



The Auxiliary Spirit The Auxiliary Spirit



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American Legion Auxiliary 2013-2014 Department President Debbie Fox







Forever "Mindful" Of Our Veterans

Hello WV Gems,

What a crazy month this has been. We've been all over the National Standings chart this last month. West Virginia went from 23rd to 30th and back up to 22nd. Central Division was about the same. We went from 5th to 8th and back up to 5th. Talk about a roller coaster ride. All of this because National's computer system went down and we missed getting credit for over 90 members. All is well, we've bounced back. We have already made the second National Milestone of 70% due February 14th "WAY TO GO WV GEMS"

Right now we have 39 units at the 70% or better and 6 Districts that are the same. We have several units that only need just a few members to be at the 70% target. I hope everyone is keeping track of your challenges and what the pay-off might be and when.

I hope everyone is excited about Midwinter. Our Leadership Chairman, PDP Ann Buchannan has prepared an excellent agenda. Don't forget to get your tickets for the Membership luncheon. Membership Chairman, PDP Sharon Glassford has promised a good time. Of course remember National President Nancy Brown-Park will be our special guest for the weekend.

Last night I participated in a Central Division conference call. It was eye opening to hear that all Departments have similar issues. The one thing that sticks in my mind if your unit is having trouble with membership you should at least have all your officers with paid dues.

For those of you that don't know my daughter-in-law, Specialist Jamie Shultz-Steiner is being deployed to Kuwait February 2th for 12 months. Please remember her, my son and 12 year old grandson, in your prayers.

Until Next Time Keep Those GEMS Coming, Forever Mindful of Our Veterans, Debbie Fox AKA "Diamond Debbie"



Department Officers 2013-2014

President—Debbie Fox
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Chaplain—Tammy Workman
Historian—Ramona Westfall

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1st District—Donna Leek
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4th District—Nancy Sundstrom
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8th District—Mary Bess
9th District—Danielle Hedrick
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9th District—Jeanie Phares
10th District—Michelle Hart

Endorsements for Department Officers

President-Paula Booth
1st Vice Pres.-Susan Wade
2nd Vice Pres.Secretary/Treasurer-Paulette Anderson
ChaplainHistorian-

Endorsements for District Officers

1st Dist. Pres.-Vice Pres.-3rd Dist. Pres.-Vice Pres.-Kathy Hogue 4th Dist. Pres.-Vice Pres-5th Dist. Pres.-Vice Pres.-6th Dist. Pres.-

Vice Pres.-8th Dist. Pres.-Vice Pres.-9th Dist. Pres.-Vice Pres.-10th Dist. Pres.-

Vice Pres.-

Department Headquarters — "Emerald"



Mandatory Funds are Bonding, Department Scholarship, Girls State Project, Veterans 1st Fund, Poppy Order & 10% Poppy Proceeds. Make check payable to Department Treasurer, ALA. **DUE into Department** Headquarters by July 31st to be a Unit in good standing for 2014 year.

Processing Membership:

Make sure your membership is into Department Headquarters by the 15th to be counted for Targets. Please do not carry over credit/debit memos from previous year. Use in current membership year only. I don't need email addresses of members in your unit when they pay dues. This is for your information only. I only need them if they wish to receive the Spirit.

Membership:

All applications must have signature of a Post Officer and if they are a Junior member a Birthdate. The transmittals have the new address on it. They were revised this year, so please look it over and follow directions on filling out. This will save you and me time.

Unit Membership Chairman should check each application to make sure it is filled out completely including City, Post #, State and zip code if eligibility is under a Veteran living before processing into Department Headquarters. If a veteran is living they **must** hold membership in The American Legion.

If a member has paid her 2013 dues she is allowed to transfer to another Unit. If a member hasn't paid her 2014 dues she **must** pay in old unit to transfer I hope this clears up any questions.

MAKE SURE THE POST OFFICER SIGNS APPLICATIONS.

Directory Corrections:

Paula Booth's address should be 2031 River

Page 13 Junior Activities Laura Kilgore has a new phone #: 302-412-9535

Page 21 under 6th District and Page 28 under Gary #38: Marsha Riffe new address: 1295 Orchard Rd. Ballard WV 24918 304-753-5931

unit contact:

mrdr7835@frontier.com

Page 13 under Girls State Director: Michelle Sirbaugh new email: michelle.girlsstate@yahoo.com

Dates To Remember: 2014 Dates

Mid Winter Conference: Feb. 7 th & 8th

> Girls State Week: June 8-13th WJU

Department Convention: July 10, 11, 12th

National Convention: August 22-28, Charlotte NC

Dept. Membership Workshop: September 13th at Days Inn

Rest will be published in September 2014 Spirit.



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Rhododendron Girls State Website: www.wvgirlsstate.org

National Website: alaforveterans.org

TARGET DATES: "MINING FOR GEMS"

August 15—35% **September 15—45%** October 15—55% **November 15—60% December 15—65% January 15—70% February 15—75%** March 15—80% **April 15—85%** May 15—90% June 15—95% July 15—100%

2013-2014 Honorary Junior **Officers**

President—Carlie McCoy #16 1st V. P.. Katie Beth Caudill #16 2nd V. P.—Tavlor Bush #16 Secretary—VACANT Chaplain—Mary Grace Bannon #16 Historian—Brandee Fernandez #15 Sgt. At Arms—Ryleigh Shears #15



Mining For Gems



"Foreman"

Happy New Year Ladies! We can start refreshed and continue on our journey for a Goal Department.

