



# The Auxiliary Spirit



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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,

This year at Workshop we will bring a **Mask**. It can be Patriotic, Prettiest. Hopefully we will have fun and learn a lot.

We are raffling off the Birthday Gifts at Workshop, so remember to bring something that you would want to bid on, wrapped in birthday paper or a birthday bag.

Department Chairmen, don't forget to get your Action Plan Supplement for the units into the Department Secretary to be printed off for folders. She will be printing off ALL Action Plans this year.

I hope to see everyone at Workshop.

Sharon Kauffman  
Department President  
For God and Country

*Sharon is presently in the hospital for a few more days. She asks that you keep working membership, and she will see you at the Workshop.*



### Department Officers 2019-2021

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

### District Presidents

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

### District Vice Presidents

1st District-Stephanie Handley  
3rd District-Kimberly Mellie  
4th District-Dawn Lutes  
5th District-Kitty Kelly-Smoot  
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. Currently I do not have 2019-2020 mandatory funds paid for: McMechen Unit #5, Weirton Unit #10, Wheeling Unit #89, Hundred Unit #120, Clarksburg Unit #13 (poppies only), Pickens Unit #122, Morgantown Unit #174, Pt. Pleasant Unit #23, Sistersville Unit #67, South Charleston Unit #94, Hamlin Unit #111 (Poppies Only), Barboursville Unit #177, Gary Unit #38, Lewisburg Unit #69, Richwood Unit #97, Franklin Unit #30, Piedmont Unit #52, Petersburg Unit #78, Charles Town Unit #102, Ridgeley Unit #136, and Keyser Unit #152 (poppies and 10% only)**

**IF YOU HAVE PAID THESE PLEASE CONTACT THIS OFFICE. IF NOT PLEASE SEND IN ASAP TO HAVE YOUR UNIT IN GOOD STANDING WITH DEPARTMENT.**

**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.

**If you wish Spirit by mail,** mail in \$18.00 for the year (Aug-July)

**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.

Directory: is ready to mail out. I am just waiting on the end of year membership for The American Legion, and the officers for Sons of The American Legion. I will bring to workshop to hand out to PDP, officers and to put in Unit folders. This will help on postage. If unit isn't there, then will mail out all information.

On the Target Sheet in this spirit you will notice unit dues. This includes PUFL's and renewals. NEW APPLICANTS is not listed this month, but will be on next target sheet (Target #1—30%). This month is just showing you your Goals for this year.

## Fall Conferences

5th District Auxiliary Conference  
Saturday September 19th  
Huntington Unit #16

6th District Auxiliary Conference  
Saturday October 17th  
Place To Be Announced

10th District Joint Fall Conference  
Saturday October 3rd  
Charles Town Post #71

## **2021-2022 Department Candidates**

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

## ***District Officers Candidates***

1st Dist. Pres. Stephanie Handley, #121  
Vice Pres. Holly Adams, #121

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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**Rhododendron Girls State Website**  
[www.wvgirlsstate.org](http://www.wvgirlsstate.org)

**The American Legion**  
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**American Legion Auxiliary**  
**National Website**  
[ALAforveterans.org](http://ALAforveterans.org)

## ***Remember Our Friends***

*Department Sharon Kauffman had surgery on her hernia, and had some set backs. She was in the hospital a few days but is home now.*

*Cards may be sent to her at:  
Sharon Kauffman, President  
1671 Kelly Island Rd.  
Martinsburg WV 25405*



**“Honoring Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows”**

**Membership Chairman**

Hello Members,

We have a great Workshop planned and hope to see many of you and your Units represented, Saturday, September 12 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%. As of August 15, we have 428 paid members including our PUFL's, (but not including new members). Our membership goal is **ATTAINABLE**.

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, 11 at 4:00 p.m. This gives us 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.

"Honoring our Legacy, Celebrating our Tomorrows."

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd,  
Membership Chairman



**Department 1st Vice President**

Hello Jitterbugs,

Well here we are at the beginning of another new year. Still not much going on in my neck of the woods. I'll be glad to get back to normal, whatever that's gonna' be.

It appears that our goals are going to be very reachable this year. We all need to dig in, as best we can, and start getting our dues sent in. Remember, right off the bat, do not hold those, send them in as quickly as possible.

