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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 Members

It has been a good month. We got to attend 10th District, 6th District conferences. We will be going to 4th District this weekend. It is nice to get out and travel to the Districts, after the year we have had. It is always nice seeing everyone and always great food.

Most of the Veterans Day Parades have been cancelled. Even though they are cancelled don't forget to thank our veterans. It makes them feel good when we recognize them. Don't forget them on Thanksgiving. a lot of them are home alone and could use a good hot meal. Lets not forget our Auxiliary Members who are alone with no family.

We are having the Gift Shops just things are going to be done differently this year. Some are still allowing to have in person, some aren't. Remember donations are still needed. Hopefully we will get to attend those who can have in person. Always remember we are here for service not self.

Membership is moving along, one unit met goal. We need to find ways to get the younger members to join us. So if your able to have a Membership drive I encourage you to do so.

We need to start teaching anyone wanting a position in our Units, Districts, and Department. This is a problem in our Department. This is where “mentoring” comes in.

Remember when you have any member coming to your meetings to smile and be nice so they will come back again.

For God and Country
Remember Our Veterans
Sharon Kauffman
Department President



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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, Pickens Unit #122, Pt. Pleasant Unit #23, Hamlin Unit #111 (Poppies Only), Barboursville Unit #177, Gary Unit #38, Richwood Unit #97, Franklin Unit #30, Piedmont Unit #52, Petersburg Unit #78, 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 Updates:

Page 9: Sharon Glassford's room is now #110. Address is the same

Page 15: under Poppy Chairman delete Nancy Sundstrom, and replace with Ann Buchanan, 105 Cheyenne Trail, Ona WV 25545 AnnBuch@aol.com
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Page 29: Under Ridgeley Unit #136 Delete Rebecca Jenkins as President and add De Chenile Davis, PO Box 125, Ridgeley WV 26753. Evalee Stangle is not longer Secretary. Replace her with Cindy Weaver PO Box 728 Ridgeley WV 26753.

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Target Sheet is Updated for Spirit due to Online Dues Paid before the 15th

Fall Conferences

3rd District Joint Fall Conference
Has Been Moved to November 14th
Shinnston Post #31

4th District Joint Fall Conference
Saturday October 24th
Parkersburg Post #15

Department Headquarters

NEW Office Hours

Monday-Friday

8:30-11:30

12:30-3:30

Lunch 11:30-12:30

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Remember Our Friends

Beth Kilgore, 5th District President, is still under the weather.

Peggy Swartz, 6th District President, is home sick with a bad cold. She developed this after the 6th District Conference.

There are several members who are ill in our Department. Regardless of either being ill or other problems, let's remember them in our daily prayers.



“Honoring Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows”

Membership Chairman

A crispness in the air and the beautiful fall foliage is a sure sign Fall is here.

We had **36** Units that reached Target # 2 October 15 @ 35%! Congratulations to **Wheeling # 1, Cameron # 18, New Martinsville # 28, Wellsburg # 34, Follansbee # 45, Benwood # 46, Pine Grove # 81, Paden City # 86, Parkersburg # 15, Spencer #21, New Haven # 140, Bluefield # 9, Gary #38, Cowen # 62, Lewisburg # 69, Buckhannon # 7, Clarksburg #13, Elkins # 29, Shinnston # 31, Braxton County #33, Bridgeport # 68, Huntington #16, Logan # 19, St. Albans #73, Hamlin # 111, Milton #139, 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.**

We are 2,050 members of our 5,132 goal and 40.02%,

We have one goal unit: **LOGAN # 19** and several Units are oh so close!

Remember the 15th of every month is our Target Date. Our next Target #3 is November 15 with 40%.

Start planning your outfits for Mid-Winter and practice those dance steps of our yester-years.

I wish for everyone a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd
Membership Chairman



Department 1st Vice President

Hello Jitterbugs,

We are doing so good on Membership! Many have hit the target of 35% for October and several are already beyond. Charles Town #102 just needs one more, Moorefield and Keyser are right on their heels. Don't forget to get those officers paid before November 1, 2020. We have six unit still under 10 paid members.

The holidays are sneaking right up on us. Things are gonna be different this year with this darn COVID-19. If you are handing out candy for Trick or Treat, make sure and attach a little toy soldier to remind children to remember our veterans. I haven't been allowed in our local schools to do colorings for Veterans Day but I have someone on the "Inside" working our plans for that and our Coats 4 Kids project, perhaps you can do likewise.

