



# The Auxiliary Spirit



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American Legion Auxiliary  
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Department President  
Paula Booth



**Upward and Onward  
For Veterans**

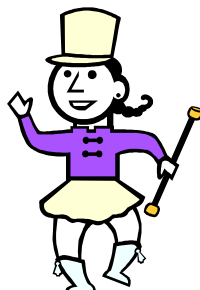
Good winter morning to all of you Grateful Hearts out there!

Lots of things to look forward to in the month of February—our Mid-Winter Conference, Washington DC Conference, Valentine’s Day, 4 Chaplains Month, Comfort Drive, Silent Auction, and programs-programs-programs. Lots of opportunities available to serve our Veterans, Communities, and Children. I look forward to seeing you out and about.

I want to congratulate ALL our Units for having 10 or more members’ dues sent in. That’s one hurdle overcome. According to Central Division Membership Chairman, Donna Ray, “Members failing to pay annual dues by January 31st shall be classed as delinquent and suspended for all membership privileges which include voting on Unit business, holding office, participation in Unit activities, receipt of member benefits and all other membership privileges.” ALL of you out there who know someone who has not yet renewed—please contact them and encourage them to get their dues in for the year. It’s THAT important to our members! And to our Veterans!

We have one Goal Unit, 3 Units with 90+%, 13 Units with 80+%, and 3 Districts with 80+%. Congratulations to you! We are in Central Division, which is 2nd in the Nation right now. But West Virginia is 6th in Central Division and 26th in National standings. Now is our time to shine!

Paula Booth  
Department President  
aka “Leader of the Grateful Hearts Band”



## Department Officers 2014-2015

- President—Paula Booth
- 1st Vice President—Susan Wade
- 2nd Vice President—Tammy Workman
- Sec/Treas.—Paulette Anderson
- Chaplain—Ramona Westfall
- Historian—Rhonda Best
- District Presidents 2014-2015
- 1st District—Donna Leek
- 3rd District—Connie Bailey
- 4th District—Nancy Sundstrom
- 5th District—Beth Kilgore
- 6th District—Peggy Swartz
- 8th District—Mary Bess
- 9th District—Marion Gregory
- 10th District—Lisa Turner

## District Vice Presidents 2014-2015

- 1st District—Marlene Stansberry
- 3rd District—Carla Wilfong
- 4th District—Cathy Post
- 5th District—JoAnn Hastings
- 6th District—Rita Alley
- 8th District—Rose Reese
- 9th District—Jeanie Phares
- 10th District—Sharon Glassford

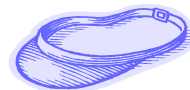
## 2015-2016 Candidates for Offices

- Department President  
Susan Wade  
Paden City Unit #86
- Department First Vice President  
Tammy Workman  
New Martinsville Unit #28
- Department Secretary-Treasurer  
Paulette Anderson  
Paden City Unit #86

*Endorsements on file in Office*



## Department Headquarters— "Ticket Taker"



**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 July 31st to be a Unit in good standing.

### Processing Membership:

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

### Membership:

All applications must have signature of a Post Officer and if they are a Junior member a Birthdate. **Unit Membership Chairman should check each application to make sure it is filled out completely including City, Post #, State and zip code. If eligibility is under a Veteran living all information must be filled out before processing into Department Headquarters.** If a veteran is living they must hold membership in The American Legion. **All unfinished applications will be returned this year.** I am receiving too many mistakes on applications. Please check the Birthdates of your Juniors renewing this year. If they will turn 18 years old by December 31, 2014 they are considered a Senior Member. I have had a few Units who has a Debit for this reason.

**Remember:** if a Woman Veteran joins the Auxiliary under herself you must put on the application at the top **"Honor Our Women Veterans"** to get the discount from National. Unit Secretary can sign these applications **ONLY**

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

### Directory Updates:

Page 15: Under Martinsburg VAMC and VAMC-VAVS Sharon Kauffman's phone number has been changed: 304-707-5512.

Page 24: Martinsburg Unit #14 President Sharon Kauffman, change phone # to 304-707-5112.

**Cookbooks:** we still have about 110 cookbooks to sell. Contact Dept. Head-

quarters to purchase one. *Support our Veterans!!!*

**Dates To Remember:**  
**February 6th and 7th Closed for Midwinter Conference**

**February 22nd-25th Closed for Washington DC Conference**

**3rd District Spring Conference**  
**March 7th**  
**Clarksburg Post #13 (Joint)**

**10th District Spring Conference**  
**April 11th**  
**Martinsburg Post #14 (Joint)**

**4th District Spring Conference**  
**April 12th**  
**Parkersburg Post #15 (Joint)**

**5th District Spring Conference**  
**April 18th**  
**Barboursville Post #177 (Joint)**

**8th District Spring Conference**  
**April 18th**  
**South Charleston Unit #94**

**Department National Leadership Conference May 1-4, 2015**  
**Office Closed**

**Memorial Day May 25th**  
**Office Closed**

**Rhododendron Girls State**  
**Wheeling Jesuit University**  
**June 22-27, 2015**

**Credentials Deadline for Convention**  
**Thursday June 25, 2014**

**Department Convention**  
**Morgantown WV**  
**July 9-12, 2015**

**National Convention**  
**Baltimore Maryland**  
**August 28-September 3, 2015**

**Labor Day Office Closed**

**Fall Workshop/Executive Board**  
**Days Inn Bridgeport WV**  
**September 11-12, 2015**

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**Rhododendron Girls State Website:**  
[www.wvgirlsstate.org](http://www.wvgirlsstate.org)

**The American Legion**  
**Department Email:**  
[wvlegion@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:wvlegion@suddenlinkmail.com)

**National Auxiliary website:**  
[alaforveterans.org](http://alaforveterans.org)

If anyone would like to contribute to the **Valentine's Basket Raffle** at Midwinter please bring or send to: Roxie Nicholson, Silent Auction Chairman, PO Box 14, Shinnston WV 26431.