Our National Central Division Vice President, Donna Ray offering words of encouragement: "TEAM CENTRAL HIP HIP HOORAY!!". She wants us to stay positive, strong and she is aware of the job we are doing. She is definitely behind us 100%. She encourages us to continue our goal to Renew, Retain and Recruit. Our Central Division Membership Chairman, Tammy Richardson echo's "Keep up the momentum". I wanted to share these words; so you know there really is other members that care and are working as hard as you are. We really want to meet Goal for President Debbie. I send my articles to Tammy and Donna, so they see what a great job you are doing.

I need for units in single digits to please send ASAP your membership. Ms. Green is not happy without the green \$\$\$\$. YOU MUST HAVE 10 SENIOR MEMBERS.

There are 39 units with the 70% which makes Target #6. TERRIFIC LADIES GREAT JOB!!! Definitely we are headed in the right direction. The reason is we have made the National Milestone for February 14th at 70%. Let's keep it going in staying ahead. Let's get more membership, before National President Nancy arrives, which she will be at Mid-Winter Conference.

Keep doing the outstanding job you are doing, which is excellent!! You are truly Gems. I am proud of all for what have been done and I know what you will be doing. Encourage the Gems that are still waiting.

Remember the Membership Luncheon on Saturday the 8th at 12:00 pm. The cost is \$15.00; send me the form and money ASAP. Remember your challenges and make sure if you aren't attending to give to someone who will be. National President Nancy Brown-Park will be our guest at the luncheon.

Let us remember the Veterans who fought for us. Let's continue increasing our membership so the programs can continue for them. "PASS IT ON".

THANK YOU AGAIN SO MUCH FOR ALL THE HARD WORK YOU ARE DOING.

God Bless America! Sharon Glassford Membership Chairman

"Silver"

Hello Beautiful Rubies!

I am so proud of all Units for working so hard for Membership! All four Districts have reached Target #6! I want to congratulate the following Units that have reached Target #6: Moundsville #3; McMechen #5; Weirton #10; New Martinsville #28; Wellsburg #34; Follansbee #45; Benwood #46; Paden City #86; Newell #14; Chester #121; Parkersburg #15; Spencer #21; Pt. Pleasant #23; Sistersville #67; New Haven #140; Williamstown #159; Welch #8; Beckley #32; Gary #38; Elkins #29; Lewisburg #69; Belington #96; and Pickens #122. Keep up the good work ladies!!

I am really looking forward to Mid-Winter Conference. I hope to see many Units represented!

God Bless America! God Bless Our Troops! God Bless Our Veterans! Susan Wade Dept. 2nd Vice "Prospector Silver"

"Gold"

Dear Sapphires,

Hope all are well and safe after all the weird weather and water issues we've been having. Membership is having its ups and downs also, but we have to look at the Ruby side and give them hearty congratulations for having all 4 Districts and 23 Units meeting Target #6 -- 70%! Now let's show them we can do just as well on Target #7!!

We didn't have a bad month—2
Districts and 16 Units met Target #6.
Hearty Congratulations to DISTRICTS 3
AND 10, UNITS: CLARKSBURG 13,
SHINNSTON 31, BRAXTON COUNTY
33, MANNINGTON 40, JANE LEW 166,
HUNTINGTON 16, MILTON 139,
BARBOURSVILLE 177, SOUTH
CHARLESTON 94, CHARLES TOWN
71, PETERSBURG 78, ROMNEY 91,
KIRBY 134, RIDGELEY 136, CAPON
BRIDGE 137, AND OF COURSE OUR
GOAL UNIT—KEYSER 152!! Great job,
ladies!

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at Mid Winter with envelopes stuffed with renewals to turn in to Paulette. Let's watch her turn dark green and Ms. Diamond Debbie sparkle with even greater brilliance. And remember—Goal is Gold!

Paula Booth

1st Vice President, aka "Prospector Gold"

PROSPECTOR GOLD PAULA BOOTH PROSPECTOR SILVER SUSAN WADE

SAPPHIRES DISTRICT #3 DISTRICT #5 DISTRICT #8 DISTRICT #10 RUBIES
DISTRICT #1
DISTRICT #4
DISTRICT #6
DISTRICT #9







Rubies

First District President

Hello Ladies,

Sorry I have not got anything in the Spirit, but I don't know how to send it on the computer or email. My best way is by mail.

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I know all the units have been busy for the past three months. Know that we are starting a New year and we need to get realy busy with our members new and old. Let's keep the Rubies shining.

Congratulations to all Units and keep up the good work Ladies.

Don't forget to work on our Comfort Items Drive, and the Silent Auction for Mid Winter. It is coming up fast (Feb. 7-8). If you can't make it to the Mid-Winter Conference and need comfort items taken, let me know by the end of January. I will pick it for your Unit.

If I can be of help with anything just call and let me know. Hope to see you all and keep up the good work.

God Bless You All! Donna Leek 1st District President

First District Vice President

Hello Ladies

Good Job Rubies. I hope everyone is ready to get back to work on membership. We are having some bad weather, so get all your hats, gloves, scarfs, and heavy coats out.

We have a Unit that have made Goal, and soon not too far behind. Remember don't hold any dues, send them in if it is just two or three. That way you can make Target.

Keep the Rubies shining. If I can help let me know. Have a good 2014 year. Hope to see you at Mid-Winter Conference.

God Bless You All Carolyn Yoho 1st District Vice President

Sixth District President

Hello Ladies

I would like to start off with saying Happy New Year. Hope everyone survived this snow and zero and under weather that we have been having. I am ready for spring and summer weather it's just not getting here fast enough.

I have not heard from any of the Units on what they are doing but Ladies I am sure you are working hard. I hope everyone is working on membership. I would like to see each Unit a Goal Unit and that would help in making us a Goal District.

Hope to see some of the Ladies at Mid -Winter it is the 7th and 8th of February.