Hopefully, we are going to be going to Workshop, be sure and get registered.

I want to wish Madam President Sharon a speedy recovery. Please keep her in your prayers.

Keep in mind, I'm very easy to contact, text me on Facebook, email me at [cathy\\_1@frontier.com](mailto:cathy_1@frontier.com), or call me 304-758-5114 Home or 304-551-1602 Cell.

Please keep doing those buddy checks on our veterans and each other, wear you mask, social distance and let us beat this virus as quickly as possible.

Until next month, prayers for all that need it and keep our great country in your prayers also. Heaven knows we sure need it.

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 My Korea War Era Ladies,

We're off to a good start with membership.

I'm looking forward to working with all of you.

I can't wait to see everyone at Fall board in September for the workshop (hopefully).

I'm looking forward getting reports from districts 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.

Be you - Do you - Love you

For God & Country  
Savanna Kauffman  
2nd Vice President



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

### ***1st District President***

Hello ladies

I hope all are doing well and staying safe. These times of Covid-19 are a challenge, however our veterans and their families need to be and continue to be, especially during these times, our focus.

Our children and students along with parents, teachers and administrators too have a huge challenge ahead of them.

Remember leadership/ membership workshop is still a go at this time September 11th and 12th in Bridgeport get your reservations if staying overnight in now. Units that have scrap books, history books or press books remember to bring to leadership/ membership workshop in September.

Our programs are still needed, just a little different, such as give 10 to education instead of school supplies focus on Covid-19 supplies, hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes, or even facial masks.

Take care and God bless  
Holly Adams  
1st District President

### ***1st District Vice President***

Hello everyone,

We are now in the membership year. I hope everyone has had a chance to see what their unit goal is for the year.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at leadership conference and going over what we have to look forward to in the upcoming year.

Everyone continue to work hard on obtaining membership. I know it has been a challenge with the way our lives have been turned upside down but we can do it!

God Bless,  
Stephanie Handley  
1st District Vice President  
[stephaniehandley@msn.com](mailto:stephaniehandley@msn.com)

### ***3rd District President***

Good morning to all Auxiliary Members.

This is the start of a new beginning for all of us, we need to get out there and invite new members into our folds.

I am happy to see that we have so many in District Three that have paid their dues. Remember all Unit Officers need their dues paid early for this year. We only have three Units with no membership sent in.

Remember that September 12th is Fall Workshop. Also Commander Straley and I are working on Fall Conference and as soon as we finalize the date I will let Paulette know.

If you need my help just call me at 304-592-0247 or you can email me at: [carlajwilfong@email.com](mailto:carlajwilfong@email.com).

See you at Workshop  
Carla Wilfong  
District President

### ***4th District Vice President***

Greetings to Members of the 4th District,

New membership goals are in this spirit and our units are ready to meet and hopefully exceed our goals. We finished 2019-2020 strong with two units reaching over 100% Tyler County Unit #48 and New Haven Unit #140.

Though the past few months have resulted in a new way of life for most of us, but the American Legion Auxiliary is still going strong. Now is the time to take a moment and think about who you could invite to become a member. When you meet someone new or run into an old friend you have not seen in years, take a minute to tell them how rewarding it is to be a part of our organization.

Just think of the amount of lives we could affect if we work together to build our membership and inspire a passion to make a difference. If one person joins with a fire in their heart to do something, it can ignite the entire unit. We have the power to make miracles happen in the lives of our veterans and our community.

“Don’t wait for opportunity. Create it.”

Dawn Lutes  
4th District Vice President  
304-679-6355  
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### ***4th District President***

Greetings to Members of the 4th District:

The Department Fall Membership/ Leadership Workshop is right around the corner!! We are so excited to participate!! This Workshop is sort of like “cheerleading camp!” When we leave this Workshop we will be so excited having learned about the programs and membership goals for 2020 -2021. Make sure you bring a Mask to this Workshop. We appreciate you!

President Sharon Kauffman’s Special Project is “Gold Star Family Memorial Monument.” Her Department Membership Theme is “Honoring our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows.”

