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Department President
Debbie Fox



Forever "Mindful" Of Our Veterans

Hello WV Gems,

I hope everyone is enjoying this great fall weather.

As I've written in the past my children and I always welcomed Halloween and everything about the season. Just the smell of my neighbors burning leaves takes me back so many years. My children would run and jump in the leaves for days and beg me not to burn the huge pile of fun.

In the last month I've been extremely busy. With working 45 to 50 hours a week and Fall Conferences every weekend doesn't leave much time for house cleaning. Oh well I never did like to clean house anyway.

I was able to attend 5 conferences and the Department Commander's homecoming. With any luck I'll be at the rest in the spring, plus a few more.

Since the notices came out from the National Office, membership has been coming in to Department at a steady pace. Target # 3 is October 15 for 55%. YAHOO!!! We have 22 units and 1 District that met or exceeded that amount. With all of this good news we still several "0s."

In the next couple of weeks we'll be contacting you to offer our assistances. I've heard from a few units that have held membership rallies with great success. You just never know what will work for your unit and your area of the state.

In case you're keeping track Foxy has 37 stones on her collar. That's not counting future targets that have already been met.

Don't forget to invite all veterans to your Veteran's Day Program. The day belongs to all veterans not just members of your Post. After all get them in the door and make sure they are members before they leave.

By the time most of you get this SPIRIT my dad will be recovering from major heart surgery. Please remember him in your prayers.

Keep those gems shining.
Forever Mindful of Our Veterans,
Your Department President
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—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—
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

National Executive Committeewoman and 4th District Nancy Sundstrom is down with pneumonia in one lung and bronchitis.

Cards may be sent to:

*Nancy Sundstrom
1307 23rd Street
Parkersburg WV 26101*

Donna Underwood, 4th District Vice President underwent surgery on her leg Tuesday. Cards may be sent to:

*Donna Underwood
PO Box 243
Friendly WV 26146*

Danielle Hedrick, 9th District President will be having surgery on Monday the 21st. Keep her in your prayers.

Patricia Burdine, President of Williamstown Unit #159 fell and broke her hip. Cards may be sent to: Patricia Burdine, 909 Naish Ave. Williamstown WV

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 City, Post #, State and zip code if eligibility is under a Veteran living** before processing into Department Headquarters. All incomplete applications will be sent back. Remember for 2013 **back dues will be \$14.00**. It will be listed on the 2014 transmittal forms.

If a veteran is living they **must** hold membership in The American Legion. If a member has paid her 2013 dues she is allowed to transfer to another Unit. If a member hasn't paid her 2013 dues she **must** pay in old unit to transfer due to still in the 2013 processing of dues. I hope this clears up any misunderstanding.

Dates To Remember:

Department Presidents Homecoming:
October 26th at Berkeley Springs Post #60
2014 Dates

Mid Winter Conference: Feb. 7th & 8th.
Department Convention: July 10, 11, 12th
National Convention: August 22-28,
Charlotte NC

Dept. Membership Workshop: September
13th at Days Inn.

Directory Corrections:

Page 11: please correct Dept. Historian email to: monygal2000@hotmail.com

Page 11 & 13: Tammy Workman has a new

email address: two-cubs@hotmail.com
Page 12 & 20: please move Donna Leek to 1st Dist. President due to Marge Walton resigning due to health. Donna Leek's home # is 304-889-2229.

Page 13: Replace under Girls State Director Irene Weber with Michelle Sirbaugh, 85 Key Acres, Berkeley Springs WV 25411. phone # 304-258-6451, (e) luv2golfmrs@gmail.com

Page 15: Irene Weber new email under Martinsburg Gift Shop:
renie895@frontier.com

Page 24: Moundsville Unit #3 Secretary should be Shirley Burge 1818 3rd St. Moundsville WV 26041 phone # 304-281-8093

Bluefield Unit #9 Secretary should be Sara Smith 638 Rockbridge St. #304-323-4126.

Martinsburg Unit #14 President's address should be: 1671 Kelly Island Rd. All else the same. Unit email is:

skauf01@yahoo.com

Page 30: please in bottom **Morgantown Unit #174 1st Thursday 6:30 pm at Post Home. Unit Email:**

Rachel.AppraisalProfessional
@gmail.com

President: Rachel Phillips 623
Mariner Villa Morgantown WV
26508 # 304-594-9338.

Secretary: Sherry Phillips 20 Citadel
Rd. Morgantown WV 26505
#304-598-8920.

Policy & Procedures: will be available for sale at Fall Conferences.

PUFL's: Distribution list will be emailed to Units who have PUFL's. It will be sent on a credit memo along with the names of the members who are paid up for life.

Spring Conferences: are listed in the Spirit. I don't have all the information so when I hear from the District Presidents I will include in the Spirit.