The Gift Shop at the VA Hospital had a nice one thanks to Ruth Kincaid and Kathy Bailey from Unit 32 and Sheila Rose and Judy Chapman from Unit 38. Sorry I could not be in attendance because of prior Dr.'s appointment that could not be changed but I thought about you all.

Will close with this please keep all of our troops in your prayers.

So until next time God Bless, and be safe. Peggy Swartz, President

First District VA & R

All Units in 1st District:

I hope your unit has collected comfort items for the 4 VA hospitals and the WV Veterans Home. If you haven't started yet you have about 3 weeks to get them collected and boxed up.

A favor I am asking, please when you fill our your Comfort Drive Form make a copy and bring to Spring Conference where I can collect them to send my report to our Department Chairman Mary Waybright.

I will also have a form for each Unit at Spring Conference to fill out at the meeting of what you have done for the Veterans in your community and Post. So jot down notes and be prepared to fill out this form.

Let's make 1st District shine with **Rubies** For Our Veterans!!!

Paulette Anderson District V A & R

Fourth District President

Hello Fourth District;

Hope everyone kept warm during the cold spell of freezing weather.

Ladies of Fourth District I am proud to say, we no longer have any 0 Units. We have 6 Units that have made over Target #6 of 70%, Williamstown #159 with 83.14%, Parkersburg #15 with 82.24%, New Haven #140 with 77.71%, Spencer #21 with 75.00%, PT. Pleasant #23 with 74.72%, and Sistersville #67 with 71.50%.

Membership Chairman; you're doing a good job, I am proud of all your hard work, along with every member that has paid their dues. Any member of Tyler County Unit #48 that would like to pay your dues, please contact me at (304)422-1263 or via email at nancy-sund-ala@hotmail.com. I would like to see your unit up in running again. Please call me and let me know how I can help you get your unit back on track.

Remember to bring your comfort items to Mid Winter. I also am hoping to see several ladies from 4th District at Mid Winter Conference. Our National President Nancy Brown-Park will be attending Mid Winter.

See You Then, God Bless! Fourth District President

Ninth District President

Happy New Years to all the ladies of 9th District. As I stand here writing this, I am preparing a meal for the Legionnaires' monthly meeting. It's such a simple gesture that helps to keep the Post and Auxiliary on good terms. With so many different types of individuals working within an organization, its easy to butt heads and step on toes. However, we need to try to put personal feelings to the side because we are supposed to be working for the same cause, supporting our Veterans. The New Year is supposed to bring new beginnings. So I am asking if any Auxiliaries are at odds for whatever reason, with each other or their Post, extend an olive branch. I do hope all of you had a Merry Christmas. I will not be able to attend Mid-Winter in February but I hope 9th District does not go un-represented. Have a great weekend with other members from around the State. Don't forget about the 9th District Spring Conference in May! Until next month Danielle Hedrick



Sapphires

Third District President

Hello Sapphires

I hope everyone is safe and warm and in good health.

I would like to remind everyone that February 7 & 8 is Mid-Winter Conference in Huntington . It would be great if you come. I think you can still get everything you need in the spirit.

On March 8 is 3rd District Conference at Shinnston Post 31.

On Friday March 7 will be Post 13 Birthday Dinner. I hope to see a lot of you at Mid-Winter and 3rd District Conference.

Keep those membership coming. Always remember our Veteran's and their families.

Kathy Hogue 3rd District President

Third District Vice President

Hi Sapphires

I t's just me again! Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays.

The "big freeze" seems to be over and we can start digging for Gems again. We have a new year full of opportunities so lets make the most of them.

Happy digging! Yours in Service Connie Bailey 3rd. Dist. V.P

Eighth District President

The first month of the new year has been something else for all of us here in this District. The weather was the coldest it has been for several years. Then last week the water crisis came for all three Units in our District. All three Units have had the go ahead to flush their systems and start using the water. However, I still do not have the water on in my neighborhood.

I wish to thank American Legion Auxiliary officers and members from all corners of the Department for contacting me offering assistance in this time of crisis. You never know until you experience something like this what it means for your fellow members to step forward to help.

Our Spring Conference will be held at Unit #73 St. Albans on Saturday, March 22nd. Registration starts at 9:00 a.m., \$6.00 per member. Please contact Rose Reese, Lot 54 Quail Ct, Buffalo, WV 25033, ph: 304-937-3621 to let her know how many are coming so the Unit can prepare accordingly. She would appreciate knowing if the Department Officers are coming also.

Again, thank you one and all for your concerns. This is what helps make for a wonderful organization.

I hope all is well with everyone.

Mary Bess President

Tenth District President

Hello Ladies,

2014 has finally arrived and we made it. I hope everyone had a merry Christmas and a safe New Year's celebration. We are now getting into a busy auxiliary season.

Our Mid-Winter Conference is once again in Huntington on February 7th and 8th. In spite of the long drive, we as 10th District members are usually well represented. If you are able to attend this event you will find that it is both fun and informative. So, please try to come down for the meetings and also for the networking and friendship that occurs at the conference. In addition, we have a special guest coming this year. Our National President Nancy Brown-Park will be our Distinguished Guest. President Brown-Park is from California and is coming to enjoy our West Virginia hospitality, and we can't forget our fine, early-February weather.

The oratorical contest season is starting up. In our District, Robbie Robinson is in charge of it and it is always well represented by students from around the District. If you know of a student who you think would do well in this contest, please get him or her to enroll. And, when the contest happens please come and be a guest in the audience. In spite of all the publicity in the news about the sorry state of America's youth, you will see that we still have some of the best and brightest high school students in the world.

Finally, we are starting to ramp up for the 2014 Girls' State program in June. Please help your Unit's committee member find eligible young ladies and the money to send them to the program. This is a program that will benefit every attendee for a lifetime. And again, if you can volunteer they can probably use your help.

