



# The Auxiliary Spirit



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*“Lighting Up Our Future For Our Veterans”*

Colors—**Red, White, & Green**

Flower—**Poppy & Poinsettias with Pine Cones & Holly (cherries)**

Hello Auxiliary Members,  
Hope everyone is going to be safe and healthy during Halloween this year. I'm hoping you all have found Christmas in your heart for this year before Christmas gets here. There is only 10 Sundays until Christmas but 37 Sundays until our 365 year is over with Christmas. Let's make it a good year!

I'm sorry to hear that 6th district had to cancelled there fall district conference. I apologize to 4th District that I was unable to attend their District meeting in Parkersburg.

My Homecoming - Was held on October 15, 2022 in Martinsburg. I want to thank everyone who came out and celebrated. It was a good turn out with good people and good food. We missed those that couldn't be there. Thank you to those who donated to my special project. I'm currently recovering from my homecoming. The night before we got done late decorating, so Saturday I felt I was running late for everything.

Midwinter - Can't wait to see you all there. If your coming to midwinter, please dress up in your costumes for the luncheon. If you didn't hear by now our Central Division Vice President Ann Rehbein will be attending.

Membership - Keep up the good work. Target 2 is due December 15th with 50%. Please keep putting membership and don't hold membership cards, please get them in so you can be put in for the car raffle, Pay before December 31. You all are doing good. Keep up the good work and let's bring those memberships in.

My Special Project is: Christmas Veteran Affairs Gift Shop. I'm trying to reach my goal and if anyone wants to donate I would appreciate it. Veterans Day is coming up, get out and do for our Veterans. Not just for veterans but for everyday.

I will leave you all with this quote:

Christmas is for everyone, Adults and children are alike. Allow this season fill your heart, and let go of the things you dislike. Until next month, Thank your veterans and be kind to each other.

For God & Country  
Savanna Kauffman  
Department President

### Department Officers 2022-2023

President-Savanna Kauffman  
1st Vice President-Debbie Michael  
2nd Vice President-Laura Clark  
Secretary/Treasurer-Susan Brown  
Chaplain-Kimberly Mellie  
Historian-Stephanie Handley

### District Presidents

1st District-Kim Elliott  
3rd District-Kimberly Mellie  
4th District-Patsy Young-Greiner  
5th District-Kitty Kelly-Smoot  
6th District-Peggy Swartz  
10th District-Diana Teter

### District Vice Presidents

1st District-Stephanie Handley  
3rd District-Roxie Nicholson  
4th District-Pamela Hansom  
5th District-Laura Clark  
6th District-Mary Spence  
10th District-Jill Davis





# 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:** (Unit General Fund)- Bonding (\$5.00), Education (Scholarship), & Girls State Project;

**Unit Welfare Fund - Veterans' Welfare Fund** (any amount your unit can afford), & 10% of Poppy Proceeds.

**Membership:** Award—10 Plus 3 in 2023—Recruit 10 New Senior Members and 3 New Junior members. New members must be entered and paid in ALAMIS by June 1, 2023. Forms must be received at ALA NHQ by June 3, 2023. One entry per recruiter.

Those Districts & Units that did not send in officers update for the Directory it is now to late for the Directory. I will include any changes in the Spirit that is forward to Department headquarters.

I would still like to have Unit Chairperson list. This list is given to Department Committee Chairperson, so they can keep in contact with the Units' chairperson. I have extend the deadline to November 1st. Thanks!

National Convention was Great!

There was a dues increase voted on and passed. This increase will go into effect for the 2024 year. National dues was increase by \$6.00 per diem. This means that units will need to send a total of \$25.00 for National and Department per diem for 2024 year. National will be looking at different ways to cut cost, so another increase will not happen for a couple of years. Units need to increasing their dues for the 2024 year.