Proceeds will go to the Department Welfare Fund!!

### Remember Our Friends

*American Legion Auxiliary Past National President/Past National Secretary Miriam Junge's son Jim was tragically killed in a train/pick-up truck accident on Wednesday January 14, 2015 in Ohio. Notes of sympathy may be mailed to Miriam at her home:*

*Miriam Junge*  
*2408 Ken James Ct.*  
*Napoleon OH 43545*

# "WELCOMING OUR MEMBERSHIP"

## Membership Chairman

### Happy New Year Ladies:

I know you are doing your best for Membership. I know you can give that little extra nudge.

Most important for Membership; **Dues have to be MAILED ASAP. DO NOT HOLD.** Paulette needs to process dues right away. She has deadlines to meet for Department and National level. When you receive the money for dues and you hold them for a period of time, and they get a notice that their dues are due, and the member said she paid two months ago; that member gets upset. **This is why processing the dues is so IMPORTANT. THANK YOU TO THOSE THAT ARE PROCESSING RIGHT AWAY.**

**Please take time to talk, e-mail and or text when the Department Vice Presidents call. They have to make reports and each one of you is essential.**

District Vice Pres. please check with Unit Membership Chairman. Make sure you do your articles each month. New ideas? We need to hear them. Changes can be good. I know that with the economy, illness and other events that people are struggling. Please keep working with the members. Your efforts do not go unnoticed. We can achieve the goal of having 100% membership.

Mid-Winter Conference will be held Feb. 6-7, in Martinsburg. Hope to see a lot of you there.

The Challenges that were made will be done at Mid-Winter. **LET SUSAN AND TAMMY KNOW IF YOU WILL OR WILL NOT BE THERE.** Don't forget about the Centerpiece Contest. E-mail went out from Paulette explaining the Contest.

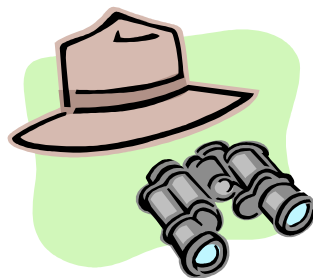
**I want to share from our Central Division Membership Chairman, Donna Ray. She would like us to keep in contact with the units. Try and find out why dues are not being paid. We need to communicate and get them back. We want them to be able to have their benefits and continuous years of service. Our mission is to have ONE MILLION MEMBERS BY 2019. Donna said we are doing a great job working to our Goal. "We Are In It To Win it".**

**Torch Lighters are 78.65% Tablet Writers are 66.88%. Congratulations to the following who made 85%: McMechen, Beckley, Gary, Belington, Clarksburg, Shinnston, Morgantown, Charles Town #71, and Keyser. Paden City 100%. There are many that are very close.**

**We need to have the membership so that we can do programs. Veterans can't be left behind.**

**Thank you for all you are doing and have done. Our Journey is important so we can reach our Goal. We can accomplish more together than we can by yourself.**

Faith, Family, Freedom  
Sharon Glassford  
Dept. Membership Chairman



## 1st Vice President

Hello Ladies!

I hope everyone is staying warm!

I want to congratulate the following Units for reaching Target 6 at 85%: Clarksburg #13; Shinnston #31; Morgantown #174; Charles Town #71; and Keyser #152!! Great job ladies!! We have several Units that are close, so keep the membership coming in and remember, **DO NOT HOLD DUES!!!**

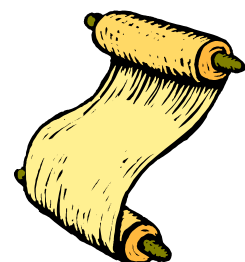
The Tablet Writers are behind the Torch Lighters by 572!! That is unexceptionable!! We can do better, I know we can!! I have faith that all of you will continue to work on Membership so we can be on top!!!

I am looking forward to Mid-Winter Conference and hope the weather cooperates so that we will have a great turnout!! I want to remind all of you about the Membership Luncheon. Please send in your reservations!! There is going to be a centerpiece contest at the luncheon. The District Presidents and Vice Presidents are asked to bring a centerpiece for the tables to be judged. The theme for the wigs is shades of purple; grateful hearts; tablet writer and wigs.

If you are doing one, please let me know! I also need to know how many Districts will be attending because of the challenges! There is a great program planned and I hope all Units will have representation there to be able to take back a wealth of information to their Units!

If I can help anyone, please do not hesitate to call me: 304 771-1574.

God Bless Our Veterans!!!  
God Bless All of You!!!  
Susan Wade AKA "Tablet Writer"  
Department 1st Vice President



## 2nd Vice President

Hello Ladies,

I know it's been really rough for those who've been fighting off the flu and colds, and dealing with winter allergies or the many other things winter tends to bring us. I wish you all well and I want to thank you for everything you're doing in your units, especially with membership.

