



The Auxiliary Spirit



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American Legion Auxiliary
2014-2015
Department President
Paula Booth



**Upward and Onward
For Veterans**

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Remember Our Friends

Joe Polsinelli, father of Beth Wolfe, and father in law of PDP Gary Wolfe passed away this past week.

*Cards may be sent to:
Family of Joe Polsinelli
1109 Logan Street
McMechen WV 26040*

Paula Booth has been fitted with a leg brace and an insert was placed in her other shoe to keep her stable. She was able to bend her knee some when she walked. She may get home in another week or so.

Greeting To All My Wonderful Sisters Out There-

Weather is beautiful, missing seeing and talking to you. Trying the best getting use of left side.

You have sent wonderful cards, and prayers are much appreciated and needed. I am so proud of all of you.

Please keep working out any Unit problems in a loving, forgiving, sisterly way. We are all in this together for our veterans. They work together for us, so how can we do less.

Not sure when I'll see you next, but until then take care.
Love Paula

Greetings to all Auxiliary Sisters,

I hope all of you keep Paula in your thoughts and prayers.

As we move forward to finish out this year, please remember to keep working on our Membership and our other projects. It is vital that we all work together for the benefit of our Veterans and their families.

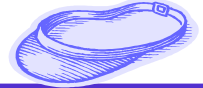
We are standing in National at 83.71% for renewals and rejoins which has dropped us to 27th place in National. For our Goal we are 82.44% and have dropped to 34th place in National, which means Membership has really slowed down to a snails pace. I know we can bring these numbers up, as we have until July 31st to accomplish our Goals.

Next month will be my last Spirit message for Paula's year. I hope to have good news with our Membership!! Keep motivated ladies!!!

Susan Wade
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.** **This will continue through the next administrative year.**

MAKE SURE THE POST OFFICER SIGNS OTHER APPLICATIONS.
Directory Updates:

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

PLEASE—PLEASE—PLEASE:

If someone is paying dues and they haven't paid since 2012 they are to be marked:

REINSTATE. If they have married since last dues paid, put old name to pay and new name under "change of name". Too many mistakes each month, and it takes time to straighten them out.

Dates To Remember:

**Memorial Day May 25th
Office Closed**

**Mandatory Funds Due for Convention
June 10, 2015**

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

**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**

Fall Conferences will be in next Spirit

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The American Legion

Department Email:

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National Auxiliary website:

alaforveterans.org

"WELCOMING OUR MEMBERSHIP"

Membership Chairman

Dear Ladies:

Congratulations to the two new Goal Units. Morgantown Unit #174 and Paden City Unit #86.

You all have done a great job this year as always. We still have a couple of months to still gain more members: New, Retain, and Renew. There are so many units that are close to 100%:

District #1: 5 Units, District #3: 2 Units, District#4: 3 Units, District#5: 1 Unit, District#6: 1 Unit, District #9: 1 Unit, and District #10: 6 Units. BUT everybody can make GOAL. The units above are at 90% or higher. SO in saying that I am looking forward FOR more Goal Units. YOU CAN DO THIS; YOU HAVE PRIOR. We can shoot for Memorial Day in honor of our Veterans. That would be awesome. We have six Goal Units.

Please keep up the great volunteer work that you are doing. I respect and you and Thank you Very much for all the hard work.

Please try and attend a Memorial Day Service.

Thank You,
Sharon Glassford



1st Vice President

Hello Ladies,

As you all know we've had some bumping around this year because of illnesses in our ranks. So before I begin I'd like to share a moment of prayer for PDP Paula Booth and Ramona Westfall, *may God be with you, both, through your journeys of recovery.*

Membership in the ALA is being a part of something bigger and better than we are as individuals. This organization has an agenda which is to do what we can for Veterans and their families. We are sisters in this sense because we're all family of veterans. We laugh together when things are good and we cry together when things are low.

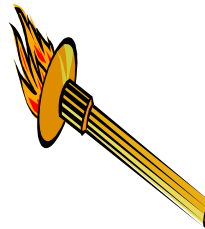
With our 100th anniversary fast approaching and our "million member goal" we have a lot of work to do. In just a couple months we will be working on 2016 membership. We can't afford to leave any members behind. If ever the ALA was needed it is NOW. We are the guidance for our youth, the caretakers of our elders, and the strength for our veterans to lean on when they have no other.