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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 Vice Pres. Katie Beth Caudill
#16

2nd Vice Pres.—Taylor Bash #16

Secretary—VACANT

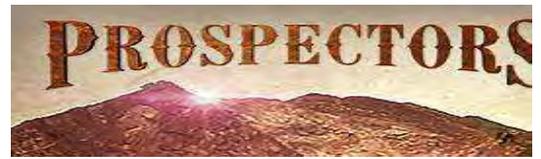
Chaplain—Mary Grace Bannon
#16

Historian—Brandee Fernandez #15

Sgt. At Arms—Ryleigh Shears #15



Mining For Gems



"Foreman"

Hello Ladies

Well here we are at target #3 55%. The Rubies are ahead at 46.74% and Sapphires are 43.32%. For the break down we have Rubies have 13 units are 55% and/or are higher. Sapphires have 9 units are 55% and/or higher.

Ladies you all are working hard and it shows; yesterday I received the report from National figures and we are ranked seventh (7th) and we are Third (3rd) in Central Division a Big High Five.

This shows we can PASS IT ON because that is what you have been doing!!!!!! Congratulations!

Remember Ladies; we need for those ZERO'S to DISAPPEAR. You're District Vice Presidents will be making their phone calls. TEN IS THE NUMBERS OF MEMBERS THAT YOU NEED TO HAVE UNITS IN GOOD STANDING.

SHOULD YOU NEED ASSISTANCE PLEASE TALK TO YOU District V. Pres. make sure that you get REJOINS.

We need to have our DEPARTMENT AT 55%; by VETERAN'S DAY (NOV. 11, 2013). This is their First Milestone. So, let's strife to make this number 55% appear to honor our Veterans. YOU CAN DO THIS.

There are a number of awards that you can put in for; ask your District Vice Pres. Department Vice Pres. are also a big help.

As you and your families prepare for the holidays let us FOREVER "MINDFUL" OF OUR VETERANS. Don't forget their families because they are serving you just as well. Enjoy the beautiful weather.

For now, keep up the great work and THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU ARE DOING.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

Sharon Glassford

Dept. Membership Chairman

"Gold"

Hey, Sapphires, we are members of such a wonderful organization—full of patriotism and love for God and Country, for our Veterans and their families, and for our communities! Let's don't keep the Organization such a secret! Get out there among all your friends and acquaintances and tell them why they too should be members—if they are eligible, that is. Our membership goal is 3557 and to date we only have 1541 (43.32%). By November all Officers should have their dues paid plus by November 15, our Target is 60%. Come on, we can do it!

My heartfelt CONGRATULATIONS to the following Units: BUCKHANNON 7—Target 3! CLARKSBURG 13—Targets 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7!! SHINNSTON 31—Targets 3, 4, and 5!! BRAXTON COUNTY 33—Targets 3, 4, and 5!! MANNINGTON 40—Targets 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, AND 9!!! LOGAN 19—Target 3! BERKELEY SPRINGS 60—Target 3! CHARLES TOWN 71—Targets 3, 4, and 5!! And then there's KEYSER 152—Targets 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, AND 10!!! All of these Units are sparkling bright blue for Diamond Debbie!

Wishing you a very successful month ahead in your "digging for members"! Paula Booth, Dept. 1st VP, AKA "Prospector Gold"

"Silver"

Hello Beautiful Rubies!

I was honored to attend the 4th and 6th District Conferences. I want to thank all of you for the great hospitality and the delicious food.

I am very proud of all Units that are doing so well with Membership! Congratulations to the following Units for reaching Target # 3-McMechen #5; New Martinsville #28; Wellsburg #34; Benwood #46; Paden City #86; Parkersburg #15; Spencer #21; Welch #8; Bluefield #9; Gary #38; Lewisburg #69; Belington #96; and Pickens #122.

We are ahead of the Sapphires 46.74% by 43.32%. Keep up the good work ladies!!

There are still a few Units with zero membership turned in. Please DO NOT hold membership!

If you need help with anything, please call me or send email!! We are a great Organization and we are here for our Veterans!!! Let's all work together....our Veterans deserve our best!!

God Bless America!

Susan Wade

Department 2nd Vice President

Cell # 304 771-1574

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



Sapphires

Fourth District President

Nancy Sundstrom 4th District President has been sick and is not feeling up to writing a spirit message this month. She has bronchitis in one lung and pneumonia in her other lung, so keep her in your prayers please. She did say "Congratulations to the two Units who made goal and keep sending in your membership."

Sixth District Vice President

The 6th District Conference was held on Saturday October 12th. I really enjoyed all the information and talking to the ladies. I hope everyone had a nice time and will come back to Welch and visit our American Legion Auxiliary.

Thank you Paulette, Paula and Susan for coming down to our meeting. Debbie you would have fit in real good, sorry that you could not make it. Thanks to the ladies in Unit # 8 who fixed all the food and decorations.

I cannot say enough about membership, when I talk about membership I get on a role. I challenge all Units in District # 6 to hit all target dates starting with OCTOBER 15TH. The units that hits all these target dates October, November, December, January, February, March, April, May and June will receive \$10.00 from me for there treasure. Go get those members you big RED RUBIES. Thanks to all the Ladies who showed up for the District meeting and sent me those beautiful get well cards. The shingles are no fun at all and a bum knee is bad also. When I take my meds I do ok. God Bless you all. God Bless all our Veterans around the world who serve our Country .