Please remember none of us are alone, we are a team. So if you need a hand processing membership and sending in dues, ask your fellow officers for help. We are all here to support each other. We have to keep in mind that even, though, a member pays dues in the unit and they get their new card, the membership has to be processed through Department and National before the membership is valid. Some members depend on the benefits, Insurances, and sometimes even the emergency assistance programs. So please do not hold dues.

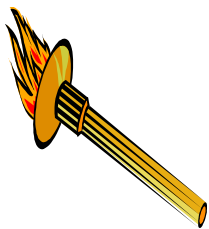
We are currently at the 85% mark for Target #6 in membership. Congratulations go out to Paden City Unit #86, our first Goal Unit. Congratulations go to McMechen Unit #5, Beckley Unit #32, Gary Unit #38, and Belington Unit #96 Fantastic work Ladies!!! There are a few units who were so close to meeting Target #6, great work ladies!

We are doing a centerpiece contest during the mid-winter luncheon. Details were sent out in a special mail call. Also included was a reminder the District challenge payoffs will be due at mid-winter.

And finally just to clarify a little mix up. I've only tried to contact Districts 1,4,6, & 9 ( the Flames)

Safe travels and I hope to see everyone at the conference.

Tammy Workman  
2nd vice president (Torch Lighter)



## Third District Vice President

Good evening ladies I

hope everyone is getting along okay.

Congratulations to Clarksburg Unit 13, they are at 91.31%, Morgantown 174 is coming in close behind at 86.96% and Shinnston 31 is coming in close behind at 85.34%. I will not slight any of the other Units. Philippi 44, is at 79.41%, Buckhannon 7 is at 78.69%, Mannington 40 is at 78.26%, Braxton County is at 74.19%, Bridgeport 68 is at 65.96 %, Jane Lew 166 is at 48.08%, and Grafton 12 is at 46.15%.

Okay ladies we have made the first hurdle now is the time to really crack down and make a really big push and get those dues in and also sign up new members.

If anyone needs my help, please call me at 304-592-0247 or you can e-mail me at: carlajwilfong@yahoo.com. I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Carla J Wilfong  
3rd District Vice-President

## Fifth District Vice President

Hello Ladies,

I hope everyone had a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

I got the target sheet for the Fifth District. We need to see what the reason in the units that need help is. I hate to say this but I think that some members are not interested like they once were. I know its a lot of hard work and money isn't easy to come by as dues have gone up. It's sad to think about our organization that has so much to offer, that's slowly dying from within. We need each and every one of you so we can help make goal. The veterans need us, if I can help please let me know.

Thank you  
JoAnn Hastings  
5th District President

## Fifth District President

I hope everyone is staying warm and safe during these chilly days. Please check on your neighbors and the elderly during this time. Check on our veterans (especially the homeless) and do what you can so they have as warm place to lay their heads at night.

Spring is just around the corner and I hope you are working on those upcoming projects.

Year end awards will be due before you know it and I hope each unit in 5th District will turn in awards. What a great way to let the rest of the Department know what fabulous things are happening in our part of the state.

Keep your membership coming in. It is the only way we can grow as an organization. For nearly a century, American Legion Auxiliary members have worked steadfastly promoting patriotism and national security while supporting youth and advocating for veterans and active-duty military. You can check out any Social Media site and see many postings of patriotism and support of the military. Do you know anyone who has posted such messages? Are they a member of the Auxiliary? Have you invited them to join? Prospective members can be found where you least expect to find them. We just need to ask!! See you at Mid-Winter!

Beth Kilgore  
5th District President

***Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer. ~ Author Unknown***



### Sixth District President

Hello To All

Hope everyone is still working on membership, don't forget to call your members and see if they will pay their dues. Six District would like to be a Goal District.

Hope everyone is enjoying our warm and cold days that we are having. I have not heard anything from our Units except Welch. We had Christmas for the Children; most of the children were Special Olympics, but they really had a good time. Our Unit and Post also had a Christmas Party. Units please let me know some of the things you do so I can get it in the Spirit.

Mid Winter is coming up the first weekend of February; hope to see some of our members in attendance. I am planning on going if it doesn't snow.

Please keep our troupes in your prayers.

So until next time God Bless.  
Peggy Swartz  
President 6th District



### Ninth District President

Hello Ladies,

I hope everyone had a happy and safe Christmas. Now, a New Year has started, let all of us get busy with our Unit, District, and Department activities

Our membership has slowed down. So let us move faster.

Do not forget that Midwinter is coming up February 6-8 in Martinsburg. I am hoping to see a good turn out I am really hoping the weather will cooperate. Do not forget the Comfort Drive. Bring as many comfort items as possible.

Till next time.  
God Bless America  
Marion (Dimples) Gregory  
9th District President

### Junior Activities

The Juniors will hold their 7th Midwinter Junior Meeting at the Holiday Inn in February at the Midwinter Conference.

Permission forms will be sent to Units for any Junior who wishes to attend this meeting. Please fill out completely and bring to Midwinter on Friday or Saturday morning along with the \$10.00 registration fee. Lunch is on their own.

