



The Auxiliary Spirit



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Department President
Debbie Fox



Forever "Mindful" Of Our Veterans

Hello WV Gems,

It's been a bit gloomy at my house this week; we lost one of our beloved pets on Tuesday. We had a good run with her. We got her when she was about two and a half weeks old and she passes at age ten. It gives us comfort to know that other people do understand our hearts are sad. We know that brighter days will come soon.

Speaking of bright, our GEMS are beginning to be mined. The more mining we do the BRIGHTER the GLOW. We have a few units that met or exceeded our first target of 35%. Way To Go!!! I have it figured that our fox's collar has five gems on it so far. Just in case you missed it: for each target that is met the fox get another gem for her collar. Maybe by convention the collar will be a belt.

We have lots of exciting things planned for the Fall Workshop. I hope everyone has plans to attend. "Aura Borelia" Sharon Glassford and I have worked on some fun things for membership. Not to say we aren't serious about membership because we are very serious. It can't hurt to laugh and smile a little.

Emerald" Paulette and I are working on some secretary and membership items to be discussed. Just a reminder: Each unit that has their President and Membership Chairman/Secretary there with verification will be in a drawing for a gift from me personally. Not one gift but two gifts. It can be used or given to the unit, you make the call. We'll also have "Mothers of Pearl"(PDP's) helping with some of the discussions.

At the end of the day we will have our Second Annual Purse Auction. This was quit a success last year. I hoping for another great auction. All the proceeds will go to my special project, Bonnie's Bus."Your purse can be new or gently used filled whatever you care to stuff it with.

Our homecoming will be on October 26,2013 at Berkeley Springs Post # 60. All the details will be elsewhere in this Spirit.

Fall Conferences will be starting soon. I'll be attending as many as possible. I have a family concern that I would like to ask for your prayers. My dad, a Korean War veteran at the age of 84, is going to have a heart valve replaced early October. Please remember him when you pray. See you at Fall Workshop. Until next time keep on mining those GEMS.

*Forever Mindful of Our Veterans,
Debbie Fox*

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—VACANT

District Presidents 2013-2014

1st District—Marge Walton
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

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1st District—Donna Leek
3rd District—Connie Bailey
4th District—Donna Underwood
5th District—Mary Waybright
6th District—Rita Alley
8th District—Robin Stump
9th District—Jeanie Phares
10th District—Michelle Hart

Remember Our Friends

Ina Polsinelli, Past Department President and member of Blake Brothers Unit #46 passed away on July 27th from a stroke. She was 87 years old. She will be sadly missed by friends and the Auxiliary family.

*"Thank you for your words of sympathy, your voice of concern, your gesture of caring and the love you offer.
The Family of Ina E. Polsinelli*

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 2013 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 zip codes** before processing into Department Headquarters. All incomplete applications will be sent back. Membership for 2014 will be taken until July 31st. Then they will be considered back dues starting August 1st. Remember for 2014 **back dues will be \$14.00**. It will be listed on the 2014 transmittal forms.

All Units should have received your membership cards by now. The roster in the packet was printed off first part of April. If a member joined or paid dues after early April she won't be listed on the roster as paid, or have a card. Just make out a card for her (if new), or mark her paid on roster for 2013. Next year a card will be in the packet for the new member.

Dates To Remember:

Membership Workshop:

September 14th at Bridgeport Days Inn. Cost is \$10.00 at the door. Plan to attend especially if you are doing the membership or a unit officer.

A new year has begun and new ideas. If any member needs help on processing dues, filling out forms please contact me. I am here to help.

I will have the Membership Guide Book for each Unit's Membership Chairman with me

to hand out.

Directory Correction: Some Directories had the wrong PO Box # for Dept. Historian Tammy Workman on page 11. It should be PO Box 63. All else the same.
Page 29-Chester Unit #121 Secretary zip code should be 26056. All else the same

Policy & Procedures: I hope to have it ready to purchase at the Workshop. If not will be available at Fall Conferences.

Purse Auction September 15th

All proceeds will benefit
Department Debbie's Special
Project—"Bonnie's Bus"

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%

Department Commander
Frank Nicholson
Saturday October 5th
Shinnston Post #31

Department President
Debbie Fox
Saturday October 26th
Berkeley Springs Post #60

Reservations Information
are in this Spirit

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9:00-4:00

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Auxiliary website: www.wvvaux.org

Rhododendron Girls State Website:
www.wvgirlsstate.org

National Website: alaforveterans.org

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Mining For Gems



"Foreman"

Hello Ladies:

Received the August 15, 2013 Membership totals. Rubies and Sapphires membership slow coming in to Ms. Emerald. Have no fear it will pick up. We do have units that have made the August 15th target date; 35%: New Martinsville #28 41.13%, Paden City #86 36.84%, Clarksburg #13 35.08%, Shinnston #31 38.41% and Keyser #152 68% who has made Targets #1,2,3,4,and 5. Congratulations to all! Sept. 15th Target # 2 is 45%.

Workshop is Saturday, September 14th, in Bridgeport. Hope to see you. Lots of good information will be given out. District Vice Presidents, we will meet on; yes Friday, Sept. 13th at 7:00 PM. We will be going over plans for Saturday. Make sure you bring your challenges to this meeting. Membership Goal for 2013-2014 is 7809. (District Vice Pres.: A special e-mail will be sent to you regarding more information.)

A Special Drawing will be done; This drawing is for having President and Membership Chairman at Workshop.

District Vice Presidents; make sure you are doing your articles for the Spirit. Keep your units up to date with membership; and if they need help I know you will offer your assistance. I thank you very much for all that you are doing.