Take Care
Rita Alley
(304-732-0084)

**Membership!!
Membership!!!**

Go Membership!!!

Third District President

Hello Ladies
I hope everyone is all right and doing well.

I was at Frank Nicholson our Commander Homecoming on Saturday the 5 of October. It was nice. I had a good time. We had a good turn out at 3rd District Conference. We discussed some things and some have to wait till spring Conference.

I would like to welcome our new unit 174 out of Morgantown to 3rd District. We are happy to have you and look forward to working with all of you.

Keep those membership coming.
Remember our Veteran's always.
Kathy Hogue
3rd District President

Eighth District President

Veterans Day is coming soon. Plan a program for the veterans of your Post. Let them know that you appreciate everything they have done for you. Also, Thanksgiving is coming soon afterwards. Show your thanks for the veterans by serving them a nice dinner. Of course, invite their families to enjoy the meal and a program. It is a nice time to share your bounty.

I thank those who came to our Fall Conference at Unit #20. Everyone added so much to the success of the meeting.

Get out there and collect dues and recruit some new members. We all need everyone we can get to help out. Don't hold dues—get them in as soon as possible. I am sure we can attain goal, if we just do our best.

Don't forget our veterans in hospitals, nursing homes and just plain in their homes. Let them know you care about them. Many have no one who will visit with them. Shake hands with a veteran or serviceman or woman you meet on the street or while shopping and thank them for their service to help maintain our freedoms.

Mary Bess
8th District President

Tenth District President

Hello Ladies of the 10th District,
Our District has just had its 10th District fall conference and it was very successful.

A large number of the units from our District attended and I want to thank each and every attendee for taking the time out of their busy schedules to spend a day with me and my team.

We spent some time talking about end of year reports, and I feel that it is important enough to bring up again. We maintain our non-profit status based upon the national staff's reports to the IRS. They can only give accurate information if they are given accurate information. Therefore, each unit's report is important. National has to show that most of the units have responded and are actually performing activities or they run the risk of loss of non-profit status.

We had a visit from David "Robbie" Robinson, the District and Department Americanism expert. He discussed what we will need to file veteran's claims when our veteran passes away. He has recently helped a number of widows through this maze and wanted to let us know that there are a few simple steps we can work on with our husbands that will make this difficult time easier.

Please remember Debbie and Rocky's Homecoming on the 26th of October in Berkeley Springs. I would like to see all of you attend. She is a great State President and deserves our support.

Quote of the month: "Anyone can run away – it's super easy. Facing problems and working through them; that's what makes you strong"

Have a good month and be safe.
Lisa Turner
10th District President

**Membership!!
Membership!!!**

Go Membership!!!

Chaplain

Hello Ladies,

I wish to thank Unit 13 Clarksburg (3rd district) and unit 159 Williamstown (4th district) for all the work they did in hosting their fall conferences, and all the units who attended. I enjoyed visiting and am always looking forward to hearing what your members are doing. Let us remember those who have been sick or are undergoing extended health care. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

We say our Veterans are Not Forgotten. However there are those who have been forgotten, which I discovered recently through an escort mission with fellow Rider's. The "Missing in America Program www.miap.us is changing that. Sadly in our funeral homes there are often the cremated remains of those who go unclaimed by family, friend, or comrades. Just left abandon and forgotten and given no final resting place. Well this program needs our help. If we could contact funeral homes in and around our area to see if they have cremated remains who may be veterans or the spouses of veterans and if so report it to this program. They can begin the identification process which can often take as much as two years to complete. Once identified, and verified they will be interred at the WV National cemetery in Grafton. This program is active in every state across America. You can visit the website above and visit their Facebook page (Missing in America Program - WV)

On October 14th eight were finally given a resting place amongst fellow comrades. Some of those had been forgotten for as much as 23 years.

For God and Country
Tammy Workman
Chaplain



Historian

Hello Ladies;

Hope this finds everyone in good health. I hope all Units are preparing activities for Veterans Day.

Please report these things in your History.

In September I sent all District Presidents my Plan of Works, please be sure to see that each of your Units receives them so they can start compiling their History for a good report.

If I made any mistakes on these please bring it to my attention or if you have any questions please contact me.

Ramona Westfall
Department Historian

Junior Historian

Please continue to send me what information on what the Juniors in your units are doing so I can make a history book for the year of 2013-2014, so far I've had no one send me anything. So please send me things so I can make a great history book.

Please, Unit Presidents OR Unit Jr. Activity Chairmen write and let me know what your Juniors are doing! Thank you.

Department Jr. Historian
Brandee Fernandez

Legislative

During the government shut down, I hope each and every member took action by writing, emailing or calling elected officials.