**ALAMIS—Starting in July Unit Full Access will be available to all units with Department approval. You will have the ability to pay membership dues, rejoin former members within your unit, and new members. ALL transfer request of current members, expired members, former members or out of state will still need to be proceeded by the department. Units will need to use a credit or debt card to process membership to National.**

**If your Unit is currently using the “Write” program and wish to try the “Full”, I will need a written letter or email stating such. You will have until January 1st to decide whether you want to keep “Full” or return to “Write”.**

**New pricing will go into effect January 2023—Unit Full \$20.00; Unit Write \$15.00; Unit View \$10.00;**

**Junior members who turn 18 yrs. old before January 1st of 2023 are considered Senior members. Please take notice of their status National has marked on your roster. Do Not change status!**

If your Unit has not added your PUFLs to the unit membership count. Please do so at this time.—Thanks!

Please correct Standing Rule #15 to read: When ordering supplies or material from Department Secretary/Treasurer, the Unit shall be responsible for the shipping fees.

Reminder—Your membership is through the Unit not the Post.

## Department Headquarters

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## Directory Corrections

Mary Jo Thomas zip code compete is 26554; Phone #202-365-7510

Patsy Greiner new email address: patsygirl2@gmail.com  
New mailing address for Milton Unit #139—PO Box 584,  
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Education—2 yrs. Replacement

Nicole Shepherd, 170 Brentfield Ln, Berkeley Springs WV  
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Wheeling Unit #1—Replace Brenda Joseph as Secretary  
with Michelle Powell, 4448 Oglebay Dr., Wheeling WV  
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639-5379. email—mythreelabs@comcast.net.

Beth Kilgore has a new mailing address: 3609 Hughes St.  
Apt #9, Huntington WV 25704. Phone number is the same.

## “Christmas 365 around the World”

### Membership Chairman

Hello Members

There are a lot of units doing very well and some who aren't. I know the membership renewals are still coming out. Nationals has us at 1,121 members out of 4935, we are 4th in division. We have several units with 0 they are in district's 3,5,6,10. Also these district's also have several under 10. District Vice's reach out to the units to see if we can help. If they need help the Department Vice's, myself and President Savanna are to help. We are heading to 5th District this weekend. Then to 1st District and Commander Hicks homecoming. Had a great time at President Savanna's Homecoming. It was great seeing everyone who came. My heart got out to past Commander Bill Combs on the loss of his wife sending prayers to him and his family. Everyone have a great Thanksgiving and remember our members or veterans who may not have families to give them a meal.

For God and Country  
Membership chairperson  
Sharon Kauffman  
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### Department 1st Vice President

Hello to All!

Congratulations to our “Candy Canes” for your terrific work in membership. Please keep up the good work. Remember with the holidays coming up, membership in our auxiliary makes a great gift.

If I can help you, please contact me.  
Wishing everyone a fun and Happy Halloween!

Hugs to all!

Dept. 1st Vice  
Debbie Michael

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### Department 2nd Vice President

It is officially fall and a great time to focus on our membership goals. The gingerbread team is behind the candy canes, but we are making progress!

There are several units who have achieved Target Goal # 1 of 25% and a handful who have already achieved Target Goal #2 of 50% of their membership goals. A huge shout out to Cowen #62 for already hitting over 67% of their total membership goal. Way to go!!

Let's keep that momentum going and remember that anyone who renews their membership before January 1st will be entered into the drawing for the '93 Corvette! In addition to renewals, it is imperative to the success of the ALA that we are introducing new members to this opportunity to serve veterans and their families. I will be reaching out to all the units in the coming weeks and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

For God & Country,  
Laura Clark  
Department 2nd Vice President  
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### ***6th District Vice President***

Hoping everyone is still safe and healthy. The news is that we are still experiencing new Covid cases but our understanding is that the strand causes discomfort like having a bad case of the flu. Casper reported that everyone had a safe and enjoyable Halloween and that our ghosts and goblins are taking a rest now and is gone.

The following is a list of membership target dates:

Target 1 25% September 15, 2022

Target 2 50% December 15, 2022

Target 3 75% March 15, 2023

Target 4 100% June 15, 2023

All members should have received their Membership booklets with the 2022-2023 cards by now. You should have started processing membership renewals for 2022-2023 on August 1. Let's give big SHOUT OUT congratulations to Cowen, Gary, and Richwood Auxiliaries for meeting the September 2022 target goal. I know that Fall is here and the leaves are falling, but don't fall behind on collecting your dues in order to meet your December 15, 2022 target goal of 50%.

