financially and physically.

Congress could Pass legislation, S.2950 – Veterans Burn Pits Exposure Recognition Act of 2019, requiring the proper study to understand what chemicals veterans were exposed to, where the exposure occurred, and develop a list of health conditions related to the various toxic chemicals.

Another is Healthcare for Women Veterans. With the rise of females in combat zone, the VA must ensure women veterans receive gender-specific healthcare to meet their needs. Congress should support S. 514 and H.R. 3224– Deborah Sampson Act.

Lisa Cadwallader
Legislative Chairman



100 Years of Celebration 1919-2019



Boy, do we ever have an opportunity to help our future leaders going on here. A Pandemic, a Lock-down, a Stay home order. National Convention CANCELLED!

When was the last time this happened? This is something we need to research and learn from. Just think, we have been looking back at the last 100 years, now we can look forward to the next 100 and the stories we can pass on. 2020, the year we couldn't hold meeting, couldn't go to the school, couldn't hold Girls State, can't even go to the VA Hospital to volunteer for the Veterans, can't have Bingo parties, can't even have a funeral service for a loved one.

We need to be taking notes on all of this so we can pass this on to our future leaders and members. Our Grandchildren and future Grandchildren can learn about this time, in what will be their history, the history of our American Legion Auxiliary. Take pictures, document everything we are going through, even the empty shelves in the grocery store. Preserve this for the next 100 years, so they can use this in their search for information.

I wish for everyone reading this to stay safe, stay well and WASH YOUR HANDS.

Roxie Nicholson
Committee Person

Past Presidents Luncheon

As of now the luncheon hasn't been set due to the State Convention hasn't been confirmed. When the Department Legion makes the Auxiliary aware of a State Convention being held, then a decision on whether we have a luncheon with a menu will be decided by Rhonda Best, NEC, and Past Department Presidents.

Thank You!
Paulette Anderson
Department Secretary

National Executive Committeewoman

Hello Auxiliary Members,

Everyone is probably a little frustrated, agitated, and scared. We are in uncharted waters with no standard procedures. Please continue to follow our Dept. Constitution and By-Laws as well as each Unit's C&B.

National has made some difficult decisions recently in regards to our National Convention and Girls Nation while supporting the decisions of the American Legion. It is with Great Sadness that these Events were canceled until 2021. However it was the health and welfare of our Members and others that this decision was made. On a positive note National is allowing states to continue to celebrate our 100th Year Anniversary. Please keep an eye out for additional changes in the near future as well.

I would like to take this opportunity to "THANK" our Department President Sharon Kauffmann and Department Secretary Paulette Anderson for a Critical Job they are doing during this unforeseen time we are currently enduring.

Until next month Be Safe and God Bless!
Thank you,
Rhonda Best
NEC

Rhododendron Girls State

With regrets, the 2020 Rhododendron Girls State Session has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic; as well as Mountaineer Boys State, Boys and Girls Nation. The letter was sent out to all Units from department headquarters. Refunds have been issued to those Units that sent in money for registrations.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd
Chairman
Rhododendron Girls State

Past President's Parley

Hello Auxiliary Members,

I know we are in uncharted waters right now. However, during this quarantine, we can continue to work our Mission by reaching out to fellow members through email, phone, and social media.

You can mentor other members by finding ways to help our Veterans, their families, and the Community while keeping a safe distance.

Reach out to other Past Unit Presidents to assist in mentoring and sharing ideas. If you haven't started a Past Presidents' Parley Club, then now is a good time to do so.

Please remember to send any activities and updated information to me.

Until next month Be Safe and God Bless.

Thank you,
Rhonda Best
PPP Chairperson

National Security

Good afternoon Auxiliary members,

I hope everyone is staying home and staying safe.

I want to remind everyone that reports are due in by April 30th.

One of the good things a lot of people are doing at this time is sewing Masks. If you are doing this please keep tabs of your hours, cost and how many you have made. This can be counted.

It is really hard to do anything at the VA Hospitals right now, but keep these guys in yours prayers.

