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Debbie Fox



## Forever "Mindful" Of Our Veterans

Hello WV GEMS,

OK, I give, enough snow already. I believe someone is praying for snow and if so could you please STOP. I'm sure you've all heard "Neither rain, snow, sleet nor dark of night, Will keep a mail carrier from their intended route." We've had so much snow one day no mail even came to our office from Baltimore. So much for that old tail. At least we didn't get the weather for Midwinter that Al Roker, from NBC News, was forecasting.

I want to thank PDP Ann Buchannan, Leadership Chairman, for her inspiring program. Also, to the Department Chairmen that assisted in the conference, I'm extremely grateful.

Of course the highlight of the conference was having National President Nancy Brown Park, from the Department of California, with us for the weekend. Brown Park spoke about some of her travels since becoming National President in August 2013. She also shared her policy on national dress code.

I would like to express my appreciation to our entire membership team, from unit, District, and Department. You're doing an amazing job putting West Virginia on top. The past couple of weeks we've been all over the National Standings. We were thirtieth in National and eighth in Central Division but, now twentieth and fifth. We're on the come back trail. WAY TO GO TEAM!!

Right after returning home from Midwinter I received conformation, CDNVP Donna Ray will be attending Girls State this June. When asked why my answer is she isn't available during our convention in July and she really wants to visit West Virginia. I haven't worked out the details of her visit but will publish in SPIRIT and Mail Call, when completed.

I'll be packing my bags soon for the 2014 Washington DC Conference but before then I'll be attending soon Birthday Dinners and Spring Conferences. Hope to see you in your part of the state.

Forever Mindful of Our Veterans,  
Department President  
Debbie Fox AKA "Diamond Debbie"

PS: Daughter-in-law, Specialist Jamie Shultz Steiner was deployed February 2, 2014, is doing as good as she can without her husband, Lance and son, Dae.

Thank you all for asking.



### Department Officers 2013-2014

President—Debbie Fox  
1st Vice President—Paula Booth  
2nd Vice President—Susan Wade  
Sec/Treas.—Paulette Anderson  
Chaplain—Tammy Workman  
Historian—Ramona Westfall

### District Presidents 2013-2014

1st District—Donna Leek  
3rd District—Kathy Hogue  
4th District—Nancy Sundstrom  
5th District—Beth Kilgore  
6th District—Peggy Swartz  
8th District—Mary Bess  
9th District—Danielle Hedrick  
10th District—Lisa Turner

### District Vice Presidents 2013-2014

1st District—Carolyn Yoho  
3rd District—Connie Bailey  
4th District—Donna Underwood  
5th District—Mary Waybright  
6th District—Rita Alley  
8th District—Rose Reese  
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  
Chaplain—Ramona Westfall  
Historian—

### Endorsements for District Officers

1st Dist. Pres.—Donna Leek  
Vice Pres.—Carolyn Yoho  
3rd Dist. Pres.—Connie Bailey  
Vice Pres.—Kathy Hogue  
Carla Wilfong  
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 June 10th to be a Delegate for Department Convention, or July 31st to be a Unit in good standing.**

## Processing Membership:

Make sure your membership is into Department Headquarters by the **15th** to be counted for Targets.

## Membership:

All applications must have signature of a **Post Officer** and if they are a **Junior member a Birthdate**. **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. **They must have their membership paid for 2014 to transfer out to another unit.**

**UNIT MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN:** It is your responsibility to make sure the membership is sent to Department in a timely manner. I have received several phone calls from members who have received a 2nd Dues notice, and their membership dues were paid, but not processed into Department. They were very upset over this.

**MAKE SURE THE POST OFFICER SIGNS APPLICATIONS.**

**UNIT CONTACTS:** If you don't print Spirit off for the Unit President, then in order for her to receive the Spirit, your Unit need to pay \$16.00 for a year's subscription, starting with the August Issue.

## **Directory Corrections:**

**Page 19:** Logan Unit #19 President: Gladys Blevins, PO Box 94, Ethel WV 25076, 304-785-3440. All else is the same.

**Page 11:** Secretary/Treasurer address change : 1251 Doolin Run Road, New Martinsville WV 26155-7808

**Page 25:** New Martinsville Unit #28 email contact has been changed to: twilliams\_65@hotmail.com

## **Department Convention:**

Forms are in the Spirit for reservations,

and advertising.

Remember: you register through the Auxiliary by credentials for Dept. Convention. **DON'T SEND INTO LEGION HEADQUARTERS UNLESS YOU ARE A GUEST.**

## *Dates To Remember: 2014 Dates*

*Year End Reports Due  
April 15, 2014*

*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.*

## *Membership Challenges:*

**1st to 10th:** Highest % of REJOIN members by 2/15/2014. Loser gets item to raffle @ winner's District. Conference.

**1st District=11, 10th District=10.**

**10th to 1st:** Highest % of NEW members by June 15th. Loser donates \$25.00 to Presidents' Special Project "Bonnie's Bus" in winning District's name.

**6th to 8th:** Highest % of REJOIN members by Spring Conference. \$20.00 to Presidents Special Project "Bonnie's Bus".

**8th to 6th:** Highest % of NEW members by Spring Conference. \$20.00 to President's Special Project "Bonnie's Bus".

**3rd to 9th:** Highest % members by June 30th. \$10.00 to President's Special Project "Bonnie's Bus".

**9th to 3rd:** Highest % of PAID members by Jan. 15th. \$25.00 to Dept. Welfare Fund. 3rd District: **72.56%**; 9th District: **71.39%**.