Membership is a top priority! It is important to recruit new members, maintain current members and reinstate members who are eligible to be reinstated. Membership Chairmen please check your rosters to see who has not paid, yet. Maybe a member is ill or has fallen on hard times. Paying their annual membership dues would be a welcome act of kindness.

Please carry a current membership application with you. Recruiting new members is a way to “Honor our Legacy.”

God Bless  
Stay Safe,  
Patsy Young-Greiner  
4th District President  
304-295-8844  
[Patsygirl2@suddenlink.net](mailto:Patsygirl2@suddenlink.net)

### ***3rd District Vice President***

Hello all!

I hope to visit each Unit during the year to help where needed and to meet the amazing people making our membership drives a success.

I am an Educator and have started back to school along with coaching soccer and managing our Canteen at Post 174. My year just got very busy!

As our membership drives begins for 2021, please make every effort to meet your goal!

Also remember to do some buddy checks on people that you know may be immunocompromised. Offer ( if you feel comfortable) to shop for a Vet or help as needed. Remember our selfless mission to help those who have served!

Glad to serve you so please don’t hesitate to email me [kmellie@comcast.net](mailto:kmellie@comcast.net) or call/text 304-216-9943 if you need anything.

Have a wonderful September  
Kim Mellie  
District 3 Vice-President

### *5th District President*

The 5th District Fall Conference will be held on September 19th at Huntington Unit 16 Post Home. We will begin with registration at 9:00, with the meeting beginning at 10:00.

This will be a separate meeting for the **Auxiliary only**. This is due to a schedule conflict. The Legion will meet on September 12th in Logan.

If you have any questions, give me a call at 304-654-7750.  
Beth Kilgore  
President

### *6th District Vice President*

Hoping everyone is still safe and healthy. Hope the coronavirus pandemic is coming to a close. I am sure everything will not be the same; but, keep our faith in God and will with get through this.

August 1, 2020 starts our new membership building year. All members should have received their Membership booklets with the 2020-2021 cards by now. You should have started processing membership renewals for 2021 on August 1; but, remember adding new members starts on September 1, 2020.

Our new membership goal for collecting Post membership dues started August 1st. The following is a chart of District 6 Goals for 2020-2021 membership:

Welch #8	60
Bluefield #9	29
Beckley #32	28
Gary #38	80
Cowen #62	21
Lewisburg #69	34
Richwood #97	22
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>274</b>

Unfortunately, I cannot make it to the Fall meeting/workshop, but I will miss everyone and keep all of you in my thoughts.

Due to the spikes throughout our state, remember to wear your mask when in public which is now required, keep your distance, disinfect, and wash your hands.

Prayers for all to be safe.  
Mary E. Spence  
Vice President  
District 6

### *10th District Vice President*

With limited activities, 10th District is still moving forward, making a difference for their communities.

Membership renewals are steadily coming in for Martinsburg #14, Berkeley Springs #60, Moorefield #64, Charles Town #71, Petersburg #78, Romney #91, Charles Town #102, Paw Paw #128, Capon Bridge #137 and Keyser #152.

Berkeley Springs #60 recently purchased a new indoor ALA flag for their unit, Charles Town #71 is planning a yard sale to raise funds for Girls State. They are also involved with Wreaths Across America to buy wreaths for the veterans graves, Petersburg #78 have Veterans Bash tickets to be drawn on August 29th. This will all be done on Facebook. Capon Bridge #137 is selling tickets for a Gun Bash and Keyser #152 continues to send monthly contributions to the Martinsburg VA canteen. Your efforts are most appreciated.

Have a great weekend at the Fall Workshop, My daughter, Allie, is getting married on September 12th so I will not be able to be at workshop. I hope to see you at 10th District workshop.

Bonnie Wilcox  
10th District Vice President

***Mistake on Page 5 of  
Membership Booklet that  
was mailed to membership  
chairmen:***

***Wrong membership  
application inserted.  
Please ignore! Use the  
application that was sent in  
the packet.***

***Eligibility on page 4 is  
correct!***

***Sorry for the confusion  
Paulette***

### *10th District President*

Hello to all in the 10th District,

I hope you have gotten all of your committees formed and are planning good things for your unit. Remember our veterans while doing your planning. With not being able to visit them, please send them letters or cards to let them know they are not forgotten.

