



# The Auxiliary Spirit



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Department President  
Paula Booth



## Upward and Onward For Veterans

### 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
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- 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

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- 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

Greetings to all Grateful Hearts!

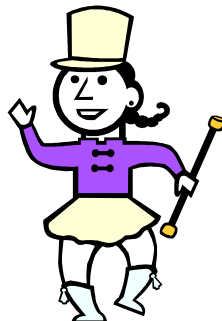
CONGRATULATIONS TO MORGANTOWN UNIT 174 for making GOAL, and joining our Goal Club consisting of Paden City, Beckley, Hundred, Chester, and District 1!! We've finally added a Wig to our Flames. We have 5 Units in addition to our Goal Units who made Target 9 this time—Pine Grove, Pt. Pleasant, Gary, Belington, and Clarksburg. Good job by all!

I enjoyed going to District 3, District 10, and District 4 Conferences since we last talked and want to thank everyone for your hard work for our Organization! I ran across 3 Ladies of Liberty and hope to see more. Let's keep our members in our Unit boat, all rowing and working together for our common goals.

We have a lot of projects to wrap up this month—Poppy distribution, Memorial Day events, election of Unit Officers, and Unit Audits, to name some. Busy, busy, busy!

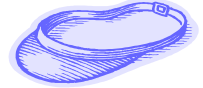
Tidbit from Washington, DC Conference: According to America's Civic Health Index, volunteering hit its lowest point ever in 2013! Only 1 person in 4 volunteers. Our interactions with family, friends and neighbors are all down as well as group participation. Ask yourself: "How did I volunteer today?"

Upward & Onward for Veterans!  
Paula Booth, Department President





## 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.**

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. **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.**

**Cookbooks:** we still have about 109 cookbooks to sell. Contact Dept. Headquarters to purchase one. **Support our Veterans!!!**

**Remember:** Dues must be paid in old Unit before they can transfer now.

**Member Data Forms** are due by May 1st

I have ordered 12 Unit Handbooks at which 9 are already sold. If you wish one it is first come, first sold.

### **Dates To Remember:**

**6th District Spring Conference**  
April 25th  
**Raymond's Restaurant**  
**2400 McDowell Street Welch**  
**Registration 9:00-10:00**

**9th District Spring Conference**  
May 2nd  
**Summersville (Joint)**

**1st District Spring Conference**  
May 17th  
**Wheeling Unit #89**

**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**

### **DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS**

Office Hours: Monday-Friday  
**9:00-4:00**

Answering Machine and Fax  
available 24 Hours  
Office (304) 455-5007  
FAX: (304) 455 5825  
Toll Free 1-888-604-2242

**Mailing Address:**  
**1251 Doolin Run Road**  
**New Martinsville WV 26155-7808**

**American Legion Auxiliary**  
**Department Email:**  
[alawvsec@frontier.com](mailto:alawvsec@frontier.com)

**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)

### **Remember Our Friends**

*Ramona Westfall sends this message to all members: "I am continuing treatments. They had to change my medication due to a severe reaction where I almost died, but with Pittsburgh's help, I was able to be put on another medication. I am still in a lot of pain but staying strong.*

*I appreciate all the cards I have received and the love you have showed. Words can't express what all you mean to me. With Gods "will" I will be back among you, hopefully stronger and better than I ever was.*

*Ramona Westfall, Past Dept. Chaplain*

# "WELCOMING OUR MEMBERSHIP"

## Membership Chairman

Hello Ladies:

The units with 100%; Paden City, Hundred, Chester, and Beckley as of April 15th. District # 1 is the First Goal District. Congratulation Ladies, job well done.

Everybody is working very hard and doing a great job. Donna Ray, Laura Mosby, Anita Biggs want to thank you as myself for the job you are doing.

I ask you to please send me how you worked on Membership in your Units. I have a report due to National by May 10th. I would like to have all 65 units report. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this request.

General information from National: West Virginia monthly milestone is 674 per month and by the end of April we should have 6,062 and we our 6,580. 2015 goal is 8,083. By July 1st we need 503. We are going in the right direction. We can achieve this Goal.

