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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,

Hope everyone is doing great. Happy St Patty’s Day, and hope you have a Happy Easter even though we can’t do our annual Easter Egg Hunts. Send some cards to our Veterans and Auxiliary members who can’t get out or don’t have anyone to share Easter with.

Make sure you have your mandatory funds paid. You will need these to be paid to be delegates at convention. Be sure to send in your transmittals for membership.

We need to remember we are here to help out our Veterans and our community. We are all volunteers and we need to remember this. As I have said before we should all be working together.

Hope everyone is working on Girl State.

Make sure you get those end of year reports into the Department Secretary.

We had a great time at the 3rd District Conference, would have loved to see more show up. Had a great time at their Birthday Dinner. It was great seeing PDP Patty Moore there. Next is 10th District on the 20th of March. Next month is 5th District and 4th, looking forward to our visits.

Remember Betty Rea and Mary Waybright in your prayers.

For God and Country
Department President
Sharon Kauffman



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

“Honoring Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows”

Membership Chairman

AWESOME - 10 goal units! **CONGRATULATIONS TO** Follansbee #45, Moorefield #64, Logan #19, Morgantown #174, Ridgeley #136, Spencer #21, Capon Bridge #137, Paden City #86, Richwood #97, Charles Town #102. Some Units are oh so close.

Great job as we have 43 Units out of a total of 59 Units that reached the target of 80%: Units #3, #5, #7, #9, #10, #13, #14, #16, #18, #19, #21, #28, #29, #31, #32, #33, #34, #38, #45, #48, #60, #62, #64, #68, #71, #73, #78, #86, #91, #94, #96, #97, #102, #111, #121, #122, #128, #136, #137, #139, #140, #152, #174.

Twenty-four Units have already reached the **April 15th target of 90%**.

I know that with a little extra effort we can become a Goal Department. Our goal is 5,132 and we have 4,258 paid members. Short 874 members.

Please make phone calls to those delinquent members.

Our greatest asset is our membership. We do great things – let us show it by our **MEMBERSHIP!**

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



Department 1st Vice President

Hello Jittersbugs,

Looks like Spring is trying to get here, pretty soggy here today!

Six Goal Units in our half of the state, Way to Go #174, #19, #64, #102, #136 and #137! 10th District is really rockin' it with four Goal Units. We are at 84.35% to 81.62% on the other side of the state. YAY !!! I have reached out to Unit #30 Franklin, but with no response.

As you begin to work Girls State in your schools, perhaps some of the young ladies, you come in contact with, would be interested in becoming Jrs and bring their mamas along with them. Never hurts to ask.

Looks like Shinnston #31 had a great turn out for the Birthday Dinner. Everything looked wonderful.

Everything was starting to look better with COVID-19 but now the numbers are creeping back up. I'm so tired of it, was looking forward to getting out more. Everyone please stay safe and follow all protocols.

Until next month, check up on your veterans and each other. Prayers streaming up for all who need them.

Love you all...
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 great to see some people at 3rd District. Thank you 3rd District for allowing me to attend your meeting as your 2nd Vice President for the Department.

Thank you Shinnston #31 for inviting me to your birthday dinner. It was the best time with wonderful people. I can't wait to go to more conferences this year. Getting out of my house other than work is nice and plus I miss you all.

I'm so proud of you all! Keep doing what you do especially for our veterans!

There are now 10 units total with 100% goals. Keep up the good work, I believe we can and we will get all units to their target goal. Keep doing what you do best!

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

Remember: We're here for our veterans!

Feel free to call, text, email, or facebook messenger me if you need me but If you call me please leave a message.

Happy Easter! ☐

Be you - Do you - Love you

For God and Country
Savanna Kauffman
Department 2nd Vice President



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.*

The Veterans Welfare Fund is the same as the Love Fund, and Veterans 1st Fund. Just had been renamed over the last few years. We don't pay 15 cents a member any more.

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.

ANY PROPOSALS AND/OR RESOLUTIONS NEED TO BE SENT TO CHAIRMAN AND DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS BY MAY TO BE PUT IN MAY SPIRIT.

Spring Conferences

1st District Auxiliary
Saturday May 1st
Wheeling Unit #89

4th District Joint Conference
Saturday April 17th
Pt. Pleasant Post #23

5th District Joint Conferences
Saturday April 10th
Milton Post #139

6th District Auxiliary
Saturday April 24th
Hosted by Gary Unit #38
Sterling Drive-In, Welch

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. Carla Wilfong, #31
Vice Pres. Kim Mellie, #174
4th Dist. Pres. Patsy Young-Greiner #15
Vice Pres.
5th Dist. Pres.
Vice Pres.
6th Dist. Pres. Peggy Swartz #8
Vice Pres. Mary Spence #8
10th Dist. Pres.
Vice Pres.