I was able to make contact with a representative from several Auxiliary Units in District 6. I was happy to hear that most of the dues were being received and most of the units are getting back into holding meetings.

As a reminder dues must be received by December 30, 2022 to Susan Brown, State Auxiliary Secretary to be eligible for the raffle drawing for the corvette. Prayers for all to be safe.

Mary E. Spence  
Vice President  
District



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

Hello all!

I hope you are enjoying the leaves starting to change and the brisk breezes of the season. District 4 has been CHALLENGED by District 5 to have 50% membership paid by December. We ACCEPT this CHALLENGE. We will do our best to meet this goal. Reminder: Try to get 10 new members and 3 Juniors this year. Each year our numbers seem to decrease. We need to find a way to bring new, young members into our organization so it will be sustainable in the future.

District 4 is at 20.34% Membership goals. The membership target sheet dated October 14, 2022, is as follows: Parkersburg #15 is at 39.55%. Spencer #21 is at 20.69%. Pt. Pleasant #23 is at 8.37%. Tyler County #48 is at 2.38%. Sistersville #67 is at 1.79%.

New Haven #140 is at 2.80%. Williamstown #159 is at 12.36%.

Always carry a membership application with you. Your next member may be with your next conversation!

Unit #15 Parkersburg will be having Trunk or Treat October 27th in our Post parking lot. Other units may want to have something like this at your location. Please be active if your area is having a Veteran's Day Parade to show your support for those who served for our great country.

Thank you,  
Pam Harmon  
District 4 Vice President

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

Hello 1st District,

Your Unit should be seeing membership dues coming in since payment reminders have been sent out by National. Also don't forget that any member who pays their dues membership before December 31st will be entered into a drawing to win a '93 Corvette that Department Commander Hicks has offered for paying membership on time. All Unit officer membership should be paid by the end of October. Please process your membership as soon as possible so you can reach each target that has been set. Let try to have each unit reach goal this year.

Continue your hard work with membership.

For Service Not Self,  
Stephanie Handley  
District Vice President  
stephaniehandley@msn.com

### ***5th District Vice President***

Hello 5th District!!

I hope everyone is having a great start of the fall season. Is my favorite time of year, and I love all the colors, smells, and the sights and sounds that nature brings. It's also a great time to review your membership goals with your units. We have several units within striking distance of the first target goal of 25% and two units who have achieved that goal and climbing closer to the 2nd target goal of 50%. Congratulations to Barboursville #177 and Huntington #16 as they are on their way to the 2nd target. We are seeing progress and upward movement and that is exciting! Keep the momentum going as we go into the holiday season. It is a wonderful time to discuss membership with your loved ones and focus on those renewals!

As always, I am here if you need anything whatsoever and I am looking forward to attending each of your unit meetings in the near future.

Happy Fall and God Bless the USA!!  
Laura Clark  
5th District Vice President  
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### ***10th District Vice President***

The cooler season is on us. Many units will be having Halloween parties and seeing our children of the community dressed up handing out candy.

Our membership is starting to come in quickly. Don't hold these, let's get them turned in so everyone has a chance to win the car. Let's be reaching out and signing up new members to work toward your goals. We can all make goal. Let's be number one in the state. If you need help don't hesitate to reach out to me. We are still trying to reach each unit, if we have not got to you and you have a date and time that you would like us to come please let us know.

District 10 Vice President  
Jill Davis

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

Well here we are closing in on fall, the days are shorter and the nights are much cooler, and soon we will be turning our clocks back. How is your membership collections coming along?

All officers dues should be paid by now. With Thanksgiving coming up don't forget to count all of your blessings, be sure to thank a vet for his or her service, and help any of those in need.

Till we meet again, Stay safe And God bless America.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Kim Elliott

1st District President

### **6th District President**

Hello To All

Hope everyone is enjoying this fall weather especially the beautiful foliage that we have, but I am sure the cold weather will be with us soon, This is going to be a short message today. To start off with I would like to apologize to Cowen Unit 62 that we had to cancel our Fall Conference that they were to host on September 24, 2022, it seemed like everyone had other obligations and could not attend this meeting again I am so sorry for the work we put you through to get things ready for the meeting, again so sorry.