**3rd District Won.**

## DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

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Auxiliary website: **www.wvvaux.org**

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.—**Taylor Bush #16**

Secretary—**VACANT**

Chaplain—**Mary Grace Bannon #16**

Historian—**Brandee Fernandez #15**

Sgt. At Arms—**Ryleigh Shears #15**



# Mining For Gems



## "Foreman"

Hello ladies:

By now I would say everybody has had their fill of SNOW.

Thank you so much for all the great work for membership. We still have ways to go but I know all of you can.

Looking over the 15th target date; I need to have District V.Pres. to call the Presidents please and see if they need your help. I do know it is hard this last leg. You have made it this far. Make sure you check with your Prospector Silver and Gold. The following units are at 75% or higher. **Prospector Gold Territory: Clarksburg #13, Shinnston #31, Braxton #33, Mannington #40, Jane Lew #166.**

**Huntington #16, Ceredo-Kenova #93, Milton #139, Barboursville #177. South Charleston #94.**

**Martinsburg #14, Berkeley Springs # 60, Moorefield #64, Charles Town #71, Petersburg # 78, Romney #91, Kirby #134, Capon Bridge #137, and Keyser #152.**

**Prospector Silver: Moundsville #3, McMechen #5, Weirton #10, Cameron #18, New Martinsville #28, Wellsburg #34, Follansbee #45, Benwood #46, Pine Grove #81, Paden City #86, Newell #114, Chester #121, Parkersburg #15, Spencer #21, Pt. Pleasant #23, New Haven #140, Williamstown # 159, Welch #8, Bluefield #9, Beckley #32, Gary #38, Elkins #29, Lewisburg #69, Belington #96, and Pickens #122. This is so great and awesome!!!! Congratulation.**

**Prospector Gold and Silver please have you and the District Vice Pres. ; check on the units. We can get them for next target date I know. Some of the units are very close. District #3: Buckhannon #7, Grafton #12, Philippi #44, and Bridgeport #68.**

**District #5: Logan #19, and Hamlin #111.**

**District #8: Charleston #20, and St. Albans #73.**

**District #1: Wheeling #89, and Sistersville #67.**

**District #9: Cowen # 62.**

**Next Target is March 15: Let's get application, renewal into Paulette, AKA Ms. Emerald ASAP. Remember your Challenges.**

**Keep up the great work and continue to look at the accomplishments you have in getting membership so far.**

**Thank You again for your Volunteer Work.**

**God Bless our Troops that are protecting us near and far.**

**Always, God Bless America**

**Sharon Glassford Membership Chairman "Pass It On"**

## "Gold"

Dear Gorgeous Blue Sapphires!

We were delighted to see all of you who were brave enough to make it to Mid-Winter! A lot of our District 10 members were kept away due to weather threats and sickness. Susan and I were thrilled to be able to hand out a "ton" of Target Certificates and those Sapphires not represented will receive yours at your Spring District Conferences.

Target #7 was due February 15th and was 75%. In addition to our Goal Unit, KEYSER 152, I want to congratulate CLARKSURG 13, SHINNSTON 31, BRAXTON COUNTY 33, MANNINGTON 40, JANE LEW 166, HUNTINGTON 16, CEREDO-KENOVA 93, MILTON 139, BARBOURSVILLE 177, SOUTH CHARLESTON 94, MARTINSBURG 14, BERKELEY SPRINGS 60, MOOREFIELD 64, CHARLES TOWN 71, ROMNEY 91, KIRBY 134, CAPON BRIDGE 137, AND OUR NEW GOAL UNIT— PETERSBURG 78!! I also want to congratulate DISTRICT 3, DISTRICT 5, AND DISTRICT 10 FOR MEETING TARGET #7!! You are all doing such a wonderful job for our Veterans and our organization. We now have 2 Shining "Gold" Units and some not far from joining them. Keep it up!

Paula Booth

1st Vice President, aka "Prospector Gold"

## "Silver"

Hello Beautiful Rubies!

I was so happy with the turnout at Mid-Winter! I understand why many didn't get to come, wish the weather would have been better. We had a great time and learned a lot. I want to thank Prospector Gold, Paula, for coming up with a membership quiz that we did at the Membership Workshop! No one got a perfect score....I think maybe we should pay more attention to the membership theme in the Spirit! Congratulations to Nancy Sundstrom and Shirley Davis for winning the cash prizes on the quiz.

I want to congratulate the following Units for reaching Target #7: MOUNDSVILLE 3; MCMECHEN 5 (OUR ONLY GOAL UNIT); WEIRTON 10; CAMERON 18; NEW MARTINSVILLE 28; WELLSBURG 34; FOLLANSBEE 45; BENWOOD 46; PINE GROVE 81; PADEN CITY 86; NEWELL 114; CHESTER 121; PARKERSBURG 15; SPENCER 21; PT. PLEASANT 23; NEW HAVEN 140; WILLIAMSTOWN 159; WELCH 8; BLUEFIELD 9; BECKLEY 32; GARY 38; ELKINS 29; LEWISBURG 69; BELINGTON 96; AND PICKENS 122.