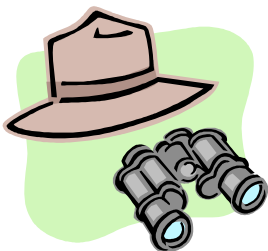
Donna continues to stress don't stop trying, keep smiling and keep a positive attitude and be kind.

We are all working for the same goal, VETERANS. We need to keep the programs going and not let them down. They went and did not hesitate to fight for all of us. We need to do the same in renewing, retaining and bringing in new members.

Thank you again for volunteering your time.

God Bless our Veterans and thank them for their service.

Thank You,  
Sharon Glassford  
Membership Chairman  
Faith, Family, Freedom



## 1st Vice President

Hello Ladies!!!

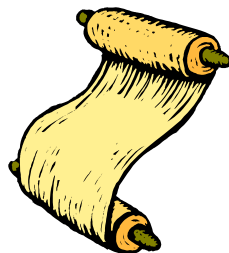
Wahoo!!!! We have a Goal Unit!!! Congratulations to Morgantown Unit 174 on reaching Goal! Great Job Ladies!!! I also want to Congratulate Clarksburg Unit 13 reaching Target 9 at 96%! They are at 99.30% which means they only need 1 more member to reach Goal!! We have 8 Units that are above 90%. I know with a little extra effort, these Units can become Goal also!!

Some Units seem to be struggling more than others. If you need my help, please do not hesitate to contact me!! I know that all Districts have Vice Presidents that are there to help you! Please do not hesitate to contact them also!

The "Wigs" are lagging behind the "Flames" by 596 members!! WOW!! That is way too crazy!! I know that we can do much better, we are better than that!!!! So this is what I want you to do: get on the phone and call your delinquent members and find out why they are not paying their dues. Lets see if we can bring up our membership by next Target!! It is Not too late to plunge ahead and "put the Flames out"!! I have faith in you!!!

Until next time,  
God Bless our Veterans!!  
God Bless You All!!

Susan Wade, AKA "the Tablet Writer"  
Dept. 1st Vice President  
304 771-1574



## 2nd Vice President

Hello Ladies,

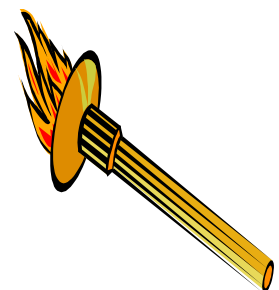
We've had a hectic start to our spring with the crazy weather and illnesses. We all have a bazillion things going on in our everyday lives but you're still making room to volunteer in the auxiliary. This membership report is proof of your hard work and dedication. Our "FLAMES" are shooting high with a BLAZING 96%. Fantabulous work ladies!!!

Congratulations and a huge round of applause, for those who've met and exceeded, their GOALS go to, First District with 110%; Paden City Unit #86 at 104%; Hundred Unit #120 at 112%; Chester Unit 121 at 104%; and Beckley Unit #32 at 100%. To our units who've met and exceeded "Target 9" with 96% or more: Pine Grove Unit #81, Point Pleasant Unit #23, Gary Unit #38, and Belington Unit #96 Awesome work Ladies. Thank you for your time and dedication! The Flames also have several units who almost made targets, great job Ladies.

Membership is far from easy and it takes team effort. All, too, soon we'll be ending the 2015 year and beginning all over again, with the new year, and we don't want to leave any members behind.

Remember our aim is to have a "MILLION MEMBERS" by 2019. The "FLAMES" are doing very well and none of our units are below 70% which is really good. But we need to gather those members who are lagging behind. I'm asking the District Vice Presidents or Presidents, once again, in Districts (1, 4, 6, & 9) to contact units to see what we can do to help them gather up the members who haven't yet renewed for 2015. It only takes a few minutes to make a call, send an email, or a post card.

For God and Country  
2nd Vice President  
Tammy Workman (Torch lighter)



### Third District Vice President

I hope everyone is enjoying the lovely warm weather we have been having. Well ladies it is down to the wire now just 2 months till the end of the year. This has been a fast year or so it seems.