Hope everyone is working on membership and getting ready to pay mandatory funds.

It was nice to see a lot of members at the workshop in September. Please Sixth District if you have any news that I can put in the Spirit each month please let me know what your Unit is involved with, Hope everyone is getting ready for Veterans Day so please send me something that your unit might be doing. Please say a little prayer for all of our auxiliary members and all of our veterans.

So until next time God Bless

Peggy Swartz

6th District President

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

Happy Fall 3rd District!

I still have some of the forms from the Fall Workshop. I hope to visit each unit and deliver them myself. This time of year is crazy for me as I help coach soccer at the high school where I teach. We are now on a quest for the State Championship! As soon as the season is over...I will be attending your meetings. Feel free to call/text me anytime. Please send photos of your Unit doing good things! I will place them on District 3 Facebook page. We need to show others the good we do. Hopefully that will encourage others to join! Membership must always be a priority! Spread the Positivity!

God Bless Everyone and God Bless America

Kim Mellie

3rd District President

### **10th District President**

Happy Fall Everyone!!

With the cool brisk morning air I reflect on our Veterans who fought for and are continuing to fight for our freedoms. I give much thought to how they brave the elements just to keep our country as free as possible.

With that being said during this busy time of year with Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas approaching let us be ever mindful of them and lend a hand where needed. Just 10 minutes of volunteer time can make a difference.

A big Thank you to all Units for everything you do as outreach.

Please remember we are here to help in any way possible. Please feel free to contact us.

For God and Country!

Diana Teter

District 10 President

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

Greetings from the Members of the 4th District:

District 4th held a Fall Conference on Sunday, October 16, 2022. There was a great turnout of Post and Sons of the Legion members. Parkersburg Post 15 hosted the event. It was a beautiful day for traveling. Unfortunately, the meeting conflicted with Department Savanna's homecoming.

The Department President's theme is "Lighting up our future for our Veterans." Savanna's special project is "Christmas Veteran Affairs Gift Shop" her goal is to raise \$10,000 that will go towards the Veterans Gift Shops at Martinsburg, Beckley, Clarksburg, and Huntington VA Medical Centers. Membership is a major priority for our organization. The Department Membership theme is "Christmas 365 around the World".

Program materials for the 2022-2023 year were mailed to all District Unit Presidents. If you have questions regarding the programs, please feel free to contact me. My email address has changed. The new email address is listed below. You may also contact me by text message on my cell phone.

Please continue to recruit, retain, and reinstate membership. Let's have a fantastic year!

For God and Country

Patsy Greiner

4th District President

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## *Education*

November is Military Family Appreciation Month! Keep that in mind when planning activities for Veterans Day. Please send me pictures of your activities so I can include them on the National site as well as WV site! I have heard good ideas about Halloween safety in PA ...they called it Pancakes and Pumpkins. What a neat idea!

November is also National Scholarship Month so please try to visit your local high schools and spread the word about our available scholarships.

This program promotes the ALA's role in providing quality education for children and adults through classroom activities, literacy programs, and scholarship promotion and support of education beyond high school, especially for military children.

I am also including a flyer for our Give 10 to Education. If you need me to email a PDF...just text me!

Have a wonderful November!

Kim Mellie

Education Chairman

## *Junior Activities*

We're welcoming the cooler weather and the beautiful colors that fill our beautiful state. Let's remember our Juniors members have a lot of stuff going on in their life also and keep track of everything for reports & patch program.

With the National meeting for the Juniors is held in Baltimore Maryland on 5th of November. I have shared the information a couple different times on our department FB page if your able to attend please do so. And bring back some great information to our great Department.

Remember Veterans Day is the 11th day of November @ 11 am make sure we thank our Veterans for our freedom. And keep each and every one in our prayers.

New patches available for our younger members.

Participating in the ALA Patch Program is a terrific way for Junior members to be involved in learning about the Auxiliary and our American Legion Family, volunteering in the community, and serving our country's veterans.