Membership Rally – Make sure you bring renewals, and new applications with Money. Please put them in an envelope. Mark on outside: Unit and #, how many Sr. and Jr.'s new application and also the same for renewals, this will make it easier for Ms. Emerald do her Tally. (Unit Presidents make sure that if there is no one coming from your unit asks someone to bring them.)

Remember, if you would like to dress for the Membership Rally. There will be a gift for the best outfit in Red, White and Blue.

Also, the Purse auction for Presidents Debbie Special Project. This is a lot of fun. Membership is everybody's job. We can find those GEMS. Let's give President Debbie a GOAL YEAR!!! "PASS IT ON".

Thank you all for the hard work that comes with retaining members and mining for new GEMS.

Thank you,
Sharon Glassford
"FOREMAN"



Rubies



Diamond



Sapphires



Mother of Pearl



Emerald



Precious Gems



Diamonds In The Rough

"Gold"

Dear "Gems" of Districts 3, 5, 8, and 10:

We sure hope to see as many of you as possible at the Bridgeport Workshop, September 14! This is our Membership Kick-Off meeting as well as our time for Units to receive their Plans of Work for this year and have some fun.

Our first target for this year was due today, August 15th. I want to send heartfelt CONGRATULATIONS out to our early bird Units who worked hard and made that First Target—CLARKSBURG 13, SHINNSTON 31, and KEYSER 152!!!! Way to go, Ladies! You have made "Diamond" Debbie and "Foxy" proud!

Target #2--45% is due September 15—you can bring your renewals to the Workshop on the 14th or mail them to the office so they arrive BY THAT DATE to be counted.

Best of luck in your Blue Sapphire mining in the month ahead!

Paula Booth

1st Vice President "Prospector Gold"

"Silver"

Hello Red Rubies!!!

I know that the membership is coming in very slow....but I know the "Rubies" are going to step up and work hard this year!! I want to congratulate New Martinsville Unit 28 and Paden City Unit 86 for making the first Target date!! Our Rubies have a slight edge over the Sapphires...08.50% to 08.30%.

I hope all Units will be represented at the Workshop in Bridgeport on September the 14th. The Membership team has a lot of fun things in the works!! Remember, we will be giving our challenges at the Workshop!

Together we can make this a record year for Department President Debbie!!

I will be attending some Fall Conferences, will let the Districts know in advance.

If anyone has any questions or need help with anything, please contact me at 304 771-1574 or email me at susanwade457@ymail.com

God Bless All of You

God Bless America!

Susan Wade "Prospector Silver"



Rubies

First District President

Greetings Ladies

I write this letter with a heavy heart because we lost a very special person, Ina Polsinelli. She not only was a member of Unit #46 she was also a Past Department President. She was active in the Department and in the District and she will be missed greatly.

Ina had volunteered to be my VA&R Chairman so if there is anyone out there in the District who would like to volunteer please let me know. By the time you read this the State\ District Golf Scramble will have been held.

Our next function will be the membership workshop on September 14th in Bridgeport. Hope you are making arrangements to attend.

I would like to thank you for electing me District President. I will be working with a great team: District Vice President, Donna Leek, District Secretary Susan Brown; District Chaplain, Rhonda Best, District Americanism Chairman, Debbie Morgan and District Children & Youth Chairman, Carolyn Yoho.

Good luck to Tammy Workman as she moves on to the office of Department Chaplain.

Marge Walton
1st District President

Fourth District President

Hello 4th District,

As you know, we are starting a new membership year. So please don't hold your 2014 membership cards, start collecting dues now and mail them to Department Secretary Paulette.

Also, Don't forget Workshop in Bridgeport at Days Inn on September 14th. I would like to see every Unit of 4th District represented there.

If your Unit needs help in any way, please don't hesitate to contact me!
304-422-1263

Until Next Time
Nancy Sundstrom
Fourth District President

Ninth District President

Hello ladies of 9th District:

It is officially the start of school! We should all try to involve our kids and schools in different projects that we do throughout the year. Remember to teach the kids who our Veterans are and what they did. Our kids are going to be the ones running this organization when we are unable to do it anymore!

Dates to remember:
September 14 – Membership Workshop
Bridgeport Days Inn – Registration \$10.00
September 15 – Target – 45%
September 21 – 9th District Fall Conference at Cowen Post #62 – Registration \$10.00

Registration starts at 9:30 am and the meeting starts at 10:30 am

Let's all work together to make this a very successful year for 9th District, Department, and all of our Veterans!!!

Danielle Hedrick
9th District President

Ninth District Vice President

Greetings fellow Auxiliary members!

First thing let me introduce myself, I am Jeanie Phares 9th District Vice President, and I reside in Elkins, WV. . I am very excited about the coming year. I know that if we work together, the 9th District can archive our goals. We have to reach out, use the telephone, computers, go door to door, talk with our friends, visit the sick, let them know we care, meet new people when the opportunity knocks, let the public know who we and you are, literally reach out and touch someone.

Read your "Spirit" and Auxiliary magazine so that you are informed about events and what is happening in our world, and are aware of the many things we are involved in, new recruiting tactics and ideas to inspire the new and young, are all ways made available to us, let's use them. Let us inspire them to great things for the future. It really is, in our hands to make the future of the American Legion Auxiliary.

I will be speaking on this subject again and each month. Please, if you have questions or suggestions, ideas or what ever you need to discuss please feel free to email me at ejh26241@yahoo.com and I will get back to you as soon as possible. I will be happy to help with anything I can. Let 's make this a great year!