I want to Congratulate Morgantown 174 they are our first Goal Unit in District 3. Good work ladies I know you are working hard. Clarksburg 13 just need 1 more and they will be Goal and Bridgeport just 3 more. Come on ladies I know you can do it. So many Units are just a few away from Goal. Ladies get on the phone, call your members that are delinquent, send them a letter, or just go knock on their door if you are a good friend. Get them to pay their dues.

I would like to see all Units make Goal, I know we can do it. Also there is a couple Units in our District that has not paid their Mandatory yet, please remember to be seated at Convention you must have them paid.

If you need my help, please call 304-592-0247 or e-mail me at [carlajwilfong@yahoo.com](mailto:carlajwilfong@yahoo.com)

For God and Country  
Carla J Wilfong

### Fifth District President

Congratulations to all units of the 5th District – MANDATORY FUNDS HAVE BEEN PAID BY 100% OF THE UNITS IN THE 5TH DISTRICT. On behalf of the Department, I would like to thank you for getting these funds in on a timely basis.

We just held our 5th District Spring Conference and 5 of the 6 units in the District attended. I was great to see everyone and I hope you enjoyed all the information shared by those units in attendance.

I hope you are making plans to attend the State Convention July 9-12 in Morgantown. I would love to see the 5th District well represented.

Beth Kilgore  
5th District President



“Those who deny freedom to others, deserve it not for themselves”

Abraham Lincoln, Complete Works - Volume XII

### Fourth District President

Hello Ladies

I think Spring has finally arrived here in West Virginia don't you? Birds are singing and the flowers are blooming.

I would like to thank the Department Officers that attended our 4th District Spring Conference, Dept. President Paula Booth, 1st Vice President Susan Wade, Dept Sec/Treasure Paulette Anderson and Leadership Chairman Ann Buchanan for their words of encouragement. Also thank you to the 3 units that represented 4th District Parkersburg #15, Spencer #21 and Sistersville #67. I would like to thank Parkersburg Post #15 for a warm welcome and delicious meal.

Fourth Districts new officers are President Cathy Post, Vice President Nancy Sundstrom, Sec/Treasurer Alice Fought and Chaplin Melinda Roush. These new officers will take over their positions in August 2015 after Department Convention.

I would like to remind all Units to please be sure their Mandatory Funds are paid for this year.

Membership has slowed down we have 2 units over 90%, 3 units over 80%, 1 unit over 70% and 1 unit over 60%.

Please do your best to send your membership in to Department. I will be contacting all Units to make one more effort to contact members that haven't paid dues for 2015.

If you need my help please contact me at 304-422-1263 or [nancy-sund-ala@hotmail.com](mailto:nancy-sund-ala@hotmail.com)

Nancy Sundstrom  
4th District President



### Fourth District Vice President

Finally some good weather.

I'd like to thank Post #15 for a wonderful Spring Conference. Congrats to Miss Helen Leasure on her award for her service.

Not a lot is changing in membership lately. Please keep trying to get those dues in and continue in your efforts in recruiting new members. Make sure those new applications are filled out correctly and don't hold dues.

As your elections approach choose your membership chairman carefully, it's a very important job.

We still have a couple months to make goal.

Enjoy spring now that it has sprung.

Thank a veteran.

For God and Country

Cathy Post

4th District Vice President

### Fifth District Vice President

Hello Ladies,

Well we survived the snow and now it is spring. Flowers and trees are budding and the Fifth District Aux is ready to plant new members, so we can watch the units grow. We need all the help we can get.

Ladies please get out and tell people what we stand for. We are not only an organization, we are hope for the veterans and soldiers that's deployed and also their children.

I was glad to see you members at the Fifth District Conference held at Barboursville #177.

Thank you

JoAnn Hastings

Fifth District Vice President

### **Sixth District President**

Hello To All

Hope everyone is enjoying this nice weather that we have been having.

Sympathy goes out to the family of Frances Witten, and also to Gary Unit 38. I am sure that Gary Unit 38 is going to miss her very much she had been a member for years and was their Treasurer.