Veterans Day is a great day for our Legion and those in the community, reach out to all local veterans that you can and make them feel as special as they truly are.

See everyone at 4th District Conference this weekend

With COVID on the rise again, please use all recommended precautions and stay safe, we haven't a member to spare. Until next month be careful, be safe and be you for you are loved by many.

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 Korea Era War Side,

It was nice to travel in my own district for District 10 to Charles Town. It was nice to travel to District 6 to Welch. Thank you to both districts for allowing me to be there as your 2nd Vice and a member.

Should all be proud of yourself that is working on membership, keep up the good work! This side has 16 units that made 35% and Cathy's side had 21 units a total of 37 units that hit target goal! Keep the membership going! The next target goal is every month on the 15th. (November)

Keep doing the best that your doing. Others have ask what could you do to bring in members: some ideas would be a membership drive, ask your post if there's any post members with wives and see if they could join, call old members and new to get them active. These some ways to get members back in, just need to work on this together as a team! If you have other ideas let me know so I could let others know.

Be you - Do you - Love you
For God and Country
Savanna Kauffman
Department 2nd Vice President



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

1st District President

Hello Ladies

I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe.

Unfortunately due to Covid-19 and units in District 1 are not being able to host, we will not be having a fall conference.

I will be mailing out all information folders and the directory to all units that did not attend the workshop in September.

Remember our Veterans as Veterans day is November 11th.

Thank you and God Bless

Holly Adams

1st District President

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1st District Vice President

It's Fall y'all!

Ladies of 1st District keep up the good work with membership. Your hard work is showing with many units over 35% and many more almost at 50%. Just make sure you are using the updated membership application that we received at Fall workshop in September. The new application has revised wording on who you can join under, including the addition of male spouse.

Continue with your hard work with membership because believe it or not we are almost at the half way mark of the membership year.

For service, not self

1st District Vice President

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3rd District President

I want to remind all Third District Units that Third District Fall Conference is rescheduled for **November 14th** at Shinnston Post #31. We would like to see a good turnout. I know this is still a bad time with Covid-19, but we can social Distance and you can wear a mask. We will have plenty of good food.

I want to thank all the Units for sending in Membership dues so quickly this year, but lets keep them coming.

Stay Safe

Carla Wilfong

Third District President

4th District Vice President

Greetings to Members of the 4th District,

Membership Target for October 15th is 35%. Our district has three units that have exceeded this goal: Parkersburg #15 (46.60%), Spencer #21 (82.35%) and New Haven #140 (41.00%). Congratulations to these units for surpassing the Department Target. The remaining units in our district need not be discouraged as there is still time to get your membership up (even during this challenging time).

Fall is bringing in colder weather and darker days. This is a good time to check on your members to say hello and provide a gentle reminder that it's time to renew their membership. We are fast approaching the holiday season and you will soon start to fill your homes with skeletons, pumpkins, turkeys, snowmen and Christmas trees. As you host or attend holiday events, dinners or meetings, take a moment to invite someone to join the American Legion Auxiliary. It could end up being someone who moves mountains to see our organization succeed.

As always, I look forward to growing our District this year and am available at any time should any unit want to discuss growth ideas.

"Your passion is waiting for your courage to catch up." - Isabelle Lafleche

Dawn Lutes

4th District Vice President

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4th District President

Greetings to Members of the 4th District:

What is it about the month of October?? Membership renewals are down. The weather doesn't know if it is Summer or Fall. People are restless. And – COVID does not know when to let up!!

Worldly things are still un-natural. We do not know whether to have a Veterans Day parade or just hold a gathering in the local city park and observe social distancing. Our Veterans deserve recognition. We need to do all we can for them!

The American Legion Family encourages us to continue our work for our Veterans and their Families. We need to visit our Veterans, feed our youth, and assist our Veterans and families with their day to day needs. Getting back to basics is what this world needs right now.

Let's continue by "Honoring our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows." Remember to carry a current membership application with you.

God Bless

Stay Safe,

Patsy Young-Greiner

4th District President

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6th District President

Six District had their Fall Conference on Saturday, October 17, 2020. If you didn't attend you missed a good conference.

We had President Sharon Kauffman, 2nd Vice Savanna Kauffman and Paulette Anderson, Secretary and of course she had lot of information for us.