I have a lot of certificates to hand out at the Spring Conferences for those not able to be at Mid-Winter. As of now, I am planning on attending 1st, 3rd, 4th, 8th and 10th District Conferences. Keep up the great work ladies!!!

God Bless Our Troops and God Bless All of You!

Susan Wade - 2nd Vice President -Prospector Silver

**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 Everyone

Was glad to see you all at Mid-Winter Conference. Glad to see some first timer at the Conference. Hope you all learn something to take back to your Unit.

The ones that didn't make it because of the weather or illness in family, we missed you. Hope everyone is filling better and staying warm.

Hope everyone can make it to Spring Conference.

Don't forget to check on our Veterans and see if we can do something for them and thank them for our freedom.

Don't forget to work on Girls State. It is coming up before we know it.

If I can help with anything let me know.

1st District President  
Donna Leek

## Fourth District President

Hello, Ladies!

It was great to see everyone at Mid-Winter Conference and to those who couldn't be there, you missed a great conference!

The National President Nancy Brown-Park attended our Mid-Winter Conference and it was wonderful getting to meet her and getting to know a little about her.

I will be sending out information for 4th Districts Spring Conference soon.

Hope all is doing well and you're all keeping warm!

God Bless,  
Nancy Sundstrom

## Ninth District President

Hello Ladies of 9th District:

I hope everybody has been able to get out and move around with all of this snow that we have been getting all around the state. I know here in Beverly we got almost two feet by Valentine's Day. It's not easy to be cooped up in the house all this time, not being able to get out and move around like we can in the spring and summer months. But while being stuck in the house gives us the opportunity to think of different projects we can work on or to sit down and write a letter. You can even give members a phone call just to check in with them. There are many things that we can do while we are snowed in.

Also, if you are one of the fortunate ones that is able to get out of the house during this horrible weather, check on others. See if they need anything while you are out. If you are able to, shovel out a Veteran's driveway. There are so many different ways that we can put ourselves out into the community and everybody holds a different ability that allows them to show support for others. Let's tap into those abilities ladies.

I hope that everyone enjoyed their time down at Mid-Winter last weekend. I'm sorry that I was not able to make it. Hopefully, fingers crossed, I'll be able to make it next February.

Everybody stay safe and warm while we wait for this beautiful spring weather to finally be upon us. Until next month, ladies, let's remember our Veterans in everything we do!

Danielle Hedrick  
9th District President

# Happy St. Patricks Day

## First District Vice President

Hello Ladies

Hope everyone is making it through the cold weather. Hang in there the warm weather will be here before we know it.

Congratulation to the Units that made Goal. Remember to always have application with you to give out to The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and tell them what we do, and what we are about.

RUBIES keep up the good work, do not let any get away.

Please do not hesitate to call me if I can help with anything.

1st District Vice President  
Carolyn Yoho

## First District V A & R

All Units in 1st District:

I hope your unit collected comfort items for the 4 VA hospitals and the WV Veterans Home.

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

This form will be used in my report to our Dept. V A & R Chairman

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

Paulette Anderson  
District V A & R





# Sapphires

## Third District Vice President

Hellooooo! Sapphires  
We had and I think all will agree, a great Mid Winter Conference. Even the February weather cooperated.

Membership is progressing well but there is always room for improvement. Wouldn't it be great if all Units were 100%!! It is certainly possible. There is strength in numbers so lets see what we can do in the coming months.

Our Veterans need all of the support we can give them. We can never repay them for what they have done for their Country.

Yours in Service  
Connie Bailey  
3rd Dist. V.P.

## Fifth District President

If you attended the Mid-Winter Conference in Huntington the weekend of Feb 7th & 8th, I hope you had the pleasure of meeting a dynamic lady. Nancy Brown-Park, American Legion Auxiliary National President, was in attendance and if you had the pleasure of meeting her you will know what I am talking about.

The Comfort Item Drive, Silent Auction and Poppy Contest were all exciting and worthy of your participation.

I would like to have 100% Unit attendance from the 5th District for the State Convention in July. It will be held in Huntington, so plan now to attend.

Keep those memberships coming in. You are doing a fabulous job and I know President Debbie appreciates all of your hard work.

It is not too early to be thinking about our Spring Conference that will be held at Huntington Unit #16 on May 3rd. Note that is a Saturday instead of Sunday when our normal District Conferences are.

Remember your Unit's year end awards are due to Department by April 15th. Start working on them now. Let the rest of the Department know all of the fantastic work you are doing in your communities.

God Bless America!!  
Beth Kilgore  
5th District President

## Tenth District President

Hello Ladies,

My husband likes to quote the Grateful Dead's phrase. "What a Long Strange Year It's Been," and I can't say I disagree with him. This winter has been difficult for all of us.

We got back from the Mid-Winter Conference and I was saddened to see that a lot of familiar faces from the 10th District were unable to attend. With storms the week before and more during this conference I fully understood, but I missed seeing a lot of good friends.

In spite of a number of weather-related airplane cancellations and re routings, our National President, Nancy Brown-Park made it in time to address our meeting. Her speech was enjoyable – she is an extremely down-to-earth, common sense person and she has a great sense of humor. Her topic was "Pass It On," She feels that in order to get the younger generation to accept more of the leadership roles within the Auxiliary, some of the early 20th century traditions have to be carefully evaluated. For example, today's 20 year-olds have grown up in a more casual environment than their parents and our meetings may have to become less formal to meet their expectations and comfort zones. She stated that we need to focus more on the content of meetings than the appearance of the attendees. She feels that "California Casual" is appropriate for the business-meeting segments of conferences. I am in agreement. While I feel that certain ceremonies such as installations should remain formal, I see no reason for our meetings not to be business casual.