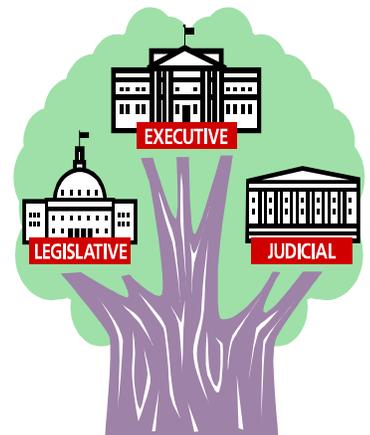
Plan of Action for Legislative is now out, Paulette is going to take to those Districts that have not had their conferences yet. All others will be emailed.

There is an Advocacy Guide that contains good information on how to get started, what our issues are, building relationships and communicating with legislators, reporting results, sample commutations and letters, as well as additional resources. This guide is loaded with information and can be download from: <http://www.legion-aux.org/Programs/Legislative/>

Facebook has a Legislative page with current issues and updates posted. The name of the group page is: Pass It On National ALA Legislative Group Page.

The National American Legion website contains a lot of legislative information, including the priority sheets and point papers. The priority sheets contain the American Legion's position and views of members. The point's paper will provide more information on each issue. Links to both run down the left side of <http://www.legion.org/legislative/>. Make copies for members and ask them to take action on these priority issues.

Lisa Cadwallader
Legislative Chairman
CADWALL1@Westat.com



Public Relations

Purpose Statement

To promote, publicize, and re-educate the general public and our members about our core program values of serving veterans and their families.

Mission

“Promote a Positive Image” of the American Legion Auxiliary its mission and goals, through a variety of material and resources available online at www.alaforveterans.org. Go to the members tab at the top then go to members development, click on Public Relations there you will see the Plan of Action, Tool Kit, Support Tools and News Release guides. There are downloads there to use for news articles promoting the veterans, the ALA and you.

There are downloads there for Veterans Day, POW-MIA Day, Flag Day, July 4th, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day and National Pearl Harbor Day. Use these tools then send me copies of where the Unit used these tools in local news papers, promoting the ALA and public relations awareness for the Department Press Book.

“Passing It On”

Public Relations is letting others know what we do. Pass It On; show Who we are, What we do, Where we do it and Why we do it. Pass It On outside of the Unit. I know that we are all very busy and we get caught up in all we do but we need to take the time to promote all the good things we do for the ALA, the Veterans, our military and their families. You can also go to www.alaforveterans.org and go to Media tab this provides tools you can use.

Help Spread the Word

Encourage everyone in your unit to sign up to receive ALA eNews.

Offer to send all the email addresses of your unit members to national Headquarters.

Enlist the help of your Public Relations Committee to create a website for your unit.

Tell a story to everyone you meet about what your Auxiliary unit is doing right now to help veterans, the military and their families.

Purchase a gift subscription to Auxiliary magazine for your doctor’s office, health club, or hair salon.

Connect with us on Facebook.

Follow us on Twitter.

Thanks everyone and See you in Newssssssssssssss!

Vickie Luttrell

Public Relations Chairman

Leadership

Ladies,

I hope that you received a lot of information at your Fall District Conference. Your unit is now into the swing of the new year. Watch the next few SPIRITS for articles from our officers and chairmen giving you essential information for this year.

My big push this year will be for 75% of the units in the Department of WV to have at least three of their members complete the American Legion Auxiliary Leadership Correspondence Course. There is also a course for Junior members. These courses are divided into sections so the Course can be taken in several sections. Please remember to answer the questions after each section and to send the paperwork to me. Even if you are not a new member, I believe that you will find so interesting facts in the course and sometimes we may forget a few important facts. So take the time to invest in your organization by participating.

The course is online at the following website: alaforveterans.org Do not click on Programs but click on Members. You will find Leadership in the column under Membership. I provided each District President and the Department Junior Activities Chairman with a copy of the course to be used by any unit that may find it difficult to use the internet. Please contact them if you need a copy.

Certificates will be given to all members that complete the course by me. There is a Card certifying you have passed the course. I will have a prize to the unit with the largest percentage of participating members and for the unit with the largest number of participants. I will also have a prize for the District with the largest percentage of units participating and the largest number of units that participate.

Knowledge can lead to success. Let us gain the knowledge of our organization so we can share it to all our members. I hope to get names and answer sheets for those completing the course very soon.

Ann Buchanan
Leadership Chairman

Gift Shops

Beckley Gift Shop: Dec. 5th & 6th

Clarksburg Gift Shop: Dec. 4th, 5th, 6th

Huntington Gift Shop: Dec. 3rd

**Martinsburg Gift shop: Dec. 6th 10-4
7th 9-12**



Community Service

Hello Ladies,

The fall and winter holiday season has begun and we all know it seems to be a never ending time with activities for our members. Busy, Busy are we, The American Legion Auxiliary.

Here are just a few things to think about while you are gearing up for the long season. Share information about President Debbie's special project in your community. The Bonnie's Bus website is www.wvucancer.edu/bonnie and they are on Facebook so you can at least guide others to the information.

We often need a little help with our activities so remember the high school students in your community. They need to earn a percent of community service time to graduate. What better way for us to give them what they need ,and gain the help we need. The best part is these young people and their parents will see the auxiliary in their best image, and may decide they want to be members.