I will see you at the Mid-Winter Conference.

Quote of the Month: "Life is not about surviving the storms, but about learning to dance in the rain", Anonymous

Lisa Turner 10th District President

Membership!!

Membership!!!

Go Membership!!!

Chaplain

Hello Ladies;

I'm sure you are already doing this but I wanted to say it anyway. The winter season here makes it very difficult for our veterans and auxiliary members who are homebound. Please remember them, and try to check in with those you know, who may not have family close by. We are their Legion-Auxiliary family and we should make time to do this small thing.

If you have sentiments or prayers you wish to share for the Department prayer book please send them to me.

Also remember to report any deceased members to your District and Department chaplains.

I'll see you at Mid-Winter Conference. Tammy Workman Chaplain



Historian

Hello To All Gems!

The holidays are over and Mid-Winter is just around the corner. It is time now to start accumulating for your end of year reports. Please I encourage all Units and Districts to send in your History Report. The deadline for National is June 1, 2014. Please have your report to me by May 1, 2014 or shortly after.

Don't forget about the Veterans History Book, and if any Junior Chairman is doing a Veterans History Book please let me know at monygal2000@yahoo.com

Ramona Westfall
Department Historian/Turquoise

Leadership

As we deal with the winter weather, I hope that the units of the American Legion Auxiliary in West Virginia are also working completing the Leadership Course with their members. I would like to hear from any unit that has started the course letting me know what you are doing. I know that some units are doina is over several months (meetings) by breaking the course into smaller parts and completing 20+ questions each session and some are doing it is one session. Both methods will work, but I hope that your units is working on LEADERSHIP.

Remember, we are all leaders even if we are not an officer. There are times that we are the leader of a group working on a project (event). It is our responsibility to teach those that follow us, the proper way to get the job done and meet the needs of our veterans. Each unit member has the responsibility to be a leader to those we talk to, work with, or contact by any means. Each of us is a LEADER.

L -- let everyone know about the American Legion Auxiliary

E – enjoy the benefits of the American Legion Auxiliary

A – always be willing to help our veterans

D – do not blame someone else when a job is not completed

E – everyone can be part of the solution to any problem

R – remember to always say "Please" and "Thank you"

S – share your time with others

H – help those who are in need

I -- illustrate how to be a good member by sharing your knowledge

P – plan your time and you will find time to do all you want to do

I hope to see many of you at Midwinter Conference in Huntington on February 7-8. You will have the opportunity to get answers to any questions about our programs and find new ways to participate in the available programs. We will be honored to have our National President with us for Midwinter.

Ann C. Buchanan Leadership Chairman

Legislative

Happy New Year!!

How easy is it to write about legislation matters, very, go to http://Capwiz.com/ legion.home/ which is an easy way for you to take action. It lists the current action alerts that need addressed. This site sets up a letter that is sent to the U.S. President, Your U.S. Senators, and Your U.S. Representatives. It allows you to edit the letter to your liking, allows you to send the letter by email, which by a click of a button is done for you or allows you to print the letter. All you need to do is enter your name, email address, and mailing address. Easy enough all of us should be writing about veteran's benefits and to help our nation's veterans. You can even sign help to receive emails when there is an Action Alert that needs attention.

Did you know the American Legion played a role in developing VA Claims, Operations and Records Efficiency (CORE) Act which has now become a law? Legislation directs DOD to begin transferring medical records to the VA. An example of how our letters helps the American Legion Legislators.

Lisa Cadwallader Legislative Chairman

Poppy

I hope everyone is feeling fine. It has been a bad year for the flu.

In just 3 short weeks it will be Mid-Winter. I am looking forward to seeing the pictures of the Poppy Projects every Unit has been working on. Please remember to bring an 8x10 color picture of your project. Voting will be by pennies and the proceeds will go to the Welfare Fund.

I hope all Units have ordered their Poppies for the 2014 year. These will be used for your Poppy Day. Please try and schedule one for the spring.

I hope to see everyone at Mid-Winter, barring we do not get a heavy snow. If you need my help,

please call or e-mail me at: carlajwilfong@yahoo.com

call me at 304-592-0247 or 304-592-2186.

Carla Wilfong Poppy Chairman.

National Security

Community Emergency Response Team
At this time would like to Thank
American Legion Auxiliary Department
President Debbie, Department Secretary
Paulette, and anyone that was involved
during the water crisis in the Charleston
area and the southern part of West Virginia.
As Auxiliary members our first concern is
our members, with our prayers and our
donations in time of need. There are still
people without water. But our units have
been contacted and there is no problem with
them they are all ok as we know. I would
like a list of Donations that was sent to

them given to me if possible. Thank You.

Welcome-Home Events
Units can greet service members and families as they deploy and/or return from a deployment. These opportunities can also connect units with military families in hopes of supporting families,
Our members do helpful things such as collecting coupons and sending them to overseas commissaries, hosting warm send-off and welcome-home events for our troops, providing service members with pocket flags, and showing the gratitude of our nation by providing military families with Blue Star and Gold Star Banners.
Hope to see lots of Units at Mid-Winter

May God Bless Our Veterans and America Patricia Moore National Security American Legion Auxiliary 2014
Juniors'
6th Mid Winter Meeting
Pullman Plaza
Huntington WV

Friday's Agenda:

3:00-5:00 pm-Possible trip to the VAMC and/or VA Home

Saturday's Agenda:

8:15-9:00 am- Registration

9:00-11:30 am- Service Project

11:30- 1:00 pm- LUNCH (on own)

1:00-3:00 pm?- TBD

Mid Winter Meeting Forms are on Website to print off and fill out. Please bring with you. Registration \$10.00

Rhododendron Girls State

2014 is in full swing and so should your Units for the 2014 American Legion Auxiliary's Rhododendron Girls Sate session.