Department Headquarters

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American Legion Auxiliary
National Website
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Chaplain

Jesus said we would have trouble in this life. But we can take courage and joy in the fact that He has overcome the world! In the meantime, we have a God to go to, as did the Psalmist David who trusted God, made Him his refuge "until these calamities be over past" (Psalm 57:1). So pray and sit tight. God's got you. Whatever adversity you face shall pass.

Let God's promises shine on your problems. Corrie Ten Boom
"Lord, open my eyes that I may see, not the visible enemy, but Thy unseen chariots of deliverance."

Hannah Whitall Smith

Please continue to pray for all that have family and friends sick or those who have lost family and friends during these trying times. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

For God and Country,
Mary Jennings, Chaplain



1st District President

Hello ladies,

I hope all are doing healthy and well 1st District Spring Conference will be at Wheeling unit #89 on Saturday May 1st. It will be wonderful to see everyone after such a long Covid-19 hiatus! Credentials will be sent out shortly.

Election of district officers will take place if you are interested in running for President or Vice President please get your **endorsements from your unit into myself and Paulette Anderson asap.** All other district officer and committee chairman are by appointment so if you are interested let me know asap.

Remember poppy month is just around the corner in May and Vietnam Veterans appreciation day is April 30th. Have your units recognize those that have sacrificed for our freedom and country.

Make sure you have received information on Girls State 2021 as it will be virtual and offered to both last years eligible juniors who are now seniors and current 2021 juniors. Get out to your schools and get these young ladies involved.

Looking forward to seeing you all May 1st at Wheeling unit #89 spring conference!

Take care and God bless!
Holly Adams
1st District President
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1st District Vice President

Hello Everyone in 1st District!

Hard to believe that Easter is almost here and Spring has sprung. Units in 1st District have been working hard on membership. The majority of the Units have reached the target of 80% for March. Keep up the good work. Continue working on getting your membership in.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Spring Conference. If you need assistance or have questions regarding membership please feel free to contact me.

God Bless,
Stephanie Handley
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3rd District President

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all Auxiliary Members

Third District Spring Conference was this past weekend. We had a nice turnout. Morgantown 174 had 5 members and Shinnston 31 had 8 members present. We also had Department Officers: President Sharon Kauffman, 2nd Vice Savanna Kauffman, and Secretary/Treasurer Paulette Anderson there. Also past Department Presidents, Ann Buchanan, Susan Wade, Susan Brown, Paulette Anderson, Roxie Nicholson, and Dortha Parsons.

All Dept. Officers and Past Presidents addressed the members there. Paulette spoke on membership and annual reports due into Dept. next month. Mandatory Dues need to be into Department ASAP by the following Units: Elkins #29, Braxton County #33, Bridgeport #68, and Pickens #122. Ladies please send your Mandatory Dues in as soon as possible so your Unit is in good standing.

New Officers elected for this coming year are: Carla Wilfong, President, and Kim Mellie Vice President. We will be ratified at State Convention in July.

Remember if you need my help email me at: carlajwilfong@gmail.com, or phone me at 304-592-0247.

Stay safe
Carla Wilfong

The Gift shop reports will be in next Spirit.

Mary Jennings, Beckley Gift Shop Chairman asked this message to be put in Spirit:

"My husband Ronald Jennings, Sr. a member of the SAL helped me shop, bag, and deliver and we got a message by phone call that the patients and their families loved the gifts."

4th District President

Greetings Members of the 4th District:

Spring has sprung! The COVID Pandemic is getting under control and the world seems to be getting back to normal. A new "normal" I must add. Things will never be the same as they were before the Pandemic. However, our Veterans and their families still need our help.

A District 4 Convention is scheduled for April 17, 2021 at Pt. Pleasant Post #23. An election of officers will be held. We need officers. The vice president resigned. The secretary/treasurer resigned. With your support I will continue to run for district president; but I cannot do it alone.

We are about to wrap up another year. Check your program books for dates year end reports are due. Our auxiliary units do so much throughout the year. Year end reports are a way to celebrate all the hard work units have done.

Please continue to take care of our Veterans and their families. Providing transportation, shopping, picking up prescriptions and providing a hot meal are just a few things we can do.

Our Department President, Sharon Kauffman, reminds us we are "Building Memories for Our Future American Legion Auxiliary while Loving Our Veterans Everyday."