Be ever mindful of our veterans. The weather is cooling down and before long winter will be here. Check with any shelters close to your area to see how you can help. Most often they need sheets, blankets, towels, hygiene items, coats, food, and laundry detergents.

Sadly this is also the time of year for most (SCAMS) against our veterans to gain force. Advise everyone to make their contributions through a local American Legion or VFW. Let them know the established programs we have. Share our websites so they can learn more about our programs.

Tammy Workman
Community Service

Americanism

Hello to all the Ladies in all the Units in the big state of West Virginia.

I am the Americanism Chairman this year for the Department of West Virginia.

Thanks Debbie. I hope I get out all the info for Americanism. The government has let us down but only temporary. I have confidence that they will get straightened out SOON.

To be an American and live in the United States is still a good thing. When you watch the news think about where you live and all the freedoms that you have, all provided by our wonderful Veterans. I say "Stand up for Americanism and be COUNTED". "VOTE" and voice your opinion and thoughts you have the right. Veterans fought and died for our freedom to do this. Thank a Veteran!

There is a application on National web site for "AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST", this is for the children. I would love to see many, many filled out and sent in. I will send any info that you need for this.

Another program "PASS IT ON" Membership Mission Award, (National President's citation) Americanism Committee, this is for the unit.

Go on alaforveterans.org and start to pick your programs or www.wvvaux.org These websites will tell it all.

I am proud to be an "American" and I will stand up for our beautiful flag. There is a wonderful program for "Pocket Fag Program". This one should be done by all units and get the children involved in folding the flag. I promise that if you ever take a trip overseas you would come home with a different out look on living in America.

I will have more info each month.

Take care and be careful, winter is around the corner.

Thank a Veteran for you freedom
Rita Alley
Americanism Chairman

Constitution & Bylaws

HOW TO WRITE A RESOLUTION
Step-by-Step Instructions:

•> A resolution is a written formal motion. Resolutions are used because the motion may be presented in written form with some of the reasons included in the document. If written well, the resolution makes it easier for members to consider the proposal. Importance, length and complexity of the motion, and size and formality of the assembly are major considerations in using resolutions.

•>A resolution has two sections — the resolving clauses and the reasons. Resolving clauses tell the specifics of the proposal. The main reasons a motion should be adopted are included in the "Whereas" clauses. Neither section should include more clauses than are absolutely necessary. Simple, but specific is best.

•>When developing a written motion or resolution, consult with members who can be of assistance to improve the wording and whose support will assist in its adoption.

•>The two sections of a resolution can be written in either order, but many believe it is better to write the main motion first and then write the reasons it should be adopted. This way, you first determine what is to be done. Focus on the most crucial specifics essential in the motion. Say it in one or two sentences. A third sentence could include who is responsible and a timeline.

•>Once the main motion is determined, develop three to five statements to support the adoption of it. These are worded as "Whereas" clauses. These points should be the most important and least controversial arguments for the motion. Less than three points may not make the case depending on the motion, and more than five may get too complicated and confuse the issue. Again, it is important to stay focused on the points that are strictly necessary. Leave other points for the discussion.

•>When the resolution is finally written, it begins with the "Whereas" clauses and ends with the resolved clauses. Robert's Rules prescribes the proper format, capitalization and punctuation.

• Again, it is a good idea to consult with members who can be of assistance and Robert's Rules to ensure your resolution is correctly formatted.

Dede Kelly
Constitution & By Laws Chairman



THE
AMERICAN
LEGION FAMILY



Education

The Education program goals are to promote quality education for children and adults, support legislation that establish new scholarship opportunities, encourage schools to participate in Veterans in the Classroom, and to provide scholarships for students who desire a college education.

One of the National objectives for Education this year is educating school administrators about the unique mental health issues facing children of our military. Suggestions on how to achieve this objective are to: 1. Offer to connect teachers/administrators with mental health resources where they can refer military children. To familiarize yourself with this information you can research the data on www.samhsa.gov (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration). Establish a contact with someone from your state Operation: Military Kids team. They have many resources to assist the military child that your local schools may not be aware of. 2. Mentor Juniors in your area in how to identify military children, how to help them integrate into a new school, how to be a friend, and when to speak up if they sense that the military child is in danger, so they can be peer support for military children. Ask Juniors to speak to their school counselors and volunteer to be paired up with a military child for support. 3. Encourage participation in Awareness Day events. Members can meet with the administrators of local schools to deliver and discuss Mental Health Awareness Day collaborations (the guidebook is available on the National website under Children & Youth resources). You can provide a contact name in your unit for the school/social worker/guidance staff to help with the American Legion Auxiliary's Resources for Veterans and Military Families and/or other opportunities to help military kids and their families.

American Education Week is November 18-22. The theme is "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility." You can participate by promoting the many Auxiliary scholarships that are available. Please choose an activity based on one or more of the goals, objectives, or programs you'll find in these Education articles to work on this year and report on your activities at year end to the Committee Chairman.

If you need any further information, you can contact anyone on the Committee for help.