Also mentioned at the Joint meeting of the Legion was that the selection committees were looking for a more centrally located place for conferences and conventions. Please keep your fingers crossed that one is found.

April 5th is the Spring Conference in Berkeley Springs, and we are ALL hoping that snow will be a "fond" memory by then. In keeping with President Nancy Brown-Park's direction, business casual will be acceptable attire for this meeting. Quote of the Month: "Life is short... Break the rules, forgive quickly, love honestly, laugh easy, keep it simple, and NEVER regret anything the makes you smile", Anonymous



**Membership!!**

**Membership!!!**

**Go Membership!!!**

## Chaplain

Hello Everyone,

It was nice seeing so many during the Mid-Winter Conference, especially with the winter weather and all the illnesses we've had. The agenda was pretty full and I hope you will be sure to share everything with your units.

I'm sorry there was no time slot for news from the Chaplain's corner so I will share some things here. First remember to report any deceased members so they may be included in the memorial service at the summer convention in July. Remember the deadline for end of year reports is JUNE 1ST. I still need sentiments and prayers for the Department prayer book. You can mail those to me at PO Box 63 Reader, WV. 26167.

I was hoping to share more information with you about the "Missing in America Project" (MIAP) You can check out the website [www.miap.us/wv](http://www.miap.us/wv) If you visit the Legion website [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) and type in the search box "Missing in American project," you will see the National executive board of the American Legion endorsed this program in a resolution in 2007. Since that time the MIAP has gained support from the SAL and ALR as well as other organizations. Our Auxiliary was not listed. The MIAP has been working around the US since 2007. The first interment for WV was in October 2013. The mission is to contact hospitals and funeral homes to locate abandon cremated remains, Identify them as veterans or the spouse of a veteran, run a next of kin search and if no family is found to claim them, then the MIAP makes arrangements to inter the cremated remains in local National cemeteries where the veteran died. It takes approximately 2-3 years to conduct the searches and ID process. It cost \$50.00 for each cremains to be given the burial they deserve (\$30.00 for State and \$20.000 for county) which is the fee to move a body. Everything else is done by volunteers. I am limited on space for spirit articles so Please take time to check out the website. There is direction on how to donate, and they have a calendar of scheduled escort missions and the funeral services for these men and women who have been forgotten and left behind.

For God and Country  
Chaplain Tammy Workman



## Leadership

I was sorry to miss many of you at the Midwinter Conference. We did have a good conference.

Our National President, Nancy Park Brown, was a joy to have with us. She gave us some words of wisdom and encouragement.

As springtime finally join us, I hope to find that we have time to give some thought to next year. Take time to consider running for an office for 2014-2015. Your leadership is needed.

I want to thank each of the units that have already sent in the names and scores for their members that have completed the Leadership Course. Please take the time to include the course in your plans and send the completed information to me as soon as possible. I hope to hear from many more of you within the next few months.

In the future, will you be a Somebody, or a Nobody. Anybody makes the decision to be a leader, but Everybody may not do it.

Ann C. Buchanan

## Poppy

It was nice seeing everyone at Mid-Winter. We missed everyone who could not make it.

I hope everyone is working on Poppy Days now. Spring is just around the corner, the sun will shine and everyone will be happy to see it.

We had four (4) Poppy Projects entered this year. We earned a total of \$186.78 for the Welfare Fund. The Winner this year was Shinnston 31, Nancy Davis, with a total of \$75.00. I want to thank all Units for their beautiful entries: Nancy Davis, Shinnston 31, Betsy Turner, Clarksburg 13, Rhonda Best, Moundsville 3, and Shirley Davis, Ceredo-Kenova 93. The American Legion Auxiliary has some very talented Ladies.

I passed out a Poppy Quiz to each person attending as promised here are the answers: 1-True; 2-is c; 3 is a; 4 is Yes; 5 is No; 6 is yes 10%; 7 is a; 8 is d none of the above; 9 is b; and 10 is No. These answers came from Vi Grzybowski, Central Division Poppy Chairman.

Remember to Honor Our Veterans each and every day. Use your Poppy where possible. Teach to everyone from children to the elderly what we do as the American Legion Auxiliary. If you need to email me put "Poppy" in Subject Line. Carla J Wilfong, Poppy Chairman

## Legislative

I hope everyone who attended Mid-Winter had a safe trip both directions. I canceled last minute due to the uncertainty of the weekend weather. Below is a handout I had planned to give out during Mid-Winter that provides an easy way to find your officials and contact them.

I hope you are starting to think about end-of-year reports and reviewing them for things you may need from others and to see if there is time to do anything on the form before the April 15th deadline. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Find you elected officials: <http://legion.capwiz.com/legion/dbq/officials/> Enter you zip code or state, to find your elected officials, each has a contact tab, that provides a way to send an email, provides address and phone and fax numbers.