Thank you.
Jeanie Phares
9th District Vice President

Membership!!

Membership!!!

Go Membership!!!





Sapphires

Third District President

Hello Ladies

I hope everybody is doing well. I leaned a lot at convention and had a good time.

I would like to remind everybody about Fall Workshop. It will be at Days Inn in Bridgeport on September 14th registration is 8:00 to 9:00 and the meeting is 9:00 to 4:00.

I hope to see you there.
Kathy Hogue

Third District Vice President

Ladies-

What are "Gems" how and where do they exist? Gems are formed by heat, cold, pressure, time and many elements.

They can be found any place at any time. Some are stronger than others and some are softer, but they are all important in their own way.

They don't just appear from nowhere. We must dig for them and polish them with our love and support.

We are all "Gems" with our own purpose. The end result to make our organization stronger and better able to serve our Country and our Veterans.

Yours in Service
Connie Bailey
3rd District Vice President

Membership!!

Membership!!!

Go Membership!!!

Fifth District President

Membership renewals should be coming in and they should be processed as they are received and sent to Department on a timely basis. Please do not hold dues in your unit.

I hope the 5th District will be well represented at the Leadership Conference in Bridgeport on September 14th. There will be lots of valuable information from the Department chairmen on the various ways your unit can benefit from the many programs offered by the American Legion Auxiliary.

As fall approaches, you unit should be gearing up for all the activities the holidays afford us. From children to homeless veterans, all can use our help and we should to everything we can to see their needs are taken care of.

If I can help your unit, in any way, please do not hesitate to give me a call at 304-654-7750.

Beth Kilgore,
5th District President

Fifth District Vice President

Greetings to Units of the Fifth District:

Hope all units have started working on their membership. Don't forget it doesn't count until reported to Department...so don't hold any memberships.

National sends out dues notices, but there is nothing that says units can not have their own membership drives. Break your unit into two, three or more (depending on unit size) groups, and have their own membership challenges, and determine whichever collects or unit receives most new and/or renewals owes the winner a dinner/party/or some other fun activity.

We "sapphires" need to shine brightly in Department.

Mary Waybright
Fifth District Vice President

Eight District President

Ladies,

Our Fall District Conference will be held on October 19th hosted by Unit #20 Charleston. We meet on Dickinson St. in Charleston. Registration will be at 9 a.m. and the meeting will start at 10 a.m. We hope as many members as possible can come and attend. Department Officers, please let me know if you are coming so we can plan accordingly as to how much to prepare.

Post #20 had a membership drive recently. It is my understanding that several of the veterans who are coming in to Post #20 have wives who are interested. We are hoping to recruit several new members this way.

I hope to see some of you at the Workshop in Bridgeport next month. There is where we learn the most about programs the Units should be supporting and how best to work them.

Now that school has started, it is a good time to work with children and youth. Check with schools and teachers as to what they need the most.
Mary M. Bess

Fall Conferences

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| 1st District: | October 20th Paden City Unit #86 Paden City Fire Hall |
| 3rd District Joint: | October 5th Clarksburg #13 |
| 4th District Joint: | October 13th Williamstown #159 Post Home |
| 5th District Joint: | October 19th Hamlin Post #111 |
| 6th District: | October 12th Welch Unit #8 |
| 8th District: | October 19th Charleston #20 Post Home |
| 9th District Joint: | September 21st Cowen #62 Post Home |
| 10th District Joint: | September 28th Martinsburg #14 Post Home |

Chaplain

Hello Ladies,

I would like to start our new year off with a reminder since I'm sure we have new members out there reading the Spirit. Please be sure to contact me if there is someone in your unit who is very ill or in the hospital so I can get cards sent out. Also if there are members who pass I need to be sure they are included in our memorial service, and their family receives a card.

I also need prayers, inspirational poems, sentiments etc. for the Department prayer book. If you would like to add a more personal touch from your unit some ideas are: have all your members write a brief sentiment for our Department President. Kind of like when we all sign cards, or if you have inspirational cards that your unit members sign...I will be most happy to use whatever you send.

I hope to be able to attend many Fall Conferences which begin soon.

I leave you with a prayer of *good health, and safe travels. May you always have faith in the work you do, and know that often when things don't work out how you plan, it's because God has a better one. May you have patience and understanding when the trail is rough, and share your courage and strength with others when it's smooth. Blessings to all.*

For God and Country
Tammy Workman
Chaplain



Rhododendron Girls State

On behalf of Girls State, many thanks to the Legion Riders for your kind donation from your Memorial Day Ride!!!

Consider using your Girls State Citizens for your Poppy days, Veterans Day, Christmas parades to promote this vital program of The American Legion Auxiliary.

It is not too early to start working on this year's program. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or your District representative.

Lynda Lancaster
Girls State Chairman



Poppy

I would like to thank President Debbie for giving me this opportunity to become the Poppy Chairman.

I am working on the Poppy Plan of Works for the Year 2013-2014. I will have them ready by Fall Workshop.

I would like for each Unit to set and plan how they can use the Poppy. Each Unit should have left over Poppies from the past year. Most Post Families will be holding an annual Picnic, why not take some of the left overs and give each Veteran a Poppy. When you have your Cheer Parties, hand out Poppies. See if you can come up with a really Unique way of Using the Poppies.

It is not too early to be thinking of your Mid-Winter Project. But remember however you use the Poppy, Please take a picture of it.

If you need any help or a question answered, you can contact me at 304-592-2186, or 304-592-0247, or e-mail me at carlajwilfong@yahoo.com.