Junior Activities Chairman Laura Kilgore will not be attending, but she has asked a couple of senior members to take over the meeting for her. Crafts and possibly a trip to the Martinsburg VA Hospital are in the makes.

Come on Junior members and attend the 7th Annual Midwinter Junior Meeting in Martinsburg February 7th!!!

Laura Kilgore  
Chairman



Ordered  
Your 2015  
Poppies?

### 2014-2015 Honorary Junior Officers

President—Katie Beth Caudill

1st V P— Taylor Bush

2nd V P— Despena O'Neill

Secretary— Lexie Nelson

Chaplain— Courtney King

Historian— Mary Grace Bannon



## Chaplain

Department Chaplain Ramona is ill this month and not able to do an article.

She has asked that you continue sending in prayers/poems for the Department President's prayer book.

She asked that you continue working on a Unit prayer book, and if you haven't started one yet, to consider doing one for your Unit President's year. You can bring this prayer book to Department Convention to be judge.

She hopes to see several Units at Midwinter Conference.



## Historian

Hello Ladies,

It is time to Spring into the New Year and create new memories. Please remember to document everything your units are doing this year.

I want to share with our National ALA everything the Department of WV does to help our community and most importantly Veterans and their families.

Be sure to send me the history for each of your units as well.

God Bless,  
Rhonda Best  
Department Historian  
Email: [rlcbest37@aim.com](mailto:rlcbest37@aim.com)



## Leadership

Ladies, we are now on the second half of our year. We need to start evaluating what we have done and what we need to do before May. Our year-end reports are due on April 15 to department headquarters and Rhododendron Girls State names and fees are due by May 1. It will be a busy spring with District Conventions and election of unit, district and department offices. Take the time to consider who will do the best job in each position and do not be distracted by petty issues that can cloud your judgment.

Before we speak, let us THINK

T --- is it TRUE  
H --- is it HELPFUL  
I --- is it INSPIRING  
N --- is it NECESSARY  
K --- is it KIND

There is still time to complete one or more of the Leadership Courses offered to our membership. Take a little time and learn about our organization, brush up on Parliamentary Procedure, check your facts on Protocol, or learn about Civility.

We hope that many of you are planning on attending and learning at the Midwinter Conference for we have done a lot of planning and will be offering a great program to members that we hope will be shared with your units and districts. In order to learn, we must be willing to participate.

We are all LEADERS to someone. Be aware of your actions and show how proud we are to be members of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Ann Buchanan  
Leadership Chairman

**BE A LEADER!!!**



## National Security

Good Evening Ladies

I hope everyone is staying warm and dry. I also hope everyone is surviving the flu, it is that time of the year.

National is wanting us to stress our preparedness for National Security. If you live in a town that has a local Fire Department, check with them to see if they have a program where you can help if need be. This can be for floods, fire, any other disaster that may strike your community or our Nation.

Again take part in giving blood, collecting clothing for the needy, donate food to a local food pantry. Any of this will count toward our National Security.

Remember when you receive your end of year report, please follow all the directions, List anything your Unit has done that you think will go toward National Security.

Carla J Wilfong  
National Security Chairman

## Poppy

Hello Ladies,

I was disappointed in the number of mid-year reports that I received: out of 65 Units I received only 4 reports.

Are you working on your Poppy Posters for Midwinter Conference? Please bring or sent it to Midwinter.

I would like to hear from you if you are doing it. You can e-mail [mdyost2010@frontier.com](mailto:mdyost2010@frontier.com)

Remember voting for the winner is by penny vote by the general public that is attending.

Valentine's Day is coming up very soon, visit our veterans in the hospital or nursing home, give them a poppy with a card. Say hello to them and visit awhile.

Margaret Yost  
Poppy Chairman

## Children and Youth

### Youth Hero-Good Deed Awards

**Good Deeds!**

It is often said, "Today's youth are tomorrow's leaders." Every year, we see examples of youth in this country making a positive difference by doing some pretty amazing things. The American Legion Auxiliary created the Youth Hero and Good Deed awards to recognize young girls and boys who are demonstrating a kind of intentional selflessness. Created in 2002 by the National Children & Youth Committee, these awards are presented annually throughout the year to recognize the heroism and helpfulness of youths under age 18. In the past three years alone, more than 250 Youth Hero and Good Deed awards have been presented to deserving youth.

#### Award Criteria:

##### Youth Hero Award

Youth Hero Award winners receive a medal and a certificate. On occasion, some Youth Hero Awards are presented at the American Legion Auxiliary national convention.

May be a Junior Auxiliary member or someone eligible for membership, but eligibility is not a criterion for consideration.

Demonstrates a physical act of valor (Heimlich, CPR, first aid, rescuing from fire or water peril)

Serves as an inspirational role model for the organization and the community.

##### Good Deed Award

May be a Junior Auxiliary member or someone eligible for membership, but eligibility is not necessary for consideration.

Donates time and/or money for a worthy cause (such as troop support, Locks of Love, a food drive, etc.)

Is there a youth in your community deserving of this award? I will have copies of the applications at Mid-Winter Conference or you can download the forms from the national website.

Beth Kilgore,  
C & Y Chairman



I am fat and sassy!

Bring your coins (and bills) to the Mid-Winter Conference so we can see exactly how much weight I have gained since the Leadership Conference last September!