Easy way to Take Action & Write officials: <http://capwiz.com/legion/home/> Lists current action alerts that need addressed. Provides already written letter that is sent to the U.S. President, Your U.S. Senators, and Your U.S. Representatives Allows you to edit the letter Enter your name, email & mailing addresses Click Button to send Emails Print Copy for your records

Easy enough we should all be writing about veteran's benefits and to help our nation's veterans. You can even sign up to receive emails when there is an Action Alert that needs attention.

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Lisa Cadwallader  
Legislative Chairman

## Program of The Month Community Service

Hello Ladies

I would like to remind units that the end-of-year reports are due by June 1st.

I will be giving additional certificates which I call the "Pink Ribbon Award" to units who include in the narrative, with at least one photo, something you have done to raise awareness of the Bonnie's Bus Mobile Mammography program. I also have special gifts for the best over-all reports. It can be as simple as making posters to display in your community. You can even host a Bonnie's Bus visit to your community. Check the website [www.wvucancer.edu](http://www.wvucancer.edu) There you will find detailed information and a calendar of scheduled visits for 2014, how to donate, and more information about what this program's mission is all about. There is a video clip on [youtube.com](http://youtube.com) with the director doing an interview and an inside tour of the bus.

One hundred percent of all funds donated through President Debbie's special project goes directly to the Bonnie's Bus, nothing is used for overhead or salary. It is estimated that the cost of just one mammogram through this program costs roughly \$250.00 it is so low because the WVU Mary (Bab) Randolph Cancer Center does all the work, nothing has to be sent out for lab readings or digital processing. So for every \$250.00 we raise we have possibly helped to save one life. These are our friends, neighbors, mothers, grandmothers, sisters and daughters. They are also our husbands, fathers, brothers and sons. Breast cancer does not discriminate, men do get breast cancer. Although male mammograms can be performed on the BB it is recommended for more accuracy to do them in a stationary facility when possible. What better way to serve our veterans than to help them, and those they love, win the fight with breast cancer, by raising awareness and supporting this amazing community service, we can make a difference.

Tammy Workman  
Community Service



## Girls State Registrar

Packets were distributed at Midwinter Conference. If your unit did not get your packet, it was mailed to the chairman sent to Paulette at the Department Headquarters or to the Unit President.

Please make sure that the correct person gets the packets. Local schools have been mailed a letter and are expected to hear from the local units.

Cost is \$200 per girl attending Rhododendron Girls State.

Online registration will be done by the participants.

An email will be sent to the girls as soon as we receive the fees, their names, telephone numbers, and emails.

**The T-shirts this year will cost \$10** (your information says \$6).

Ann C. Buchanan

## Rhododendron Girls State

Hello, Ladies,

Hopefully spring is just around the corner as is our 2014 Girls State Session! If someone from your Unit attended Mid-Winter Conference they should have received the packet of information on the 2014 session. If not they will be mailed to the Girls State Chairmen or your Unit President. Please start working on getting your girls ready for Rhododendron Girls State.

Please let Girls State Director Michelle Sirbaugh or Assistant Director Rosemary Thomas know if anyone has any recommendations for Junior, Senior counselors, office personnel or speakers.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or your District representative.

Stay warm and think Spring!!!

Lynda Lancaster  
Girls State Chairman



## Scrapbook

Hello American Legion Auxiliary,

Do you remember me? I'm Patti Rigglesman, Debbie's sister-in-law. I know Debbie just came home from Midwinter. I was really hoping that some of the members that attended the conference might have some pictures for me and Debbie's scrapbook.

Looking forward to hearing from you. Thanks for all your help.

Scrapbook Chairman,  
Patti Rigglesman

## Rhododendron Girls State Representatives

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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

April is Children & Youth Month and I hope each Unit planning a special project during the month. Please try to target military kids but know that all children & Youth can benefit from what your unit has to offer. Consider collecting books, movies and board games to be donated to local hospitals and children's home. Just remember to be sure they are age appropriate. It is not too early to consider distributing backpacks during the summer. Start collecting items needed now and distribute during July or August. Many units and the National organization have scholarships available for military children but a common complaint is "We don't know how to find them". I have included some tips for locating these kids. You will need to now because you can utilize the help of the schools in your area.

### How to find Military Children for Scholarships

Many military families can use help from scholarships, but they may not know where to find or receive them. Numerous scholarships are available to students every year, including American Legion Auxiliary's. But, sometimes, making our organization more visible is the best way to ensure our scholarships get in to the hands of those who really need them.

#### \*\*Contact Local Organizations or Schools

First, contact local high school guidance counselors, Boys and Girls Clubs, Big Brothers/Big Sisters or other youth-affiliated organizations and representatives in your area who may work directly with military children. Send them all available information about ALA's scholarship. Ask that they include the information with other similar items they may pass out to their students or ask that they post it somewhere in the school or organization.

\*\*With the scholarship information you send to the high school or organization, include:

The ALA website: [http://www.alaforveterans.org/what\\_we\\_do/scholarships/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.alaforveterans.org/what_we_do/scholarships/Pages/default.aspx)

\*\*The comprehensive scholarship list published by The American Legion (the Need a Lift website): <http://www.needalift.org/>

\*\*Print out flyers and ask the guidance counselor to post them in their office or around school: [http://www.alaforveterans.org/Documents/scholarships/Scholarships\\_Brochure-lp.pdf](http://www.alaforveterans.org/Documents/scholarships/Scholarships_Brochure-lp.pdf)

\*\*Include information on how to reach the ALA Unit if they have questions

\*\*Follow up with the guidance counselor or organization to see if there has been any interest in the scholarships. If there has been, let the counselor know that the ALA Unit can be contacted if questions arise.