Ladies the Sixth District Spring Conference will be on Saturday, April 25, 2015. The conference is being hosted by Gary Unit 38 and will be at Raymond's Restaurant, 24 McDowell Street, Welch, WV. The cost of the luncheon will be \$9.50. Registration will be from 9:00 AM till 10:00 AM. Hope to see all Units from Sixth District present and any other District members are more than welcome.

Hope every one is still working on membership we are still behind in membership.

Rita Alley and I attended Beckley Unit 32 meeting on 4-14-15, they had their election of officers for the year 2015-2016. We got a lot accomplished and they had a very good meeting.

Till Next Time  
God Bless America  
Peggy Swartz  
6th District President

### **Ninth District President**

Hello Ladies,

I hope everyone has come through the cold weather okay. I am looking forward to warm weather and being able to get out and work more with our veterans.

It will soon be time for 9th District Spring Conference. This year it will be May 2nd at Summersville Post 131. Registration is at 10 am and meeting starts at 11 am. I hope to see a good turn out.

Keep your membership coming in. It is never too late. Help your membership chairman with dues, if you can. This is a job every member can help with.

God Bless us and keep us safe.  
Marion (Dimples) Gregory  
9th District President

### **Past Presidents Parley**

Please submit your "Unit Member of The Year" resume' to me at:

Debbie Fox, PPP  
874 Longview Drive  
Berkeley Springs WV 25411  
no later than **June 1st**.

Please include a narrative why you feel this member should be "Unit Member of The Year". Rules are in the Unit Awards Booklet.

Thank You,  
Debbie Fox  
NEC  
Past Presidents Parley Chairman

### **2015-2016 Candidates for Offices**

*Dept. President-Susan Wade Unit #86  
Dept. 1st V.P.-Tammy Workman Unit#28  
Dept. 2nd V.P.-  
Dept. Sec/Treas.-Paulette Anderson #86  
Dept. Chaplain-Rhonda Best-Unit #3  
Dept. Historian-*

### **2015-2016 District Candidates**

*1st Dist. Pres.— Donna Freeland #81  
Vice Pres.— Donna Leek #81  
3rd Dist. Pres.—Carla Wilfong #31  
Vice Pres.-Roxie Nicholson #31  
4th Dist. Pres.—Cathy Post Unit #67  
Vice Pres.—Nancy Sundstrom #15  
5th Dist. Pres.—Beth Kilgore #16  
Vice Pres.—JoAnn Hastings #16  
6th Dist. Pres.—  
Vice Pres.—  
8th Dist. Pres.—Mary Bess #20  
Vice. Pres.—Rose Reese #73  
9th Dist. Pres.—  
Vice Pres.-  
10th Dist. Pres.—Sharon Glassford #71  
Vice Pres. —Sharon Kauffman #14*

### **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*

## Historian

Hello Ladies,

I want to thank everyone that sent your report to me. This enables me to show National more of what West Virginia has done this year. Please continue to document your unit and district's history. Please continue to help our veterans and their families as well as our children and communities.

God Bless,  
Rhonda Best  
Department Historian  
37 Simpson Ave.  
Moundsville, WV 26041  
Email: [rlcbest37@aim.com](mailto:rlcbest37@aim.com)



## National Security

While you are enjoying this weather and working in your yard, I hope you have been thinking about your National Security report. I am looking forward to receiving a lot of them. If you have not done it yet your can mail it to me at: 130 Wilfong Hollow Road, Enterprise, W. V. 26568.

If your Unit has done something for POW-MIA, please send me a narrative on what you did. National wants each State to Submit an article.

I know we are winding down for this year, but please remember you can make a difference in helping a neighbor in need and most of all a Veteran in need.

If you need my help please call me at 304-592-0247, or e-mail be at [carlajwilfong@yahoo.com](mailto:carlajwilfong@yahoo.com)

For God and Country  
Carla J Wilfong



## Leadership

Ladies, as the 2014-2015 year comes to a close, I want to thank each of you as a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of West Virginia, for all the time and effort you have given to this great organization. Some of you will remain as an elected leader in your unit, some will step down and let new leaders take over, and some will be the new leaders. No matter what your position is or will be you are in a position to further more service to our veterans, our children and our communities. You all are leaders and someone is watching to see how you react to situations and they will follow your path. It is my hope that each of you will make a path for those that follow that will be beneficial to our organization.

