



The Auxiliary Spirit



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American Legion Auxiliary
2019-2021
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

Hope everyone had a nice Christmas and a Happy New Year. Needles to say it sure was different.

As by now everyone should know Mid-Winter is cancelled. With the State being Red they decided on the safe side to cancel. We will not be doing Virtual for Mid-Winter. A lot of things are being cancelled.

Hopefully by March we will be able to have the Spring Conferences.

My special project is at \$4,878.00. I still have a couple of donations coming. Thank you to all who have donated. I am grateful for all your help. I have a long way to go but I'm not giving up.

Memberships are still coming in. In Central Division we are at 3,533. I know we can do this and am proud of all you do.

Valentines Day is coming so let's remember those lonely Veterans and Auxiliary Members.

The Legion's Washington D.C. Conference will be Virtual the first week of March. Remember to do the Buddy Check.

The ALA Academy Live Junior Mentor Training Series: Patch Program is Thursday Jan. 28th at 7:00 pm and Tuesday Feb.2 at 9:00pm.

If anyone needs help I'm here just a phone call, email or text away.

Again thank you for all you do for our Veterans and Community.

Please be safe with so many getting the COVID. Wear your mask and stay the distance.

For GOD and COUNTRY

Sharon Kauffman
Department President



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

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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

“Honoring Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows”

Membership Chairman

Woohoo! We have 6 goal units and this time last year we had two!
CONGRATULATIONS TO LOGAN # 19, FOLLANSBEE# 45, MOORE-FIELD # 64, CHARLES TOWN # 102, RICHWOOD #97 and SPENCER # 21 FOR REACHING GOAL!

Great job as we have 43 Units and Unit 200 that reached the target of 60%: Units #3, #7, #8, #9, #13, #14, #15, #16, #18, #19, #21, #23, #28, #29, #31, #32, #33, #34, #38, #45, #48, #60, #62, #64, #68, #69, #71, #73, #86, #91, #94, #96, #97, #102, #121, #122, #128, #137, #139, #140, # 152, #159, #174.

Our next target date is February 15th with 70% of goal.

We have one Unit that has not turned in any membership. All Unit officers' dues were due by November 1st. So, no Unit should have a 0.

Our membership is growing and our greatest asset is our membership. We do great things – let us be proud and loud!

Stay safe and be well!
 Lynda Lancaster-Loyd
 Membership Chairman



Department 1st Vice President

Hello my friends,

Hope everyone had a Happy New Year. It would appear we are not in any better shape that before the holidays, since our Mid-Winter was cancelled. However, I do believe that was the right call for all our safety.

Jitter Bugs, we are barely ahead of the Cha Chas... we are gonna have to pick up the pace. I understand that these are not the best of conditions, but all the more reason to call, text or email our members to get those dues in. We have just three Goal Units in our half. Hustle Hustle!! District Presidents please contact you units to see if you can help out in any way. Maybe do a personal challenge for a small donation to their unit. Use your local newspapers and facebook pages to reach out for new members. Peruse your friend's pages to see who posted pictures for Veterans Day of their loved ones, that will give you ideas of who to approach.

I pray for everyone's safety and look forward to when we can all be together 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 Korea Era War Side,

It feels like it's been a long time since I've seen my auxiliary sisters but we will reunite when we can.

Congratulations to #21 - Spencer on getting 100%!!! There are now 6 units total with 100% for both sides! You all should be very proud of yourself. I have faith that we're going to get a lot more target goals this year!

Korea war era people, we are so close on being in the lead of Cathy's side. It's not a competition to bet each other but it's fun to be #1. Just know that we are all winners! Lets Go!

The next target goal is every month on the 15th.

Hope you all are staying safe during this pandemic and if you need anything don't forget I'm here to help if I can. If you call me please leave a message.

Just keep doing membership and doing all the good work you all do for the veterans.

Sorry to hear that Mid-Winter was canceled.