Once again this year, we will be using the online Orientation before the girls can do their Registration. Please make sure you have an orientation to cover any questions that the citizens, parents and sponsors may have.

Registrar Ann Buchanan will be passing out Unit packets on Saturday at Mid-Winter for the 2014 Girls State Session. If your Unit did not submit your GS Chairman's name to Secretary Paulette Anderson then your packet will be addressed to your Unit President.

Again, this year's cost is \$200.00 per citizen. Individuals can not pay for a citizens' registration but may make a donation to their local unit.

If I can be of further assistance please don't hesitate to contact me or your District representative.

Lynda Lancaster Chairman Rhododendron Girls State



Community Service

Hello Everyone

I'm sure you all had a very active and productive holiday season, making sure our veterans and children have a warm and welcoming holiday means so much to them and to us.

I hope while you are out doing your community services that you are also working on membership. It's always a perfect opportunity to gain new members and renew those who fell behind. If you need extra help you can always ask people you know that have kids in high school. Those students need so many credits, doing community services, to graduate. So by asking them, and gaining parental permission, you get the help you need, they get the credits they need, and you just may end up gaining a bunch of new members if the whole family decided to join the American Legion Family.

I'll see you at the Mid-Winter Conference Tammy Workman Community Service

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448-2394

8th Dist. — Mary Bess 215 N. Pinch Road Elkview, WV 25071 965-3192

9th Dist. — Paula Booth RR1 Box 222 Belington WV 26250 823-3251

10th Dist.— Lynda Lancaster PO Box 1037 Ranson WV 25438 676-3979 1st Dist. — Jill McCallister 205 Grant Ave Moundsville WV 26041 845-5928

3rd Dist. — Mary Jo Thomas RR6 Box 232 Fairmont WV 26554

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

5th Dist.— Katena Karnes 721 10th Ave Huntington WV 25701 525-5634

Children and Youth

Hello Ladies

I would like to tell you a story that touched my heart because I know the little girl involved. One of the girls I work with told me something that had happen to her grand daughter last Wednesday. The girl I work with her name is Deb, her and her husband watch there grand daughters until there parents get home. Her husband got her off the school bus and noticed her head down. He didn't think anything about it until he got home and said to Deb I think she been crying. So Deb asked her what was wrong and she said that the school bus driver seat the kids and she sits between two boys. These two boys are brothers and started to pick on her and call her name. Deb said this has been going on for sometime. Deb ask her did you say or do anything to get them started, she said no nana.

Deb said maybe the boys didn't know any better. I said that the parents should be teaching them. Deb said she talked to her daughter-in-law and she was going to talk to the bus driver.

This story took me back to Fall Workshop and the bullying poster's the Juniors made against bullying. I felt so bad for this little girl because I know her. I am not sure what we can do but something has to be done to shop bullying. Kathy Hogue

C&Y Co-Chairman



Public Relations

Happy New Year to everyone let us all work together to make it a great one for the American Legion Auxiliary and the American Legion Family.

Listed here are some news articles from National please Pass It On. Units keep your members informed and let your community know what you are doing. The American Legion Auxiliary In the Know.

Washington DC Conference: Open for all ALA members to attend

The American Legion Auxiliary's legacy of service has great impact when we show up in great numbers. Step up and be part of the annual Washington DC Conference! Hear from our nation's leaders about key issues. Join The American Legion Family in advocating for our veterans and military on Capitol Hill. Meet your members of Congress in their Washington DC offices so they see who we are, what we do and why we matter. We'll be armed with information so our collective voice will be strong!

Encourage students to apply for Auxiliary scholarships; deadline March 1 Time and again we hear about the difference an American Legion Auxiliary scholarship has made in a person's life, providing unimagined experiences and opening up a world of opportunities. The Auxiliary supports a number of scholarship programs that benefit veterans, the children of our veterans, and the members of the organizations within The American Legion Family.

ALA members and volunteers step up to advance the mission! Our annual volunteer service is worth \$1.85 BILLION! This past year:

- · Volunteered more than 8 million hours in mission service, with 6.6 million hours dedicated to serving veterans at home, in hospitals, and in shelters; and helping 3/4 million active-duty military families
- Raised and donated nearly \$36 million for mission service, with more than \$5 million raised from poppy program donations, nearly \$3 million awarded in scholarships, and \$1.8 million spent aiding military families

THAT'S IMPACT!

For more information on any of these please visit the website at www.ALAforVeterans.org.

Thanks, See you in the Newsssssssssssssss!

Vickie Luttrell,

Public Relations Chairman

Spring Conferences

March 8th April 26th 3rd District 6th District Shinnston Post #31 Joint Bluefield Unit #9