Beth Kilgore  
Child Welfare Foundation



## Legislative

To All Legislative Chairman

Ladies we have new Senators and Representative elected from the State of WV, so please write letters to them concerning our student veterans housing, working together to stop domestic violence. A good web site to go for a lot of information is <http://capwiz.com/legion/home> You can also get a lot of information from [www.legion.org/legislative](http://www.legion.org/legislative)

You may also want to contact the new Senators and Representative in Charleston. Chairmen please let me know some of the things your Unit is doing. You may contact me at [tenpin@frontiernet.net](mailto:tenpin@frontiernet.net)

If I can help you in any way please let me know.

So until next time lets keep our veterans in our thought and what we can o for them.

Thanks  
Peggy Swartz  
Legislative Chairman



## Americanism

Hello my very fine Auxiliary Members,

As you know February is Americanism Month. Have You or are you working on your essay contest with your School. Theme is What Does Freedom Mean to My Family? Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 3-12. Grade levels are divided into five classes. Please remember our children of today may be leaders of tomorrow. So let teach our children how much Americanism means in our world today.

- \* We also need to get our Pledge and Prayers back in our schools!!!!!!!!!!!!
- \*Thanks for those reported on their mid-year Americanism.
- \* Promote patriotic holidays
- \* Support the Oratorical Contest at your Unit level
- \*Provide volunteers as timekeepers or judges
- \*Offer to provide refreshments on event day.

Support the flag amendment to protect the United States flag from desecration. Fly that beautiful American Flag that we are so proud of.

Always encourage the Junior members to participate in all of your programs. Until next month May God Bless each one of you our American Flag and America. Patricia Moore, Americanism Chairman

## Education

So Ladies, Mid-Year Reports have come and gone..... Didn't get very many, but maybe for year end we'll do better. So now on to Scholarships.

We need to promote the information we have for our Scholarships, and we need to push it hard. I gave each Chairman copies of the Scholarships available from National, please make copies of these and take them to your local schools, give them to the Guidance Counselors and also give them the e-mail for National.

Don't forget, [www.ALAFORVeterans.org/Scholarships](http://www.ALAFORVeterans.org/Scholarships) Please keep this in your mind at all times, if anyone asks you, pull it out and use it.

Last year we were fortunate enough to win a 1st place in Central Division and hopefully we can again. We just need to keep pushing. We have 3 different Scholarships to offer from National,

1. Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship
2. The Non-Traditional Student Scholarship
3. Spirit of Youth Scholarship

Don't forget to check to see everything has been filled out correctly. Last year, one of the pages was not signed and I truly think we would have won that one if it had been. Please tell them to go by the rules, if the question is how much does the family make, do not leave it blank, it can not be used. I will see many of you at Mid-Winter and am hoping for good weather. Until then, stay warm and God Bless.

Roxie Nicholson  
Education Chairman



## VA & R

As I sit in my nice warm house, I can't help but think of the Homeless in this one-digit temperature outside. We who are fortunate must do all we can to help them and specifically those veterans in our communities and local shelters with coat, food drives and new or gently used bedding. This is something brought to my attention that I must pass on to you.

Any work the membership does for active duty military or their families should be reported as National Security (24 on your National Security Report). If you think about it, that makes sense—the military is protecting our National Security. This information came to me from a conference held in Ohio that one of our members attended.

If any unit is working on a quilt or has done a quilt for the foundation please let me know. I had no information about anyone or unit who was working on any for my mid-year report. I still want information if there is any quilts being made.

Hope everyone is working on our Midwinter Comfort Item Drive. I am taking my units donations directly to the Hunting VA Hospital and the West Virginia Home by the first of February and bring my list with me to Martinsburg to include in totals of donations. You may do same in your area if you wish to do so: but be sure I get a total before or by Midwinter Conference. You are welcome to bring donations and they will be divided by size of hospitals or number of patients in each facility with adjustments be made from those donations taken directly to the hospitals/Veterans' home. I hope each Chairman has someone lined up to get their VA hospital donation boxes. I hope someone will volunteer to bring back to those facilities who don't have anyone in attendance. I may need help in Martinsburg, so see me if you would like to help.

Mary Waybright

## Public Relations

Hello Ladies,

I hope you had a wonderful Holiday and are staying as warm as can be in this bitter cold.

We are moving into that time of the year where we are out in the schools with scholarship information and Girl State. Be sure to wear your ALA appeal, or name tags letting them know who we are. Also, as we move into tax time, see if your local tax offices will let you put up one of the flyers from the national website. Come on Ring your bell, tell them who we are and what we do!!

Don't forget to send me articles you have had in local newspapers about all the great things you have been doing. I really need these for Department Presidents Paula's Press book. So you want two copies, one to give me and another to keep for your units Press Book. Those I have already received articles from will receive a small gift at mid-winter.

Lisa Cadwallader,  
Chairman  
[LisaC.ALA71@GMail.com](mailto:LisaC.ALA71@GMail.com)



George L. Fox, Alexander D. Goode



Clark V. Poling, John P. Washington



## *Rhododendron Girls State*

Wow 2015 is here and time is flying by. Your Units should be in full swing preparing for the 2015 American Legion Auxiliary's Rhododendron Girls State session.