For God and Country
 Savanna Kauffman
 Department 2nd Vice President

Be you - Do you - Love you



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



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.

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. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR APPLICATIONS HAVE THE WAR ERA AND ELIGIBILITY OF VETERAN MARKED. I AM GETTING SOME THAT ISN'T COMPLETE.

Midwinter Conference is Canceled For 2021.

End of Year Reports: Reporting Runs From May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021.

2021-2022 Department Candidates

President: Cathy Post Tyler County #48
1st Vice President:
Savanna Kauffman Martinsburg #14
2nd Vice President:
Mary Jennings Beckley #32
Secretary/Treasurer:
Susan Brown Moundsville #3
Chaplain:
Historian:

District Officers Candidates

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

3rd Dist. Pres.
Vice Pres.

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.
Vice Pres.

Chaplain

"Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage, we humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Endow with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in Thy name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Thy law, we may show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth. Strengthen our devotion to Thy teaching and make us worthy of the citizenship, which these young people are fighting to maintain. Bless those in authority in our city, state, and nation with wisdom to know and strength to do their duties honestly and well. Hear our prayer, Our Father; help us and bless us. Amen

Remember all of our American Legion families and all others that may be sick, depressed or have lost love ones during this pandemic.

For God and Country
Mary Jennings
Chaplain



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Historian

The history of the American Legion Auxiliary began in November 1919 and continues with you. The organization's history, like any other history, is more than names and dates. It is about its membership and how it developed the ALA's programs and projects to fulfill our mission of serving veterans, military, and their families who sacrifice so much for this country of ours. A written history can only tell so much. However, when an organization's history is told through the eyes of its membership, everyone learns a great deal more about who we are, what we do, and why we matter.

How are you recording your unit's activity during this pandemic? Projects and programs may have been cancelled, so how are you recording the feelings of those affected? Have any alternative plans been made? Everything that happens in the day to day activity is history. I hope you are recording it for future reference.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at 304-654-7750.
Stay Well, Stay Safe!!
Beth Kilgore
Department Historian

1st District President

Hello Ladies,

I hope all is well and everyone is staying safe and healthy.

As a reminder it is unfortunate that the Midwinter Conference in February has been canceled, I am saddened that we will not all be able to meet again to discuss and support our great organization.

The date for year end reports is due April 30, 2021, Reports available via email from department secretary or online.

God bless

Stay safe

Holly Adams

1st District President

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3rd District President

I want to wish all Auxiliary members a Happy Valentines Day. I also want to say I am proud of all the Units in Third District, this year it looks like no one is dragging their feet.

The few that needs just a couple more to make Goal just need to work a little harder. Come on Third District we can make it.

Third District Spring Conference will be held on March 13th at Clarksburg 13. Date and Place may be subject to change. Shinnston, Birthday dinner will be on March 14th. This may also be subject to change. If anything is changed I will be sure to let everyone know.

If you need my help, just call me at 304-592-0247 or email me at:

carlajwilfong@gmail.com.

Stay Safe

Carla Wilfong,

Third District President

4th District President

Congratulations to units in 4th District that made 60% or more of their Target Goal!

Hopefully we will be able to hold a Spring Conference at a Post TBA.

Don't forget to get your End of Year Reports into Department no later than May 1, 2021.

All units should have received the Unit Awards Booklet. Refer to this booklet when completing the End of Year Report Forms. At State Convention will be the time to show what your unit has done for the 2020-2021 year.

Until Next Month

Be Safe and Virus Free!!

Patsy Young-Greiner

4th District President

3rd District Vice President

Congratulations to our units who went over the 60% Target!!

**Buckhannon #7-85.71%

**Clarksburg #13-70.69%

**Elkins #29-70.68%

**Shinnston #31-85.19%

**Braxton County #33-76.76%

**Bridgeport Unit #68-73.26%

**Belington Unit #96-80.00%

**Pickens Unit #122-90.00%

**Morgantown Unit #174-82.22%

You are fantastic! Keep up the good work!!