Carla Wilfong
Poppy Chairman



American Legion Auxiliary

Junior Activities

Back to School is here and that means the hustle bustle that the school year sometimes brings. It is also a time to get back into a routine and to start scheduling your regular meetings in your units.

Remember, Senior members, your Juniors are WANTING you to help them and are looking for your guidance. Also,

PLEASE mark your calendars for the Fall Workshop in Bridgeport on Saturday, September 14th. The Juniors will participate in the Senior meeting and then will break out into our own meeting. The 2013-2014 Junior Plan of Works are also available and are posted on our Department Facebook page.

Honorary Junior President, Carlie McCoy has also announced her President's Project as a Comfort Drive for the VAMC's and WV Veterans Home. She was given a list of items that are needed and is encouraging each of the units to collect these items and distribute them to their local VAMC's. If there is not a VAMC in your area, please collect these items and bring them to Mid Winter and Department Meeting in July. The Comfort Item (s) of the Month will be listed in the SPIRIT.

AUGUST ITEM OF THE MONTH:
SEPTEMBER ITEM OF THE MONTH:
Toothbrushes and Toothpaste Body Wash and Shampoo

I look forward to seeing everyone at Fall Workshop!

Blessings,
Laura Kilgore
Junior Activities Chairman
304-208-3836
kilgore.laura@yahoo.com

2013-2014 Honorary Junior Officers

President—Carlie McCoy #16

1st Vice Pres. Katie Beth Caudill #16

2nd Vice Pres.—Taylor Bash #16

Secretary—VACANT

Chaplain—Mary Grace Bannon #16

Historian—Brandee Fernandez #15

Sgt. At Arms—Ryleigh Shears #15



Community Service

Hello everyone!

So we are off to a brand new start . Summer is gearing down and fall is just around the bend. I know all units are going to be very busy doing as much as possible in your communities before the snow flies. We can never say West Virginia weather is boring that's for sure.

While you are out working on one activity or another try to wear something that represents who you are. It doesn't have to be anything elaborate, maybe just add your pin or a poppy. This gives the people we meet a topic of conversation, and we are mining for gems. So lets sparkle and shine and use every tool we have to draw in those new members.

President Debbie's special project provides an amazing community service to all areas of WV. It is as much about awareness as it is raising funds, so hopefully your unit and members can do something in your community to help promote this unique breast cancer screening program that travels all over our state of WV. President Debbie will have a lot more info at the fall workshop but if you would like to check out the website here is their address

www.wvucancer.edu/bonnie

You can also see their calendar of scheduled visits and locations, or maybe your unit would like to host a visit to your community? All the info is on this website.

Tammy Workman
Community Service Chairman

Children and Youth

Knowledge is power. A core element of the Auxiliary's mission, caring for our children and youth, is sharply focused on educating adults about the needs of our young people. We believe that the more people know and understand about the needs of the children in their communities, the more interest they will have in learning how they can help meet those needs.

I hope you are planning on attending the Leadership Conference on September 14th in Bridgeport. I will have plenty of information available about the various programs your unit can participate in to benefit the children of your community. Not only am I planning on having brochures on Safe Trick or Treat and Teenage Suicide but also information to help your unit participate in National Mental Health Awareness Day.

Our youth of today have so much more peer pressure than we did at their age and they need to know we care about them whatever they may be facing. Lots of information will be available, so I hope to see you there.

Beth Kilgore, Chairman
Children and Youth



Leadership

As this new year gets into full swing, I know that there are some new leaders that are now taking command and looking for ways to help them be a good leader. It is my hope that each and every member of this organization realize that you are a LEADER and that you can develop a successful leadership style that will benefit you, the members of your unit, and the American Legion Auxiliary.

The main objective for having a Leadership program is to develop and prepare knowledgeable and capable leaders to carry on the growth and success of the Auxiliary by promoting activities and resources that educate, motivate, and mentor members of all ages and at all levels of the organization. A course has been develop by our National Organization to start the training process for our members. It is my hope that our

Department will have at 60% of our units have members to complete the Leadership Course before Midwinter Conference. There is also a course for Junior Members and I would like to have at least five (5) Junior units participate in the program.

The course is easily available to all members by going to the site alaforveterans.org and then select Members which will allow you to select Leadership. You can then select the Leadership Course for Senior Members or Junior Members. The course for senior members gives you a complete History of our organization and then you will have 100 True or False questions to answer. The Junior Course gives information and then asks 50 True or False Question and 50 Matching or Completion Questions. When you have completed the answer sheet, send it to Ann Buchanan with the Personal Information Sheet. A card of completion will then be prepared and sent to you.

I will have additional information for each unit at the Workshop in September. I hope to see lots of members in attendance. It is the time to get information from the Department chairmen on the program for the 2013-2014 year. Get your unit off to a good start by becoming informed leaders.

Leadership Chairman
Ann C. Buchanan

Education

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz

It's that time of the year, where the kids head back to school. So slow up and watch for children darting out between parked cars. With the new school year here so are back to school supplies. This year as in past years, National is promoting the Give 10 program, and is asking units to participate again this year. What is Give 10? Give 10 is where your unit collects school supplies, back packs, writing paper, pencils, glue, pens, etc. Ask your unit members, friends, local church groups and even local stores to help collect items. Take your collected back to school items to local schools for children in need or to family readiness group for military children. The more you collect, the more you help.