I know so many people did not want to get out because of the virus, but we did social distant.

Our Midwinter Conference will be in February.

This is a very short message so until next time stay well and prayers for everyone.

Thanks
Peggy Swartz
President Sixth District

6th District Vice President

Hello to all our District 6 members, Hoping everyone is safe and healthy and had a successful Halloween.

This past Saturday October 17th, we held our District 6 meeting in Welch. It was nice to visit with the ones that were able to attend. We missed those members that were unable to be present. We spoke mostly about membership and what projects we could implement to increase our membership.

Dates to remember are:
Mid-Winter conference February 12-14 at Ogleby Park

Summer conference July 8-11
Huntington Hilton
Girl State. June 13-18. Elkins

I will contact all units soon. Hope all have a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Stay safe.

Enjoy your holiday.

Mary Spence
Vice President
District 6



10th District Vice President

Our 10th District Fall Conference was held at Charles Town Post #71. There were 26 in attendance, including our guests, Paulette Anderson and Susan Wade.

Membership renewals are steadily coming in for 10th District.

As we move into our eighth month of COVID-19, many units continue with limited activities. Capon Bridge and Charles Town #71 are planning Trunk or Treats for their kids, Paw Paw will treat their community with a drive through Trick or Treat.

The VA will be pleased by Berkeley Springs having a baby shower Oct. 22nd.

Charles Town #102 sent out cards to the vets and is sending goodies for the VA. Moorefield will participate in a bridge dedication for a Viet Nam veteran. Veteran's Day "to go" dinners will be hosted by Moorefield and Romney at their Posts.

Make your vote count on November 3rd, if you haven't already done so.

Remember our veterans and their service on November 11th.

Bonnie Wilcox
10th District Vice President

Chaplain

Although you may not be able to control what happens in the outer world, you can take steps to assure peace in your inner world. And it all begins with your seeking out God. It is through Him you may gain access to that peace beyond all understanding. That peace that ripples out to those around you.

"By resting in God, you find the renewed power you need to continue on in God's strength--not your own. It is the wise walker who takes time out to rest in Christ. For by doing so, such a traveler lessens the possibility of a misstep or stumble"

Mother Teresa and Charles Spurgeon

For God and Country.....
Mary Jennings, Chaplin



10th District President

Hello 10th District!

Thank you to those who attended our Fall Conference and to Charles Town Unit 71 for their wonderful hospitality.

It was great having our own Department President, Sharon and our own Department 2nd Vice, Savanna. A big thank you to our Department Secretary, Paulette and PDP Susan Wade for making that long trip to be with us. I appreciate you being there.

We finally were able to discuss and vote on our new District Constitution & Bylaws and Standing Rules. They will be sent to the Department Constitution & Bylaws and Standing Rules Committees for approval. I encourage all units to update your Constitution/Bylaws & Standing Rules.

I would like to congratulate Units 14, 60, 64, 71, and 137 for receiving awards given at Fall Boards. These units in our district were presented 11 traveling plaques. Great job and thank you for your work on the auxiliary programs.

I mailed the packets from Fall Boards to all the units who were not there. I hope by next year there will be a way (email to units) to get them to the units without having to mail. The postage was \$76.50. This has got to be a big expense for our department.

Veterans Day is coming up. I hope you are working on ways to honor our Veterans.

If I can help you in any way, please contact me.

Hugs to all!
Happy Halloween!

10th District President
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Americanism



Americanism should be an important part of all our lives. This is a most stressful time of our lives but we have to do the best we can.

Again I want to emphasize the Americanism Essay Contest "How can we address the health and well-being of our veterans, military, and their families". I hope all Units have been in contact with their schools. Remember, the essay is the same as last year, but we can not send in the same one. WV didn't have any turned in so that will not be a problem. I sure hope we have some submitted this year! Please contact me if your unit has any Questions!

Remember to Vote on November 3rd. Some say my vote doesn't count, but they do!! It is our right and we should exercise that right!!! Just remember we are a Non-partisan Organization, so tread lightly when you are representing the American Legion Auxiliary!!