I would like to see and congratulate a Goal Unit at our Spring Conference.

Stay Safe—Wear Mask—Social Distance

Kim Mellie

3rd District Vice President

4th District Vice President

Now that the holidays are over it is time to begin a new year! Let's head into 2021 ready to grow our numbers and reach even more veterans and community members!

Our January target was 60% and District #4 has 6 units that are target or exceeding that number. Congrats to Parkersburg, Spencer (100%), Pt. Pleasant, Tyler County, New Haven, and Williamstown. We are all moving forward and reaching our goals one month at a time. Congratulations to Spencer #21 for reaching Goal!!

While stuck in the house on these dreary or snowy days take a moment to call a friend and invite them to join your ranks. I would also suggest reaching out to past members who may be ready to return to the mix. If your unit can afford it, it might be great to offer to pay the dues of some of your members who might be struggling financially this year.

There are many ways that we can make this organization grow and be successful. YOU are the most important part of that!

“Learn to let go and focus on the positive.”

Dawn Lutes

4th District Vice President

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

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

5th District President

Membership is coming in but it is something we have to work on a continuing basis. Send that membership in as soon as you get it and make the 5th District shine in the Department.

I am so proud of the work each Unit is doing. Your care and compassion for our veterans and the community as a whole is unequalled. Keep up the fantastic job.

During these cold winter months, please check on your neighbors and the elderly during this time. Check on our veterans (especially the homeless) and do what you can so they have as warm place to lay their heads at night.

I am here for each of you so just give me a call.

Service not self!!

Beth Kilgore

5th District President

6th District Vice President

Hello to our District 6 members.

Hoping everyone had a happy New Year and that everyone has been able to receive your first Covid-9 Virus vaccination. Prayers that the vaccine will help us eliminate the Covid-9 virus that has devastated our country.

It appears that we have had our share of snow for January.

I had the opportunity to speak with several of District 6 Unit representatives. Our units have been extremely active in collecting dues, making preparations for reports and thinking about girl state selections. Units have been in contact with each other through conference calls in order to keep communication among the members.

Our February 15th, 2021 membership target is 70% of all dues collected.

Dates to remember are:

**State Convention July 8-11 Huntington Hilton

**Girl State. June 13-18. Elkins

Hope all of you have an enjoyable Valentine's Day. Stay safe.

Pray for Our Country.

Mary Spence

Vice President

District 6

6th District President

Hello Everyone

Hope everyone had a nice Christmas and New Years, Just quite at my house.

As I sit here looking out the window watching it snow and then the sun comes out and wondering what the year 2021, is going to be like it has to be better than 2020.

Sorry to hear that Mid Winter has been cancelled. Lets hope that we will be able to have the convention in July.

Sure was sorry that Paulette will not be seeking reelection in July, she was always so helpful, but I'm sure the new secretary will be very helpful also. **Will miss you Paulette.**

Hope if you are on a Committee you are getting to work on them I know with the COVID-virus you probably haven't been able to do a lot, and I'm sure a lot of Units aren't having meetings.

I'm chairman of Department Community Service so I'm sure you have done a few things just keep up the good work.

Hope you have been able to get the injection for the virus.

Everyone please pray and say a prayer for each and everyone of us, and say a prayer for the family of our deceased members, and most of all remember our veterans and say a prayer for them also.

So until next time God Bless

Peggy Swartz

President

6th District



10th District President

Hello to all in the 10th District,

I hope this finds all of you well and in good spirits. I know it is not all butterflies and roses right now but we have to try to keep the faith.

I'm not sure if all the units are having meetings but I hope you are still working for our programs the best you can. Our Veterans probably need us now, more than ever.

I want to encourage you to send in your endorsements for 10th District President and Vice President for 2021-2022. All of the units have someone that would do a wonderful job with these offices. Please don't hesitate. Get them in as soon as you can. Our spring conference is just around the corner. (We hope). If for some reason, (stupid COVID) that we cannot meet, elections will still take place. I'm not quite sure how, but they will.