I asked last year for all units to update their Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules. If you didn't, please do so. That is your guide to making decisions for the unit.

I hope you are making plans to attend Fall Boards in Clarksburg on September 12th. It is always a great day of socializing (6 feet apart I guess) lol and a day of fun and gathering information.

Our Fall Conference is just around the corner. It will be held at Charles Town #71 on Saturday, October 3. The meeting will begin at 9:00. Please plan to attend.

All units were sent the changes to the 10th District Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules in February, as approved by the committee. If you have not done so, please read and discuss them at your meetings, as that will be a first reading. We will review them and vote on them at our Fall Conference. If they got misplaced, let me know and I will send them to you. Please bring them with you to avoid the expense of having to make so many copies.

I hope everyone is finally seeing a light at the end of this tunnel and remains healthy.

If I can help you, please contact me.  
See you in Clarksburg!

Hugs!  
10th District President  
Debbie Michael  
[katndebbie@gmail.com](mailto:katndebbie@gmail.com)  
304-258-2705



## Chaplain

*Believe, Dream, Become*  
And we also thank God continually, because when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.

1 THESSALONIANS 2:13

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale said “that through enthusiasm, prayer and faith you can reach your highest goals”. In order to make your dreams come true, “Ask and believe; dream and believe; work and believe.”

*God of Heaven, remind me that my thoughts truly can change my life!*

For God and Country  
Mary Jennings, Chaplain



## Historian

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Leadership Workshop on September 12th in Bridgeport. I hope you are planning to attend.

Continue to work on your history for the coming year. It is easier to work on it as your unit does projects, programs or events as they are happening than trying to remember the details a year later.

**REMINDER:** History books for last year will need to be turned in for judging by 7:00 on Friday evening, September 11th, or first thing Saturday morning the 12th in Bridgeport.

If you have any questions, give me a call at 304-654-7750.

Until we see each other – stay safe!  
Beth Kilgore  
Historian

## Americanism



The Americanism Program promotes patriotism and responsible citizenship. I encourage all Units and members to track the work they do and report to Department!

The Americanism Essay Contest is the same as last year “**How can we address the health and well-being of our veterans, military, and their families?**”

I encourage all Units to contact their schools! I know this is a trying time for all, but somehow we have to try and connect with teachers. We had no entries from WV. Central Division has 9 states. Only 5 states submitted essays. I know this is a difficult time for all but I know where there’s a will, there’s a way!! I am asking all Units to submit to me by April 1, 2021.

I will have the Plan of Action at the September workshop. Any questions, please contact me as I want to help make this a successful year!!

Thank you all for continuing to work our programs!!

Fly our Flag!  
God Bless America!  
Susan Wade  
Americanism Chairman

## Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Fellow Auxiliary Members,

I want to thank each of you for the work you are doing for the AEF Program and encourage you to continue your fundraising efforts. We have never had a greater need for fundraising than we do right now and the current COVID situation has made that even more difficult for us to do so we have to get creative. Please email me some of your awesome ideas to share with the other Units. Together we can make a huge difference in the lives of our fellow auxiliary members and their families.

If I can be of assistance to you or your Unit in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Blessings,  
Melanie Shambaugh  
AEF Chairman  
[sham4wv@aol.com](mailto:sham4wv@aol.com)

## Children & Youth

This pandemic we are experiencing has everyone shaking their head and wondering what is happening next. One thing is certain, our children will be returning to school. This may be in person, virtual, or a combination of both. However they continue their education, there are children in all our communities who will need school supplies and do not have the means to get them. Now is a great time to get them with most stores having school supplies on sale. If you need help in locating those students, call any school and they should be willing to help.

Thank you for all you do with our children and youth in your community.

If you have any questions, give me a call at 304-654-7750.

Until we see each other – stay safe!  
Beth Kilgore,  
Children & Youth

## Education

**IT’S TIME FOR SCHOOL** or at least that’s the latest news. Let us pray that the children can be safe and return to a normal or semi-normal routine. Although socializing seems like a bad idea, children need to be with other children. What can you and/or your Unit do to help? Check with your county board of education to see if they need donations of school supplies, health supplies, etc. Your health department may have suggestions.