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

Registrar Ann Buchanan will be passing out Unit packets at Midwinter for the 2015 Girls State Session. If your Unit did not submit your GS Chairman's name to Secretary Paulette Anderson then your packet will be addressed to your Unit President. Again, this year's cost is \$200.00 per citizen. Individuals can not pay for a citizens' registration but may make a donation to their local unit.

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

I look forward to seeing you at Mid-Winter.

Lynda Lancaster  
Chairman Rhododendron Girls State

## *Girls State Representatives*

1st Dist. — Susan Brown  
2172 Grandview Rd.  
Moundsville WV 26041  
845-5122

3rd Dist. — Mary Jo Thomas  
RR6 Box 232  
Fairmont WV 26554  
366-2912

4th Dist. — Nancy Sundstrom  
1307 23rd Street  
Parkersburg WV 26101  
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



## *Rhododendron Girls State*

*Girls State Session June 22— June 27, 2015*

*Wheeling Jesuit University*

*Wheeling West Virginia*

*Start Lining Up Sponsors now for your Unit*

*Applications given out at Midwinter Conference*

**DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP**

**CHALLENGES**

**REACH THE TARGET DATE FOR  
FEB. BY JANUARY 30, 2015**

**PAYOUTS OF DISTRICT VICE  
PRESIDENTS WILL BE ONE OF  
THE FOLLOWING, OR A DONA-  
TION TO DEPARTMENT PRESI-  
DENTS' PROJECT: COMFORT  
WARRIORS**

- 1. CHICKEN DANCE**
- 2. SING TO PAULA**
- 3. SING DO RA ME**
- 4. DRESS UP LIKE THE  
STATUS OF LIBERTY**
- 5. MAKE A HAT OUT OF  
PRESIDENT PAULA  
ALL AROUND THEME**
- 6. DRESS UP A VALENTINE**
- 7. GIFT PACKAGE OF JOSH TO  
HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN**
- 8. DO THE ELECTRIC SLIDE**

**REACH THE TARGET DATE FOR  
FEB. BY JANUARY 30,2015**

**This will be done at the  
Midwinter conference**

**Challenges In Office Recorded:**

5th District challenged 4th District that  
Loser will make a "Gift Package" or  
"Medical Josh" to give to children in the  
hospital.

9th District challenged 3rd District that  
Loser will pay \$25.00 to the Department  
President's Special Project.

**2014 December Ways & Means Winners**

NAME	LOCATION	WINNING #	DATE	AMT PAID
Margaret Yost	Gypsy, WV	338	12/01/2014	\$25.00
Kathryn Martin	Erbacon, WV	531	12/02/2014	\$25.00
		915	12/03/2014	
		690	12/04/2014	
		413	12/05/2014	
		432	12/06/2014	
		963	12/08/2014	
Dow Phillips	Beckley, WV	272	12/09/2014	\$25.00
		939	12/10/2014	
Tim Young	Lumberport, WV	097	12/11/2014	\$25.00
		445	12/12/2014	
		587	12/13/2014	
		995	12/15/2014	
Bill Estep	Clarksburg, WV	427	12/16/2014	\$25.00
Kelli Immel	Martinsburg, WV	411	12/17/2014	\$200.00
		636	12/18/2014	
		833	12/19/2014	
		711	12/20/2014	
M.A. Girod	Dayton, MD	052	12/22/2014	\$25.00
		112	12/23/2014	
		099	12/24/2014	
ALA District 1	Moundsville, WV	119	12/25/2014	\$25.00
		690	12/26/2014	
Brian Domer	Martinsburg, WV	627	12/27/2014	\$25.00
		382	12/29/2014	
		252	12/30/2014	
Nancy Stewart	McMechen, WV	201	12/31/2014	\$25.00

# MEMBERSHIP 2014-2015 “Welcoming Our Members”



**Target 6—January 15th—85%**  
 Department Goal— 7271 National Goal—8083  
 Department Membership to Date—5390 (74.13 %)  
 Unit #200— 84 Active Units in Department—65  
 National %== (66.68 %)

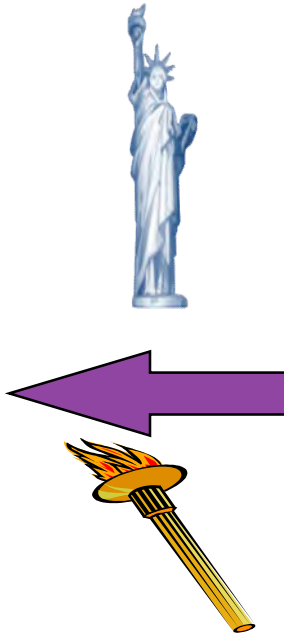


District 1	Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	21	11	52.38%	
Moundsville #3	305	229	75.08%	
McMechen #5	58	50	86.21%	
Weirton #10	80	42	52.50%	
Cameron #18	200	145	73.00%	
New Martinsville #28	140	109	73.57%	
Wellsburg #34	32	22	68.75%	
Follansbee #45	58	31	53.45%	
Benwood #46	99	69	69.70%	
Pine Grove #81	90	53	58.89%	
Paden City #86	113	114	100.88%	
Wheeling #89	36	16	44.44%	
Newell #114	49	25	51.02%	
Hundred #120	77	64	83.12%	
Chester #121	150	127	84.67%	
<b>TOTALS</b>	1280	1107	86.48%	