Linda Crumm
Education Committee member

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Fall has definitely fell – along with the temperatures and many leaves! It is still a beautiful time of the year thou with the many Fall colors.

Hope you are paying attention to the disgracefulness of our Legislators and the shameful way they are treating the families of our fallen heroes. I also hope you have noted who has stepped up to the plate to provide the funds our service families are entitled to when they have lost their fathers, sons, brothers, sisters in Iran and Afghanistan while Congress fights among themselves.. none other than the Fisher House. I hope many of your remember them when you are working on your VA&R donations for this membership year.

I also had any office testimony recently from a lady who's husband was treated in a VA facility in Ohio, and how wonderfully she was treated at the Fisher House there when she stayed while her husband was hospitalized during an approximately two month stay.

Don't forget our homeless veterans as the temperatures continue to drop. If you have a homeless center in your city or a mission or house where homeless veterans and their families can stay; ask what your unit can do to help them. Do a "Buddy Basket" for a former homeless veteran transitioning into housing, as per the printout in your Plan and Works, which I recently gave for each unit at Leadership/Workshop held in Bridgeport.

Veterans Day is fast approaching, so get involved in any community activities honoring our veterans on November 11th. We must never forget those we have lost and continued to honor our living veterans and our activity-duty service personnel!

If your unit did not get a VA&R Plan of Works or would like another, please do not hesitate to contact me (304) 736-6484 or cell (304) 638-7665.

If I am not home or do not answer either phone, leave a message and I will get back to you.

Mary Waybright
V A & R Chairman



Rhododendron Girls State

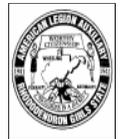
Happy Fall,

As the leaves are changing colors, I hope that you are starting to make plans for the 2014 Session of Rhododendron Girls State which will be held June 8-13, 2014 at Wheeling Jesuit University in Wheeling, WV.

Contact your schools and let them know who you are and identify yourself with the American Legion Auxiliary. Start securing funding for the upcoming session.

If you need help please contact your District Representative or if I can be of any assistance please feel free to contact me.

Lynda Lancaster
Chairman Girls State



Spring Conferences

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

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

6th District
April 26th
Bluefield Unit #9

1st District
April 27th
Pine Grove Unit #81

9th District
No Date Set

4th District
No Date Set
Pt. Pleasant Post #23 Joint

5th District
Huntington Post #16 Joint

3rd District
No Date Set

September 2013 Ways & Means Winners

Winner	Number	City	State	Date	Amount
Douglas Crouse	164	Berkeley Springs	WV	9/2/2013	\$ 25.00
Ralph Clower	926	Romney	WV	9/3/2013	\$ 25.00
Pat York	349	Romney	WV	9/4/2013	\$ 25.00
Joseph Smith	112	Vienna	WV	9/5/2013	\$ 25.00
Tina Roush	412	West Columbia	WV	9/6/2013	\$ 25.00
Tina Roush	412	West Columbia	WV	9/7/2013	\$ 25.00
ALA Unit #136	418	Ridgeley	WV	9/9/2013	\$ 25.00
Sharon Kaufman	455	Martinsburg	WV	9/10/2013	\$ 25.00
Rachel Gray	386	Berkeley Springs	WV	9/11/2013	\$ 25.00
John Lantz	207	Wheeling	WV	9/12/2013	\$ 25.00
Theresa Walton	871	Wheeling	WV	9/13/2013	\$ 25.00
Diana Wells	373	Newell	WV	9/14/2013	\$ 25.00
	890			9/16/2013	
Roger Reed	464	Welch	WV	9/17/2013	\$ 25.00
Kathleen Elston	200	Fresno	CA	9/18/2013	\$ 200.00
Susan Wade	819	Paden City	WV	9/19/2013	\$ 25.00
Kathy Measday	565	Hagerstown	MD	9/20/2013	\$ 25.00
Sherri Abrell	803	Paw Paw	WV	9/21/2013	\$ 25.00
Mary Bess	066	Elkview	WV	9/23/2013	\$ 25.00
	851			9/24/2013	
Charity Drummond	834	Martinsburg	WV	9/25/2013	\$ 25.00
Polly See	768	Romney	WV	9/26/2013	\$ 25.00
Mable Whitmer	68	Augusta	WV	9/27/2013	\$ 25.00
	763			9/28/2013	
Marvin Bennett	363	McMechen	WV	9/30/2013	\$ 25.00

Rhododendron Girls State Representatives

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
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Parkersburg WV 26101
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Gary, WV 24836
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8th Dist. — Mary Bess
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Elkview, WV 25071
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Belington WV 26250
823-3251

10th Dist.— Lynda Lancaster
PO Box 1037
Ranson WV 25438
676-3979

2014 Ways & Means

Hello Ladies,

We are now into the Fall Season. Even though the weather begins to get colder, this time of year is so naturally beautiful.

I have received a few Ways-n-Means tickets already and that is a good start. However we do have many more to sell. So please keep selling as many raffle tickets as you can. If any one does not have my contact information already, then I am including it at the end of this article again. I hope everyone has a very productive month.