Due to high unemployment, there will be more families that cannot afford to buy necessary school supplies and clothes. Check for families in your area who may need assistance.

Our organization is one of service. Continue our 100 years of service and find ways that you/Unit can help.

Dianne McClung  
Education Chairman



## Junior Activities

Hi to all,

I hope this finds everyone filled with excitement for our juniors for the coming year. There are so many things they can do, but first, let's strive to get new members. Just think how many juniors we could have, if all our auxiliary members just sign up their daughters and granddaughters who are eligible.

Fall Workshop will be on Saturday, 12th in Clarksburg. Our meeting will begin at 9:00. At this time, I know of 6 juniors that are planning to attend. If your unit is bringing juniors (I hope you are), I need to know the number by September 1st so I will have enough craft items for them.

Hoping everyone is staying healthy. If you have any questions or I can help you, just let me know.

Hugs!

See ya' all in Clarksburg!  
Junior Activities  
Debbie Michael  
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## Legislative

One of the latest actions by the American Legion to take place is The American Legion Commander's Call to Action to open the VA to ALL WWII Veterans.

Thousands of WWII veterans that had previously received care and services from the VA are no longer able to because of means-testing implemented in 1996. This Generation is at the most risk in this global pandemic. They deserve our help with the healthcare benefits they have earned and deserve.

The campaign was sent out via the Commander's Message to all Legionnaires. American Legion National Commander Oxford stated "... I am calling on you today to help recognize these heroes with actions far more meaningful than words. We can never truly thank the Greatest Generation enough for what they did in the Pacific and European theaters. But one way we can express our gratitude to those still living is to right this wrong on their behalf. Join me in contacting your congressional representatives today to tell them to open VA to all World War II veterans."

We need to contact our senators asking them to support Senate Bill 3812, which will remove means testing criteria for veterans of World War II to receive VA care and benefits.

On another note, the Pentagon has approved two award metals; the Armed Forces Service Medal and the Humanitarian Service Medal to recognize service members for participating in COVID-19 operations or activities anywhere in the world. The period of award for both medals is from January 31, 2020 to a point in time to be determined.

Lisa Cadwallader  
Legislative Chair  
[lisac.ala71@gmail.com](mailto:lisac.ala71@gmail.com)

## National Security

Good morning to all Auxiliary Members. Now is the time to contact your Volunteer Services office about renewing your badges. They are working on them now.

The Clarksburg VA Hospital is currently needing Volunteers to help with the Mountaineer Food Bank- Veterans' Table. they are also needing Volunteer Drivers.

There are so many things we can do for our Veterans outside of the Hospitals and Nursing Homes, all we have to so is ask.

If you need my help please call me at 304-592-0247, or email me at: [carlajwilfong@gmail.com](mailto:carlajwilfong@gmail.com).

God Bless America and God Bless our Veterans  
Carla Wilfong

***Bring to workshop your  
Prayer book,  
History book,  
Public Relations book  
Scrapbook to be judged.***

***Bring to workshop the  
traveling plaques your  
unit won a year ago.  
If you aren't attending  
then please send with  
your District President.***

***DON'T FORGET THE MEMBERSHIP/LEADERSHIP  
WORKSHOP***

***AT HILTON GARDEN INN, CLARKSBURG***

***SEPTEMBER 12, 2020***

***FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11th WILL BE FINANCE***

***MEETING, GIRLS STATE***

***EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, VICE PRESIDENT'S  
MEETING***



## National Executive Committeewoman

Hello Auxiliary Members,

As we move forward through these trying times. It is a struggle for everyone especially Our Veterans and their families, Our Active Military, and Our Children. However, I have witnessed via Social Media the American Legion Auxiliary finding creative and inventive ways to help their local Veterans and their families as well as their communities. Please share through Social Media ways your Unit is helping in your area.

**AWESOME ALERT:** I would like to give a "BIG SHOUT OUT" to Martinsburg Unit 14 Juniors and Berkeley Springs Unit 60 Juniors for a job well done and the thoughtfulness for Our Veterans. I saw via Facebook a few of the cards they made for Our Veterans.