\*\*While you are checking back with the school counselor, ask if they hold a college fair; some schools do. Ask if, at the fair, scholarship packets will be distributed. If they will be, ask to have your local unit, department and national scholarship information added.

Beth Kilgore  
Children & Youth Co-Chairman



## Spring Conferences

March 8th  
3rd District  
Shinnston Post #31 Joint  
76 Bridge Street

March 22nd  
8th District  
St. Albans Unit #73  
1011 Pennsylvania Ave.

April 5th  
10th District  
Berkeley Springs Post #60 Joint  
527 North Washington Street

April 6th  
4th District  
Pt. Pleasant Post #23 Joint  
100 Second Street  
(change of date)

April 26th  
6th District  
Bluefield Unit #9

April 27th  
1st District  
Pine Grove Unit #81  
Morgan Addition County Route #15

May 3rd  
5th District  
Huntington Post #16 Joint  
1675 Tenth Avenue

May 17th  
9th District  
Pickens Post #122  
Main Street

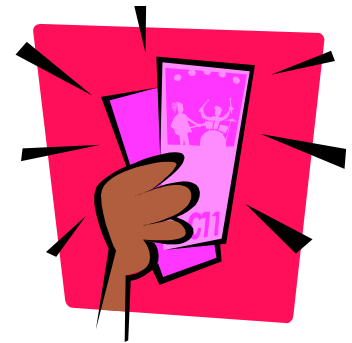


*January 2014 Ways & Means Winners*

DATE	WINNING #	WINNER	AMT PAID	SELLER
1/9/2014	242	Mike Walters	\$25.00	Lisa Cadwallader
1/10/2014	025	Jeff Bess	\$25.00	Mary Bess
1/13/2014	599	Michelle Jones	\$25.00	Unit 28
1/17/2014	316	Terry Kesner	\$25.00	Kimberly Rolls
1/21/2014	839	Edna Stone	\$25.00	Romney Unit 91
1/28/2014	894	Beckie Cottage	\$25.00	Mary Ann Myers
1/30/2014	822	Alice Rowzee	\$25.00	Romney Unit 91
1/31/2014	332	Charlotte Meade	\$25.00	Kimberly Rolls

*2014 Ways & Means*

Hello Ladies,  
 Listed are the winners for January 2014.  
 Please remember there is still time to purchase 2014 Ways-n-Means Tickets and become a winner as well.  
 I want to "Thank Everyone" who helped sell tickets already.  
 A list of February winners will be in the next Spirit.  
 Until then keep up the good work.  
 God Bless,  
 Rhonda Best  
 Ways-n-Means Chairman



*Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation*

Thank you Posts, Units and Squadrons for all your hard work and efforts collecting and delivering items direct to hospitals, the Veterans Home and bringing to Huntington for the Mid Winter Conference's Comfort Item Drive. The final tally is below past years, which I blame on this horrible winter. But we delivered \$6582.15 worth of items to our four VA Hospitals, West Virginia Veterans Home in Barboursville, and the Clarksburg Nursing Home. Thanks to the Chairman who lined up someone to take back to their VA Hospitals. This program would not be possible without someone taking charge in your area.

If a unit wasn't able to come to Huntington for Mid Winter, and have items please deliver and let me know so it can be included in my year end report.

This has been an unseasonably cold winter. Do not forget our homeless veterans and their families. I can't imagine not having a place to sleep at night or enough food to eat. We must continue to help the Homeless in our Towns.

I will be acknowledging all those that contributed to the Comfort Item Drive within the next few weeks as soon as the weather clears or I can dig out.

If you are snowed in now is the time to start getting all your data together for your end year reports.

I sincerely hope for more or all units reporting something on their Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Report.

Mary Waybright  
 V A & R Chairman





**ULTIMATE VALENTINE GIFT—**  
Diamonds, Dinner & Dessert. Items were donated by Shirley Davis, Cameron Unit 18, Ceredo-Kenova Unit 93 and a friend of the American Legion Auxiliary .



**WINNER OF THE ULTIMATE VALENTINE GIFT** was number 912312. The winner was **MICHELLE SIRBAUGH**.



### Thank You for Being "Mindful" of Veterans!

At the Mid-Winter Conference on February 8, 2014, profits from the Silent Auction and Ultimate Valentine Gift raffle totaled **\$1051.00** for West Virginia veterans. It was a successful event.

A sincere "thank you" is extended to all Units and individuals who helped in any way to make the Silent Auction a success. Thanks are also extended to all who purchased tickets in the raffle. A Certificate of Appreciation (for printing) is included in this Auxiliary Spirit.

Units and members donated items like afghans, faux fur and fleece throws, Avon jewelry, a bag of gems, glass items, scarves, baskets of homemade food, Valentine baskets, movie baskets, Applebees gift card, kitchen baskets, patriotic wreath, flower arrangements, and Sunbonnet Sapphire and Ruby bags.

Spencer Unit 21 and Cameron Unit 18 mailed items for the silent auction. Margaret Yost and Nancy Davis made monetary donations. A big "THANK YOU" is extended to all!