Please continue to do what you can for our auxiliary.

Contact me if I can be of any help. God Bless America!

Hugs!

Debbie Michael

10th District President

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10th District Vice President

Greetings to the Members of the 10th District!

As we begin 2021 I hope your New Year's Resolutions are off to a good start. To many, eating less sugar, losing weight, exercising, saving money, and staying healthy are a top priority.

West Virginia is one of the top states in getting vaccines distributed. This is good to know if you're interested.

Many of our units didn't have a January meeting. Charles Town Unit #102, Berkeley Springs #60, and Capon Bridge #137 met via Conference calls or person to person. No activities are currently scheduled at this time.

Membership is on schedule for Martinsburg #14, Berkeley Springs #60, Romney #91, Charles Town #102, Paw Paw #128, and Capon Bridge #137. Martinsburg and Capon Bridge received new members this month.

Stay Healthy, Safe, and Warm!

Bonnie Wilcox

10th District Vice President

Americanism



Federal Flag Code

The United States flag is considered to be a living symbol representing our country. The flag represents the many freedoms, rights and responsibilities entrusted to the citizens of this country. The proper display and use of the American Flag is the responsibility of every American. The flag code is simply a guideline for proper display of, and honor to, our flag. There are no penalties for violation of the provisions of the Code. However, State and federal law may apply to specific acts against the flag.

YOU DO

1. Display the flag from sunrise to sunset. If displayed after sunset, the flag should be illuminated.
2. Raise the flag briskly and lower the flag slowly.
3. Fly all weather flag, if the weather is bad.
4. Fly the flag on all designated days, like the 4th of July. These are suggested days of historic meaning. You can fly it every day of the year.
5. Fly the flag every day at all public buildings.
6. Fly the flag where people vote of election day.
7. Fly the flag at every school when school is in session.
8. Destroy a soiled, faded, or badly torn flag in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

DO NOT

1. You do not fly the flag upside down unless there is a dire emergency.
2. You do not let the flag touch the ground.
3. You do not carry the flag flat, or carry things in it. Always fly it aloft and free.
4. You do not use the flag as clothing.
5. You do not store the flag where it can be soiled or damaged.
6. You do not draw on, or otherwise mark the flag.
7. You do not use the flag as a uniform. Certain groups may have an American flag patch on their uniform, place in accordance with the flag code.
8. You do not use the flag as a drapery, drawn back or in folds. It will always be allowed to fall free.
9. You do not use the flag as a ceiling or table cloth.
10. You do not use the flag for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever.

Susan Wade
Americanism

Children & Youth

Over its 100 years, the American Legion Auxiliary has supported the veterans and the youth of the nation through its various programs. While the intent and heart of the programs may remain the same, they have had to change and adapt to keep up with what was going on in the world.

The **Children & Youth** program recognizes youth in communities, provides grants to nonprofit organizations, and honor the children of deployed military members. This program was started in 1931 and was called the "Child Welfare" program. In 1970, members voted to change the name of the program to Children and Youth.

The **Youth Hero Award** was added in 2002, and the Good Deed Award was added in 2004, recognizing youth under the age of 18 who go above and beyond to help someone out or those who display acts of bravery.

"April is Children & Youth Month. It is also the Month of the Military Child (#MOMC). As a part of the entire month of April's celebration of the #MOMC, there is a day put aside to add an extra emphasis - **Purple Up! For Military Kids.** Don't have a date for this year as yet, will let you know as soon as I do? I would like to encourage ALA members and community leaders to wear purple to show support and thank military children for their strength and sacrifices.

Beth Kilgore
Children & Youth Chairman

Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Fellow Auxiliary Members,

I hope that 2021 has started off well for all of you but if 2020 taught us anything, it is that our lives can change and be turned upside down at the drop of a hat (or virus).