I'm pointing you today to the target page in this spirit instead of repeating all the stats. I'll be working with the Wigs and the Flames for the conclusion of this year so if anyone has questions or concerns please contact me, and I'll do what I can to help.

Congratulations to all the Goal units and to those who met targets. Fantastic work ladies!!!

Here is my email address, please be sure to include your unit number and District when you contact me two-cubs@hotmail.com

Department Vice President
Tammy Workman



Hello

JUNE

First District President

Good Day Ladies,

We were at Wheeling Unit # 89 for 1st District Conference. If you didn't make it you missed a good time, and a very warm welcome.

Don't forget this coming week is Memorial Day. See if you can help with your Post, or if your Post is not doing anything see if you can help with another Post or Unit. Just remember why we are having Memorial Day.

Don't forget that Poppy Days and Girls State are coming up.

Keep up the good work on membership.

Keep Paula Booth in your prayers Remember the ones who have lost someone or is sick. Lift them up in prayer also.

Keep up the good work.

God Bless

Donna Leek

1st District President

First District Vice President

I AM SO PROUD OF YOU ALL,
REALLY FOR THE ONES THAT
MADE GOAL.

This year has been a learning for me,
I have no wishes to go any further.

Yours Truly

Marlene Stansberry

1st District Vice President



Third District President

Happy Spring everyone!

It is finally nice weather & time to get out gather some new members and touch bases with those that have fallen by the wayside.

Thank you Units 7, 12, 13, 31, and 166 for sending reports to Spring Conf. It is amazing what you can do when working together! Over \$6,000.00 was reported by these units in donations to various veterans programs. Over 10,000 Poppies were distributed & over 5,000 hours community service. In all of this activity we contacted a lot of new prospects and make a good impression on those we met. Intentions are good but accomplishments are better. Our goal is to help our Veterans- past, present & future. Our numbers make us strong. Remember "United we stand, divided we fall."

Hope everyone has a great Memorial Day weekend!!!!

Thank you for all of your work.

Yours in Service

Connie Bailey

Dist #3 Pres.

Fifth District Vice President

Hello Ladies,

I hope you all are enjoying this beautiful weather. First of all I want to thank Barboursville #177 for hosting the Fifth District Spring Conference. We had a great meeting and I was glad to see everyone there. Thank you for electing me as your Fifth District Vice President.

I know you all have been working hard and I know it's a very hard job to get people to understand what we are working for; we work hard for the veterans because they need our help. I have faith in the units of the Fifth District.

Just remember what we are all fighting for. Unity in the American Legion. God Bless each and everyone.

Thank you,

JoAnn Hastings Fifth District VP

Third District Vice President

I hope all Units are working hard to meet their goals. Third District has two (2) Goal Units: Clarksburg 13 at 100% and Morgantown, Unit 174 at 117.39%. Good work ladies.

We have two Units Shinnston 31 and Bridgeport 68 are both over 90%, come on ladies you can make that one last push and go over 100%. We have four Units Buckhannon 7, Grafton 12, Braxton County 33, and Philippi 44 are over 80%, you ladies need to give that extra push and go over 100%. We have two Units that are over seventy Percent (70%) and they are Mannington 40 and Jane Lew 166, I know you ladies are working hard but lets try a little harder.

I am proud of what each Unit is doing and I know this time of the year you don't really want to be working on Auxiliary but please give it your all and lets make this a goal District.

If anyone needs my help, please call me at 304-592-0247 or e-mail me at carlajwilfong@yahoo.com I hope to see everyone at Summer Convention in July.

For God and Country

Carla Wilfong

Fourth District Vice President

First and foremost I want to send get well wishes to Paula Booth.

As the end of this year is quickly approaching, we in 4th District have not reached goal yet. Some are very close with # 23, #15 and #21 in the 90's percentile. Continue to work toward reaching your goals, do not hold for 2016 cards.

Please make an attempt to attend Memorial Day services in your area, branded if possible, take your poppies with you. Use those a recruiting tool by letting ladies know where their donations go to. Thank a Veteran every chance you get.