Membership is the heartbeat of this organization. The membership target goal for March 15th is 80%. District 4 is at 76.52% overall. Congratulations to Spencer #21; they are at 102.94%! New Haven #140 is close behind at 91.37%. Tyler County #48 is at 81.58%. Williamstown #159 is at 78%. Parkersburg #15 is at 77.53%. Point Pleasant #23 is at 70.39%. Sistersville #67 needs a little nudge; they are at 49.43%.

The American Legion Auxiliary is one of the greatest Veterans organizations in the world. We need to continue to grow. The focus is to recruit, retain and reinstate members. We need everyone to help if we are to accomplish our membership goals.

Things are still hectic in our world but if you can, please make a phone call to a member. A friendly voice can make a big difference.

Every member is important to our auxiliary units. The little things you do make us strong. People do not like to brag on their accomplishments but as the year winds down, let us take a moment to say thanks to our members. You are appreciated more than you know!

Remember to carry a current membership application with you.

Please Stay Safe.
Patsy Young-Greiner
4th District President
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5th District President

ATTENTION ALL 5TH DISTRICT MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Mark your calendar now for the 5th District Spring Conference to be held in Milton on April 10th. At that time we will have a Memorial Service and election of officers. Registration of \$10.00 will begin at 9:00 with the meeting starting at 10:00. Please let Milton know how many from your unit is attending so they will know how many to plan for. All members of the 5th District are urged to attend and any member of the American Legion Auxiliary are invited to join us. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!

Beth Kilgore
5th District President

6th District Vice President

Hoping to find everyone staying safe and healthy and that all have been able to get both vaccinations. Now that our country is opening up for business I hope we can get some relief. The April target Goal is 90%. I want to congratulate Bluefield #9, Beckley #32, Gary #38, Cowen #62 for making March's target and Richwood #97 for reaching 100%.

Since Easter is in April and spring is here, let's spring into action to make sure that we work hard to increase and meet our membership "GOAL".

I hope everyone will be able to enjoy the Easter Holiday season with your family and that we continue to pray for our State and Nation during this difficult time. Remember to keep your distance, disinfect, and wash your hands.

Dates to remember are:

**State Convention July 8-11

Huntington Hilton

**Girl State Class 2021 May 12th-13th

Class 2022 June 14-18.

Both will be held virtually.

Prayers for all to be safe.

Mary E. Spence

6th District Vice President

6th District President

Hello Everyone

Hope this finds everyone well and in good health, and getting adjusted to our new time. The weather here has been warm during the day and on the cool side at night.

I hope that we all can get back on schedule with our meeting and etc. I know it has been hard on everyone because of the virus but just wear your mask .

It is time to talk about our District Spring Conference. This year it will be hosted by Gary Unit 38. This meeting will be one Saturday April 24th at the Sterling Drive Inn Welch,. The meeting will start at 10:00 AM. If you have any deceased members in Sixth District please send the names to me.

I received a note from the President Marsha Riffe wanting to let you know one of their members Helen Schuler turned 98 in December and is a 60 year member of the Auxiliary. She loves to receive cards and her caregiver reads them to her. The address for Helen Schuler is Appalachian Brian Estate, Apt 125, 613 Shadowline Way, Boone, NC 28607. Lets keep Helen in our prayers.

Ann Cooley our District 6 Chaplain and a member of Unit 8 , has been sick you may send a card to her at PO Box 792, Welch, WV 24801.

I would love to receive notes from the other Units on things they are doing so I could put it in the Spirt.

Still hoping everyone is working on membership and getting new members. Mandatory Funds should be paid by now.

Well until next time please say a prayer for all the people that has been sick with the virus or any other illness that they get well soon and say a prayer for all of our Veterans.

Until next time God Bless everyone.

Peggy Swartz

President

Sixth District

10th District President

Hello,

By the time you read this, our 10th District Conference will be over. Sure hope many of you attended.

Thank you to the 100% units and congratulations to all the units who made the 80% target. Let's keep working on membership.

With a few months remaining, there is still time to do many things before the year ends. April is Military Children month. Plan your **PURPLE UP DAY** at your post and remember to wear **PURPLE!**

Get your unit's revised Constitution/ Bylaws and Standing Rules into the Department Chairperson and don't forget your Year-end reports.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Easter.

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

Hugs to all!

10th District President

Debbie Michael

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10th District Vice President

Spring Greeting to our 10th District!

With the budding of flowers, greenery and warm weather, I'm finding units becoming more active.

Martinsburg #14 is preparing fundraisers of country ham/chicken salad sandwiches and a dinner; Berkeley #60 will be starting Wednesday Evening Bingo; Moorefield #64 an Easting Egg Hunt; Charles Town #71 Shamrocks for Education for their scholarship fund and supporting SAL/Riders the unit will be hosting a Saturday luncheon and Egg Poll to fund Girls State; Paw Paw is hosting a dinner on March 26th and donating to their local library; and Capon Bridge #137 will begin Wednesday Queen of Hearts and Karaoke twice a month with frequent bands throughout the summer.