March 22nd 8th District St. Albans Unit #73

April 5th 10th District Berkeley Springs Post #60 Joint

April 13th

4th District Pt. Pleasant Post #23 Joint April 27th 1st District

Paden City Unit #86

May 3rd 5th District

Huntington Post #16 Joint

May 17th 9th District Pickens Post #122

Addresses and/or directions will be published closer to meeting dates

December 2013 Ways & Means Winners

Winner	Number	City	State	Date		Amount
Kathryn Martin	247	Burnsville	MD	12/2/2013	\$	25.00
Edna Rubin	414	Prosperity	WV	12/3/2013	\$	25.00
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Marge Walton	108	Wheeling	WV	12/5/2013	\$	25.00
Judy Ferrebee	604	Paden City	WV	12/6/2013	\$	25.00
Aiden Kidwiler	603	Points	WV	12/7/2013	\$	25.00
ALA Unit #60	910	Berkeley Springs	WV	12/9/2013	\$	25.00
Mary Ann Myers	043	Glen Dale	WV	12/10/2013	\$	25.00
Mary Thorn	252	Chester	WV	12/11/2013	\$	25.00
	777			12/12/2013		
Minnie Grouse	302	Berkeley Springs	WV	12/13/2013	\$	25.00
Frank Nicholson	347	Shinnston	WV	12/14/2013	\$	25.00
Sandy Schafer	620	Wheeling	WV	12/16/2013	\$	25.00
Past Presidents Club	787	Mineral Wells	WV	12/17/2013	\$	25.00
Dianne Roll	256	Jacksonburg	WV	12/18/2013	\$	200.00
Jana Turner	514	Paden City	WV	12/19/2013	\$	25.00
	192			12/20/2013		
Percy Sinclair	908	Wheeling	WV	12/21/2013	\$	25.00
Mary Spence	907	Welch	WV	12/23/2013	\$	25.00
	081			12/24/2013		
Jeffrey Kidwiler	734	Vienna	WV	12/25/2013	\$	25.00
Sally Reid	969	Capon Bridge	WV	12/26/2013	\$	25.00
	884			12/27/2013		
Lacey Scheuvront	737	Lumberport	WV	12/28/2013	\$	25.00
ALA Unit #18	970	Cameron	WV	12/30/2013	\$	25.00
	909			12/31/2013		

2014 Ways & Means

It is time to sell more Ways-n-Means Tickets.

I appreciate all of the hard work everyone has done already.

Stay warm and I will see all you gems at Mid-Winter Conference.

Next month starts the new year for "winners". If you have tickets to send in send them as soon as you can so they can be eligible the drawings.

See you at Mid-Winter Conference. I will have tickets there to purchase, or give out to Units.

God Bless Rhonda Best Ways n Means

2013 Ways & Means

Thank you all for your support of the Department Fundraiser over the past year. This money helps to support our Veteran Programs here is West Virginia. Please continue to support this program by buying or help selling tickets for the 2014 year.

I have enjoyed working with you all on this program over the past 2 years. Keep up all the great work you all do in your communities and for our Veterans.

Mary Rose Yoho 2013 Ways & Means Chairman



West Virginia Veterans Home Donation List

While we always appreciate ALL donations, there are some things our Veterans need more than others... If you have questions, please call 304-736-1027.

For the Recreation Dept.

Cash/Check Donations TTA Bus Tickets (\$5 increments) Adopt-A-Care Package Program Tickets to Sporting Events NFL/NASCAR/Baseball Items Gift Cards (ex. Wal-Mart) International Phone Cards Movie Passes Camping & Fishing Equipment Sporting & Exercise Equipment Archery Arrows & Pool Cuos Remote control cars & planes Bookshelves Oil/ Acrylic Paints & Brushes Hand Tools & Craft Supplies Darts and Dart Supplies Small Folding Tables Digital Picture Frames DVD Players Metal Detectors Movies & Music Surge Protectors Individually Wrapped Snacks Individual Microwave Popcom Individual Hot Chocolate Coffee, Creamer, & Tea Bags Carden Items (Pots & Plants) Holiday Decorations Snuffle Board Table Magazine Subscriptions Bottled water & Gatorade

We are seeking sponsors for future field trips & Sponsors for Care Packages to our troops overseas-(\$12.50 each)

For the Veterans

Pen Pals Cologne Body Wash Bar Soap Cases Hand Sanitizer Shoelaces. Hats, Gloves, & Jackets Combo Shampoo & Conditioner Hand & 3ody Lotion Sewing & Eyeglass Repair Kits Wallets & Watches Batteries (AA, AAA, c, & d) Laundry Detergent Dryer Sheets Radios/CD Players TV Sets & DVD Players Clock Radios! Alarm Clocks Bedside Lamps Laundry Bags Men's Pocket T-Shirts, esp. XXL/ XXXL sizes Diabetic Socks Men's Underwear, Pajamas Sweat Pants & Shirts Depends (All sizes) Plants (indoor) Pillows & Twin Sheets Musical Instruments Guitar Strings & Musics

Here is a suggested listing of items needed for veterums at the Yeserans Home in Barboursville. This facility is different then the VAMC Hospitals. Veterans live here in this facility-their needs are different IF any questions contact the at rawaybright@vahoo.com or call 304-736-6484

Coffee Mues

Cards & Board Games

Mary Waybright, VAMC Chairman

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Our Mid Winter Conference is drawing near, and I am counting on Units, Posts, and Squadrons to supply much needed comfort and other items for our veterans, in our veterans hospitals, and state nursing and veterans home. Don't forget to place a copy of the form that was in an earlier spirit on the box or write on a blank sheet Unit name. Number and Who is in charge of program in unit. List what's in box/s and cost of total donation, (or individual box if you prefer).

If for some reason no one is attending Mid-Winter from your unit or you would prefer to take donated items to your nearest veterans hospital please deliver and send me a sheet that has a listing of items delivered and their cost.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the comfort item drive you assistance would be appreciated. My understanding is we will have help with the comfort item drive from our National President Nancy Brown-Park.

Don't forget—I am counting on Hospital Chairmen to take charge of having someone lined up to take the boxed Items back to your VA hospital.