Be sure to enjoy and cherish time spent volunteering as well as with family.
Rhonda Best
Ways-n-Means Chairman
37 Simpson Ave.
Moundsville, WV 26041
304-281-8152
Rlcbest37@aim.com

2013 Ways & Means

Congratulations to all the lucky
September Winners

Thanks to everyone that supported this Fundraising Project for our Veterans this year by selling and/or purchasing tickets. If you still have 2013 tickets and have sold them please send to me as soon as possible so be posted on computer. Keep up the good work and continue the support of this program so 2014 tickets sales can increase even more.

PLEASE note new e-mail address below for 2013 Chairman
. Keep sending in the any 2013 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@frontier.net

MEMBERSHIP 2013-2014

"MINING FOR GEMS"

Target #3— October 15th—55.00 %
 Total to Date — 3500 (44.82 %)
 2014 National Goal — 7809
 Headquarters Unit #200 — 62

October
 15th

District 1	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Unit			
Moundsville #3	308	107	34.74%
McMechen #5	52	38	73.03%
Weirton #10	77	20	25.97%
Cameron #18	212	76	35.85%
New Martinsville #28	141	89	63.12%
Wellsburg #34	25	16	64.00%
Follansbee #45	53	14	26.42%
Benwood #46	105	62	57.94%
Pine Grove #81	79	18	22.78%
Paden City #86	114	90	78.05%
Wheeling #89	30	8	26.67%
Newell #114	43	13	30.23%
Hundred #120	109	33	30.28%
Chester #121	170	60	35.29%
TOTALS	1518	644	42.42%

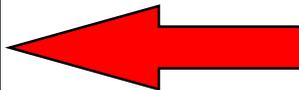
District 4	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Unit			
Parkersburg #15	901	530	58.82%
Spencer #21	64	41	64.06%
Pt Pleasant #23	352	140	39.77%
Tyler County #48	16	0	
Sistersville #67	193	64	33.16%
Parkersburg #104	21	0	
New Haven #140	166	36	21.69%
Williamstown #159	172	87	50.58%
TOTALS	1885	898	48.18%

District 6	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Unit			
Welch #8	85	59	69.42%
Bluefield #9	34	19	55.88%
Beckley #32	31	14	45.16%
Gary #38	71	62	87.32%
Beckley #70	12	0	
TOTALS	233	154	66.09%

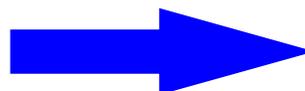
District 9	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Unit			
Elkins #29	206	76	36.89%
Cowen #62	61	29	47.54%
Lewisburg #69	76	52	68.42%
Belington #96	30	21	70.00%
Richwood #97	24	0	
Pickens #122	26	23	88.46%
TOTALS	423	201	47.52%



Goal—4059
 To Date—1897
 (46.74%)



Goal—3557
 To Date—1541
 (43.32%)



District 3	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Unit			
Weston #4	10	1	10.00%
Buckhannon #7	66	37	56.06%
Grafton #12	25	1	4.00%
Clarksburg #13	134	103	76.87%
Shinnston #31	302	203	67.22%
Braxton Cty. #33	33	23	69.70
Mannington #40	21	18	85.71%
Philippi #44	49	6	12.24%
Bridgeport #68	59	2	3.39%
Jane Lew #166	41	21	51.22%
Morgantown #174	17	NEW	
TOTALS	757	415	54.82%

District 5	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Unit			
Huntington #16	295	123	49.69%
Logan #19	19	11	57.89%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	460	136	29.57%
Hamlin #111	53	14	26.42%
Milton #139	83	38	45.78%
Barboursville #177	151	61	40.40%
TOTALS	1061	383	36.10%

District 8	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Unit			
Charleston #20	55	21	38.18%
St Albans #73	91	4	4.40%
South Charleston #94	21	1	4.76%
TOTALS	167	26	15.57%

District 10	2014 Goal	2014	% of Goal
Unit			
Martinsburg #14	161	20	12.42%
Franklin #30	19	0	
Piedmont #52	44	0	
Berkeley Springs #60	250	142	56.80%
Moorefield #64	125	28	22.40%
Charles Town #71	230	153	66.52%
Petersburg #78	79	41	51.90%
Romney #91	276	144	52.17%
Charles Town #102	19	0	
Paw Paw #128	71	35	49.30%
Kirby #134	52	21	40.38%
Ridgeley #136	108	41	37.96%
Capon Bridge #137	114	56	49.12%
Keyser #152	41	36	90.00%
TOTALS	1589	717	45.15%



American Legion Auxiliary Department of West Virginia



November 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Program of Month Membership Public Relations				1 <i>Office Closed Due to family trip to Indiana</i>	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Mail Call</div>	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 <i>Target #4 60%</i>	16
17	18 <i>Articles for Spirit Due</i>	19	20 <i>Spirit Out</i>	21 <i>Hospital Checks</i>	22 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Mail Call</div>	23
24	25	26	27 <i>Email Unit Awards</i>	28  <i>Thanksgiving Office Closed</i>	29 <i>Office Closed</i>	30

State Newsletter "Auxiliary SPIRIT"

Purchase/Renew Your Subscription!