It has been a pleasure to serve as the Department Leadership Chairman because we do have a lot of potential leaders that can step up and take an active leadership role in our department. If you want to serve as an officer, I wish you good luck. If you do not want to serve as an officer, I hope that you will give your support to those that are elected.

I hope to see many of you at Department Convention. I am completing the listing of those that have completed a leadership course this year. We did well in West Virginia this year. The certificates and cards will be presented at our Department Convention. If any unit has forms to submit for those completing any leadership course, please get them to me as soon as you can.

Thoughts to Remember

"To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart."

*Eleanor Roosevelt*

"Leadership is not about titles, positions, or flow charts. It is about one life influencing another."

*John C. Maxwell*

"Keep your fears to yourself, but share your courage with others,"

*Robert Louis Stevenson*

"The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things.

He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things." *Ronald Reagan*

Ann Buchanan  
Leadership Chairman

## Education

This has been quite a year, but we're not done yet. So keep going to your schools and see what you can do to help the students or staff complete their year. Someone always has something they could use help with and may not know who to ask. So VOLUNTEER. That's what we do and who we are and we need to show it.

It's too late now to worry about year-end reports, we've done all we can and the best we could and now we just hope for the best, and may the best ones win. If you sent in a report, in my book, that makes you a winner. I know that almost all of you have helped with Education in some way and I thank you for that.

See you again in July  
Roxie Nicholson  
Education Chairman

## Junior Activities

The 8th Annual Department Junior Convention will be held on Thursday July 9, 2015 at the Ramada Inn in Morgantown WV. Agenda in this Spirit.

Junior Forms will be in the June Spirit. Cost is \$10.00 for Registration. Election of 2015-2016 Department Honorary Junior Officers will be held at this convention.

Hope to see to see you there!!

Laura Kilgore  
Junior Activities

## Children and Youth

**Operation Military Kids was a program targeted to children of members of the United States Armed Forces who are deployed overseas. This program ended as of March 31, 2015,** but there are many activities for our American Legion Auxiliary units to participate in to continue with a collaborative effort with our communities to support children and youth impacted by deployment.

There are many opportunities for us to connect with America's Active Military Families. It is important to check within your local communities to get involved. You may have members in your local unit who have deployed children or grandchildren that you support but if you don't please locate other children in need of our support. Listed below are several contacts and opportunities to participate in your local areas.

- The American Legion has a variety of youth program options such as the High School Oratorical Scholarship Program. Find more information at

<http://www.legion.org/youth>

- 4-H provides information to connect military youth to 4-H programs in their hometowns at <http://4-hmilitarypartnerships.org/>

- For Army National Guard Families, you can refer them to the National Guard Family Program at <https://www.jointservicessupport.org/FP/Default.aspx>.

- Army Reserve Families can visit the Army Reserve Family Programs at <http://www.arfp.org/cyss.php> for support.

- Find the Boys & Girls Club nearest to you and participate in wide array of program opportunities such as Keystone Clubs

- Military Child Education Coalition provides professional development opportunities on working with military populations for school personnel and community members making them aware of the stressors that can be associated with a military deployment

- Child Care Aware® can assist military families with child care issues Utilize your local schools and churches to connect with children of deployed service men and women.

Schools can help create academic, social and emotional support networks for students. Check your church Bulletins for names of deployed service men and women and find out if they have children that need assistance, with babysitting, tutoring, school supplies, or emotional support, take them to a movie, a ballgame or other events. No matter what kind of event you choose to participate in, utilize your Public Relations contacts and social media capabilities to publicize your events and activities.

Beth Kilgore,  
Chairman

In 1952, Dr. Garland D. Murphy Jr. gave to The American Legion a large contribution that would benefit children. The Legion and Murphy entered into a trust agreement that established the Child Welfare Foundation, approved by the National Executive Committee on Oct. 15, 1953.

Though created by the Legion, the Child Welfare Foundation, Inc., is a separate 501(c)3 corporation.