Two new patches are available:  
Digital Media for Red Level 1 K-3  
VCAF donations for all levels

Junior members of the American Legion Auxiliary, as well as school-aged Sons of The American Legion members who often work alongside Juniors, may earn patches for activities in ALA programs.

God Bless

Kelli A Immel

## *Leadership*

Our next item to consider regarding the Leadership Crisis is the notion that our organizations are all just well oiled machines that just keep going no matter what.

Ooops that sounds a whole lot like... we've always done it that way. The other concern is that even if we are doing the right things - we may not be teaching others how and why they are important.

We are blessed to be part of an organization that has clear goals, a strong strategic plan, and that remains mission-centric. But we need to take the time to make sure we understand what makes it work and not just go through the motions.

Remember to think about the "why" and understand the basis of our actions as leaders and trainers of the next generation of leaders. That will help everyone grow and be even better.

Even a well-oiled machine needs routine maintenance and a time-up every now and then.

Leadership Chairman  
Rosemary M. Thomas

## *National Security*

Have you heard of "the White Table" that originated during the time of the Vietnam War as a symbol for and remembrance to service members held prisoner of war or missing in action? It has been set across America in mess halls and at military events for almost 30 years. You can set this table for Veterans Day.

Use a small table to show one soldier's lonely battle against many. Cover it with a white cloth to honor a soldier's pure heart when he answers his country's call to duty. Place a lemon slice and grains of salt on a plate, to show a captive soldier's bitter fate and tears of families waiting for loved ones to return. Put an empty chair to table for missing soldiers. Lay a black napkin for the sorrow of captivity and turn over a glass for the meal that won't be eaten. Place a white candle for peace and a red rose in a vase with a red ribbon for hope that all our missing will return someday.

This ceremony is similar to the POW/MIA ceremony.

Until next month

Paulette Anderson

National Security

## *Poppy*

Here is a few does and don'ts for Poppy Funds.

For the rehabilitation of veterans honorably discharged. For the welfare of the families of veterans.

For the welfare of veterans, active military personnel, and the families of Veterans for medical need and where financial need is clear.

For poppy kits and supplies.

How Poppy funds cannot be used.

Any general operating fund of a department, unit, or post.

Any community service project that does not directly benefit the Welfare of an individual veteran/military service member or the welfare of his/her family.

Investments, even those that would bring profit to the unit or post.

Pow/Mia programs.

There are more don'ts these are from National.

If you need my help, call me at 304-592-0247, or you can

Email me at carlajwilfong@gmail.com

Carla Wilfong

Department Chairperson

## Public Relations

It is hard to believe that we are already in the middle of October which means that Halloween is just around the corner and Thanksgiving nipping at the heels. One way to promote public relations in the community for Halloween is to educate our children on Halloween Safety. The National website has a downloadable coloring page and information on Halloween Safety that you can distribute to daycares and pre-schools in your community and other valuable information available at your fingertips. You can also post this information on your social media such as Facebook or if your unit has a newsletter. Let the community know who we are and what we do.

God Bless,  
Public Relations Chairperson  
Stephanie Handley  
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## NEC

***A couple of updates from the National Website for you: "Salute to Service Members Nomination Form can be found under National Security Committee. This gives you the National Vice Chairman information to send to. Please do not use more than 750 words in your narrative or you may create a video of not more than 3 minutes. Another Nomination Form is the Unit Member of Year under the Leadership Committee. You will need to do a narrative of not more than 1000 words of why you are nominating this member and send it to the Department Chairman. As I get more updates I will send along to you. Another great tool is your American Legion Auxiliary. It is packed with information from your National Chairman as well as other resources. Paulette Anderson  
National Executive Committeeperson***

## Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

The weather has become really brisk so it is time to think of our Homeless Veterans. Coats, hats, gloves and warm shoes are things to Try to remember. Check with your local Hospitals, and Nursing homes to see what it is Needed. Veterans day is coming up send our Veterans a card, let them Know you care. More to come next month in article. If you need my help, call me at 304-592-0247, or email me at carlajwilfong@gmail.com. Carla Wilfong  
Co-Chairperson.