Membership continues to do well: Unit #14 only needs 19 to be GOAL Unit #60 continued mail out letters to unpaid members for 2020 and 2021, Unit #64 is at 113.00%, Unit #91 has 12 renewals and 2 rejoins, Unit #102 reached GOAL, Unit #128 has 3 renewals, Unit #137 is GOAL. Ladies, continue your hard work!

Enjoy a wonderful and bless Easter holiday with your family and friends.

Bonnie Wilcox

10th District Vice President

Americanism



Respect For The Flag

When marching, carry the flag on the right side or centered and in front of other flags. The flag is normally not dipped.

On a car, fasten the flag staff to the chassis or front fender on the passenger side.

Fly the flag above any other flag, or on the flag's own right side if all the same height. If flags are in a semicircle, fly the American flag above the other, in the center.

If crossed staffs on the wall, fly flag to its own right with its staff over the other.

On a single flagstaff, fly the American flag at the top, so it will be hoisted first and lowered last.

From a building, the union will be at the peak, if from a rope, the same, with the union first out of the building.

Place the flag against a wall, with the union at the top, to the flag's own right, your left when looking at it.

If the flag is flown over a street, the union should be to the north or east depending on the direction of the street.

When displayed with a speaker's platform, it must be above and behind the speaker. Use bunting, not a flag, to decorate a platform.

If mounted on a staff, the American Flag will be to the right of the speaker and to the left of those looking at it.

On special days, the flag may be flown at half staff. On Memorial Day it is flown at half-staff until noon, then raised to the top of the flag pole.

Never use the flag for decoration. Use bunting with the blue up, if horizontal, or to its own right if vertical. The colors will be blue, white, red, top to bottom or your left to right.

For God and Country
God Bless America
Susan Wade
Americanism Chairman

Historian

History is being made daily during this time not only today but every day. History is very important because it documents what we are doing and how we are doing it.

The same is true for the American Legion Auxiliary. Your unit needs to record the activities during the year. This will benefit those who can use this information in the future for the same activities.

Please send me information, and pictures, so I can use your documentation for our Department History. You can send this to MBKilgore@frontier.com.

As always, I am here if I can be of assistance, please give me a call. 304-654-7750.

Beth Kilgore

Children & Youth

It is hard to believe that March is here already and spring is right around the corner. I would normally encourage each Unit to plan activities to celebrate our youth during **April** which is **Children & Youth** month. However, during this time of the Coronavirus pandemic, we are limited in what we can do. Be creative in ways to celebrate our children. Above everything else use April to celebrate "Our Youth". In this day and age of so much negativity in the news media about some of our youth, there are many more that need to be celebrated. Maybe in fact if more good things are publicized about the youth of today it may encourage those in trouble to seek guidance.

Remember April 15th is the day set aside to honor our military children. You are encouraged to wear a purple t-shirt on that day in their honor. Be sure to let people know why you are wearing a purple shirt on that day!

As always if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, I am here to assist you. Have fun with all the activities you have planned for April. You can reach me at 304-654-7750.

Beth Kilgore
Chairman

Remember Our Friends

Betty Rea, PCDNVP, Follansbee Unit #45, was in the hospital a couple of days for medical problems. She is home now. Cards may be sent to her:

*Betty Rea
1115 Main St.
Follansbee WV 26037*

Mary Waybright, V A & R Chairman, member of Huntington Unit #16, is now in Village at Riverview Assisted Living..

Cards may be sent to her home:

*Mary Waybright
7 Parsons St.
Huntington WV 25705*

Someone will pick them up and take to her.

Let's keep all in our prayers during this difficult time.

**I am helping out my good ole' buddy ALCWF Chairman Beth Kilgore!!
Don't forget to get your change and \$\$ into her at State Convention or mail to Department to be counted this year!!**



Education

April is the Month of the Military Child. Some Units are fortunate to be close to a base so they would have more opportunities to have projects or relationships with our military. Perhaps you could get in touch with the National Guard and see if there is something the students could get involved with. Perhaps your schools are sending packages overseas. The children could have pen pals with the military. Purple is the color for this support. So **“Purple Up”** for the military children.

Your Department Education Committee members are now reviewing scholarships that were due to Department by March 15. We received three Department Scholarships and four National Children of Warriors Scholarships. I believe we would have several more if it had been a normal school year. Thanks to the Unit Education Chairmen that were able to submit the ones we received. I know Nicole Shepherd has been through this judging process from last year, but Kim Mellie, you will learn the hard way, this committee works hard. Thanks to both of you for serving with me this year.