Also, this is an exciting time for our Legion Family. Per Our Executive Director Kelly Circle: Our NEC Meeting is being recorded and will be available for viewing. The National Veterans Creative Arts Festival which is scheduled for Nov. 28 – Dec. 5 in St. Petersburg, FL is being reformatted to Virtual Event for the week of Nov. 30th. This permits Veterans to continue to be artistically engaged and to be recognized for their accomplishments. As for The Boys State Documentary there was some difficulty during the free viewing of it. If you were unable to watch the Documentary, then you still have a chance to do. You can sign up for a free Trial of Apple TV and watch The Boys State Documentary.

Lastly, The TAL Executive Director of Marketing, Dean Kessel, gave permission for Kelly to share. Per Dean- with success comes imitation. If your Department and/or Units are approached by interested parties who may want to create a documentary or other types of third party content about our programs, please contact Kelly Circle at [kcircle@alaforveterans.org](mailto:kcircle@alaforveterans.org) or office phone 317-569-4506 so they can properly vet the legitimacy and viability of these types of opportunity.

For now, please continue moving forward with a positive disposition and continually assist others.

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

## Past President's Parley

Hello Auxiliary Members,

I hope all is well with everyone. I know this is a struggling and frustrating time in each of our lives. However, it is extremely important right now to be a mentor to younger and new members. Our Past Unit Presidents as well as our longer tenured members need to show various creative ways to help our Veterans and their families, Our Communities, and Our Children. Share your ideas with other Auxiliary Units via Social Media. Learn a variety of ways to help others through National's Facebook Groups.

Please send me stories of how you and/or your Unit has helped Our Veterans and their families, Our Communities, and Our Children.

I would like to leave you with the following quote:

*"THE HEART OF MENTORING- GETTING THE MOST OUT OF LIFE ISN'T ABOUT HOW MUCH YOU KEEP FOR YOURSELF, BUT HOW MUCH YOU POUR INTO OTHERS."* David Stoddard

Until next month  
Rhonda Best  
Past Presidents' Parley



## 100 Years of Celebration 1919-2019



Have you ever sat at a family reunion, a family dinner, or a visit to your grandmother's house and heard stories from days gone by? Have you thought about the stories you heard so many times but now the details are lost to aging? Have you ever wished for just a few more minutes with those who have passed on, to ask them for more stories or details of ones once told? What if someone had written them down in a book that we could refer to when we were feeling nostalgic and would instantly feel the comfort these stories gave?

We are in the process of celebrating our 100th anniversary. Just think how enjoyable it would be to read stories about the first 100 years of the American Legion Auxiliary. Consider doing a 100th Anniversary book. You can start today and go forward with stories, notes and tidbits of information. Gather materials needed from members of the post and auxiliary and compile a book. Make available to all interested parties.

If you have any questions, give me a call at 304-654-7750.

Until we see each other – stay safe!

Beth Kilgore  
Member, 100th Year Committee





# 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 past Girls State citizens 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



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

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

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

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

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

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

## Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

It is such an unusual time because nursing homes and veterans hospitals are not welcoming us because of the pandemic and the ages of those in both nursing homes and the VA facilities. If you have a particular nursing home or are a volunteer at a VA hospital or VA clinic, please keep in touch with the one in charge to see if they have any needs. Also our health is in consideration as well.

I would like to remind each VA&R Chairman to remember when you report to also make sure you list hours of those volunteering so that they will get the pins and hour bars they have earned. You need to keep a running list of service to veterans hours (formerly referred to as field service hours). I need the volunteers accumulative hours as well as the hours they volunteered in the current membership year. Charles Town Unit 71 sends it right every year, and I much appreciate it. Also hospital chairmen need to have voluntary service at their VA facility send their Auxiliary volunteer hours to you and forward to me or directly to me at 7 Parson Street, Huntington 25705-3811. ALL hospital hours are suppose to be verified by VA before I am suppose to recognize them. I am currently only receiving from two of the VA hospitals. I know I have told you of this before, but there might be some chairman that are new or forgotten.

Mary Waybright  
Chairman

Congratulations to the **July** winners!

2021 Fundraiser tickets will be available to pick up at Workshop in Sept. They will be in envelopes of 5 and 10. **New this year:** sign out sheet will be different, you date it, write down how many of "5" and "10" envelopes and sign your name. There will be no marked number on envelopes. If you want certain numbers **you need to contact** this office ahead of time so I can have them for you at workshop, or to mail to you. Hopefully this will help with picking up tickets.