Cathy Post

Fifth District President

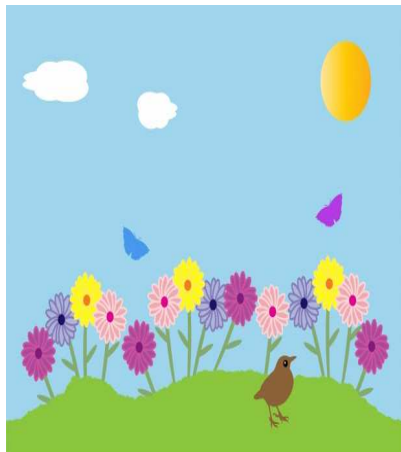
I hope all the Units In the 5th District have had their elections (or will soon) and are planning your year end activities and installation of your new officers. State Convention begins July 9th and each Unit should have received their credentials by now. If not, let me know and I will get in touch with Paulette in the Department office. I hope you are planning on attending the convention in Morgantown. It always proves to be and informative and exciting time.

Keep those memberships coming in. I know everyone has given 100% for membership but as we come down to the year end, we need to give 110%. I know you can do it.

Beth Kilgore
5th District President



Our country is not the only thing to which we owe our allegiance. It is also owed to justice and to humanity. Patriotism consists not in waving the flag, but in striving that our country shall be righteous as well as strong. ~James Bryce



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.—Peggy Swartz #8
Vice Pres.—Rita Alley #8
8th Dist. Pres.—Mary Bess #20
Vice. Pres.—Rose Reese #73
9th Dist. Pres.—No Name Given
Vice Pres.—No Name Given
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— Despina O'Neill
Secretary— Lexie Nelson
Chaplain— Courtney King
Historian— Mary Grace Bannon

10th District VAVS

May 30th will be the Martinsburg VAMC Memorial day picnic. If you are interested in donating food, money or your time please let me know ASAP. If you, your post or unit regularly does this and will continue to do so also let me know what your plans will be.

Thank you for your continued support of our hospitalized veterans. Call 304-258 -5804 and leave a message VAVS Rep
Debbie Fox

Public Relations

Hello Ladies,

Finally warmer weather, I know everyone is as happy as I am to see it!! With this warmer weather we will be getting back out in the community, so let's show who we are, what we do and why it matters!!

Thank You to those units submitting their reports, I was surprised I actually received more than I expected, way to go!!

A reminder the public relations books are due July 1 to me or bring to Department convention. I am hoping there are many. I am still looking for copies of your new paper articles, facebook posts, etc for Paula Booth's press book. I will take items for the press book until July 1.

Also, don't forget there are 4 awards offered to unit at the Central Division.

As you do memorial day events get those articles in to the paper, this is a great way for the community to learn about us and send me a copy for the Department Presidents report.

Lisa Cadwallader, Chairman
LisaC.ALA71@GMail.com

Chaplain

This is a reminder to everyone Department, District, Past Department Presidents, and Units – I'm in need of poems, prayers, verses, or your favorite song for Paula's prayer book. I'll take anything that you would like to send. Time is short.

Verse for this month – Psalm 62:5-7

Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will not be shaken. My victory and honor come from God alone. He is my refuge, a rock where no enemy can reach me.



Have a great month!
Susan Brown – PDP
Chaplain

Historian

Hello Ladies,

We are now starting into a new reporting year. All units and districts need to document your history of events and volunteer hours you do this month as well as upcoming months. This will tell everything you will be doing for year 2015-2016. Each and every member is appreciated for you do. Please continue to help your veterans and their families.

God Bless,
Rhonda Best
Department Historian
email: rlcbest37@aim.com



National Security

Well my Fellow Auxiliary Members the year is winding down, all reports are done and sent to National.

I was impressed by what every Unit has done. I would like to have seen a report from all Units in the state but I am happy with what was received.

Even though all reports are done I would like to see all Members have an emergency kit ready for this is the season for storms both sides of the Mountains. If you have a homeless Veteran in your community, help him or her find a place they can live and if possible suggest a place of employment.

Remember Memorial Day is coming all too quickly. Go to the Cemeteries and honor our Veterans. Place a flag or a flower on their graves, you can do this in conjunction with the Boy Scouts. Prepare a meal for the Veterans at your Post. There are so many things you can do.