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

Schedule for Gift Shops

December 2nd Beckley VA

**December 21st Clarksburg VA
No In Person Gift Shop
Dropping off Gifts
Contact Roxie Nicholson to Help**

**December 4th & 5th
Martinsburg VA**

December 8th Huntington VA



Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Fellow Auxiliary Members,

From the many wildfires on the west coast to the multiple hurricanes and flooding on the gulf coast, the Auxiliary Emergency Fund is always available to help our members. One way that we can give back to members in need when these types of disasters occur is to encourage each of our units to make an annual or monthly donation to this very important fund. And please remember that your giving does not have to be a huge amount or burden to your units as every little bit helps.

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
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Education

American Education Week is November 16-20. American Education Week is always celebrated the week prior to the week of Thanksgiving.

Did you know The American Legion was part of the creation of this week? Distressed that 25 percent of the country's World War I draftees were illiterate and 9 percent were physically unfit, representatives of the National Education Association and the American Legion met in 1919 to seek ways to generate public support for education.

The first observance of American Education Week occurred December 4-10, 1921, with the NEA and American Legion as the cosponsors. A year later, the then U.S. Office of Education joined the effort as a cosponsor, and the PTA followed in 1938.

How is your Unit going to promote this activity? i.e. Send a card to all local school staff thanking them for the work they do. Include all school personnel with whom children interact (i.e., bus drivers, custodians, etc.).

Here are some ideas suggested by the NEA for observing this week.

**Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper. You can thank public school educators for their service or thank the community for its support of public schools. You can also encourage the local paper to write an editorial about public schools and American Education Week.

**Have students write an essay, "What I Would Do if I Were the School Principal" and share the best ones.

**Hold a poetry reading on the topic, "What I Like Best About My School."

**Have students make cards showing support for their educators.

Dianne McClung
Education Chairman

Junior Activities

Happy Halloween!

Now sure (with this covid stuff) if you will be having Halloween events but if you do, please include your junior members. If you're not planning a candy event, maybe they could make cards for your post members. Have them include a "Thank you for your service" in their cards.

This is a good time to start working on the Patch Program. If you want info on this, I will send it to you. It gives the girls a sense of accomplishment and teaches them so much about the American Legion Auxiliary programs.

Veterans Day is just around the corner. Please plan something for your juniors to do to honor our Veterans. They could write thank you notes to them to let them know how much we appreciate the sacrifices they made for us. Remember our Veterans in the VA's are not having visitors, so they would welcome cards or letters.

I mentioned in my Plan of Works that I would have several projects this year that do not require spending money. One of the projects for our juniors this year is that we wear **R.E.D.** on Fridays: **RE-MEMBER EVERYONE DEPLOYED.** Please tell your juniors and maybe they could ask friends (and you) to do the same.

If you would like any additional info about the juniors, please send me your email and I will occasionally send things to you. As always, if I can help you, contact me.

Hugs!
Junior Activities
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Leadership

Let's Talk Leadership

As general election day draws near, let's take a moment to think about what it takes to be a good leader. Sometimes we wish we could see more of some attributes and less of others, but alas we are all human and we hope that our leaders are well-intended and grounded in virtues, morals, and logic. We tend to support leaders who think like us, speak like us, and in some instances... look like us. It is obvious by virtue of our American Legion Auxiliary membership that we love the United States of America and value what this nation stands for and what we will not accept. We agree that freedom is not free. I offer this reminder - leadership is not an exact science. As we think about casting our votes in a few days... let's also think about what happens once the next leaders are in place. Be it on the local, state, or national levels... we will still be the same people with our own personal views, beliefs, and preferences. We may jokingly say if our candidate loses, we will move to another city, county, state or even country... but at the end of the day we probably will not. We will find a way to respect the position and do our part to be positive moving forward. Please think about this premise as we think about leaders in our own organization. We may not agree with everything they want to do or with everything they say but the common love for God and Country is a bond worth protecting. Leadership is **NOT** an exact science. Let's do our best to support those who are willing to step up and give of their time to accept leadership roles.

Rosemary M. Thomas, Ed.D.
Leadership Chairman

National Security

Here it is the fall already and we need to start thinking of how to keep our Veterans warm. I have been talking to the VA in Clarksburg and we will be able to bring in comfort items and drop them off. They will quarantine them for a few days before distributing them.

We can collect coupons from the newspapers, magazines, these will be sent overseas for our troops and families to use. This is a way to save them money.

Check to see if you have a place where you can drop off used clothing to be given out to the homeless Veterans. I just found out we have one in Fairmont.