Please remember to be as prepared as possible for all types of emergencies and disasters (including pandemics). The AEF is here to help those of you who may find yourself facing loss or hard times but in order to continue to provide this relief funds are needed. Please consider making a donation whenever possible to your unit or department AEF. You never know when the beneficiary of these funds will be you or someone you know.

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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Child Welfare Foundation

The **Child Welfare Foundation** was established in 1954 by The American Legion as a way to collect funds from those who wanted to donate to programs that helped children. The American Legion Auxiliary has a liaison to the Foundation who sits in on meetings and provides input. The first donations collected were able to provide three grants that totaled \$22,500 dollars. Since then, \$17 million dollars has been awarded to organizations that assist the children of this country. The 'Kids of Deployed are Heroes, Too' initiative was started in 2013 to help military children feel special while their family member was deployed.

I hope all units are "Feeding the Pig" and will bring to Department Convention in May. The "Pig" is not picky about donations. She will accept coins, paper currency, or checks. It is a cold winter and she is looking a little lean. Help us out!!!

Beth Kilgore, Chairman
Child Welfare Foundation



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What did
Piggly Wiggly
say to Auxiliary
Members?
"Can't get FAT if
you don't feed
ME!"

Constitution & Bylaws

**FUNDAMENTALS OF PARLIAMEN-
TARY PROCEDURE (REMINDERS)**
Shared by Central Division Constitution &
Bylaws Chairmen Wanda Brandt

Part 2 (continuation)

7. Committees: Members of committees have no authority except that which is granted by bylaws or by a vote of the assembly.

- Unless otherwise provided, the member first named to a committee or the one receiving the largest number of votes is the chairman of the committee.

- Members of committees should not conduct business of the committee without a quorum present. A majority of committee members constitutes a quorum unless the assembly orders otherwise.

- Motions and resolutions originating in committees need no seconding if the committee members are also members of the governing body. The already have been seconded by committee action. by a call for the vote, the vote, and announcement of the results.

Next month: Part 3 - **The 13 Ranking Motions**

Dede Kelly
Department Constitution & Bylaws
Chairman
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Community Service

Please don't forget to do something for our veterans and also our community.

I know you might not feel like you should get out and do community service at this time, but please do the best that you can.

Peggy Swartz
Chairman
Community Service

Education

From National's January e-news and e-bulletin: **Under the unusual circumstances of this year, the SAT/ACT requirement will be waived for the 2021 scholarship applications.** If the student is able to take the test at some point, the score should be included. If a student is unable to take the test, please include a notation with the application that the student was unable to take the test due to COVID-19 restrictions. Applications are due March 1, 2021, to the unit level. Remember: National scholarships can now be submitted online through a fillable application.

The National Education Chairman reported 100% reporting for the mid-year reports. My sincere thank you to Shirley Davis, Ceredo Kenova #93 and Nicole Shepherd, Berkeley Springs #60 for sending me a report. These were the only reports I received.

Dianne McClung

Junior Activities

Hi to all!

I sent my mid-year report to National. I only received a report. I received another one that I could not use as it was sent too late. Luckily, I could use all of last year's info for this mid-year report. Any unit that sent a year-end report for last year was included.

I hope you are finding things that your juniors can do or help with. This is a crazy, depressing time for us all. Please remember our Veterans and keep those cards and letters going to them.

Remember Everyone Deployed and wear **R.E.D.** on Fridays!

Please contact me with ideas or questions!

God Bless America!
Hugs to all!

Debbie Michael
Junior Activities
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♥ happy ♥
Valentine's
♥ day ♥

**National Executive
Committeewoman**

Hello Everyone,

I am saddened that we will not be able to see each other this morning due to Mid-Winter Conference Cancellation. However, it is best to better protect everyone from this ugly virus.

On another note I was recently presented with a question to take to National. I fielded this question and received an answer. It is as follows:

UNIT PRESIDENTS AND UNIT MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMEN- THIS PERTAINS TO YOU:

Question: Due to COVID-19 Restrictions new members cannot get a copy of their DD214 Forms to verify eligibility for up to a year. Because of this reasoning can that new member use an obituary news article or another form verifying the person they are joining under was at one time in the military until they obtain the DD214 Form? This would make it possible for these new possible members to join sooner as opposed to later.