If anyone needs my help, please call me at 304-592-0247 or you can e-mail me at carlajwilfong@yahoo.com.
For God and Country
Carla J Wilfong
Chairman

Education

Hello Ladies,

Finally we have some beautiful Spring flowers. I am so glad the warmer weather is moving in and the cold is well on its way out!!

Hope you ladies have set up dates to get veterans in the schools and churches to educate our children on Flag etiquette, proper disposal of an American Flag or tell the poppy story or the Americas white table story.

This is also a good time to start pulling together all your contacts, forms, and list of dates things happen to pass along to next year's chairman.
Lisa Cadwallader, Committee Member
LisaC.ALA71@GMail.com

Leadership

Ladies, the year is almost over and we have to start planning for a new year. I hope that all of you have gained some knowledge this year and that this knowledge will be used to make the next year even more successful. My motto this year has been **“everyone is a leader to those watching”**. I hope that each of you make a good model for those observing you as you work for this great organization. Take the time to understand where the other members are coming from when an issue is discussed. Wear the emblem of our organization with pride and wear it often to show others that you are proud. Take the time to be a mentor to those who are following in your footsteps. Be a good follower is one of the best ways to show your leadership to others. Always remember the purpose of this great organization is to service our veterans as we work in our communities for our children and a better future for our youth.

Certificates and cards will be distributed to those that have completed our Leadership Courses this year. It is not too late to submit the names of those from your unit that have completed any of the courses.

I want to thank the units and the chairmen that submitted Year End Reports on Leadership. I will make note of any suggestion and pass on to the new Leadership Chairman for next year.

I wish for each of you a successful future as you work for the American Legion Auxiliary in your unit, your district, and your department.

Ann Buchanan
Chairman



Children and Youth



★ School is ending soon for the children in your community. Please consider those children who

★ only receive a nutritious meal while they are in school. Unfortunately many of the children in our communities do without a well balanced meal when school is not in session. Consider planning an activity that will provide a nutritious meal for those children who do without. You may be surprised who is included in this group.

It is not too early to be thinking about school starting in August and what the children in your community will need to succeed. Think about conducting a Backpack Project, where backpacks are filled with school supplies and given to those who will do without. Your local schools can help distribute these to those in need. Keep in mind the schools may have to distribute these because of the Privacy act. Help set up these kids for success. They are our future.



Beth Kilgore,
Chairman
Children & Youth

Child Welfare Fund

State Convention is around the corner. How fat will I be by then? Are you saving your coins? (Bills and checks work just as well)



Beth Kilgore
Child Welfare Foundation

Poppy

Hello Ladies,

I wish to thank the Unit chairmen who sent me their year-end poppy reports. I received a total of 23 reports out of 65 Units.

Memorial Day is coming up, use your poppies in a wreath, place a bouquet of poppies on the grave site of your favorite Veteran, visit a Veteran in a nursing home or hospital or visit your favorite Veteran and their family.

Wishing Paula Booth the very best in her recovery.

Thank You
Margaret Yost
Poppy Chairman



I just wanted to thank you again for coming and participating in the Quilts of Valor Day in Indianapolis. It turned out to be a super day and it was so great to see the Legionnaires sit down and add their personal touch to a quilt. Thanks again for all you do every day. Special thanks also to those of you that brought fabric, batting or supplies. It is truly appreciated. Also special thanks to Ann Buchanan who brought a completed quilt from Unit 16 in Huntington, WV.

Ann Rehbein

Convention Chairman

“Are you ready for a GREAT Convention in Morgantown?” It is not that far away so be sure you and your Unit are ready for another wonderful Convention.

Have you made your reservation? If not get those in there are still rooms available. We would love to have a large number of members turn out. It is always so good to meet and greet members from across our great state and hear what your Unit is doing for the American Legion Auxiliary Programs.

I am looking for help with registration so please contact me if you are interested in helping. I would like to have 4 people for Thursday and Friday and 2 people for Saturday. Please call me at 304-676-8543. It is a great job and you get to meet and greet everyone.

Also please bring or send a DOOR PRIZE go do that right now. Who does not want to win a Door Prize? If you or your Unit is not attending but would like to send a door prize you can mail it to me just so I receive it before July 7th. Credentials have been mailed out to the Units so be sure all the Delegates and Alternates are on the Credentials that are attending.