The Department Scholarship winner will be notified by Paulette Anderson. The National scholarship finalist's scholarship will be forwarded to our Central Division Education Chairman Rosemarie Hauck. She will select one from the eight states in Central Division. There will be fifteen scholarships chosen by National for \$5000 each. Three scholarships in each of the five divisions. All are gift scholarships and not loans. It will be a while until National announces these winners.

Dianne McClung
Department Education Chairman

Constitution & Bylaws

FUNDAMENTALS OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE (REMINDERS) Shared by Central Division Constitution & Bylaws Chairmen Wanda Brandt

Part 4

Presenting a Motion: A proposal for action is made in the form of a motion. For the group to consider a motion, at least two members must be in favor of it. The first member makes the motion. The second member seconds the motion to show agreement that the motion should come before the assembly. Seconding a motion does not signify that the member is in favor of the motion; she simply wishes the subject to be discussed.

Steps in presenting a (main) motion:

1. The member rises and addresses the chair (chairman)
2. The member is recognized by the chair.
3. The member states her proposal.
4. Another member seconds the motion.
5. **The motion is restated by the chair.**
6. The chairman conducts the discussion.
7. The chairman puts the question to a vote.
8. The chairman announces the results
9. Procedure for Presenting an Amendment
10. Often, a motion under consideration does not indicate what the group really wants to do. An amendment is how a proposal is changed to get closer to the group's wishes. An amendment can change a motion by striking out, by adding, or by substituting.

The procedure below is followed when presenting amendments:

- Step 1: The motion is made, seconded, and opened for discussion.
- Step 2: The amendment is made, seconded, and open for discussion.
- Step 3: The chairman asks, "Is there further discussion?"
- Step 4: Hearing no objection, the chairman restates the amendment.
- Step 5: The chairman states, "The yes's have it. The amendment is carried, and the motion now reads..."
- Step 6: The chairman then returns to a discussion, or debate, of the motion.

Dede Kelly
Department Constitution & Bylaws Chairman
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National Executive Committeewoman

Hello Fellow Auxiliary Members,

It is hard to believe that it has been a year since the World practically stood still or at least a slow crawl. Thankfully we are now opening schools, restaurants, and other businesses to 100% in most areas. It definitely has been a trying and learning time. We have learned how to hold virtual meetings as well as ways to assist Our Veterans and others while maintaining Social Distances.

Speaking of Virtual Meetings I attended our NEC Mid-Winter Meeting Virtually. We did accomplish some business as well as go over other items to be addressed at our National Convention in August. We did Ratify the members for the 2 Newly Added National Committees: National Inclusion & Diversity Committee and National Code of Ethical Conduct Review Committee. These Committees will only be throughout this year. Also Department Presidents and Secretaries will hear more often from our National Executive Director Kelly Circle. She would like to get business ideas as well as other suggestions. Department Chairmen: We were informed that if 2019-2020 can be included with 2020-2021 Year-End Reports, each year is not to exceed 1,000 words.

Now I would like to give you some awesome news. With the help from fellow Auxiliary Members voting online for Boys State Documentary, It won the Audience Choice Award at the Cinema Eye Honors Ceremony.

Also I am not sure if you are familiar with Tony Kanaan. He drives the Indy Car for Chip Ganassi Racing. Throughout this year he will be wearing the American Legion Logo while he competes in each race. Here is link to see the video of Tony in his racing gear: <https://twitter.com/AmericanLegion/status/1367870872879570948>. The above news gives the opportunity through Social Media to help promote the American Legion Family Brands.

Until Next Month Be Safe and God Bless,
Rhonda Best
NEC

Past President's Parley

Hello Auxiliary Members,

I hope everyone is healthy and safe. It is hard to believe it has been a year already since the World shut most places down due to the Pandemic. However that did not stop Our Organization from helping Our Veterans and their families, Children, and Our Communities as best we could during these times.

With this being said, it is that time of year again to report the exceptional and caring things each unit has done in their areas. We need to ensure our hard work and donations are reported to National. This information helps National report to the American Legion so they can fight for additional needs for Our Veterans in Congress.

Please consider a current member to nominate for the WV Timeless Award or the Unit Member of the Year Award. I know there are members within your units that go above and beyond to help Our Veterans, other members, and your Children and Communities. We would love to recognize these members.

At this time I would love to share the following quote with you:
"EVERY GREAT ACHIEVER IS INSPIRED BY A GREAT MENTOR."