This is also a good time to talk with your local schools to set up times to get our Veterans in the classroom. This can be very helpful to many grade levels and during various times of the year. Veterans can explain what sacrifices are made and the importance, they can teach Flag Etiquette, some schools may even allow them to perform the POW/MIA service. This may be less likely but you could ask about doing the Four Chaplain service or a modified version. Hold an Essay Contest on Americanism giving awards and certificates. And with so many mom's and dad's off at war today, educate your teachers on what this means to a Military Child to be separated and the difficulties that child may be experiencing.

Lisa Cadwallader
Education Committee member



July 2013 Ways & Means Winners

| Winner | Number | City | State | Date | Amount |
|-------------------|--------|--------------|-------|-----------|-----------|
| Theo Chambers | 454 | Inwood | WV | 7/1/2013 | \$ 25.00 |
| | 100 | | | 7/2/2013 | |
| Sarah Morgret | 621 | Romney | WV | 7/3/2013 | \$ 25.00 |
| | 583 | | | 7/4/2013 | |
| Todd Jarrett | 201 | RSM | CA | 7/5/2013 | \$ 25.00 |
| | 169 | | | 7/6/2013 | |
| Eddy Kidwell | 342 | Points | WV | 7/8/2013 | \$ 25.00 |
| | 838 | | | 7/9/2013 | |
| Larry Yoho | 847 | Proctor | WV | 7/10/2013 | \$ 25.00 |
| Roy Rowzee | 097 | Points | WV | 7/11/2013 | \$ 25.00 |
| Twila Montessi | 922 | Slanesville | WV | 7/12/2013 | \$ 25.00 |
| | 953 | | | 7/13/2013 | |
| Lynn Jarrett | 774 | Laguna Woods | CA | 7/15/2013 | \$ 25.00 |
| JD & Linda Corbin | 332 | Romney | WV | 7/16/2013 | \$ 25.00 |
| ALA Unit #21 | 535 | Spencer | WV | 7/17/2013 | \$ 200.00 |
| Brittany Flesher | 082 | Paden City | WV | 7/18/2013 | \$ 25.00 |
| | 213 | | | 7/19/2013 | |
| Carolyn Troutman | 371 | Fort Ashbey | WV | 7/20/2013 | \$ 25.00 |
| Frank Cooley | 474 | Welch | WV | 7/22/2013 | \$ 25.00 |
| | 025 | | | 7/23/2013 | |
| Sidney Moore | 605 | Romney | WV | 7/24/2013 | \$ 25.00 |
| | 658 | | | 7/25/2013 | |
| Stephanie Janke | 208 | San Diego | CA | 7/26/2013 | \$ 25.00 |
| | 916 | | | 7/27/2013 | |
| ALA Unit #15 | 269 | Parkersburg | WV | 7/29/2013 | \$ 25.00 |
| Jana Turner | 514 | Paden City | WV | 7/30/2013 | \$ 25.00 |
| | 886 | | | 7/31/2013 | |

Rhododendron Girls State Representatives

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304-422-1263

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

6th Dist. — Peggy Swartz
P O Box 124
Gary, WV 24836
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

2013 Ways & Means

Congratulations to all the lucky July Winners. "2013" Year Make sure that all tickets you sold are turned into me with stub(s) and money. Remember they make wonderful gifts. Good all year long. You have a chance of winning multiple times. If you want a ticket to purchase or want to try to sell some just contact me by E-Mail. I have plenty of tickets now These tickets are our profit for our Veteran programs but they need sold.

Congratulations to the Top Salesman of 2013. Leona Kidwell of Romney Unit #91 with 107 tickets sold. Honorable Mention: Sue Sager (71 tickets), Peggy Swartz (30 tickets), Roxie Nicholson (26 tickets), Lisa Caldwell (25 tickets), Mary Ann Myers (22 tickets), Kimberly Rolls (21 tickets) and Katena Karnes (18 tickets).

Congratulations to the Top Unit of 2013 -- Parkersburg Unit #15 with 30 tickets sold. Honorable Mention: Sistersville Unit #67 (13 tickets), New Martinsville Unit #28 (13 Tickets) and Buckhannon Unit #7 (13 tickets)

Thanks to everyone that supported this Fundraising Project for our Veterans this year by selling and/or purchasing tickets. If not for you this would not be as successful and benefit our veterans here in West Virginia as it does. Keep up the good work and maybe next year the number of sales can increase even more.

Keep sending in the stubs and money. REMEMBER — can not win if name and number is not in computer — DON'T HOLD TICKET SALES.

"Lets all support our WV Veterans by your Continued Support"

Mary Rose Yoho
2013 Ways & Means Chairman
RR1 Box 144A
Proctor WV 26055
304-455-3449
49rosie72@wildblue.net

National Security

I just want to say Thank You President Debbie for appointing me National Security Chairman. I enjoy working on our programs of the American Legion Auxiliary.

September is Disaster Preparedness Month and FEMA.

This committee works to maintain and promote a strong national defense by providing the necessary means to strengthen our military families: Supporting Military Families, Supporting other Military Related Initiatives; POW/MIA issues, USO, America Supports You (ASY), Blue and Gold Star Banner Program, Welcome Home Troops, Unit/Individual Support (support for military families would be to fly a POW/MIA flag or conduct a POW/MIA ceremony at unit events.

I will have more information at our work shop.

Until then always remember our Service Men and Women.

God Bless and be Happy.
Patricia Moore
National Security Chairman



Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

School starts back today in our county --- where does the time go!

Hope throughout the summer you have continued to remember our veterans in nursing homes and hospitals in your community. When you are sick, infirmed, etc. time does not have a season.

Our veterans have given so much for us--we must not forget to remember them.