CWF accepts funding proposals from nonprofit organizations for projects that contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children. Grants are only given to entities that help U.S. children in a large geographic area; they are not awarded for day-to-day operating expenses or special operating expenses.

In 1955, the foundation made its first three grants, totaling \$22,500, to three organizations: the Delinquency Control Institute, the National Association for Retarded Children and the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness. To date, more than \$13 million has been awarded to assist our nation's children.

Thank you to those Units who continue to feed me. I keep getting fatter each month. I know I will be rolly-polly by the time Convention gets here.

## Poppy

Hello Ladies,

Hope everyone is enjoying the warm weather.

Hope everyone sent their year-end reports to Paulette, if mailed they can be mailed to me at PO Box 36, Gypsy, WV 26361. Just remember Ineed them in hand by 4/29 so I can do my report.

I hope you all are using your Poppies any way you can. Visit our Veterans in their homes if they are shut in's, in the hospital, and nursing homes.

Thank You

In service to our Veterans

Margaret Yost

Poppy Chairman

[mdyost2010@frontier.com](mailto:mdyost2010@frontier.com)



## ***Girls State Chairman***

Your HELP is needed. Please remember our application deadline of May 1, 2015. This year's session will be held Monday, June 22nd – Saturday, June 27th at Wheeling Jesuit University, Wheeling, WV. Cost: \$200.00 per citizen. Our theme is: Our Veterans, Our Military, Our Heroes! Giving back to those who served! Fittingly, our special project is our Welfare Fund.

WANTED: Names of female veterans and/or past Girls State Citizens who have served our Country so we can honor them at RGS please let our Director Michelle Sirbaugh know. Her email address is

[michelle.girlsstate@yahoo.com](mailto:michelle.girlsstate@yahoo.com)

Please orientate the girls you are selecting to Girls State. Let them know what Girls State is about and that classes in city, county and state government are taught. The citizen may choose to participate in the Rhododendron Daily (the Girls State newspaper), the Girls State chorus or public safety classes. Please stay in contact with each of your citizens up until they leave for Girls State.

Encourage these young ladies to complete the Samsung Scholarship form. One of these young ladies attending will receive a \$ 1,000 scholarship and an opportunity to win a \$ 20,000 scholarship nationally.

Our Department has an active website for the citizens to help them prepare for attending this year's Girls State session. You can visit the site by going to <http://wvgirlsstate.org>

If you need assistance with orientating your girls or have questions, please feel free to contact me or your District representative.

Lynda Lancaster  
Girls State Chairman

## ***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***



## Department Ways & Means

There are still plenty of 2014-2015 Ways and Means Tickets left to purchase.

Mothers Day and Fathers Day are coming up; Birthdays and Anniversaries included. They do make excellent gifts!!

Don't forget our armed service members overseas!!

Contact me at:

Rhonda Best

304-281-8152 after 4:00 pm or email me at: [rlcbest37@aim.com](mailto:rlcbest37@aim.com) to order yours. I will then get your mailing address and mail them to you.

Rhonda Best  
Ways-n-Means



## 2015 March Ways & Means Winners

NAME	LOCATION	WINNING #	DATE	AMT PAID
		661	3/2/15	\$25.00
		554	3/3/15	
Mary Ann Myers	Glen Dale, WV	000	3/4/15	\$25.00
		794	3/5/15	
Robert Kidwell	Romney, WV	515	3/6/15	\$25.00
Chris Scheuvront	Lumberport, WV	526	3/7/15	\$25.00
		186	3/9/15	
		449	3/10/15	
		928	3/11/15	
		968	3/12/15	
		832	3/13/15	
		587	3/14/15	
Pat Calain	Elkins, WV	631	3/16/15	\$25.00
		213	3/17/15	
		125	3/18/15	
Russ Rice	Welch, WV	506	3/19/15	\$25.00
Rosemary Gunto	Moundsville, WV	776	3/20/15	\$25.00
Linda Crumm	Moundsville, WV	753	3/21/15	\$25.00
		719	3/23/15	
		126	3/24/15	
		803	3/25/15	
Terry Baker	Mt. Airy, MD	361	3/26/15	\$25.00
		892	3/27/15	
		911	3/28/15	
		990	3/30/15	
		312	3/31/15	