By: Lailah Gifty Akita

Until Next Month Be Safe and God Bless
Rhonda Best
Chairman

Public Relations

Happy Spring to Everyone,

Hope all is well with everyone. I know this past year has been a real challenge for each one of us along with our units. We all have had to develop new ways to get the word out about what the Auxiliary is about and doing it safely.

Continue to work informing and helping your communities and veterans. Just a reminder that end of year reports are due.

Looking forward to seen what each unit has been doing.

For Service not Self,
Stephanie Handley
Public Relations
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100 Years of Celebration



Hello Auxiliary Members,

I hope everyone is safe and healthy. I know it has been difficult to think Celebration or Party Time with everything we have endured this past year. Yes- Can you believe it has been a full year since most of the Country shut down?

Also it is that time for each unit to complete Year-End Reports. Please submit a Narrative of all 100th Year Activities and/or Events your unit has done and/or held. This includes any 100th Year Activities and/or Events you assisted the American Legion with. Include any 100th Year Event to be held within the next couple of months as well.

Until Next Month Be Safe and God Bless,
Rhonda Best
Chairman





American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

Rhododendron Girls State

The Rhododendron Girls State Board of Directors met on Wednesday, February 24th and it was decided to hold two separate virtual Girls State Sessions; one for the Class of 2021 and the other for the Class of 2022. The cost is \$250. However, this cost is for **two** citizens and can include either both from the class of 2021 or both for the class of 2022 or one from each class.

Class of 2021

May 12-14, times to be determined
Program will be held through ZOOM
Three sessions per day
Government Classes
Election Procedures Instruction
Personal and Professional Development
Classes
Keynote Speakers
Breakout Sessions with Discussion
Talent, Personal Reflection, Chorus,
Rhododendron Daily
Graduation/Recognition Ceremonies

Class of 2022

June 14-18, times to be determined
Program will be held through ZOOM
Three sessions per day
Government Classes
Voter Registration and Election Procedures
Party Caucuses, State-wide Primary and
General Elections
Personal and Professional Development
Classes
Keynote Speakers
Breakout Sessions with Discussion
Talent, Personal Reflection, Chorus,
Rhododendron Daily
Graduation/Recognition Ceremonies

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

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd
Rhododendron Girls State Chairman



District Representatives

1st Dist. — Susan Brown
2172 Grandview Rd.
Moundsville WV 26041
304-845-5122

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

4th Dist. —

5th Dist.— Beth Kilgore
1562 Holderby Road
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

Spring is the time we start wrapping up the old year and preparing for the new year. When you are paying your mandatory dues, I ask that you remember to give a little to the Creative Arts program offered by the American Legion Auxiliary. The money you donate makes it possible for our veterans to get therapy by participating in their field of art,

National Creative Arts Therapy Week will be celebrated March 14-20. This week is designed to shine light on how creative arts therapy changes lives. Each year, the VA and the American Legion Auxiliary co-present the Veterans Creative Arts Festival. Ways that individuals and units can help:

**Watch the 2020 National Veterans Creative Arts Festival online.

**Get information and share with others about the Veterans Creative Arts Festival from the American Legion Foundation.

**Watch a recording of the ALA webinar Mission Delivery to learn how to get involved on the local level.

Start on your year-end reporting now. Keep a record of names, hours, and money spent serving our veterans. No project or program is too small; smaller projects that assist our veterans add up to better serving all veterans every day. If you have given any donation to the VAMC in your area, please send the information to Paulette. We especially need volunteer names and hours.

Mary Waybright
VA&R Chairman

February Ways and Means Winners

Name	#'s	City	State	Date	\$\$\$
Ceredo-Kenova Unit 93	814	Kenova	WV	2/1/21	\$25.00
Mildred Barber	078	Gary	WV	2/2/21	\$25.00
Brittany Murray	756	Bluefield	WV	2/3/21	\$25.00
Fran Rayl	744	Reedsville	WV	2/4/21	\$25.00
	794			2/5/21	
G A White	004	Belington	WV	2/6/21	\$25.00
Mallory Yeater	116	Paden City	WV	2/8/21	\$25.00
Matt Sentner	679	Pittsburgh	PA	2/9/21	\$25.00
Tom Willis	220	Fairmont	WV	2/10/21	\$25.00
Carol Fultz	015	Romney	WV	2/11/21	\$25.00
Rita Alley	529	Casa Grande	AZ	2/12/21	\$25.00
Beth Beaver	736	New Martinsville	WV	2/13/21	\$25.00
	842			2/15/21	
Bill Chapman	486	Thorpe	WV	2/16/21	\$25.00
	194			2/17/21	
	677			2/18/21	
Chandler Koger	072	Roderfield	WV	2/19/2021	\$25.00
	561			2/20/21	
John & Linda McLaughlin	132	New Martinsville	WV	2/22/21	\$25.00
Mike Largent	631	Romney	WV	2/23/21	\$25.00
Randy Lawrence	352	Clakrsburg	WV	2/24/21	\$25.00
Crystal and Andy Slyga	816	Vienna	WV	2/25/21	\$25.00
	884			2/26/21	
Katena Karnes	820	Huntington	WV	2/27/21	\$25.00