I will have more to report next month. If you need my help, email me at carlajwilfong@gmail.com, or call me at 304-592-0247.

Stay safe
Carla Wilfong
Chairperson

Legislative

Remember to stay active with your legislators, email, write, call and/or visit on every topic out there pertaining to veterans. With the upcoming elections, some of your legislators could change. If so, let them know where you stand and how you feel about veteran rights and benefits. Tell them you are a part of the American Legion Auxiliary and they will be hearing from you frequently. Invite them in to speak to your Unit. Introduce them to the American Legion Auxiliary, who we are, what we do and why.

New to Legislative and not sure where or how to begin? On the National American Legion Auxiliary website, on the Legislative page they have a guide that will help. You can download it, print it or order it.

Lisa Cadwallader
Legislative Chairman

Poppy

Ladies,

I hope the cooler weather has been better for many of you. As we start to think about the holidays coming up, please remember the veterans that made it possible for us to celebrate. As we mark our remembrance on Veterans' Day, please use the poppy to show your respect. Giving the poppies to the members of your post will show them that we appreciate their service. If you can make a display for the meeting area, it will help keep our veterans in the forefront.

The poppy can be used in decorations for the fall, Thanksgiving, winter, and Christmas. Use the poppy all year round to show you care. Please take pictures of how you use the Poppy and Poppy decorations in your post or community. Please bring the picture and detailed description to Midwinter Conference and it will be judged and I will give a personal gift to the unit that has the best presentation and use plus \$25 will be donated to the Welfare Fund in the Unit's name.

You may need some activities for your children or grandchildren. Try downloading the Poppy Coloring Book from the national website. It gives you eight (8) pages to color and given a little history of the poppy. The download is free. Go the Members Only section and selection Programs (Poppy). These also can be used for Halloween Treats for younger children, just add a small box of crayons.

Rules for the Poppy Poster Contest are also available on the national website. The posters from your unit are to be brought to the Midwinter Conference for judging. Prizes will be presented to the winner in each category. Urge your students to participate. Please follow the rules completely.

I hope that everyone stays safe during this time of uncertainty. As we work to serve our veterans, protect them, as well, by wearing a mask.

Ann Buchanan
Poppy Chairman
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***National Executive
Committeewoman***

Hello Auxiliary Members,

I have some news to share from National regarding the Auxiliary Emergency Fund: the AEF application has been updated and is available online. Their hope is for this to be a clearer process for members and allows them to receive the help they need quicker. In the past couple of weeks alone, National has awarded 20 disaster grants, totaling \$22,223. Members can donate or submit a grant application at <https://www.alaforveterans.org/Programs/Auxiliary-Emergency-Fund/>

In other good news, a Development Update is that National has officially been awarded \$75,000 from the Child Welfare Foundation to support their Scholarship Funds. This will help reduce the deficit.

Upcoming Learning Opportunities:
**ALA Academy Live Mission Delivery-Basic Training:

Session Date: Monday, October 26, 2020-8:00PM EDT

Registration: <https://cvent.me/MQAqOL?Fefld=NECupdate>

Have you ever wanted to learn how to apply for grants for things such as a local Veterans Creative Arts Festival or Promoting the Auxiliary while working the Mission? Well now is your chance. The Virtual Panel will be hosted twice:
Oct. 28 @ 7PM ET
Nov. 2 @ 9PM ET

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

Past President's Parley

Hello Auxiliary Members,

We have had our fair share of scary times as well as creative ways to assist our Veterans and their families, our community and our youth. Please continue to help and mentor fellow members during this uncertain and trying year.

Discuss and share ways to possibly start a Past Presidents' Club or support someone working toward their Nursing Degree.

At this point I would like to leave you with an uplifting quote:

"Sometimes our light goes out, but is blown again into instant flame by an encounter with another human being."

— Albert Schweitzer

Until next month Be Safe and God Bless!!!

Rhonda Best
PPP Chairman



***100 Years of Celebration
1919-2019***



The year was 1919, Woodrow Wilson was the President of the United States, Prohibition began, but most importantly, the American Legion Auxiliary was founded 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.

The year is 2020, and that is still our mission. Its time to showcase our legacy!

Host a community open house

Use this event as an opportunity to show off your unit and your post. Show off your American Legion Auxiliary's historical aspects. An open house is the perfect opportunity to draw in community members and really boost awareness of your ALA unit. Also, think of this as a great way to attract new members, who in turn will help broaden our mission of service. Have a few finger foods and coffee and have fun.