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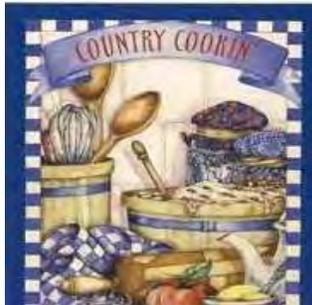
The American Legion Auxiliary
Department of West Virginia
HC 60 Box 17
New Martinsville WV 26155

Spirit is available: E-Mail—FREE
State Web Site—www.wvaux.org
Subscription—\$16.00 yearly
(Runs from August 1st to July 31st)

Make check payable to:
Dept. Treasurer, ALA

NAME:
STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX:
CITY: STATE: ZIP:
E-MAIL ADDRESS (FREE ISSUE)

WHO RECEIVES SPIRIT: Emailed to all Unit Contacts and any Unit Officers with an email address. It is emailed to All Department Officers, Department Chairmen, District Presidents/Vice Presidents, Past Department Presidents with emails. Spirits are posted monthly on the website: www.wvaux.org Unit Presidents with no email contact will receive a free copy.



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

Questions? Contact Department Headquarters 1-888-604-2242 or email alawvsec@frontier.com

Ordered by: Name _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

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

***CANCELLATION MUST BE
48 HOURS IN ADVANCE
TO RECEIVE REFUND***

YOU ARE INVITED
TO THE 33RD ANNUAL
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 7-8, 2013

PULLMAN PLAZA HOTEL
HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA

ADVANCED REGISTRATION - \$15
AT DOOR REGISTRATION - \$20

RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

I AM SENDING \$ _____ FOR _____ ADVANCED REGISTRATION(S). **PLEASE ATTACH A LIST OF INDIVIDUALS FOR WHICH YOU PAYING.**

SPELL NAME AS IT IS TO APPEAR ON NAME BADGE DURING CONFERENCE

NAME (S) _____

ADDRESS _____

POST/UNIT/SAL NO. _____

TITLE/OFFICE HELD _____

MAIL TO: THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA
P.O. BOX 3191

**33RD Annual Mid-Winter Conference
2014
ADVERTISING FORM**

The American Legion
Department of West Virginia, Inc.

I hereby authorize the following advertisement to be placed in the official program of the 33rd Annual Mid-Winter Conference of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia, Inc., scheduled February 7-8, 2014, at Pullman Plaza Hotel, Huntington, West Virginia.

Date: _____, 2014
Name of Post/Unit/SAL _____

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

Ad should read as follows:

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	Quarter Page	\$35	Quarter Page (Color)	\$70
	Eighth Page	\$25	Eighth Page (Color)	\$ 50

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

Ad and Payment Deadline is January 17, 2014.

No Deviation-You may complete a fillable advertising form on-line: www.wvlegion.org

**2014 AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION
RESERVATION INVOICE**

AUGUST 22-AUGUST 28, 2014
CHARLOTTE MARRIOTT CITY CENTER
100 WEST TRADE STREET
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA 28202

**WE ONLY
HAVE
21 ROOMS
FIRST COME
FIRST SERVE**

NAME(S) OF ATTENDEE(S)

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-MAIL:

(\$135.00 per night plus 15.25 % hotel tax) One Night's Room Deposit \$155.59

\$12 Self Parking Rate per day - \$18 Valet Parking

PLEASE MAIL PAYMENT BY MAY 1, 2014

ARRIVAL DATE TO HOTEL	
DEPARTURE DATE FROM HOTEL	
KING OR DOUBLE	
SMOKING OR NON-SMOKING ROOM (one floor for smoking) reserve early	

	Quantity	Amount
ONE NIGHT'S ROOM DEPOSIT @	\$155.59	
ADDITIONAL OCCUPANT @ Third Person in a Room	\$10.00	
REGISTRATION FEE @	\$25.00	
NATIONAL COMMANDER'S BANQUET @	\$45.00	
SOUTHERN BLOC BREAKFAST @	\$20.00	
HOSPITALITY ROOM FEE @	\$20.00	
NATIONAL CONVENTION SHIRT @ First Name: _____ Size: _____	\$25.00	
TOTAL		

FIRST NIGHT'S DEPOSIT REQUIRED.

WE WILL BILL YOU FOR OTHER CHARGES

PLEASE ORDER YOU NATIONAL CONVENTION SHIRT ON THIS FORM

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE AND MAIL TO:

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA

Total

PO BOX 3191

CHARLESTON WV 25332

National Convention fillable form on-line: www.wvlegion.org

If you have any questions, please contact Department Headquarters at 1-888-534-4667

First Night Deposit Required

PLEASE RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE"

THANK YOU

***You will not be charged for the Delegate fee. If you are not elected as a delegate at your District Convention or on the floor at the State Convention, Department Headquarters will bill you for the \$25.00 registration fee after State Convention.**