2020-2021 Membership Theme

"Honoring Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows"



Membership Target Sheet March 15th—80.00%
Department Goal— 5132
(New District Goals)
Membership To Date— 4,262 83.05 %
Unit #200 Goal— 195 To Date— 160

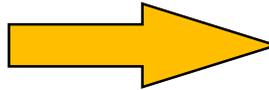


Savanna

Cathy

District 1	Unit	2021 Goal	2021	% of Goal
	Wheeling #1	31	23	74.19%
	Moundsville #3	228	221	96.93%
	McMechen #5	32	26	81.25%
	Weirton #10	49	45	91.84%
	Cameron #18	143	127	88.81%
	New Martinsville #28	132	111	84.09%
	Wellsburg #34	26	24	92.31%
	Follansbee #45	35	44	125.71%
	Pine Grove #81	85	58	68.24%
	Paden City #86	81	81	100.00%
	Wheeling #89	16	10	62.50%
	Newell #114	24	3	12.50%
	Hundred #120	46	25	54.35%
	Chester #121	138	123	96.09%
	TOTALS	1066	922	86.49%

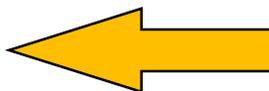
**WWII/
Merchant
Marines Era
40's Fashion
Jitterbug Dance**



**Goal 2511
To Date: 2122
(84.51 %)**

**Membership
Chairman
"Rosie the
Riveter"**

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



**Goal 2426
To Date: 1,980
(81.62 %)**

District 4	Unit	2021 Goal	2021	% of Goal
	Parkersburg #15	485	376	77.53%
	Spencer #21	34	35	102.94%
	Pt. Pleasant #23	233	164	70.39%
	Tyler County #48	38	31	81.58%
	Sistersville #67	87	43	49.43%
	New Haven #140	139	127	91.37%
	Williamstown #159	100	78	78.00%
	TOTALS	1116	854	76.52%

District 6	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
	Welch #8	60	43	71.67%
	Bluefield #9	29	26	89.66%
	Beckley #32	28	24	85.71%
	Gary #38	80	69	86.26%
	Cowen #62	21	20	95.24%
	Richwood #97	22	22	100.00%
	TOTALS	240	204	85.00%

District 3	Unit	2021 Goal	2021	% of Goal
	Buckhannon #7	42	36	85.71%
	Clarksburg #13	58	55	91.38%
	Elkins #29	133	109	81.95%
	Shinnston #31	270	244	90.37%
	Braxton County #33	33	28	84.85%
	Bridgeport #68	86	76	88.37%
	Belington #96	20	16	80.00%
	Pickens #122	20	19	95.00%
	Morgantown #174	45	54	120.00%
	TOTALS	707	637	90.10%

District 5	Unit	2021 Goal	2021	% of Goal
	Huntington #16	163	140	85.89%
	Logan #19	11	13	118.18%
	St. Albans #73	31	28	90.32%
	Ceredo-Kenova #93	281	138	49.11%
	South Charleston #94	15	13	86.67%
	Hamlin #111	37	30	81.08%
	Milton #139	71	58	81.69%
	Barboursville #177	142	104	73.24%
	TOTALS	751	524	69.77%

District 10	Unit	2021 Goal	2021	% of Goal
	Martinsburg #14	99	80	80.81%
	Franklin #30	16		
	Piedmont #52	29	11	37.93%
	Berkeley Springs #60	167	159	95.21%
	Moorefield #64	60	74	123.33%
	Charles Town #71	152	125	82.24%
	Petersburg #78	67	65	97.01%
	Romney #91	164	163	99.39%
	Charles Town #102	26	26	100.00%
	Paw Paw #128	24	22	91.67%
	Kirby #134	30	19	63.33%
	Ridgeley #136	41	45	109.76%
	Capon Bridge #137	136	137	100.74%
	Keyser #152	42	37	88.10%
	TOTALS	1053	963	91.45%