# MEMBERSHIP 2013-2014

# "MINING FOR GEMS"

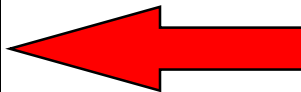
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 2014 National Goal — 7809  
 Headquarters Unit #200 — 87

February  
 15th

District 1	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Unit			
Wheeling #1	13	NEW	
Moundsville #3	308	273	88.64%
McMechen #5	52	53	101.92%
Weirton #10	77	70	90.91%
Cameron #18	212	166	78.30%
New Martinsville #28	141	125	88.65%
Wellsburg #34	25	21	84.00%
Follansbee #45	53	48	90.57%
Benwood #46	105	84	80.00%
Pine Grove #81	79	73	92.41%
Paden City #86	114	104	91.23%
Wheeling #89	30	16	53.33%
Newell #114	43	39	90.70%
Hundred #120	109	70	64.22%
Chester #121	170	141	82.94%
<b>TOTALS</b>	1531	1283	83.80%



Goal—4059  
 To Date—3401  
 (83.79%)



District 3	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Unit			
Buckhannon #7	66	48	72.73%
Grafton #12	25	12	48.00%
Clarksburg #13	134	125	93.28%
Shinnston #31	302	267	88.41%
Braxton Cty. #33	33	27	81.82%
Mannington #40	21	18	85.71%
Philippi #44	49	28	57.14%
Bridgeport #68	59	29	49.15%
Jane Lew #166	41	35	85.37%
Morgantown #174	17	NEW	
<b>TOTALS</b>	747	589	78.85%

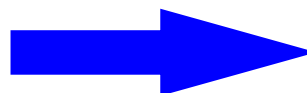
District 4	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Unit			
Parkersburg #15	901	799	88.68%
Spencer #21	64	49	76.56%
Pt Pleasant #23	352	302	85.80%
Tyler County #48	16	1	6.25%
Sistersville #67	193	144	74.61%
Parkersburg #104	21	7	33.33%
New Haven #140	166	147	88.55%
Williamstown #159	172	160	93.02%
<b>TOTALS</b>	1885	1609	85.36%



District 6	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Unit			
Welch #8	85	65	76.47%
Bluefield #9	34	29	85.29%
Beckley #32	31	27	87.10%
Gary #38	71	64	90.14%
Beckley #70	12	0	
<b>TOTALS</b>	233	185	83.71%



Goal—3557  
 To Date—2846  
 (80.01%)



District 9	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Unit			
Elkins #29	206	169	82.04%
Cowen #62	61	39	63.93%
Lewisburg #69	76	63	82.89%
Belington #96	30	25	83.33%
Richwood #97	24	5	20.83%
Pickens #122	26	23	88.46%
<b>TOTALS</b>	423	324	76.58%

District 5	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Unit			
Huntington #16	295	237	80.34%
Logan #19	19	11	57.89%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	460	367	79.78%
Hamlin #111	53	32	60.38%
Milton #139	83	72	86.75%
Barboursville #177	151	128	84.75%
<b>TOTALS</b>	1061	847	79.83%

District 8	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Unit			
Charleston #20	55	37	67.27%
St Albans #73	91	53	58.24%
South Charleston #94	21	19	90.48%
<b>TOTALS</b>	167	109	65.27%

District 10	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Unit			
Martinsburg #14	161	127	78.88%
Franklin #30	19	9	47.37%
Piedmont #52	44	20	45.45%
Berkeley Springs #60	250	193	77.20%
Moorefield #64	125	105	84.00%
Charles Town #71	230	216	93.91%
Petersburg #78	79	84	106.33%
Romney #91	276	221	80.70%
Charles Town #102	19	11	57.89%
Paw Paw #128	71	52	73.24%
Kirby #134	52	45	86.54%
Ridgeley #136	108	79	73.15%
Capon Bridge #137	114	94	82.46%
Keyser #152	40	45	112.50%
<b>TOTALS</b>	1587	1301	81.98%

## District Challenges 2014

11 10  
1st to 10th: Highest % of REJOINED will get an item to raffle @ their District by 2/15/14. ✓ WON

10th to 1st: Highest % of NEW MEMBERS by June 15, 2014. The other district will donate \$25.00 in the winning Districts name to BONNIE'S BUS; President Debbie's Special Project @ convention.

6th to 8th: HIGHEST % OF REJOINS by Spring Conference. Loser Pays \$20.00 to President Debbie's Special Project Bonnie's Bus.

8th to 6th: HIGHEST % OF NEW MEMBERS by Spring Conference. Loser pays \$20.00 to President Debbie's Special Project Bonnie's Bus.

3rd to 9th: District challenges 9th. to HIGHEST % MEMBERS BY July 15, 2014 Loser by \$10. To Pres. Debbie's Special Project Bonnies Bus.

9th to 3rd: HIGHEST% of PAID MEMBERS by JAN. 15, 2014. Loser will pay winner \$25.00 to Dept. Welfare fund. \* 3<sup>rd</sup> Dist. WON

4th to 5th challenges 5th to MOST JR. MEMBERS BY SPRING CONFERENCE. Loser pay \$20.00 TO Pres. Debbie's Special Project, Bonnie's Bus.