## Constitution & Bylaws

Districts and Units may send there Constitution and Bylaws to the Department Committee. The Committee can review for format and conflict with higher levels. However, the Committee will no longer sign District or Unit Constitution and Bylaws or any forms, and will no longer provide a written statement of findings. According to the National Standing Rules states Department's, Districts and Units of the American Legion Auxiliary are separate entities that operate independently as affiliates of the American Legion Auxiliary National Organization. They shall be governed by their own Unit Constitution and/or Bylaws which shall not conflict with the National, Department and District Constitution & Bylaws, Standing Rules, rules and policies. Districts and Units may refer to the Unit Guide Book, the Manual of Ceremonies and other publications of the National and Department organizations for guidance in the conduct of their programs and the administration of District or Unit activities.  
Lisa Cadwallader, Chairperson  
Dede Kelly, Committee person  
Nina Mason, Committee person

## Chaplain

Thank you, Leslie Jenkins from Moorefield Unit 64, for your prayer! It will be placed in President Savannah's Prayer Book! Hopefully, others will be inclined to send more prayers! I want to wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving and please remember to include our military, Veterans, and their families in your celebrations. I am having a great time preparing for the 4 Chaplain Ceremony at Mid-Winter and the reading of the scripture. Remember to be kind to all, In the wish of our Father.....Love All. If you need anything please don't hesitate to contact me.

November prayer:

*Dear Lord, as we come into fall season, let us be ever mindful of others. Help our members as we get our programs underway for our veterans and communities. Help us always to keep them uppermost in our minds and never stray from that "want" to help others. Guide our hearts and minds as we work together for You and our country. We thank You for all things. In Thy holy name, we pray.  
Amen*

Kim Mellie  
304-216-9943  
Chaplain

During the Central Division Caucus at the 2022 National Convention, cards were passed around for the Past National Presidents who were unable to attend. Please share the following note from Barbara Kranig, Past National President from Wisconsin (1997-1998), with your delegates:

*I'd like to send a big "Thank you" to all the delegates, alternates, and guests of the Central Division who attended National Convention and took the time to sign the wonderful greeting cards I received. It was such a delight to read all those names and remember old friends and wish that I could be there to meet new ones as well. Personal notes are so rare these days and your kindness is appreciated.*

*I do miss being with all of you at convention but, unfortunately, I am just not able to travel any longer. Take care, and continue your dedication to our great organization.*

*Barbara Kranig*

*Past National President, 1997-1998*

Thanks,

**Bonnie Dorniak, Executive Secretary-Treasurer/Executive Director**

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## ***Children & Youth***

The holidays are upon us and the need for basic, everyday items are greater than ever for children and their families. Unfortunately, hunger doesn't have a season, but the need during the holidays seems to be more intensified. A great project that you and your unit can participate in is a "Daily Thanksgiving Drive" or "Stuff the Turkey." For each day of the month leading up to Thanksgiving, you can donate an item that can be used for a Thanksgiving meal for a family. For example:

November 1: boxed stuffing

November 2: Corn

November 3: Green Beans

November 4: \$25 Gift card to grocery store to purchase a turkey

Remember to make sure you are collecting non-perishable items and don't forget to include items such as cereal, bread, and peanut butter and jelly to give a little variety.

An alternate activity to a food drive is a clothing drive. The colder months bring out a need for coats, scarves, gloves and other items.

Thank you for all you do for our children and youth in our community!

Beth Kilgore

Children & Youth Chairman

304-654-7750

## ***Child Welfare Foundation***

Our piggy is getting a little hungry and we need to "fatten" him up a little more! Bring your donations to the Mid-Winter meeting for the Child Welfare Fund!



## Music

From your Music chair, Kitty Kelly-Smoot!!

This year, we are "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" with President Savannah and her crew. I hope to "show you how it's done" with a YouTube video or something (with some help from my granddaughter!!) at our district meeting. And then I want all of you to send me from your Auxiliaries and Districts all your wonderful "stage productions" in action!! I will compile all the videos I receive throughout our year and let all attendees at Department Convention decide on a winner, how's that sound!!