# MEMBERSHIP 2014-2015 "Welcoming Our Members"

## Target 9—April 15th—96%

Department Goal— 7271 National Goal—8083

Department Membership to Date—6661 (92.00 %)

Unit #200— 91 Active Units in Department—65  
(National %== (82.41 %))



District 1			
Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	21	17	81.00%
Moundsville #3	305	286	94.00%
McMechen #5	58	55	94.83%
Weirton #10	80	65	81.25%
Cameron #18	200	178	89.00%
New Martinsville #28	140	129	92.14%
Wellsburg #34	32	25	78.13%
Follansbee #45	58	44	76.00%
Benwood #46	99	91	92.00%
Pine Grove #81	90	88	97.00%
Paden City #86	113	117	104.00%
Wheeling #89	36	29	81.00%
Newell #114	49	37	76.00%
Hundred #120	77	86	112.00%
Chester #121	150	156	104.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	1280	1403	110.00%

District 4			
Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	859	796	93.00%
Spencer #21	59	51	86.44%
Pt. Pleasant #23	345	341	98.84%
Sistersville #67	184	126	68.48%
Parkersburg #104	15	11	73.33%
New Haven #140	159	138	87.00%
Williamstown #159	180	161	89.44%
<b>TOTALS</b>	1801	1624	90.17%

District 6			
Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Welch #8	82	70	85.37%
Bluefield #9	34	26	76.47%
Beckley #32	39	39	100.00%
Gary #38	76	75	99.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	231	210	91.00%

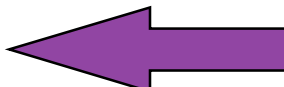
District 9			
Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Elkins #29	206	170	83.00%
Cowen #62	50	40	80.00%
Lewisburg #69	79	61	72.22%
Belington #96	35	34	97.14%
Richwood #97	27	19	70.37%
Pickens #122	28	22	78.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	425	346	81.41%

District 3			
Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	61	52	85.25%
Grafton #12	26	21	81.00%
Clarksburg #13	143	142	99.30%
Shinnston #31	307	280	91.21%
Braxton Co. #33	31	26	84.00%
Mannington #40	23	18	78.26%
Philippi #44	34	29	85.29%
Bridgeport #68	47	44	94.00%
Jane Lew #166	52	37	71.15%
Morgantown #174	23	26	113.04%
<b>TOTALS</b>	747	675	90.36%

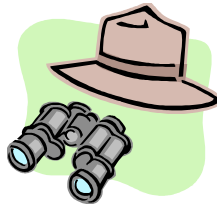
District 5			
Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Huntington #16	264	243	92.05%
Logan #19	16	12	75.00%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	418	319	76.32%
Hamlin #111	54	43	79.63%
Milton #139	84	68	81.00%
Barboursville #177	167	133	80.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	1003	818	82.00%

District 8			
Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Charleston #20	49	26	53.06%
St Albans #73	70	62	89.00%
South Charleston #94	26	19	73.08%
<b>TOTALS</b>	145	107	74.00%

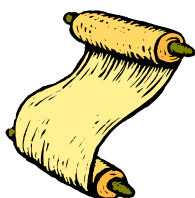
District 10			
Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	155	128	83.00%
Franklin #30	22	18	82.00%
Piedmont #52	60	26	43.33%
Berkeley Springs #60	255	202	79.22%
Moorefield #64	124	101	81.45%
Charles Town #71	250	238	95.20%
Petersburg #78	95	87	92.00%
Romney #91	259	235	91.00%
Charles Town #102	20	13	65.00%
Paw Paw #128	74	54	73.00%
Kirby #134	50	42	84.00%
Ridgeley #136	99	91	92.00%
Capon Bridge #137	130	105	81.00%
Keyser #152	51	47	92.16%
<b>TOTALS</b>	1644	1387	84.37%



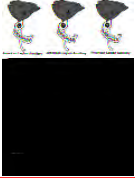
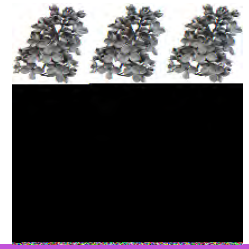
"Torch Lighter"  
Goal—3737  
To Date—3583  
(96.00 %)