Friday, September 20, 2013 America Online: Foxbd



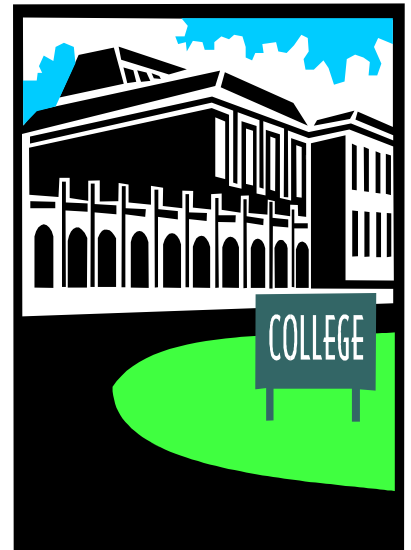
## Education

I hope every Unit has been working hard to get their scholarships in by the March 1 cutoff date. The Auxiliary offers many different scholarships at the various levels and our young adults coming up deserve and could use all the help they can get with the higher costs of good education these days. <http://www.tutor.com/military> provides FREE tutor help 24/7 for U.S. Military Families with eligibility.

Grades K – 12 can receive tutoring in 40 subjects online and with homework. Not Military related can also receive tutoring for a fee at <http://www.tutor.com>. They even help with higher education, and have a section for schools and libraries.

<http://www.military.com/education> provides a wealth of information about education for the veteran, spouse and children. It talks about scholarships, funding and financial aid, locating a school, certification programs and many other items. This is a great resource for Military Families.

Lisa Cadwallader  
Education Committee member





# CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

This certificate is awarded in recognition of  
valuable contributions to

## SILENT AUCTION

**FOREVER "MINDFUL" OF OUR VETERANS**

*Debra Fox*, Department President

American Legion Auxiliary

Department of West Virginia

February 8, 2014





# American Legion Auxiliary Department of West Virginia



## March 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>Program of Month</b>  <i>Community Service</i> <i>Auxiliary Emergency Fund</i>					1
2	3	4	5 <i>Ash</i> <i>Wednesday</i>	6	7 <i>Clarksburg</i> <i>Post #13</i> <i>B-Day Dinner</i>	8 <i>3rd District</i> <i>Spring Conf.</i> <i>Shinnston #31</i> <i>*Bridgeport</i> <i>B-Day Dinner</i>
9 <i>Spring</i> <i>Forward</i> <i>Shinnston</i> <i>B-Day Dinner</i> 	10	11	12	13	14 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Mail Call</div>	15 <i>Target #8</i> <i>80 %</i>
16	17 <i>Articles Due</i> <i>For Spirit</i> <i>St. Patrick's</i> <i>Day</i>	18	19	20 <i>"Spring</i> <i>Begins"</i>	21 <i>Spirit Out</i> <i>Hospital</i> <i>Checks</i>	22 <i>8th District</i> <i>Spring Conf.</i> <i>St. Albans #73</i>
23	24	25	26	27	28 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Mail Call</div>	29
30	31					

2014 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION  
RESERVATION FORM

July 10-12, 2014  
Pullman Plaza Hotel  
1001 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Huntington, West Virginia 25701

\$68.00 per night room rate (plus tax)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ AM PM Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

Room Type: (circle one)    Doubles    King

Smoking Preference: (circle one)    Smoking    Non-Smoking

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 \$68.00 (plus tax)

(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:    Pullman Plaza Hotel  
              1001 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
              Huntington, West Virginia 25701

**This form must be mailed to reserve a room at Pullman Plaza  
Hotel. (No phone calls for rooms will be accepted.)  
PLEASE PRE-REGISTER EARLY- THANKS!**

**96<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention**

**2014**

**ADVERTISING FORM**

The American Legion  
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I hereby authorize the following advertisement to be placed in the official program of the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia, Inc., scheduled July 10-12, 2014, at Pullman Plaza Hotel, Huntington, West Virginia.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2014

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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:

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Please send your ad along with a check made payable to: **The American Legion**  
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No Deviation



# State Newsletter "Auxiliary SPIRIT"

*Purchase/Renew Your Subscription!*

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The American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of West Virginia  
HC 60 Box 17  
New Martinsville WV 26155

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**State Web Site—[www.wvaux.org](http://www.wvaux.org)**  
**Subscription—\$16.00 yearly**  
**(Runs from August 1st to July 31st)**

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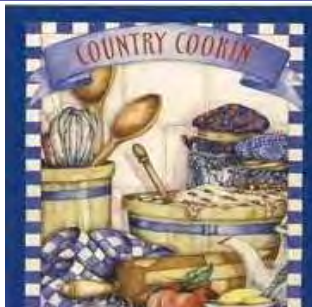
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Cookbook sales are an ongoing project that will continue to put much needed dollars into the Veteran's Fund. Get your cookbooks today! Buy some as gifts! The recipes are the best kind – Tried & True!

**I want to purchase \_\_\_ cookbooks and have the cookbooks mailed to the recipients!** \_\_\_ Cookbooks X \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + appropriate postage (see below) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

**I want \_\_\_ Cookbooks mailed to me !** (1 cookbook = \$5.00 postage. 2 to 6 cookbooks = \$11.00 total postage) \_\_\_ Cookbooks X \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ + appropriate postage (see above) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

Make checks payable to:

**Department Treasurer, ALA** HC 60 Box 17 New Martinsville WV 26155

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**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_