There is also the Past Department Presidents Luncheon Form please complete if you are planning on attending. The cost of the Luncheon is \$19.00 and it will be on Friday.

We are looking forward to seeing you there. If you have questions please call or email Paulette or myself.

Remember there is still time to plan to attend. Do it today. We want to see you there.

God bless us and keep us as a shining light in all good works we do.

Thanks,
Convention Chairman

Vickie Luttrell
304-676-8543
205 Merrywoods Drive
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

Quilts of Valor Day

Ann Buchanan Unit #16 participating



Girls State Chairman

Rhododendron Girls State program is in place and awaiting the arrival of our citizens. Make sure that they have completed and submitted their forms online (Pledge, Media Release, Health Form and Parent Consent form). As a reminder, please stay in contact with your citizens up to the time they leave and see if they have any last minute questions.

This years' session will be held Monday, June 22nd – Saturday, June 27th at Wheeling Jesuit University, Wheeling, WV. Our theme is: Our Veterans, Our Military, Our Heroes! Giving back to those who served! Fittingly, our special project is our Welfare Fund.

Remember to utilize your local press with the girls selected, representing what high school, sponsors and include the name of the American Legion Auxiliary. Many, many hours of planning have gone into this program but with your help you make it successful.

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.

Thank you for all you do!!!
Lynda Lancaster, Chairman



American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

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Rhododendron Girls State

Girls State Session

June 22— June 27, 2015

Wheeling Jesuit University

Wheeling West Virginia

Department Ways & Means

Hello Ladies,

First I would like to give a revision to March's Report. I overlooked a winner for 3/18/15. It was Karen Nice and she was the \$200.00 winner for the 3rd Wednesday of the month. I apologize for the inconvenience and mistake. Second I want to let everyone know that we still have over 6 months left in the year 2015 and there are remaining Ways-n-Means tickets available. So please continue to participate and sell any tickets that you are able to do so. Congratulations to all winners so far this year and Good Luck to all in the coming days.

Thank you and God Bless,
Rhonda Best
Ways-n-Means Chairman

VA & R

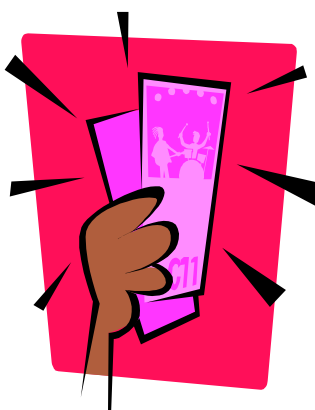
Spring has finally arrived or I should say we practically bypassed Spring as we are having 90 degree temperature today in this area.

I have been busy reading the VA&R annual reports. Units have been busy doing for our veterans this membership year, but I am sure there has been more done than I will ever know; since not all units reported. I have to go with what I have received. Some things I noticed that I need to bring to your attention is that anything units do for deceased veterans or their families (such as dinners for deceased veterans families, decorating graves at Memorial or other holidays) is *Community Service*. Also, anything units do for active military is *National Security* and not VA&R. Another thing I noticed is that some volunteers are not getting credit for hours volunteered because you say 4 members assisted with dinner, etc. and did not give me names. If anyone needs to send me corrected volunteer hours with names, please do so asap!

Mary Waybright
Chairman

2015 April Ways & Means Winners

NAME	LOCATION	WINNING #	DATE	AMT PAID
		881	4/1/15	
		256	4/2/15	
		667	4/3/15	
Melvin Swartz	Gary, WV	031	4/4/15	\$25.00
		945	4/6/15	
		583	4/7/15	
		252	4/8/15	
Christy Baker	Cameron, WV	806	4/9/15	\$25.00
Stephanie Johnson	Romney, WV	485	4/10/15	\$25.00
Mike Tallman	Paden City, WV	169	4/11/15	\$25.00
		825	4/12/15	
Bill Combs	Pt. Pleasants, WV	275	4/14/15	\$25.00
		768	4/15/15	
		072	4/16/15	
		254	4/17/15	
		765	4/18/15	
		781	4/20/15	
		992	4/21/15	
		081	4/22/15	
		995	4/23/15	
		889	4/24/15	
		659	4/25/15	
Susan Wade	Paden City, WV	609	4/27/15	\$25.00
Peggy Swartz	Gary, WV	175	4/28/15	\$25.00
		313	4/29/15	
Sarah Morgret	Romney, WV	399	4/30/15	\$25.00



THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



MEMBERSHIP 2014-2015 “Welcoming Our Members”

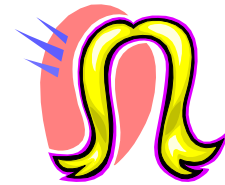


Target 10—May 15th—97%

Department Goal— 7271 National Goal—8083

Department Membership to Date— 6740 (93.00 %)

Unit #200— 91 Active Units in Department—65
(National %== (83.38 %))



District 1			
Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	21	17	81.00%
Moundsville #3	305	291	95.31%
McMechen #5	58	55	94.83%
Weirton #10	80	65	81.25%
Cameron #18	200	185	93.00%
New Martinsville #28	140	133	95.00%
Wellsburg #34	32	25	78.13%
Follansbee #45	58	44	76.00%
Benwood #46	99	91	92.00%
Pine Grove #81	90	90	100.00%
Paden City #86	113	117	104.00%
Wheeling #89	36	29	81.00%
Newell #114	49	40	82.00%
Hundred #120	77	86	112.00%
Chester #121	150	157	105.00%
TOTALS	1280	1425	111.33%

District 4			
Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	859	814	95.00%
Spencer #21	59	53	90.00%
Pt. Pleasant #23	345	341	98.84%
Sistersville #67	184	126	68.48%
Parkersburg #104	15	11	73.33%
New Haven #140	159	140	88.05%
Williamstown #159	180	161	89.44%
TOTALS	1801	1646	91.39%

District 6			
Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Welch #8	82	70	85.37%
Bluefield #9	34	26	76.47%
Beckley #32	39	40	103.00%
Gary #38	76	75	99.00%
TOTALS	231	211	91.34%

District 9			
Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Elkins #29	206	172	84.00%
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%
TOTALS	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	143	100.00%
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	27	117.39%
TOTALS	747	677	91.00%

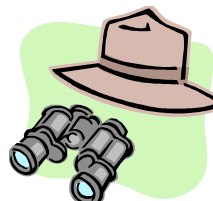
District 5			
Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Huntington #16	264	245	93.00%
Logan #19	16	13	81.25%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	418	319	76.32%
Hamlin #111	54	43	79.63%
Milton #139	84	68	81.00%
Barboursville #177	167	135	81.00%
TOTALS	1003	823	82.05%

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%
TOTALS	145	107	74.00%

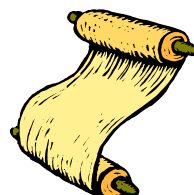
District 10			
Unit	2015	2015	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	155	128	83.00%
Franklin #30	22	18	82.00%
Piedmont #52	60	26	43.33%
Berkeley Springs #60	255	202	79.22%
Moorefield #64	124	104	84.00%
Charles Town #71	250	239	96.00%
Petersburg #78	95	89	94.00%
Romney #91	259	235	91.00%
Charles Town #102	20	13	65.00%
Paw Paw #128	74	57	77.02%
Kirby #134	50	44	88.00%
Ridgeley #136	99	95	96.00%
Capon Bridge #137	130	117	90.00%
Keyser #152	51	47	92.16%
TOTALS	1644	1414	86.00%



“Torch Lighter”
Goal—3737
To Date—3628
(97.08 %)



“Tablet Writer”
Goal—3534
To Date—3021
(86.00 %)





American Legion Auxiliary
Department of West Virginia



June

Girls State Session

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 Office Closed	6
				Mail Call	Trip to	Indiana
7	8	9	10 Mandatory Funds Due	11	12	13
14 Flag Day	15 Target # 9 98% All Articles Due	16	17	18 Spirit Out VA Checks Mailed	19 Office Closed Leave for Girls State	20
21 Fathers Day	22 Office Closed Girls State Week	23	24	25 Credentials Due	26	27
28	29 Convention Mailed to Convention Chairman	30				

STANDING RULES 2014-2015
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF WES VIRGINIA

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Delete Standing Rule #23 and write new Standing Rule #23

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Submitted by: *Shirley Davis*, Ceredo-Kenova Unit 93

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

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

Department Executive Committee, September 13, 2014_____

PROPOSED ADDITION TO STANDING RULES

Rationale: To keep continuity of purpose and knowledge on the Centennial Strategy Planning Committee appointed by Paula Booth in July 2014. The following Standing Rule is proposed by those on the 2014-2015 committee.