Remember those currently serving in Afghanistan and in other Post throughout the world, and don't forget their families trying to cope at home.

I am sure we must continue to remember our homeless veterans with anything you can do in your community to try to help transition them into housing. Several units (including ours) have done that with the giving of "buddy baskets" that go to the homeless shelters in their area to help those veterans with needed items as they move into housing.

If your budget can afford or if your unit is looking for a special project; don't forget our National Organization's commitment to the Creative Arts Festival.

I want to thank Department President Debbie for giving me the opportunity to continue as Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Chairman.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can assist you in any way. I can be reached after 5:00 PM at (304) 736-6484 (if I am not home answering with pick up) or on my cell as (304) 638-7665. If you have any urgent request, I can be reached throughout the day 7:00 - 4:30 at (304) 526-9793.

I will see many you at the Leadership Meeting - - Fall Board Meeting.

Mary Waybright
V A & R Chairman



Scrapbook

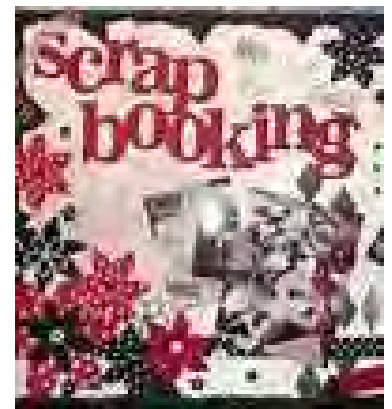
Hello Auxiliary Members,

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Patti Riggelman. I'm married to Debbie's youngest brother Tim.

When I was a young girl both my parents where very active at the Hancock, MD American Legion. Since both of them have passed I wanted to join the American Legion Auxiliary in their honor. So when Deb ask me to join I jump at the chance to be a part of something bigger than me.

I'm so honored that Deb ask me to be her Scrapbook Chairman. Deb knows that I love to scrapbook and I'm excited to get started on a book for Deb. So please send me your pictures, newspaper articles and any thing that would help Deb to remember her year as the Department President.

Happy Scrapbooking,
Patti Riggelman



MEMBERSHIP 2013-2014

"MINING FOR GEMS"

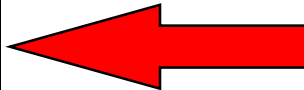
Target #1 — August 15th—35.00 %
 Total to Date — 653 (08.36%)
 2014 National Goal — 7809
 Headquarters Unit #200 — 13

August
 15th

| District 1 | 2014 Goal | 2014 | % of Goal |
|----------------------|-----------|------|-----------|
| Unit | | | |
| Moundsville #3 | 308 | 0 | |
| McMechen #5 | 52 | 14 | 26.92% |
| Weirton #10 | 77 | 0 | |
| Cameron #18 | 212 | 10 | 12.99% |
| New Martinsville #28 | 141 | 58 | 41.13% |
| Wellsburg #34 | 25 | 0 | |
| Follansbee #45 | 53 | 0 | |
| Benwood #46 | 105 | 4 | 0.95% |
| Pine Grove #81 | 79 | 0 | |
| Paden City #86 | 114 | 42 | 36.84% |
| Wheeling #89 | 30 | 7 | 23.33% |
| Newell #114 | 43 | 0 | |
| Hundred #120 | 109 | 0 | |
| Chester #121 | 170 | 0 | |
| TOTALS | 1518 | 135 | 08.89% |



Goal—4059
 To Date—345
 (08.50%)



| District 3 | 2014 Goal | 2014 | % of Goal |
|----------------|-----------|------|-----------|
| Unit | | | |
| Weston #4 | 10 | 0 | |
| Buckhannon #7 | 66 | 0 | |
| Grafton #12 | 25 | 0 | |
| Clarksburg #13 | 134 | 47 | 35.08% |
| Shinnston #31 | 302 | 116 | 38.41% |
| Gassaway #33 | 33 | 0 | |
| Mannington #40 | 21 | 0 | |
| Philippi #44 | 49 | 0 | |
| Bridgeport #68 | 59 | 0 | |
| Jane Lew #166 | 41 | 0 | |
| TOTALS | 740 | 163 | 22.03% |

| District 4 | 2014 Goal | 2014 | % of Goal |
|-------------------|-----------|------|-----------|
| Unit | | | |
| Parkersburg #15 | 901 | 142 | 15.76% |
| Spencer #21 | 64 | 0 | |
| Pt Pleasant #23 | 352 | 0 | |
| Tyler County #48 | 16 | 0 | |
| Sistersville #67 | 193 | 20 | 10.36% |
| Parkersburg #104 | 21 | 0 | |
| New Haven #140 | 166 | 0 | |
| Williamstown #159 | 172 | 0 | |
| TOTALS | 1885 | 162 | 03.33% |

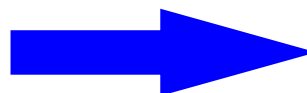


| District 5 | 2014 Goal | 2014 | % of Goal |
|--------------------|-----------|------|-----------|
| Unit | | | |
| Huntington #16 | 295 | 0 | |
| Logan #19 | 19 | 0 | |
| Ceredo-Kenova #93 | 460 | 0 | |
| Hamlin #111 | 53 | 0 | |
| Milton #139 | 83 | 23 | 27.17% |
| Barboursville #177 | 151 | 0 | |
| TOTALS | 1061 | 23 | 27.17% |

| District 6 | 2014 Goal | 2014 | % of Goal |
|---------------|-----------|------|-----------|
| Unit | | | |
| Welch #8 | 85 | 0 | |
| Bluefield #9 | 34 | 0 | |
| Beckley #32 | 31 | 9 | 29.03% |
| Gary #38 | 71 | 14 | 19.72% |
| Beckley #70 | 12 | 0 | |
| TOTALS | 233 | 28 | 12.67% |