Now don't forget about our regular music award at the Department convention, too!! The past few years I've had single digit year-end reports. Everybody should be doing something with patriotic music during our year!! I'll try to send you some more ideas!!

Meanwhile, Let's ROCK!! I'd like for y'all to create either a YouTube or FaceBook video of your Units and Districts singing along, or text it to me. Here's all my digits! And have fun!!

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## Membership Song

Sung to the tune of Brenda Lee's "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree"

Rockin' around the Christmas tree at our VA Christmas Shops.

Our PDP Angels are leading our way in, so we will gladly stop!

Rockin' around the Christmas tree while Cardinal Savannah flies

Later we'll share some candy canes and gingerbread surprise!

We will share an ornamental feeling when we see

Ribbons and Tinsel and Lights a'shinin'

Hugging our Vets with the Gifts we're providing!

Rockin' around the Christmas tree, have a Starry Holiday!

Helping our Veterans have a Blest Holiday, at our VA Gift Shop Days!!

(musical interlude)

We will share that ornamental feeling when we see

Ribbons and Tinsel and Lights a'shinin'

Hugging our Vets with the Gifts we're providing!

Rockin' around the Christmas tree, have a Bulb-lit Holiday!

Helping our Veterans have a Blest Holiday,

at our V (pause) A (pause) Gift (pause) Shooooopp Daaaays!!!





# American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

## *Rhododendron Girls State*

The weather is turning colder and the leaves are changing their colors. What beauty there is in nature! A correction to last month's article the cost of the 2023 Girls State Session will be \$300.00 per citizen.

The 2023 Girls State program will be held June 11 -16, 2023 at Davis & Elkins College in Elkins WV.

Please note with rising costs the registration fee will be \$300 per citizen which will include the cost of the parade t - shirt. Also, those elected to the Board of Public Works will be transported to the State Capital in Charleston to meet the their elected West Virginia counterparts. You are invited to Davis & Elkins on Friday, June 16th for the Inauguration and Graduation Ceremonies. What an amazing opportunity you are providing these young ladies. They become more engaged in leadership, patriotism, and being an informed citizen and formed many new friendships around the state.

We look forward to providing another great and successful session but we need your help! Please contact your school principals and school counselors. Introduce yourself and let them know your contact information and what our program is all about. Start securing the funding now and you may have share sponsorships per citizen.

If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me or your district representative. Wishing everyone a bountiful Thanksgiving!

Lynda Lancaster -Loyd  
Girls State Chairperson



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## *Ways and Means*

There were 14 \$25.00 winners in September, with one winner of the \$200.00 Wednesday. Congratulations to each of you!

Cost for a ticket \$20.00 good for the whole year of 2022! Never too late to purchase a ticket. They make GREAT gifts! Please cash your checks!

NOTICE—Please mail check and stubs to:

Susan Brown  
2172 Grandview Rd  
Moundsville WV 26041

Check Payable to: Ways & Means

Susan Brown  
Linda Crumm

## *September 2022 Ways and Means Winners*

Name	#'s	City	State	Date	\$\$\$
	011			9/01/2022	
George White	121	Belington	WV	9/02/2022	25.00
	795			9/03/2022	
	393			9/05/2022	
Jeff Pike	786	Welch	WV	9/06/2022	25.00
	204			9/07/2022	
Sharon Armentrout	719	Webster Springs	WV	9/08/2022	25.00
Camille Coullen	550	Bluefield	WV	9/09/2022	25.00
Mary Jo Thomas	062	Fairmont	WV	9/10/2022	25.00
Ray Baker	993	Cameron	WV	9/12/2022	25.00
	093			9/13/2022	
Tommy & Sarah Meeks	970	Sistersville	WV	9/14/2022	25.00
	394			9/15/2022	
	891			9/16/2022	
Michael Pearce	368	Severna Park	MD	9/17/2022	25.00
Rosemary Thomas	531	Elkins	WV	9/19/2022	25.00
	753			9/20/2022	
Jason Sorah	476	Princeton	WV	9/21/2022	200.00
	249			9/22/2022	
Miracle J Davis	381	Romney	WV	9/23/2022	25.00
Shannon Harshbarger	058	Huntington	WV	9/24/2022	25.00
ALA Unit #15	681	Parkersburg	WV	9/26/2022	25.00
Judy Letterman	691	Romney	WV	9/27/2022	25.00
	915			9/28/2022	
	915			9/29/2022	
Linda Phillips	556	Cameron	WV	9/30/2022	25.00



Now available  
2023 Ways & Mean tickets  
We'll be happy to mail tickets  
to your unit!!!!  
Remember they make great  
Christmas gifts!