"Tablet Writer"  
Goal—3539  
To Date—2987  
(84.40 %)



American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of West Virginia



*May*

**Poppy  
Past Presidents Parley**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <b>Office Closed Indianapolis</b>	2 <b>9th District Conference</b>
						→
3	4 <b>Office Closed</b>	5	6	7	8 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Mail Call</div>	9
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10 <i>Mothers' Day</i>	11	12	13	14 <b>Mail Out Convention Credentials</b>	15 <b>Target # 10 97%</b>	16
17	18 <b>Spirit Articles Due</b>	19	20	21	22 <b>Spirit Out VA Checks</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Mail Call</div>	23
24	25 <b>Memorial Day Office Closed</b>	26	27	28	29	30
31						



## PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO STANDING RULES

### CURRENT READING OF STANDING RULE #23

- a) The Department shall have a 50/50 Drawing at Department Convention with the winner awarded half and the Department receiving the other half.
- b) Silent Auction to be held at Mid-Winter only.
- c) Tickets for the Department Fundraiser shall be ordered by Ways and Means Chairman and mailed to Units.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO STANDING RULE #23: Delete Standing Rule #23 and rewrite Standing Rule #23

RATIONALE FOR CHANGE: Several changes have been approved by Department Executive Committee in years since the original Standing Rule #23 was written.

### PROPOSED NEW READING OF STANDING RULE # 23

- a) The Department shall hold a Department Fundraiser with 75% earmarked for Welfare Fund and 25% earmarked for General Fund. Tickets for the Department Fundraiser shall be ordered by Ways and Means Chairman and mailed to Units.
- b) The Department shall hold a 50/50 Drawing at the Department Convention with the winner awarded half and the Department receiving the other half.
- c) The Past Department Presidents Club may hold a 50/50 Drawing at the Department Convention with the winner awarded half and the PDP Club receiving the other half.
- d) The Department Juniors may hold a fund-raising project at the annual Department Convention. Proceeds from the project will be submitted to the Department Secretary/Treasurer. The Juniors Chairman will submit expense receipts for payment. An adult, over the age of 18 years, must handle money for Junior members fund raisers. (National)
- e) All Mid-Winter Conference fund-raising is designated for the Department Welfare Fund. A Silent Auction shall be held.
- f) The Past Department Presidents Club shall hold a 50/50 Drawing at the Mid-Winter Conference with the winner awarded half and the Welfare Fund receiving the other half.
- g) A Poppy Usage Contest may be held at the Mid-Winter with proceeds designated for Welfare Fund.

Submitted by: Shirley Davis, Ceredo-Kenova Unit 93

Finance Committee: Shirley Davis, Betty Rea and Irene Weber—September 13, 2014

Department Executive Committee, September 13, 2014\_\_\_\_\_

8th Annual  
Department of West Virginia  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Junior Convention  
Agenda

- 8:30-9:00 am..... Registration
- 9:00 am—9:45 am.....Ice Breaker  
Team Building
- 9:45 am—10:15 am.....Call To Order  
Invocation  
Pledge of Allegiance  
National Anthem  
Preamble  
Special Guests
- 10:15 am—10:45 am.....Junior Activity & Craft
- 10:45 am—11:15 am.....Election of Honorary Officers
- 11:15 am—12:00 pm.....2015 Plan of Works
- 12:00 pm—1:00 pm.....LUNCH AND DOOR PRIZES
- 1:00 pm—2:00 pm.....Department Special Project
- 3:00 pm—3:45 pm.....Installation of 2015-2016  
Honorary Junior Officers

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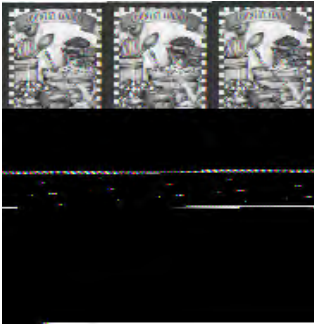
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