Roxie Nicholson
Committee Member

***Midwinter Conference
February 12-14, 2021
Oglebay Resort
Wheeling WV***

***State Convention
July 8-11, 2021
Doubletree by Hilton
Huntington WV***

***National Convention
August 27-September 2, 2021***

Forms will be the Spirit and on Department Website



American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

Rhododendron Girls State

The 2021 Girls State Session will be held June 13-18, 2021 at Davis & Elkins College, in Elkins, West Virginia. The cost once again is \$250 per citizen and this includes the cost of the t-shirt.

I was recently questioned about end of year reports. It was decided (by myself and others) that since very few reports were received due to Girls State being canceled last year that we would not present any award until next year.

Please start to secure your sponsors now. During these unprecedented times, our “go-to” organizations may not have their discretionary monies to help sponsor a girl. They have not been able to meet or hold their fundraisers and/or bin-gos.

We will need to work extra hard this year in recruiting girls. Remember, they have no class of 2021 coming back from Girls State talking it up! It’s up to us! Also, the 2021 Session of Rhododendron Girls State will allow a minimum of 50 girls of the Class of 2021 to attend with a waiting list if there are wanting to attend. Our National President Nicole Clapp is making her official West Virginia visit and will be attending our Girls State Session.

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

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd
Rhododendron Girls State Chairman



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Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

It is time to start thinking about our Comfort Item Drive and how we will handle it. It is still a problem because volunteers are still not being welcomed at the VA or the West Virginia Veterans Home, however, if nothing changes by February 2021, I think most Volunteer Service personnel at the hospitals and home will work out something with the hospital chairmen. Those units that are near a facility can make their own arrangement with their voluntary service director. Like the past, I would need a total and short description of what you delivered. I know this is a little early to start thinking about the Comfort Item Drive, but this pandemic has changed many things. If your unit wishes to make a cash donation, you can send a check to Department Headquarters.

Remember there are many homeless veterans or veterans that might need your assistance in your community. If you have such a facility in your town, contact them and find out their needs. I know many units have a problem because they are not able to make money during this pandemic as they have in the past, but do what you can. So many activities have had to be cancelled or are being cancelled such as community Veterans Day programs, which is sad because we owe our veterans so much and the pandemic and social distancing has changed much. Of course, they as well of all of us need to stay safe.

Mary Waybright
V A & R

Holidays are coming up and what a great gift to give: **a 2021 Fundraiser Ticket!** They make wonderful gifts, and they have 12 months to WIN!!

Don't forget the challenge: each unit sell at least 5 tickets by December 31st and your unit will be put in a drawing at State Convention. So see how many "fives" you can sell. The more you sell the better your chances. (if you sell 50 tickets your unit will go into drawing 10 times) So SELL SELL SELL!!!

Do not email tickets with names and #s. Tickets and Money have to be in office by December 31st to be eligible for drawing.

Remember "if you don't pay, you can't play."

Paulette
Susan

September Ways and Means Winners

Name	Number	City	State	Date	Amount
	037			9/1/20	
Jeff Pike	351	Welch	WV	9/2/20	\$25.00
Makenzie Yeater	517	Paden City	WV	9/3/20	\$25.00
	729			9/4/20	
Crystal Vance	576	Roderfield	WV	9/5/20	\$25.00
	794			9/7/20	\$25.00
William Greathouse	348	Clarksburg	WV	9/8/20	\$25.00
	763			9/9/20	
Charolla Koger	706	Roderfield	WV	9/10/20	\$25.00
Steve Howell	132	Wheeling	WV	9/11/20	\$25.00
	275			9/12/20	
	699			9/14/20	
Miracle Davis	476	Keyser	WV	9/15/20	\$25.00
Savanna Kauffman	470	Martinsburg	WV	9/16/20	\$200.00
	650			9/17/20	
	909			9/18/20	
	524			9/19/20	
Scottie Thorn	257	Welch	WV	9/21/20	\$25.00
	996			9/22/20	
	554			9/23/20	
Jerry Stepp	949	Anawalt	WV	9/24/20	\$25.00
Crystal Vance	576	Roderfield	WV	9/25/20	\$25.00
Rose Epling	392	Reedy	WV	9/26/20	\$25.00
Arvel Wyatt	501	Welch	WV	9/28/20	\$25.00
Charles Honaker	332	Welch	WV	9/29/20	\$25.00
Shannon Harshbarger	654	Huntington	WV	9/30/20	\$25.00