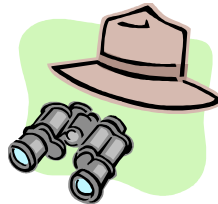
District 4	Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	859	664	77.30%	
Spencer #21	59	39	66.10%	
Pt. Pleasant #23	345	281	81.45%	
Sistersville #67	184	100	54.35%	
Parkersburg #104	15	11	73.33%	
New Haven #140	159	111	69.81%	
Williamstown #159	180	133	73.89%	
<b>TOTALS</b>	1801	1339	74.35%	

District 6	Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Welch #8	82	69	84.15%	
Bluefield #9	34	22	64.71%	
Beckley #32	39	37	94.87%	
Gary #38	76	65	85.53%	
<b>TOTALS</b>	231	193	83.55%	

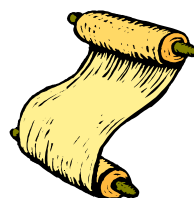
District 9	Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Elkins #29	206	149	66.02%	
Cowen #62	50	33	66.00%	
Lewisburg #69	79	55	69.20%	
Belington #96	35	31	88.57%	
Richwood #97	27	19	70.37%	
Pickens #122	28	13	46.43%	
<b>TOTALS</b>	425	300	70.59%	



“Torch Lighter”  
 Goal—3737  
 To Date—2939  
 (78.65 %)



“Tablet Writer”  
 Goal—3539  
 To Date—2367  
 (66.88 %)



District 3	Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	61	48	78.69%	
Grafton #12	26	12	46.15%	
Clarksburg #13	143	132	92.31%	
Shinnston #31	307	262	85.34%	
Braxton Co. #33	31	23	74.19%	
Mannington #40	23	18	78.26%	
Philippi #44	34	27	79.41%	
Bridgeport #68	47	31	65.96%	
Jane Lew #166	52	25	48.08%	
Morgantown #174	23	20	86.96%	
<b>TOTALS</b>	747	598	80.05%	

District 5	Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Huntington #16	264	219	82.95%	
Logan #19	16	12	75.00%	
Ceredo-Kenova #93	418	147	35.17%	
Hamlin #111	54	30	55.56%	
Milton #139	84	55	65.48%	
Barboursville #177	167	103	61.68%	
<b>TOTALS</b>	1003	566	56.43%	

District 8	Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Charleston #20	49	14	28.57%	
St Albans #73	70	45	69.23%	
South Charleston #94	26	18	69.23%	
<b>TOTALS</b>	145	77	53.10%	

District 10	Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	155	96	61.94%	
Franklin #30	22	18	81.82%	
Piedmont #52	60	26	43.33%	
Berkeley Springs #60	255	132	51.76%	
Moorefield #64	124	89	71.77%	
Charles Town #71	250	214	86.00%	
Petersburg #78	95	66	69.47%	
Romney #91	259	182	70.27%	
Charles Town #102	20	13	65.00%	
Paw Paw #128	74	42	56.76%	
Kirby #134	50	41	82.00%	
Ridgeley #136	99	75	75.76%	
Capon Bridge #137	130	85	65.38%	
Keyser #152	51	47	92.16%	
<b>TOTALS</b>	1644	1126	68.49%	



American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of West Virginia



*February*

Americanism  
Chapel 4 Chaplains

Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat

1	2 <b>Groundhog Day</b>	3	4	5 <b>Office Closed Mid Winter</b>	6 <b>Mid Winter</b>	7 <b>Conference</b>
8	9 <b>Office Closed Doctor's Appt.</b>	10	11	12 <b>Office Closed 12:00 pm Eye Doctor Appt.</b>	13 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Mail Call</div>	14 <b>Valentines Day</b>
15 <b>Target #7 90%</b>	16 <b>Presidents Day</b>	17 <b>Articles Due</b>	18 <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	19	20 <b>Spirit and Hospital Checks Mailed</b>	21 <b>NEC Meeting DC Conference</b>
22	23 <b>Office Closed</b>	24 <b>Washington</b>	25 <b>DC Conference</b>	26	27 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Mail Call</div>	28



34th Annual Mid-Winter Conference  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Conference Program  
Holiday Inn Martinsburg WV

**Friday, February 6, 2015**

8:00 am	Comfort Items Open.....	Shenandoah Room
3 - 7 pm	Registration.....	Prefunction Room
1:00 pm	Strategic Committee Meeting	Salons CD
2:00 pm	Girls State Executive Board Meeting.....	Salons CD
7:00 pm	Opening Joint Session.....	Foxcroft Ballroom