Goal—3557
 To Date—295
 (08.30%)



| District 9 | 2014 Goal | 2014 | % of Goal |
|---------------|-----------|------|-----------|
| Unit | | | |
| Elkins #29 | 206 | 0 | |
| Cowen #62 | 61 | 12 | 19.67% |
| Lewisburg #69 | 76 | 0 | |
| Belington #96 | 30 | 8 | 26.67% |
| Richwood #97 | 24 | 0 | |
| Pickens #122 | 26 | 0 | |
| TOTALS | 423 | 20 | 04.73% |

| District 8 | 2014 Goal | 2014 | % of Goal |
|----------------------|-----------|------|-----------|
| Unit | | | |
| Charleston #20 | 55 | 0 | |
| St Albans #73 | 91 | 0 | |
| South Charleston #94 | 21 | 0 | |
| TOTALS | 167 | 0 | 0.00% |

| District 10 | 2014 Goal | 2014 | % of Goal |
|----------------------|-----------|------|-----------|
| Unit | | | |
| Martinsburg #14 | 161 | 0 | |
| Franklin #30 | 19 | 0 | |
| Piedmont #52 | 44 | 0 | |
| Berkeley Springs #60 | 250 | 0 | |
| Moorefield #64 | 125 | 0 | |
| Charles Town #71 | 230 | 35 | 15.22% |
| Petersburg #78 | 79 | 0 | |
| Romney #91 | 276 | 47 | 17.03% |
| Charles Town #102 | 19 | 0 | |
| Paw Paw #128 | 71 | 0 | |
| Kirby #134 | 52 | 0 | |
| Ridgeley #136 | 108 | 0 | |
| Capon Bridge #137 | 114 | 0 | |
| Keyser #152 | 41 | 27 | 68.00% |
| TOTALS | 1589 | 109 | 06.86% |

MEMBERSHIP 2012-2013

"Catch A Falling Star"

Target #5—July 15th (102.00%)
 Total to Date — 7642 (96.30%)
 2013 National Goal—7936
 Headquarters Unit #200 — 98

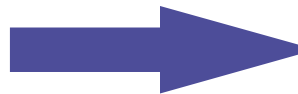
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| District 1 | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Unit | 2013 Goal | 2013 | % of Goal |
| Moundsville #3 | 316 | 307 | 97.15% |
| McMechen #5 | 54 | 51 | 94.44% |
| Weirton #10 | 78 | 76 | 97.44% |
| Cameron #18 | 195 | 211 | 108.21% |
| New Martinsville #28 | 157 | 140 | 89.17% |
| Wellsburg #34 | 26 | 24 | 92.32% |
| Follansbee #45 | 46 | 52 | 113.04% |
| Benwood #46 | 129 | 106 | 82.17% |
| Pine Grove #81 | 95 | 78 | 82.11% |
| Paden City #86 | 113 | 113 | 100.00% |
| Wheeling #89 | 36 | 29 | 80.56% |
| Newell #114 | 48 | 42 | 87.50% |
| Hundred #120 | 113 | 108 | 95.58% |
| Chester #121 | 181 | 169 | 93.37% |
| TOTALS | 1587 | 1506 | 94.90% |

| District 4 | | | |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Unit | 2013 Goal | 2013 | % of Goal |
| Parkersburg #15 | 898 | 900 | 100.22% |
| Spencer #21 | 69 | 63 | 91.30% |
| Pt. Pleasant #23 | 337 | 351 | 104.15% |
| Tyler County #48 | NEW | 15 | |
| Sistersville #67 | 180 | 192 | 106.67% |
| Parkersburg #104 | 16 | 20 | 125.00% |
| New Haven #140 | 181 | 165 | 91.16% |
| Williamstown #159 | 180 | 171 | 95.00% |
| TOTALS | 1861 | 1876 | 100.81% |

| District 6 | | | |
|---------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Unit | 2013 Goal | 2013 | % of Goal |
| Welch #8 | 94 | 84 | 89.36% |
| Bluefield #9 | 39 | 33 | 84.62% |
| Beckley #32 | 43 | 30 | 69.77% |
| Gary #38 | 70 | 70 | 100.00% |
| Beckley #70 | 12 | 11 | 91.67% |
| TOTALS | 258 | 228 | 88.37% |

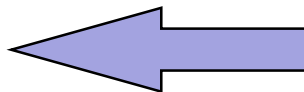
| District 9 | | | |
|---------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Unit | 2013 Goal | 2013 | % of Goal |
| Elkins #29 | 205 | 205 | 100.00% |
| Cowen #62 | 56 | 60 | 107.14% |
| Lewisburg #69 | 76 | 75 | 98.68% |
| Belington #96 | 29 | 29 | 100.00% |
| Richwood #97 | 24 | 23 | 95.83% |
| Pickens #122 | 25 | 25 | 100.00% |
| TOTALS | 414 | 417 | 100.72% |



Sun Catchers
 Goal—3770
 To Date—3518
 (94.34%)