Answer: Per Pam Ray, National Membership Chairman- Yes, this is fine. With our new eligibility times, it is unlikely that they would not be eligible.

I hope this information helps all units. If anyone has any questions/concerns, then contact me by phone or email.

Until next month Be Safe and God Bless!!!

Rhonda Best
NEC



Past President's Parley

Hello Fellow Auxiliary Members

I know times look and feel a little uncertain right now. However, we need to continue to helping Veterans and their Families as well as our Children and Communities as best we can. It definitely can be difficult to think of different ways to fundraise and hold various events while maintaining Social Distancing to help protect against this ugly virus. So please keep in mind while mentoring other members you can demonstrate how to strategize/brainstorm as a group for better ways during these times. Show others that listening and considering other's ideas are just as useful as yours and that at times modern/younger ideas can take you further than the ways always used in the past.

I would like to leave you with an awesome Quote for the month:

"There are many reasons I enjoy mentoring. My biggest is the satisfaction I get in seeing someone's goals & interests become reality."

By: William Robalino

Until next month Be Safe!! God Bless!!!
Rhonda Best,
PPP Chairman



**100 Years of Celebration
1919-2019**



Hello Everyone,

I know how frustrating it has been to not be able to really celebrate our 100th Year throughout this entire Pandemic. However, let's all put on our thinking caps and come up with some energized and creative ideas to possibly celebrate 100 Years of Service Not Self.

****Give out 100 items to students, teachers, or service members for Children and Youth Week.**

****Make up 100 Safety Kits with all PPE items in it.**

****Use Social Distancing Stations to make 100 Cards for hand out to Veterans**

****Make Up 100 Small Time Capsules or 1 Larger Time Capsule with 100 items placed in it.**

Unit Presidents & Unit Chairman, I urge you to get together and Celebrate this Spring.

Please be sure to forward all Celebration News onto me.

If you have any questions/concerns, then contact me.

Until next month Be Safe and God Bless!!!

Thank you
Rhonda
100th Year Chairman



Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

By now you all know we will not be having a Mid-Winter Conference this year because of the COVID pandemic, thus no Comfort Item Drive. If your unit has already collected items, they can be shipped to the nearest hospital chairman in your area, donated to a nursing home housing veterans or a homeless shelter in your town. If the merchandise you collected is for the West Virginia Veterans Home, they can be shipped directly to them, or sent to Ann Buchanan or myself, who will see they are delivered to them.

If you allotted money from your treasury for this project, the Department Welfare Fund could always use the funds. When we are able to go back to the VA facilities, the Department will start back providing funds for these activities. We miss seeing the veterans, and I am sure they miss the amenities we provided.

I want to thank those several that sent me a mid-year report. I forwarded on in my report to the Central Division VA&R Chairman Ann Crawford.

Stay safe, wear your masks and pray that we will be able to see each other at Spring Conferences or at Department Convention.

Mary Waybright
V A & R

Since there is no Midwinter I will give the 2nd Half of Profit for Department Fundraiser.

Balance Aug. 1, 2020	\$4,775.00
Deposits	\$475.00
Expenses	
1—\$200.00 winner	\$200.00
95—\$25.00 winners	\$2,375.00
2 Coil of Stamps	\$110.00
5 Check Registers	<u>\$11.55</u>
Total	\$2,696.55

Outstanding Checks \$500.00

2nd Half of Profit for 2020	\$2,053.45
25% General Fund	\$513.36
75% Welfare Fund	\$1,540.09

Some of the ticket stubs and money have been delayed getting into Dept. Headquarters due to mail running slow.

Please contact me if you have mailed tickets by January 1, 2021 to find out if they have been received in Department Headquarters.