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

Stay home and Stay Safe
Carla Wilfong
National Security

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

It is a troubling times with the Coronavirus on all of our minds and effecting our everyday activities; but I hope all are well. I am assuming no one can volunteer now and the Volunteer Ceremony honoring those volunteers for their volunteerism have been canceled for this year. I think the Volunteer Ceremonies around the State are held in April.

I hope everyone will fill out their annual reports. They have to be to Department Headquarters by the first of next month. Contact your Unit President if she has not sent to you. Everyone does something for veterans, so there is no reason not to report.

Be safe and stay in as much as you can. Remember our friends in Berkeley County w see to be the "hot spot" in our State and others around the Nation. Remember our veterans both at home and abroad.

Mary Waybright
V A & R

Congratulations to the **March** winners!

I know times are hard right now with so many unemployed due to this COVID-19 pandemic.

I ask if you have sold tickets to please send them in. I know that ticket sales will be down more, but hopefully this won't be too long.

Remember this is the **ONLY** Department Fundraiser we have and 75% profit goes to our veterans.

If you don't pay, you can't play

Paulette
Susan

March Ways and Means Winners

Name	Number	City	State	Date	Amount
Heather Roush	318	New Haven	WV	3/2/20	\$25.00
Benny Young	807	Romney	WV	3/3/20	\$25.00
Rachel Bromley	856	Gore	VA	3/4/20	\$25.00
Debbie Veach	441	Augusta	WV	3/5/20	\$25.00
Sheila Rose	137	Gary	WV	3/6/20	\$25.00
Amanda McKay	262	Moundsville	WV	3/7/20	\$25.00
G A White	793	Bel	WV	3/9/20	\$25.00
Jo Ann Camp	800	Spencer	WV	3/10/20	\$25.00
	492			3/11/20	
Marjory Diven	610	Wind Ridge	PA	3/12/20	\$25.00
	172			3/13/20	
Jim Hott	149	Springfield	WV	3/14/20	\$25.00
Laken Stotler	908	Williamsport	MD	3/16/20	\$25.00
Stephanie Hook	301	Great Cacapon	WV	3/17/20	\$25.00
	334			3/18/20	
Betty Light	903	Capon Bridge	WV	3/19/20	\$25.00
Rita Alley	904	Casa Grande	AZ	3/20/20	\$25.00
Millie Capelink	136	Elbert	WV	3/21/20	\$25.00
Paul Turman	579	Barboursville	WV	3/23/20	\$25.00
Karen Coby	564	Moorefield	WV	3/24/20	\$25.00
Gerald Kauffman Jr.	166	Martinsburg	WV	3/25/20	\$25.00
Karen Jean Thomas	326	Upper Glade	WV	3/26/20	\$25.00
Miracle Davis	476	Keyser	WV	3/27/20	\$25.00
ALA 1st District	178	Moundsville	WV	3/28/20	\$25.00
Sandy Kootnz	303	St. Clairsville	OH	3/30/20	\$25.00
ALA 3rd District	994	Gypsy	WV	3/31/20	\$25.00





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



Membership Target Sheet April 15th Target #8—90.00%
Department Goal— 5616
Membership To Date: 4,875 (86.81 %)
Unit #200 Goal— 80 To Date: 79

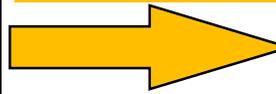


Savanna

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District 1	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
	Wheeling #1	26	30	115.38%
	Moundsville #3	242	225	92.98%
	McMechen #5	36	28	77.78%
	Weirton #10	52	31	59.62%
	Cameron #18	148	133	89.86%
	New Martinsville #28	130	124	95.38%
	Wellsburg #34	26	17	65.38%
	Follansbee #45	41	34	82.93%
	Benwood #46	75	73	97.33%
	Pine Grove #81	87	83	95.40%
	Paden City #86	97	79	81.44%
	Wheeling #89	23	15	65.22%
	Newell #114	31	18	58.06%
	Hundred #120	50	45	90.00%
	Chester #121	166	132	79.52%
	TOTALS	1230	1067	86.75%

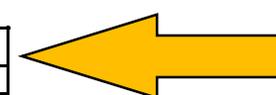
**WWII/
Merchant
Marines Era
40's Fashion
Jitterbug Dance**