Dream Catchers
 Goal—4120
 To Date—4028
 (97.77%)



| District 3 | | | |
|-----------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Unit | 2013 Goal | 2013 | % of Goal |
| Weston #4 | 17 | 8 | 47.06% |
| Buckhannon #7 | 64 | 65 | 101.56% |
| Grafton #12 | 43 | 24 | 55.81% |
| Clarksburg #13 | 148 | 133 | 89.86% |
| Shinnston #31 | 338 | 301 | 89.05% |
| Braxton Co. #33 | 31 | 32 | 103.23% |
| Mannington #40 | 23 | 20 | 86.96% |
| Philippi #44 | 43 | 48 | 111.63% |
| Bridgeport #68 | 58 | 58 | 100.00% |
| Jane Lew #166 | 57 | 40 | 70.18% |
| TOTALS | 822 | 729 | 89.69% |

| District 5 | | | |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Unit | 2013 Goal | 2013 | % of Goal |
| Huntington #16 | 290 | 294 | 101.38% |
| Logan #19 | 26 | 18 | 69.23% |
| Ceredo-Kenova #93 | 493 | 459 | 93.10% |
| Hamlin #111 | 62 | 52 | 83.87% |
| Milton #139 | 90 | 82 | 91.11% |
| Barboursville #177 | 175 | 150 | 85.71% |
| Totals | 1136 | 1054 | 92.78% |

| District 8 | | | |
|----------------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Unit | 2013 Goal | 2013 | % of Goal |
| Charleston #20 | 56 | 54 | 96.43% |
| St Albans #73 | 93 | 90 | 96.77% |
| South Charleston #94 | 20 | 20 | 100.00% |
| TOTALS | 169 | 160 | 94.67% |

| District 10 | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| Unit | 2013 Goal | 2013 | % of Goal |
| Martinsburg #14 | 157 | 160 | 101.91% |
| Franklin #30 | 18 | 18 | 100.00% |
| Piedmont #52 | 43 | 43 | 100.00% |
| Berkeley Springs #60 | 247 | 249 | 100.81% |
| Moorefield #64 | 139 | 124 | 89.21% |
| Charles Town #71 | 217 | 229 | 105.52% |
| Petersburg #78 | 73 | 78 | 106.85% |
| Romney #91 | 308 | 275 | 89.29% |
| Charles Town #102 | 17 | 18 | 105.88% |
| Paw Paw #128 | 74 | 70 | 94.59% |
| Kirby #134 | 56 | 51 | 91.07% |
| Ridgeley #136 | 117 | 107 | 91.45% |
| Capon Bridge #137 | 111 | 113 | 100.00% |
| Keyser #152 | 53 | 40 | 75.47% |
| Riverton #183 | 13 | 0 | 0.00% |
| TOTALS | 1643 | 1578 | 95.04% |



American Legion Auxiliary Department of West Virginia



September 2013

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|--|--|-----|---|---|
| 1 | 2 <i>Office Closed Labor Day</i> | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Mail Call</div> | 7 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 <i>Fall Meetings</i> | 14 <i>Workshop E Board Meeting</i> |
| 15 <i>Target #2 45%</i> | 16 | 17 | 18 <i>Wheeling #1 Charter Application</i> | 19 | 20 <i>Spirit Out Hospital Checks</i> | 21 <i>9th District Spring Conf. Cowen #62</i> |
| 22 <i>Morgantown Unit #174 Charter Signing</i> | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Mail Call</div> | 28 <i>10th District Fall Conf. Martinsburg #14</i> |
| 29 | 30 | Program of Month Junior Activities Music Cheer Parties | | | | |

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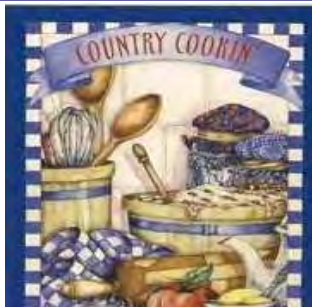
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FALL WORKSHOP TENTATIVE AGENDA

Friday September 13th—

1:00 pm—

5:00 pm—

7:00 pm—

West Virginia Room

Finance Meeting

Rhododendron Girls State Meeting

Membership Teams (Pres./Vices./Districts)

Saturday September 14th—

8:00-9:00 am—

9:00 am—

West Virginia Room

Registration (Seniors & Juniors)

Opening Ceremony

Colors in Place—Hand Salute

Invocation—Chaplain Tammy Workman

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance—Americanism Chairman Rita Alley

Preamble—Constitution & Bylaws Chairman Dede Kelly

9:15 am—

Introduction Membership Chairman Sharon Glassford

Membership Team

Membership Rally

10:00 am—

Guest speaker Sara Jane Gainor, Director Bonnies Bus

10:45 am—

Secretary/Membership Training Paulette Anderson

President Training Unit and District Irene Weber

Leadership Ann Buchanan

11:45-1:30 pm

Lunch On Your Own

1:30 pm—

Membership Awards/Challenges Membership Team

Rally Tally

2:00 pm—

Plan of Works Department Chairman

Chaplain Tammy Workman

Gift Shops

Poppy Shop Katena Karnes

Central Division Chairmen

2:45 pm—

Purse Auction

3:45 pm—

Questions & Answers

4:00 pm—

Announcements

Adjournment

Juniors Will Be Having Their Workshop During This Time

6:00 pm—

Executive Board Meeting West Virginia Room

American Legion Auxiliary
Department President



Son's of the American Legion
Detachment Commander



Debra Fox



Rocky Fox

Homecoming

October 26th 2013

At Berkeley Springs Post 60

Social Hour 6:00 pm , Dinner 7:00 pm

Menu:

Baked Ham; Roasted Turkey Breast;

Mashed Potatoes with gravy,

Lima Beans, Harvard Beets, Coleslaw ,and hot roll

Dessert: Cake , coffee ,and tea

Tickets \$20.00