**Saturday, February 7, 2015**

8:00 am -12:00 pm	Registration.....	Prefunction Room
8:00 am -2:30 pm	Silent Auction .....	Prefunction Area
8:30 am	Opening Session & Introductions .....	Salons CD
	Call to Order .....	Paula Booth Department President
	Advancement of Colors.....	Katena Karnes and Lisa Turner
	Prayer.....	Ramona Westfall, Chaplain
	Moment of Silence	
	Pledge of Allegiance.....	Patricia Moore, Americanism Chairman
	National Anthem.....	Kitty Kelly -Smoot, Music Chairman
	Preamble of Constitution.....	Betty Rea, Constitution & Bylaws Chairman
8:45 am	Chapel-4-Chaplains .....	Ramona Westfall , Chaplain
9:00 am	Information on Events & Schedule.....	Ann Buchanan, PDP, Leadership Chairman
	Poppy Contest.....	Margaret Yost, Chairman
	Silent Auction.....	Roxie Nicholson, PDP, Chairman
	Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Comfort Items.....	Mary Waybright, Chairman
9:20 am	Membership.....	Sharon Glassford, PDP, Chairman
9:50 am	Juniors Information.....	Debbie Fox, Natl. Junior Act. Committee
10:10 am	Children & Youth.....	Beth Kilgore, Chairman
10:30 am	Girls State: New Information.....	Michelle Sirbaugh, Director
	Rhododendron Girls State Governor.....	Bonnie Walton, Charles Town WV
11:25 am	Announcements	
11:30 am	Recess	
11:45 am	Membership Luncheon "Welcoming Our Membership" Sharon Glassford and Membership Team—Restaurant	
1:00 pm	Reconvene—--Guest Speaker: Laura Mosby Central Division National Vice President Department of Missouri	
1:30 pm	Centennial Strategic Information.....	Committee
2:00 pm	Duties and Responsibilities of District Officers & Chairmen.....	Paulette Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer
2:30 pm	Leadership (Duties & Responsibilities of Officers & Chairmen)..... Silent Auction Closes	Lisa Cadwallader, Central Division Leadership
3:00 pm	Questions & Answers Session.....	Ann Buchanan, PDP
3:30 pm	Reports from Poppy.....	Margaret Yost, Chairman
	Silent Auction.....	Roxie Nicholson, PDP, Chairman
	V A & R.....	Mary Waybright, Chairman
	Ways & Means.....	Rhonda Best, Chairman
3:50 pm	Announcements Benediction.....	Ramona Westfall, Chaplain
	Retirement of Colors Adjournment	
4:00 pm	Joint Chapel Services.....	Salons AB
6:00 pm	Commander and Presidents Reception.....	Foxcroft Ballroom
9:00 P.M.	Karaoke/Music	

### Annual State Wide Comfort Item Drive

The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of West Virginia's annual Comfort Drive items listed below. It will be held at the Mid-Winter Conference same as in the past. All Posts, Units and SAL Squadrons are asked to take part in this project.

The following is a list of various Comfort Items that our Veterans at the VA Medical Centers really enjoys and needs. *Remember you may take your items to your local VA Hospital instead of bringing to Martinsburg, but need to fill out the Comfort Items Sheet provided.* All items will be divided among the 4 VAMC's and WV Veterans Home. What a great challenge for our State again this year with this outstanding project. The Units can use their Welfare Fund for this project.

1. Small tubes toothpaste
2. Socks
3. flannel shirts
4. pocket T-Shirts
5. trial size shampoos, lotions, bath powder, etc
6. denture brushes (individual wrapped)
7. Polly grip
8. disposable razors
9. combs
10. Shaving Cream
11. Emery boards
12. Stamps/stationary/envelopes
13. Playing cards
14. Deodorant (Spray or Stick)
15. Electric Pre-Shave
16. Hair brushes
17. Puzzles (under 2000 pieces) (No Used ones)
18. Crafts (kits preferred)  
Models (snap together)
19. Western paperback books
20. Lg Print Crossword Puzzles
21. Lg Print Word Search Books
22. Toothbrushes (Individual wrapped)
23. Phone cards

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## West Virginia Veterans Home Donation List

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

#### For the Recreation Dept.

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

#### For the Veterans

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

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

*American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of West Virginia*

Comfort Item Drive

UNIT/POST/SQUADRON # \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

PERSON IN CHARGE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ITEMS DONATED \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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VALUE OF DONATION \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

THANK YOU,

Mary Waybright  
Department VA & R Chairman

## SUPPORT WEST VIRGINIA VETERANS— DONATE TO SILENT AUCTION



Department President Paula Booth is excited about the Silent Auction being held at the 2015 Mid-Winter Conference. She hopes that Units and members will donate hand-crafted items. Suggestions are:

1. an afghan, a scarf, gloves
2. a quilt, placemats, pillow, embroidered tablecloth
3. a piece of ceramics, stained glass
4. baked goods—delicious breads, homemade candy, jellies, etc.
5. wreaths, flower arrangement, etc.
6. special baskets—Valentine, sports, kitchen, etc.
7. piece (s) of jewelry
8. Blenko glass or Fiesta ware
9. a NEW item



If you cannot attend the Mid-Winter Conference, send your items with someone from your Post or Unit. If no person is attending from your area, you may ship items to the Silent Auction Chairman:

Roxie Nicholson, PO Box 14, Shinnston WV 25411

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



**State Newsletter "Auxiliary SPIRIT"**

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Department of West Virginia  
1251 Doolin Run Road  
New Martinsville WV 26155

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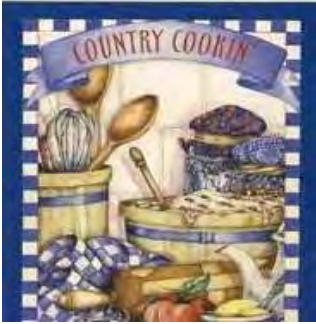
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CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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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](http://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:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **Department Treasurer, ALA**  
Mail to: ALA Department of WV  
1251 Doolin Run Road  
New Martinsville WV 26155 –7808