April 2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	<i>Program of Month Children & Youth</i>			1	2 <i>Good Friday</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	3
4 <i>Easter</i>	5	6	7	8	9 <i>Office Closed 12:00 pm</i> <i>Traveling to Milton</i>	10 <i>5th District Conference</i> <i>Milton #139</i>
11	12	13	14	15 <i>Target #8</i> <i>90%</i>	16 <i>Office Closed 1:00 pm</i> <i>Traveling to Pt. Pleasant</i>	17 <i>4th District Conference</i> <i>Pt. Pleasant #23</i>
18	19 <i>Spirit Articles Due</i>	20	21 <i>Spirit Out</i>	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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.wvaux.org **Unit Presidents with no email con-**

Subscription will Cost \$18.00

Runs August through July Each Year

MAIL TO:

Department of West Virginia
1251 Doolin Run Road
New Martinsville WV 26155-7808

NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____

**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			
	<i>Quantity</i>		<i>Amount</i>
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.**

**2021 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
RESERVATION FORM**

July 8-10, 2021
Double Tree by Hilton
1001 3rd Ave
Huntington, WV 25701

\$105.00 per night room rate (plus 13% tax)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

Arrival Date _____ AM PM Departure Date _____

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

Non-Smoking Facility

Handicap Room: (circle one) wheelchair oxygen tank other
If you circled "other", please explain. _____

*Members with wheelchair disabilities will receive first priority.

One night's deposit must accompany this request to reserve a room. Any form, without a deposit will be returned.

Enclosed, please find one night's room deposit of **\$105.00** (plus 13% tax) = \$118.65 per night

(circle one)

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

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

**Mail to: Double Tree by Hilton
ATTN: Desiree Besemer
1001 3rd Ave
Huntington, West Virginia 25701**

**This form must be mailed to reserve a room at Double Tree by
Hilton cutoff date is July 01, 2021.**

(No phone calls for rooms will be accepted.)

**PLEASE RESERVE YOUR ROOM EARLY- THANKS!
CANCELLATION, BEFORE 48 HOURS, PRIOR TO**

103rd Annual State Convention

2021

ADVERTISING FORM

The American Legion
Department of West Virginia, Inc.

I hereby authorize the following advertisement to be placed in the official program of the 103rd Annual State Convention of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia, Inc., scheduled July 8-10, 2021, at Double Tree by Hilton, Huntington, West Virginia.

Date: _____, 2021

Name of Post/Unit/SAL

Please specify exactly how your ad should read. Only the information you supply will be published. An attached copy of your ad is very helpful. Be sure to state if Legion, Auxiliary, or SAL Emblem is requested.

Ad should read as follows:

Authorized Signature: _____

Price List:	Full Page	\$100	Full Page (Color)	\$160
	Half Page	\$60	Half Page (Color)	\$100
	Quarter Page	\$35	Quarter Page (Color)	\$70
	Eighth Page	\$25	Eighth Page (Color)	\$ 50

Please send your ad along with a check made payable to: **The American Legion**
P.O. Box 3191
Charleston, WV 25332

Ad and Payment Deadline is June 15, 2021.

No Deviation

FIFTH DISTRICT: Beth Kilgore President, Kitty Kelly-Smoot Vice President

Unit/Number	Bonding	Scholarship	Veterans Fund	Girls State	Poppies	10%	Membership
#16 Huntington	X	X	X	X	X	X	
#19 Logan							
#73 St. Albans	X	X	X	X	X	X	
#93 Ceredo Kenova	X	X	X	X	X	X	
#94 South Charleston	X	X	X	X	X	X	
#111 Hamlin							
#139 Milton							
#177 Barboursville	X	X	X	X	X	X	

SIXTH DISTRICT - Peggy Swartz President, Mary Spence Vice President

Unit/Number	Bonding	Scholarship	Veterans Fund	Girls State	Poppies	10%	Membership
#8 Welch	X	X	X	X	X	X	
#9 Bluefield							
#32 Beckley	X	X	X	X	X	X	
#38 Gary							
#62 Cowen	X	X	X	X	X	X	
#97 Richwood	X	X	X	X	X	X	

TENTH DISTRICT - Debbie Michael President, Bonnie Wilcox Vice President

Unit/Number	Bonding	Scholarship	Veterans Fund	Girls State	Poppies	10%	Membership
#14 Martinsburg	X	X	X	X	X	X	
#30 Franklin							
#52 Piedmont							
#60 Berkeley Springs	X	X	X	X	X	X	
#64 Moorefield							
#71 Charles Town	X	X	X	X	X	X	
#78 Petersburg							
#91 Romney	X	X	X	X	X	X	
#102 Charles Town	X	X	X	X	X	X	
#128 Paw Paw							
#134 Kirby							
#136 Ridgeley							
#137 Capon Bridge	X	X	X	X	X	X	
#152 Keyser							