# Nov. 2022

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

		1	2	3	4	5 Commander Hicks' Home- coming Moundsville
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends	7	8 Election Day! 	9	10 	11 	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 	25 Office Closed	26
27	28	29	30			
					<b><i>Programs of Month Public Relations</i></b>	



# “Christmas 365 around the World”



**October 14, 2022**  
**Department Goal— 4935 Membership to Date— 1220**  
**Department Unit 200 Goal—136 Membership to Date— 76**  
**To Date Percentage 24.72%**

## Laura

<b>District 1</b>			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	21	9	42.86%
Moundsville #3	244	76	31.15%
McMechen #5	31	0	0%
Weirton #10	65	4	6.15%
Cameron #18	156	8	5.13%
New Martinsville #28	104	43	41.35%
Wellsburg #34	29	4	13.79%
Follansbee #45	52	2	3.85%
Pine Grove #81	81	0	0%
Paden City #86	90	27	30%
Wheeling #89	22	1	4.55%
Newell #114	16	2	12.5%
Hundred #120	38	0	0%
Chester #121	134	5	3.73%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1083</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>16.71%</b>

<b>District 4</b>			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	402	159	39.55%
Spencer #21	29	6	20.69%
Pt. Pleasant #23	227	19	8.37%
Tyler County #48	42	1	2.38%
Sistersville #67	56	1	1.79%
New Haven #140	143	4	2.80%
Williamstown #159	89	11	12.36%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>20.34%</b>

<b>District 6</b>			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Welch #8	55	1	1.82%
Bluefield #9	31	0	0%
Beckley #32	33	8	24.24%
Gary #38	97	39	40.21%
Cowen #62	23	15	65.22%
Richwood #97	30	11	36.67%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>27.51%</b>



**“Candy Canes”  
 Team  
 Goal—2459  
 To Date— 688  
 27.98%**



**Membership  
 Chairman  
 A Star**



**“Gingerbread”  
 Team  
 Goal—2340  
 To Date 456  
 19.49%**



## Debbie

<b>District 3</b>			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	40	24	60%
Clarksburg #13	43	8	18.60%
Elkins #29	121	33	27.27%
Shinnston #31	248	149	60.08%
Braxton County #33	35	15	42.86%
Bridgeport #68	62	9	14.52%
Belington #96	19	0	0%
Pickens #122	25	0	0%
Morgantown #174	60	17	28.33
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>39.05%</b>

<b>District 5</b>			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Huntington #16	146	43	29.45%
Logan #19	22	0	0%
St. Albans #73	29	3	10.34%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	223	12	5.15%
South Charleston #94	12	1	8.33%
Hamlin #111	47	1	2.13%
Milton #139	57	13	22.81%
Barboursville #177	132	42	31.82%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>17.22%</b>

<b>District 10</b>			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	71	16	22.54%
Franklin #30	22	0	0%
Piedmont #52	20	0	0%
Berkeley Springs #60	182	36	19.78%
Moorefield #64	86	7	8.14%
Charles Town #71	118	57	43.31%
Petersburg #78	78	2	2.56%
Romney #91	174	58	33.33%
Charles Town #102	41	33	80.49%
Paw Paw #128	38	0	0%
Kirby #134	37	13	35.14%
Ridgeley #136	70	13	18.57%
Capon Bridge #137	158	80	50.63%
Keyser #152	43	3	6.98%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1138</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>27.94%</b>

The SPIRIT is emailed to all **Unit Contacts** and any **Unit Officers or member** with an email address, and has asked for the Spirit to be emailed to them.

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