**Goal 2789
To Date: 2,410
(86.41 %)**

**Membership
Chairman
"Rosie the
Riveter"**

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



**Goal 2747
To Date: 2,386
(86.86 %)**

District 4	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
	Parkersburg #15	548	475	86.68%
	Spencer #21	40	33	82.50%
	Pt. Pleasant #23	250	229	91.60%
	Tyler County #48	34	37	108.82%
	Sistersville #67	86	78	90.70%
	New Haven #140	132	132	100.00%
	Williamstown #159	131	98	74.81%
	TOTALS	1221	1082	88.62%

District 6	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
	Welch #8	59	54	91.53%
	Bluefield #9	26	28	107.70%
	Beckley #32	43	27	62.79%
	Gary #38	76	76	100.00%
	Cowen #62	27	20	74.07%
	Lewisburg #69	42	11	26.19%
	Richwood #97	23	21	91.30%
	TOTALS	296	237	80.07%

District 3	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
	Buckhannon #7	41	38	92.68%
	Clarksburg #13	89	57	56.18%
	Elkins #29	149	129	86.58%
	Shinnston #31	262	266	101.53%
	Braxton County #33	30	31	103.33%
	Bridgeport #68	67	82	122.39%
	Belington #96	17	19	111.76%
	Pickens #122	23	19	69.57%
	Jane Lew #166	32	3	9.38%
	Morgantown #174	30	44	146.67%
	TOTALS	740	688	92.97%

District 5	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
	Huntington #16	171	155	90.64%
	Logan #19	17	10	58.82%
	St. Albans #73	31	30	96.77%
	Ceredo-Kenova #93	290	277	95.52%
	South Charleston #94	15	13	86.67%
	Hamlin #111	49	36	73.47%
	Milton #139	62	69	111.29%
	Barboursville #177	144	133	92.36%
	TOTALS	779	723	92.81%

District 10	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
	Martinsburg #14	95	96	101.05%
	Franklin #30	16	15	93.75%
	Piedmont #52	28	27	96.43%
	Berkeley Springs #60	187	162	86.63%
	Moorefield #64	100	53	53.00%
	Charles Town #71	195	142	72.82%
	Petersburg #78	75	66	88.00%
	Romney #91	221	149	67.42%
	Charles Town #102	28	25	89.29%
	Paw Paw #128	35	23	65.71%
	Kirby #134	41	29	70.73%
	Ridgeley #136	83	40	48.19%
	Capon Bridge #137	121	131	108.26%
	Keyser #152	45	41	91.11%
	TOTALS	1270	999	78.66%

May 2020

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Mon

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		<i>Programs of Month Poppy Past President's Parley</i>			1	2 <i>DLNC Virtual Meeting</i>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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10 	11	12	13	14	15 <i>Target #9 95%</i>	16  <i>Armed Forces Day</i>
17	18	19	20	21	22  <i>National Poppy Day</i>	23
24	25  <i>Memorial Day Office Closed</i>	26	27	28	29 <i>Credentials Out (Pending)</i>	30
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2020
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I hereby authorize the following advertisement to be placed in the official program of the 102nd Annual State Convention of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia, Inc., scheduled July 9-11, 2020, at Lakeview Resort, Morgantown, Huntington, West Virginia.

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RESERVATION FORM**

July 9-11, 2020
Lakeview Resort
One Lakeview Drive
Morgantown, WV 26508

\$91.00 per night room rate (plus 12% tax)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

Arrival Date _____ AM PM Departure Date _____

Room Type: (circle one) Doubles King (Additional charge of \$10 for a King)
Non-Smoking Facility \$20 per person per night for more than two persons
occupying a room.

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 **\$91.00** (plus 12% tax) = \$101.92 per night

(circle one)

check cash credit card
_____ credit card # _____
type _____
expiration date _____

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

**Mail to: Lakeview Resort
 ATTN: Timothy Bucklew
 One Lakeview Drive
 Morgantown, West Virginia 26508**

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PLEASE RESERVE YOUR ROOM EARLY- THANKS!
CANCELLATION, BEFORE 48 HOURS, PRIOR TO
ARRIVAL, OR FORFEIT 100% OF THE TOTAL**