Paulette

December Ways and Means Winners

Name	Number	City	State	Date	Amount
	762			12/1/20	
Curtis Vannoy	152	Bluefield	WV	12/2/20	\$25.00
Robin Spencer	346	Paden City	WV	12/3/20	\$25.00
	615			12/4/20	
	481			12/5/20	
Linda Riggelman	871	Augusta	WV	12/7/20	\$25.00
	541			12/8/20	
	520			12.9.20	
Dean Bear	106	Carlisle	PA	12/10/20	\$25.00
Audrey Foster	054	Wheeling	WV	12/11/20	\$25.00
G. A. White	434	Bel	WV	12/12/20	\$25.00
Lisa Graley	715	Groveport	OH	12/14/20	\$25.00
Margaret Yost	015	Gypsy	WV	12/15/20	\$25.00
	676			12/16/20	\$25.00
	421			12/17/20	
Michael Stanislawczyk	432	Keyser	WV	12/18/20	\$25.00
	985			12/19/20	
	117			12/21/20	
Dean Bear	839	Carlisle	PA	12/22/20	\$25.00
	043			12/23/20	
Robin Love	511	Proctorville	OH	12/24/20	\$25.00
Gene Kirk	837	Bluefield	WV	12/25/20	\$25.00
Cindy Williams	991	Romney	WV	12/26/20	\$25.00
Robert Ostrander, Sr.	663	Moundsville	WV	12/28/20	\$25.00
Paulette Anderson	179	New Martinsville	WV	12/29/20	\$25.00
Sharon Kauffman	182	Martinsburg	WV	12/30/20	\$25.00
Melissa McDonald	923	Shanks	WV	12/31/20	\$25.00





2020-2021 Membership Theme

"Honoring Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows"



Membership Target Sheet January 15th—60.00%

Department Goal— 5132

Membership To Date— 3,551 69.19 %

Unit #200 Goal— 81 To Date— 65

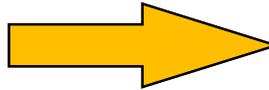


Savanna

Cathy

District 1	Unit	2021 Goal	2021	% of Goal
Wheeling #1		31	14	45.16%
Moundsville #3		228	187	82.02%
McMechen #5		32	12	37.50%
Weirton #10		49	24	48.98%
Cameron #18		143	99	69.23%
New Martinsville #28		132	100	75.76%
Wellsburg #34		26	17	65.38%
Follansbee #45		35	39	111.43%
Benwood #46		74	44	59.46%
Pine Grove #81		85	47	55.29%
Paden City #86		81	75	92.59%
Wheeling #89		16	3	19.00%
Newell #114		24	3	12.50%
Hundred #120		46	25	54.35%
Chester #121		138	101	73.19%
TOTALS		1140	789	69.21%

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

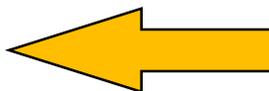


**Goal 2521
To Date: 1740
(69.02 %)**

**Membership
Chairman
"Rosie the
Riveter"**

District 4	Unit	2021 Goal	2021	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15		485	331	68.25%
Spencer #21		34	34	100.00%
Pt. Pleasant #23		233	142	60.94%
Tyler County #48		38	31	81.58%
Sistersville #67		87	32	36.78%
New Haven #140		139	104	78.82%
Williamstown #159		100	67	67.00%
TOTALS		1116	740	66.31%

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



**Goal 2530
To Date: 1746
(69.01 %)**

District 6	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
Welch #8		60	38	63.33%
Bluefield #9		29	25	86.21%
Beckley #32		28	20	71.43%
Gary #38		80	61	76.25%
Cowen #62		21	19	90.48%
Lewisburg #69		34	31	91.18%
Richwood #97		22	22	100.00%
TOTALS		274	217	79.20%