2020-2021 Membership Theme

"Honoring Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows"



Membership Target Sheet October 15th—35%
Department Goal— 5132
Membership To Date— 2,125 41.41 %
Unit #200 Goal— 81 To Date— 50

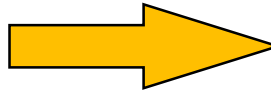


Savanna

Cathy

District 1	Unit	2021 Goal	2021	% of Goal
Wheeling #1		31	13	41.94
Moundsville #3		228	140	61.40%
McMechen #5		32		
Weirton #10		49	1	2.5%
Cameron #18		143	53	37.06%
New Martinsville #28		132	60	45.45%
Wellsburg #34		26	12	46.15%
Follansbee #45		35	23	65.71%
Benwood #46		74	39	52.70%
Pine Grove #81		85	33	38.82%
Paden City #86		81	50	61.73%
Wheeling #89		16	3	19.00%
Newell #114		24	3	12.50%
Hundred #120		46	9	19.57%
Chester #121		138	12	12.00%
TOTALS		1140	451	39.56%

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

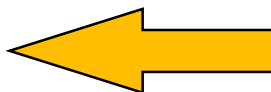


**Goal 2521
To Date: 1150
(45.62 %)**

**Membership
Chairman
"Rosie the
Riveter"**

District 4	Unit	2021 Goal	2021	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15		485	239	49.28%
Spencer #21		34	28	82.35%
Pt. Pleasant #23		233	34	14.59%
Tyler County #48		38	1	2.63%
Sistersville #67		87	7	8.05%
New Haven #140		139	58	41.73%
Williamstown #159		100	16	16.00%
TOTALS		1116	383	34.32%

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



**Goal 2530
To Date: 925
(36.56 %)**

District 6	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
Welch #8		60	2	3.33%
Bluefield #9		29	18	62.07%
Beckley #32		28	2	3.33%
Gary #38		80	30	37.50%
Cowen #62		21	11	38.10%
Lewisburg #69		34	28	82.35%
Richwood #97		22		
TOTALS		274	91	33.21%

District 3	Unit	2021 Goal	2021	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7		42	26	61.90%
Clarksburg #13		58	34	58.62%
Elkins #29		133	55	41.35%
Shinnston #31		270	182	67.41%
Braxton County #33		33	18	54.55%
Bridgeport #68		86	47	54.65%
Belington #96		20		
Pickens #122		20	1	5.00%
Jane Lew #166		10	2	20.00%
Morgantown #174		45	2	4.44%
TOTALS		717	367	51.19%

District 5	Unit	2021 Goal	2021	% of Goal
Huntington #16		163	88	53.99%
Logan #19		11	12	109.09%
St. Albans #73		31	22	70.97%
Ceredo-Kenova #93		281	24	8.54%
South Charleston #94		15	1	6.67%
Hamlin #111		37	16	43.24%
Milton #139		71	27	38.03%
Barboursville #177		142	49	34.51%
TOTALS		751	239	31.82%

District 10	Unit	2021 Goal	2021	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14		99	38	38.38%
Franklin #30		16		
Piedmont #52		29		
Berkeley Springs #60		167	95	59.28%
Moorefield #64		60	50	83.33%
Charles Town #71		152	66	43.42%
Petersburg #78		67	31	46.27%
Romney #91		164	92	56.10%
Charles Town #102		26	25	96.15%
Paw Paw #128		24	12	50.00%
Kirby #134		30	9	30.00%
Ridgeley #136		41	5	12.20%
Capon Bridge #137		136	80	58.82%
Keyser #152		42	37	88.10%
TOTALS		1053	544	51.66%

November 2020

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p>1</p>  <p><i>Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour</i></p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>  <p><i>Election Day VOTE</i></p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>  <p><i>Veterans Day Office Closed</i></p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p><i>Target #3 40%</i></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p><i>Spirit Articles Due</i></p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p><i>Spirit Out</i></p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p><i>Happy Thanksgiving Office Closed</i></p> 	<p>27</p> <p><i>Giving Thanks</i></p> 	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>					

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