See you next month, Mary Waybright V A & R Chairman





MEMBERSHIP 2013-2014

"MINING FOR GEMS"

Target #6—January 15th 70.00% Total to Date — 5642 (72.25%) 2014 National Goal — 7809 Headquarters Unit #200 — 79

District 1			
Unit	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	13	NEW	
Moundsville #3	308	222	72.08%
McMechen #5	52	52	100.00%
Weirton #10	77	64	83.12%
Cameron #18	212	141	66.51%
New Martinsville #28	141	117	82.98%
Wellsburg #34	25	20	80.00%
Follansbee #45	53	44	83.02%
Benwood #46	105	79	73.83%
Pine Grove #81	79	51	64.56%
Paden City #86	114	101	88.60%
Wheeling #89	30	16	53.33%
Newell #114	43	32	74.42%
Hundred #120	109	70	64.22%
Chester #121	170	125	73.53%
TOTALS	1531	1134	74.70%

District 4			
Unit	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	901	74	82.24%
Spencer #21	64	48	75.00%
Pt Pleasant #23	352	263	74.72%
Tyler County #48	16	1	6.25%
Sistersville #67	193	138	71.50%
Parkersburg #104	21	7	33.33%
New Haven #140	166	129	77.71%
Williamstown #159	172	143	83.14%
TOTALS	1885	1463	77.62%

District 6			
Unit	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Welch #8	85	65	76.47%
Bluefield #9	34	23	67.65%
Beckley #32	31	27	87.10%
Gary #38	71	64	90.14%
Beckley #70	12	0	
TOTALS	233	179	80.96%

District 9			
Unit	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Elkins #29	206	148	71.84%
Cowen #62	61	36	59.02%
Lewisburg #69	76	63	82.89%
Belington #96	30	25	83.33%
Richwood #97	24	5	20.83%
Pickens #122	26	23	88.46%
TOTALS	423	302	71.39%



Goal—-4059 To Date—3076

(75.78%)





Goal—3557

To Date—2487

(69.92%)

January 15th

District 3			
Unit	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
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Buckhannon #7	66	46	69.70%
Grafton #12	25	1	4.00%
Clarksburg #13	134	125	93.28%
Shinnston #31	302	241	79.80%
Braxton Cty. #33	33	25	75.76%
Mannington #40	21	18	85.71%
Philippi #44	49	28	57.14%
Bridgeport #68	59	29	49.15%
Jane Lew #166	41	29	70.73%
Morgantown #174	17	NEW	
TOTALS	747	542	72.56%

District 5			
Unit	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Huntington #16	295	213	78.31%
Logan #19	19	11	57.89%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	460	252	54.78%
Hamlin #111	53	32	60.38%
Milton #139	83	62	74.70%
Barboursville #177	151	112	74.17%
TOTALS	1061	682	64.28%

District 8			
Unit	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Charleston #20	55	30	54.55%
St Albans #73	91	53	58.24%
South Charleston #94	21	18	85.71%
TOTALS	167	101	60.48%

District 10	1		
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Unit	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	161	96	59.63%
Franklin #30	19	9	47.37%
Piedmont #52	44	20	45.45%
Berkeley Springs #60	250	173	69.20%
Moorefield #64	125	85	68.00%
Charles Town #71	230	196	85.22%
Petersburg #78	79	72	91.14%
Romney #91	276	195	70.65%
Charles Town #102	19	11	57.89%
Paw Paw #128	71	45	63.38%
Kirby #134	52	44	84.62%
Ridgeley #136	108	79	73.15%
Capon Bridge #137	114	94	82.46%
Keyser #152	40	43	107.50%
TOTALS	1587	1162	73.17%

How to Be an Effective Auxiliary Parliamentarian

> BE IMPARTIAL - The parliamentarian is much like an official in a game. She is to be impartial and make sure everyone plays by the rules. Similarly, as the official does not play the game, the parliamentarian does not exercise the same rights as a member. She does not make motions, debate, or vote, except by ballot.

>KNOW THE RULES - Just as a referee must know the rules of the game, a parliamentarian must know the rules of the organization and of the parliamentary authority. As the size of the group increases, so must the depth of knowledge of the parliamentarian. A Department parliamentarian must know and understand bylaws, standing rules, and parliamentary procedure much better than a Unit parliamentarian.

>PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENT - The president appoints the parliamentarian for her knowledge and skills, not as an honor or special appointment for a friend. The parliamentarian should be someone reliable and trusted to provide accurate advice for everyone on both sides of an issue. The president and parliamentarian should have a good working relationship.

>VARIED ROLES - The parliamentarian has a variety of duties before and during meetings with members, committees, officers, and boards. The goal is for the business to be handled properly and smoothly.

>DUTIES BEFORE A MEETING - Review the agenda with the president to be familiar with the business and possible problems that may arise. Review the bylaws and standing rules of the organization. Work with any committee members who request assistance in preparing reports for the meeting.

>DUTIES DURING A MEETING - Preparatory work before the meeting should reduce the work necessary during the meeting. The parliamentarian should arrive early to counsel as needed. Have a copy of the governing documents at the meeting. Keep track of the motions to assist the presiding officer. Be as inconspicuous as possible. Provide advice when requested and communicate with the president tactfully and discreetly. Remain impartial and be prepared to cite references if needed. Be available after the meeting for further counsel.

>DUTIES FOR A CONVENTION - The duties of the parliamentarian for a convention include those

listed for meetings. Also be prepared to advise convention committees such as resolutions, credentials, rules, and elections. Review the script with the presiding officer. Stay focused, steady, patient, and fair.

>PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY- Any organization requires rules of operation. The most important should be the hardest to change. Typically these include Corporate Charter, Constitution and/or Bylaws, Rules of Order such as Robert's Rules, and Standing Rules. The Charter, Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules are written specifically for a given organization. Those rules take precedence in governance. On matters not specifically addressed in those documents, the Rules of Order specified in the Bylaws are the parliamentary authority. This is usually the most recent edition Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised. A parliamentarian should spend time studying these rules.

>HELP MEMBERS LEARN - During your year of service as parliamentarian also consider working

with members to educate them in parliamentary procedure. This can be as you counsel them in their roles or teach lessons to further develop their knowledge and skills.