District 3	Unit	2021 Goal	2021	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7		42	36	85.71%
Clarksburg #13		58	41	70.69%
Elkins #29		133	94	70.68%
Shinnston #31		270	230	85.19%
Braxton County #33		33	25	76.76%
Bridgeport #68		86	63	73.26%
Belington #96		20	16	80.00%
Pickens #122		20	18	90.00%
Jane Lew #166		10	2	20.00%
Morgantown #174		45	37	82.22%
TOTALS		717	560	78.10%

District 5	Unit	2021 Goal	2021	% of Goal
Huntington #16		163	125	76.69%
Logan #19		11	13	118.18%
St. Albans #73		31	27	87.10%
Ceredo-Kenova #93		281	136	48.40%
South Charleston #94		15	10	66.67%
Hamlin #111		37	17	45.95%
Milton #139		71	47	66.20%
Barboursville #177		142	56	39.44%
TOTALS		751	431	57.39%

District 10	Unit	2021 Goal	2021	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14		99	71	71.72%
Franklin #30		16		
Piedmont #52		29	11	37.93%
Berkeley Springs #60		167	131	78.44%
Moorefield #64		60	60	100.00%
Charles Town #71		152	107	70.39%
Petersburg #78		67	39	58.20%
Romney #91		164	136	82.93%
Charles Town #102		26	26	100.00%
Paw Paw #128		24	21	87.50%
Kirby #134		30	16	53.33%
Ridgeley #136		41	5	12.20%
Capon Bridge #137		136	107	78.68%
Keyser #152		42	37	88.10%
TOTALS		1053	769	73.03%

February 2021

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12  <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i>	13
14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15 <i>Washington's Birthday Observed Target #6 70%</i>	16	17 <i>Ash Wednesday Articles Due</i>	18	19	20
21	22 <i>Spirit Out</i>	23	24	25	26	27
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*Program of Month
Americanism
Chapel 4 Chaplains*

**2021 AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION
RESERVATION INVOICE**

AUGUST 27 - SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

Arizona Grand Resort
ADDRESS: 8000 South Arizona Grand Parkway
Phoenix, Az 85044

**Auxiliary members must be elected
as delegates at State Convention
if attending National Convention
or Register as a Guest through
Auxiliary Department Headquarters**

NAME(S) OF ATTENDEE(S)

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-MAIL:

King/Queen (\$125 per night plus 12.57 % hotel tax) Two Bedrm Villa - \$276.00

Parking rate per day—Complimentary Self / Valet -No Resort Fee

PLEASE MAIL PAYMENT BY MAY 3,2021

ARRIVAL DATE TO HOTEL	
DEPARTURE DATE FROM HOTEL	
KING OR DOUBLE	

	Quantity	Amount
ONE NIGHT'S ROOM DEPOSIT @	\$140.71	\$0.00
ADDITIONAL OCCUPANT IN ROOM PER DAY - \$ 25.00 Triple/quad	\$25.00	\$0.00
REGISTRATION FEE @	\$25.00	\$0.00
NATIONAL COMMANDER'S BANQUET @	\$52.00	\$0.00
SOUTHERN BLOC BREAKFAST @	\$40.00	\$0.00
HOSPITALITY ROOM FEE @	\$25.00	\$0.00
NATIONAL CONVENTION SHIRT@ Name: _____ Size: _____	\$25.00	\$0.00
TOTAL		\$0.00

FIRST NIGHT'S DEPOSIT REQUIRED.

WE WILL BILL YOU FOR OTHER CHARGES

PLEASE ORDER YOU NATIONAL CONVENTION SHIRT ON THIS FORM

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE AND MAIL TO:

Total

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
PO BOX 3191
CHARLESTON WV 25332**

If you have any questions, please contact Department Headquarters at 1-888-534-4667

First Night Deposit Required

PLEASE RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE"

THANK YOU

***You will not be charged for the Delegate fee. If you are not elected as a delegate at your District Convention or on the floor at the State Convention, Department Headquarters will bill you for the \$25.00 registration fee after State Convention.**

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

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New Martinsville WV 26155-7808**

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CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____