The Centennial Strategy Planning Committee for the Department of West Virginia will be a five (5) year committee starting in 2014-2015. The committee shall have 5 to 7 members each year. The committee shall consist of those appointed to the original committee by President Paula Booth (Paulette Anderson, Sharon Glassford, Ann Buchanan, and Irene Weber) plus the current First Vice President, current Membership Chairman, and current Leadership Chairman.

Submitted on behalf of the 2014-2015 Strategy Planning Committee by
Ann Buchanan, PDP on May 14, 2015

**CALL FOR
NINETY-THIRD ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA, INC.**

The Ninety-Third Department Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary is hereby called and , in conformity with Article IX, Section 1 of the Department Constitution and Bylaws which provides, "That the Department Convention be held annually concurrent with the convention of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia". The Convention will meet in Morgantown Wes Virginia on July 9, 10, 11, 2015 at the Ramada Inn.

PURPOSE

The Convention is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, amending the Department Constitution, receiving reports of Department Officers and Chairmen, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it.

REPRESENTATIVES

Representation at the Convention shall by Units. Each Unit shall be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for each fifty (50) members or a major fraction thereof, whose dues have been paid and received by the Department Headquarters on month prior to the Convention for which they were elected. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote. **No Unit unrepresented shall have a proxy vote.** The elective officers, all Past Department Presidents in good standing shall be delegates-at-large to the Department Convention, with vote to be exercised with their Units, provided said officers are present at the Convention.

ALTERNATES

Each Unit is entitled to one alternate for each delegate. The alternate will have power to vote **ONLY** in the absence of the regular delegate.

CREDENTIALS

Membership cards must be presented by delegates and alternates. Certification of the election of the delegates and alternate **MUST** be mailed to Department Headquarters no less than two weeks prior to the Convention, and **SHALL BE** accompanied by the Convention fee of \$15.00 for each accredited delegates so certified.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Pre-Convention Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday 9, 2015, at 7:00 pm at Ramada Inn in _____
The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Department Elective Officers, NEC, the Eight District Presidents, all Past Department Presidents, and Chairmen of all standing committees. All members of standing committees, exclusive of the chairmen, may attend the Executive Committee Meeting with the privilege of discussion but NO vote.

DEPARTMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE

This committee will meet on July 9, 2015 at 2:00 pm in the _____. Those to attend this meeting are the three (3) members of the Finance Committee and the Department President and Department Secretary-Treasurer who are ex-officio members without vote.

POST EXECUTIVE MEETING

The Post Executive Committee will meet immediately following the Church Service on July 12, 2015 in the _____.

Susan Wade
Department President

Paulette Anderson
Department Secretary/Treasurer



93RD ANNUAL CONVENTION

Tentative Program
American Legion Auxiliary

Thursday July 9, 2015

8:30-9:00 am	Registration for Juniors	Seminar Room
9:00-2:00 pm	Junior Meeting Sessions	Seminar Room
3:00-3:45 pm	Junior Installation of 2015-2016 Officers	
12:00-6:00	Registration	Upstairs Foyer
2:00	Department Finance Committee Meeting	Ballroom
3:00-5:00	Convention Committee Meetings	Ballroom
	Constitution & Bylaws	
	Standing Rules	
	Policy & Procedures	
	Resolutions	
	Courtesy	
	Credentials	
7:00 pm	Department Executive Board Meeting	Ballroom