We need to try to sell more than we have the last 2 years.

For the units that don't come to workshop I will mail them to you.

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

Paulette  
Susan

## July Ways and Means Winners

Name	Number	City	State	Date	Amount
Jen House	972	Morgantown	WV	7/1/20	\$25.00
	187			7/2/20	
	763			7/3/20	
	141			7/4/20	
Kandilyn Veach	716	Shanks	WV	7/6/20	\$25.00
Shirley Davis	287	Kenova	WV	7/7/20	\$25.00
	966			7/8/20	
Ralph Richardson	935	New Martinsville	WV	7/9/20	\$25.00
	688			7/10/20	
	394			7/11/20	
	681			7/13/20	
Veterans Honor Guard	590	Moundsville	WV	7/14/20	\$25.00
Lesley Antonia	469	Wheeling	WV	7/15/20	\$200.00
Amanda Dunlap	842	Winchester	VA	7/16/20	\$25.00
Karen Ali	055	Moundsville	WV	7/17/20	\$25.00
Dottie Elkins	047	Romney	WV	7/18/20	\$25.00
Joyce Wolfe	082	Romney	WV	7/20/20	\$25.00
Karen Tedrow	359	Cameron	WV	7/21/20	\$25.00
Lynda Lancaster-Loyd	411	Mathews	VA	7/22/20	\$25.00
Joe Riffle	121	Bluefield	WV	7/23/20	\$25.00
C. L. White	598	Belington	WV	7/24/20	\$25.00
Debra Snyder	561	Ridgeley	WV	7/25/20	\$25.00
Christine Cox	999	Romney	WV	7/27/20	\$25.00
Bill Chapman	349	Thorpe	WV	7/28/20	\$25.00
Robert Ostrader, Jr.	865	Moundsville	WV	7/29/20	\$25.00
Cindy Stewart	624	Clarksburg	WV	7/30/20	\$25.00





## 2020-2021 Membership Theme

*"Honoring Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows"*



**Membership Target Sheet September 15th—30%**  
**Department Goal— 5132**  
**Membership To Date— 428 8.34%**  
**Unit #200 Goal— 81 To Date— 15**

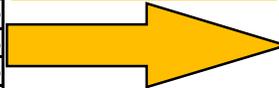


### Savanna

### Cathy

District 1	Unit	2021 Goal	2021	% of Goal
	Wheeling #1	31	6	19.35%
	Moundsville #3	228	21	9.21%
	McMechen #5	32		
	Weirton #10	49	1	2.5%
	Cameron #18	143	2	1.40%
	New Martinsville #28	132	10	7.58%
	Wellsburg #34	26	1	3.85%
	Follansbee #45	35	13	37.14%
	Benwood #46	74	8	10.81%
	Pine Grove #81	85		
	Paden City #86	81	3	3.70%
	Wheeling #89	16	1	6.25%
	Newell #114	24	3	12.50%
	Hundred #120	46		
	Chester #121	138	3	2.17%
	<b>TOTALS</b>	1140	72	6.32%

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

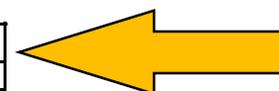


**Goal 2521  
To Date: 264  
( 10.47 % )**

**Membership  
Chairman  
"Rosie the  
Riveter"**

District 4	Unit	2021 Goal	2021	% of Goal
	Parkersburg #15	485	37	7.63%
	Spencer #21	34	8	23.53%
	Pt. Pleasant #23	233	1	0.43%
	Tyler County #48	38	1	2.63%
	Sistersville #67	87		
	New Haven #140	139	4	2.88%
	Williamstown #159	100	12	12.00%
	<b>TOTALS</b>	1116	63	5.65%

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



**Goal 2530  
To Date: 149  
( 5.89 % )**

District 6	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
	Welch #8	60	1	1.67%
	Bluefield #9	29	3	10.35%
	Beckley #32	28	1	3.57%
	Gary #38	80	4	5.00%
	Cowen #62	21	5	23.81%
	Lewisburg #69	34		
	Richwood #97	22		
	<b>TOTALS</b>	274	14	5.11%