>DEVELOP YOUR KNOWLEDGE - Good parliamentarians are always learning their craft. Invest in your knowledge. Resources are available through Emblem Sales, through parliamentary associations, and online.

Dede Kelly Constitution & Bylaws



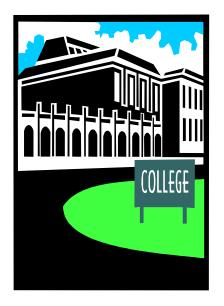
Its time for Scholarship information. It's to long and complicated to put it all on here, so please go to www.alaforveterans.org or Dept. website www.wvaux.org to get all the info you need to get to the schools.

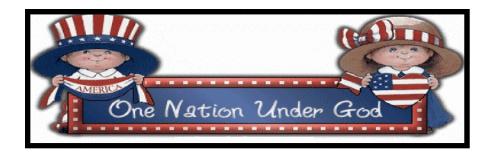
Call your school counselors and give them the e-mail addresses and make sure they have what they need.

I am hoping and praying that more than 20% of you will do this. I am hoping to get more applications than last year.

Remember the eligibility for the Department Scholarship has changed. This hopefully will give us more entries.

Roxie Nicholson Education Chaplain





SUPPORT VETERANS—DONATE TO SILENT AUCTION

It's time for the Mid-Winter Department Conference and President Debbie Fox is excited about the Silent Auction being held on February 8, 2014. Debbie is very excited that National President Nancy Brown-Park will be visiting West Virginia during the Mid-Winter Conference. She hopes that Units and members will show National President Nancy Brown-Park how much we care about our veterans.

Please donate hand-crafted items, new items, and you may "regift" those Christmas gifts that you did not want or need.

Suggestions are:
an afghan, a scarf, gloves
a quilt, placemats, pillow, embroidered tablecloth
a piece of ceramics, stained glass
baked goods—delicious breads, homemade candy, jellies, etc.
wreaths, flower arrangement, etc.
special baskets—Valentine, sports, kitchen, etc.
piece(s) of jewelry
Blenko glass or Fiesta ware
a NEW item

If you cannot attend the Mid-Winter Conference, send your items with someone from your Post or Unit. If no person is attending from your area, you may ship items to the Silent Auction Chairman Shirley Davis, 1524 Sycamore Street, Kenova, WV 25530.

There will be a raffle of one packaged item again this year.

Those attending should bring items to the Saturday morning session to be displayed for bidding.

American Legion Auxiliary Department of West Virginia

Comfort Item Drive

UNIT/POST/SQUADRON #	
LOCATION	
PERSON IN CHARGE	
ADDRESS	
ITEMS DONATED	 <u>.</u>
VALUE OF DONATION \$	

**** turn this form in with your donation or tape to your box (s) of donations. Make sure your name is on box so can be given credit of donation.

THANK YOU,

Mary Waybright Department VA & R Chairman





American Legion Auxiliary Department of West Virginia





February 2014

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2	3	4	5	6 Office Closed Leave For Mid-Winter	7 Mid Winter	8 Conference
9	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Mail Call	15 Target #7 75%
16	17 Presidents Day	18	19	20 Spirit Out	21 Hospital Checks	22 Washington Birthday
23	24	25	26	27	28 Mail Call	

Membership Luncheon

February 8, 2014 12:00 pm.

Pullman Hotel Huntington WV

Cost—— \$15.00

Menu
Pullman's Club on Texas Toast
(ham, turkey, bacon, lettuce, tomato and American cheese)
Homemade Potato Chips, Chef's Choice of Dessert
Coffee-Regular and Decaf
Iced Tea/Water

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You may complete a fillable Pre-registration form on-line, www.wvlegion.org



33rd Annual Mid-Winter Conference American Legion Auxiliary Conference Program Pullman Plaza Hotel, Huntington WV

Friday, February 7, 2014 3 - 7 P.M. Registration
2:00 P.M. Girls State Executive Board Meeting
3:00 P.M. Policy and Procedures
7:00 P.M. Opening Joint Session. Grand Theatre
9:00 P.M. Socialization
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Saturday, February 8, 2014
8 A.M Noon Registration
8:00 A.M. Silent Auction Opens. Mezzanine Level
8:30 A.M. Opening Session & Introductions
Call to Order Debbie Fox, Department President
Advancement of Colors
Prayer
Moment of Silence
Pledge of Allegiance
National Anthem
Preamble of Constitution
8:45 A.M. Chapel-4-Chaplains
9:10 A.M. Questions & Answers
10:00 A. M. Girls State: New Information
10:45 A.M. Poppy Contest
10:55 A.M. Silent Auction
11:00 A. M. Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
11:05 A.M. Ways & Means
11:10 A.M. Juniors
11:15 A.M. Membership
The First Famous of France
11:30 A.M. **********************************
12:00 P.M. Membership Luncheon "Mining For Gems" Sharon Glassford, Chairman Ohio Room 1:30 P.M. Reconvene——Guest Speaker:
National President
Nancy Brown Park
Department of California
Leadership Tools, Duties of Unit Officers, Back to Basics, Sr. & Jr. Leadership Courses Ann Buchanan
3:30 P. M. Silent Auction Closes
Reports from Poppy Contest, Silent Auction, Comfort Items
Announcements
Benediction
Retirement of Colors
Adjournment
4:00 P.M. Joint Chapel Service & Post Everlasting
6:00 P.M. Reception
9:00 P.M. Karaoke/Music

"Comfort Item" Room	Huntington Room
"Silent Auction"	Mezzanine Level
"Poppy Contest"	Mezzanine
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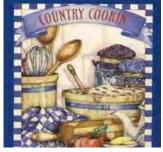
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