FRIDAY JULY 10, 2015

8:00-4:00	Registration	Upstairs Foyer
8:30 am	Opening Session	Ballroom
	Processional	
	District Vice Presidents	
	District Presidents	
	Past Department Officers	
	Department Officers	
	Presentation of Gavel to	
	By	Susan Wade, Department President
	Call To Order	Victoria Luttrell, Convention Chairman
	Advancement of Colors	Susan Wade, Department President
		Katena Karnes, Sergeant at Arms
		Lisa Turner, Sergeant at Arms
		Susan Brown, Department Chaplain
	Invocation	
	Moment of Silence	
	Pledge of Allegiance	
	National Anthem	Patricia Moore, Americanism Chairman
	Preamble to the Constitution of	Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Music Chairman
	American Legion Auxiliary	Teresa "Betty" Rea Constitution & Bylaws Ch.
	Presentation of Convention Committees	
	Roll Call of Units	Susan Wade, Department President
	Rules & Order of Business	Paulette Anderson, Depart. Secretary/Treasurer
	Constitution & Bylaws	Paulette Anderson, Depart. Secretary/Treasurer
	Report of Credentials Committee	Teresa "Betty" Rea, Department Chairman
	Report of Resolutions Committee	Mary Waybright, Chairman
	Standing Rules	Roxie Nicholson, Chairman
	Presentation	Janice Gamerdinger, Department Chairman
		Debra Fox, NEC, Past President's Parley Chrm.

"West Virginia Auxiliary Unit Member of the Year"

Friday July 10, 2015 (Cont.)

Membership Citations & Awards

Sharon Glassford, Membership Chairman
Tammy Workman, Department Vice President

Presentation of Trophies & Awards

Americanism	Junior Activities	Scrapbook
Auxiliary Emergency Fund	Leadership	Unit President's Award
Chaplain	Legislative	V A & R
Children & Youth	Music	Total Participation
Community Service	National Security	
Education	Past President's Parley	
History	Poppy	
Girls State	Public Relations	

11:30-12:45

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON
Presentation of "Timeless Award" Debra Fox, NEC, PPP Chairman

1:00 pm Joint Session with the American Legion

2:00 pm Reconvene

Complete Trophies & Awards Presentation

4:00 pm Recess

Rehearsal for Installation

Saturday July 11, 2015

8:00-Noon Registration

8:00am Opening Session

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

National Anthem

Preamble

8:15am Memorial Service

8:45am Greetings

9:00am Roll Call

Final Report of Resolutions Committee

Final Report of Constitution & Bylaws

Report of Credentials Committee

Report of Courtesy Resolutions

Nomination & Elections of Officers 2015-2016

Election of Delegates & Alternates to National Convention

Ratification of District Presidents & Vice Presidents

12:00pm Recess

1:00pm Installation of Officers for 2015-2016

Closing Remarks

Retirement of Department Colors

2:00 pm Post Executive Board Meeting

3:00pm Post Everlasting

7:00pm Department Commanders' and Presidents' Banquet

9:00pm Karaoke

Susan Wade, Department President
Susan Brown, Department Chaplain
Patricia Moore, Americanism Chairman
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Eight District Chaplains
Fred Buchanan, Department Commander
Rocky Fox, Detachment Commander
Paulette Anderson, Depart. Secretary/Treasurer
Roxie Nicholson, Chairman
Betty Rea, Chairman
Mary Waybright, Chairman
Linda Crumm, Chairman

Susan Wade, Department President

Have A Safe Trip Home!!

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

Past Department Presidents Luncheon

Friday July 10, 2015

11:30 am-12:45 am

Ramada Inn Morgantown

Cost \$19.00

Menu:

Chicken Picatta

**(Roasted chicken breast with lemon caper butter
over jasmine rice and seasonal vegetables and chef's choice of dessert)**

Deadline for Reservations:

Monday June 29, 2015

I am sending in \$ _____ for _____ members for PDP Luncheon.

Attached List if Needed: _____

List Allergies

*Send Reservations and Check to:
ALA Department Treasurer
1251 Doolin Run Road
New Martinsville WV 26155-7808*

***Check must accompany reservations
No refunds after June 29th***

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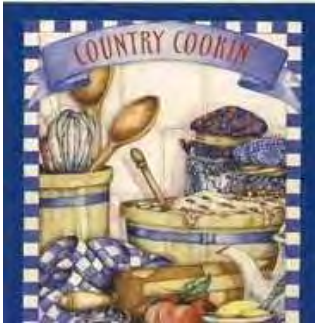
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STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX:-----

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.



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I want to purchase _____ cookbooks and have the cookbooks mailed to:

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