District 3	Unit	2021 Goal	2021	% of Goal
	Buckhannon #7	42	5	11.91%
	Clarksburg #13	58	7	12.07%
	Elkins #29	133	3	2.26%
	Shinnston #31	270	70	25.93%
	Braxton County #33	33	5	15.15%
	Bridgeport #68	86	13	15.12%
	Belington #96	20		
	Pickens #122	20	1	5.00%
	Jane Lew #166	10		
	Morgantown #174	45		
	<b>TOTALS</b>	717	104	14.50%

District 5	Unit	2021 Goal	2021	% of Goal
	Huntington #16	163	29	17.79%
	Logan #19	11		
	St. Albans #73	31	5	16.13%
	Ceredo-Kenova #93	281	12	4.27%
	South Charleston #94	15	1	6.67%
	Hamlin #111	37	1	2.70%
	Milton #139	71	13	18.31%
	Barboursville #177	142	6	4.23%
	<b>TOTALS</b>	751	67	8.92%

District 10	Unit	2021 Goal	2021	% of Goal
	Martinsburg #14	99	4	4.04%
	Franklin #30	16		
	Piedmont #52	29		
	Berkeley Springs #60	167	3	1.80%
	Moorefield #64	60	7	11.67%
	Charles Town #71	152	19	12.50%
	Petersburg #78	67	1	1.49%
	Romney #91	164	18	10.98%
	Charles Town #102	26		
	Paw Paw #128	24		
	Kirby #134	30	6	20.00%
	Ridgeley #136	41	1	2.44%
	Capon Bridge #137	136	30	22.06%
	Keyser #152	42	4	9.52%
	<b>TOTALS</b>	1053	93	8.83%

# September 2020

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1	2	3	4	5
6	7  <b>HAPPY LABOR DAY</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	8	9	10	11  <i>Patriot Day</i> <i>Fall Meetings</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	12 <i>Fall Work- shop and</i> <i>Executive</i> <i>Board</i>
13	14	15 <i>Target #1</i> <i>30%</i>	16	17 <i>Constitution</i> <i>Day</i>	18	19
20	21 <i>Spirit Out</i>	22 	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	<i>Program of Month</i> <i>Leadership</i>		

## Call To Department Fall Meetings

September 11-12, 2020

### 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 11, 2020—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 12, 2020—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 12, 2020—Saturday Workshop Meeting Rooms 1 and 2

**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  
2020 Agenda  
Hilton Garden Inn*

*Meeting Room 1 and 2*

*8:00 –9:00 Registration*

*9:00 Junior Meeting  
Opening Session*

*Sharon Kauffman, President*

*9:15 Convention Awards*

*Lynda Lancaster and 2019 Membership Team  
2019 Department Chairman*

*Membership Team*

*Lynda Lancaster, Membership Chairman  
Cathy Post, Dept. 1st Vice Pres  
Savanna Kauffman, Dept. 2nd Vice Pres  
District Vice Presidents*

*Department Plan of Action*

*Department Chairmen*

*“How To Do Treasurer’s Report and Audit”*

*Susan Brown Department Parliamentarian*

*Gift Shops*

*Irene Weber, PCDNVP*

*Impact Reports*

*Rhonda Best, NEC*

*Secretary Remarks*

*Paulette Anderson*

*Questions and Answers*

*Auction*

*Survey*

*Closing Prayer*

*Adjournment*

*Lunch Time Will Be Scheduled*

*5:00 Fall Executive Board*

*Have a Safe Trip Home*

# ***BIRTHDAY PARTY AUCTION***

***SATURDAY September 12, 2020***

***Membership/Leadership Workshop***

***HILTON GARDEN INN CLARKSBURG WV***

***AUCTION WILL CONSIST OF ANY GIFT YOU WOULD WANT TO BID ON YOURSELF  
WRAPPED IN BIRTHDAY PAPER OR IN A BIRTHDAY BAG***

***BRING FRIDAY EVENING OR SATURDAY BY 8:00AM***



***ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL PROJECT***

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](http://www.wvvaux.org) Unit Presidents **with no email contact** will receive a free copy.

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