



The Auxiliary Spirit



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Department President
Paula Booth



**Upward and Onward
For Veterans**

Happy Fall to all American Legion Auxiliary members!

The leaves are painting West Virginia woodlands and showing off their glory. Soon they will be gone and the white stuff will reappear. So enjoy now!

We have attended 6th District, 5th District, and 4th District Conferences and were shown great hospitality by all! I heartily encourage all members to attend their District Conferences because information is shared, hospitality is shown, and you can enjoy great food and friendship while being encouraged to work for your Veterans.

We also had a great time celebrating our Department Commander's Homecoming.

My homecoming is to be held October 25th at Elkins Post 29, social hour at 6 pm and dinner at 7.

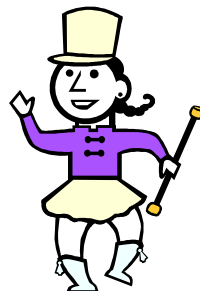
Today's Membership Report from National shows West Virginia #4 in Central Division and #16 Nationally. We are doing a good job but also still have 12 Units listed with zero membership. Let's call our members and remind them it's time to renew their dues. And if you are holding any dues, please get them sent in!

Don't forget to honor our Veterans on Veterans' Day.

Until next time, stay safe in your travels, and get your flu shots!!

Paula Booth

Department President



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

Remember Our Friends

Marie Ross, Past Martinsburg VAMC passed away October 12, 2014. Cards can be sent to:

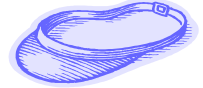
*Family of Marie Ross
6327 Charles Town Road
Kearneysville, WV 25430*

Rita Alley, 6th District Vice President, daughter passed away October 9, 2014. Cards can be sent to:

*Rita Alley
PO Box 654
Welch, WV 24801.*



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 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.

MAKE SURE THE POST OFFICER SIGNS APPLICATIONS.

Directory Updates

Page 25: Under Huntington Unit #16 President: Ann Buchanan ,105 Cheyenne Trail , Ona WV 25545.# 304-654-9932.

Secretary is Mary Waybright. All else the same.

Under New Martinsville Unit #28: President Christy Bland, 218 Maple Ave. New Martinsville WV 26155, 304-771-8555.

Page 26: Philippi Unit #44 President's

address is: 146 Anglin Run Road. All else the same.

Secretary: Diana Davide, 475 Jonestown-Mount Liberty Rd., Philippi WV 26416

Page 30: Barboursville Unit 177: President-Mary Ann Harshberger, 1015 Ponderosa Dr. Milton WV 25512, 304-710-5008;

Secretary-Laura White, 3304 Hollands Branch Rd. Barboursville WV 25504, 304-638-1836.

Cookbooks: we still have about 118 cookbooks to sell. Contact Dept. Headquarters to purchase one. They make wonderful Christmas Gifts.

Support our Veterans!!!

Dates To Remember: 2014 Dates

Fall Conferences Posted in Spirit

Office Closure:

October 23rd for Medical Tests

November 11th Veterans Day

November 27th and 28th

Thanksgiving

Will be posted in the Spirit calendar.

E-Postcard: Time to renew your 990 N Postcard.

National Convention Form has an error on the dates: Should be :

August 28-Sept. 3, 2015

VA Hospitals Gift Shops

Huntington VA:

Tuesday December 2nd

Beckley VA: Friday Dec. 5th

Clarksburg VA: Friday December 5th

Martinsburg VA:

Friday December 5th

Saturday December 6th until 12:00pm

Spirit: Please check your Junk or Trash files if you stopped getting the Spirit.

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Legion Email:

wvlegion@suddenlinkmail.com

Auxiliary website: www.wvaux.org

National Website: alaforveterans.org

Fall Conferences

1st District

Weirton Unit #10

November 9th

3rd District

Gassaway Post #33 (Joint)

Braxton County Senior Citizens

October 25th

9th District (Joint)

Elkins Post #29

October 25th



"WELCOMING OUR MEMBERS"

Membership Chairman

Hello Ladies:

I hope that everyone has had a great Fall Conference so far. I know there are some that are coming soon.

Membership is coming in not quite as fast. Please send in as soon as possible. Oct. 15th Target was 60%. Congratulations: McMechen 82.76%, Paden City 82.30%, Beckley 74.36%, Gary 85.53%, Lewisburg 69.20%, Belington 62.86%, Clarksburg 81.12%, Shinnston 63.19%, Baxton 61.29%, Charles Town #71 60.80%, and Keyser 92.16%. Way to go towards One Million Members.

Need Your Challenges ASAP.

Paulette and I both need them. 5th District already has there's. Please e-mail. These challenges will be done at Mid-Winter.

Mid-Winter will be in Martinsburg in 2015.

Everybody is doing a great job as always! Keep up the great job.

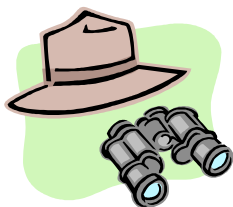
District Vice Presidents; I need for you to call units to see how they are doing. Call either Unit Pres. or Sec.; to get a report. Some units have a membership person. Just get there name and number and talk with them. Please let me know and your Dept. Vice Pres. E-mail us this information.

Keep working and continue the great work that you are doing.

Remember to keep our troops in your prayers over Thanksgiving Holiday. Maybe there is a family down your street or in your town. Thank that family for their service.

"WE CAN DO IT" ONE MILLION MEMBERS.

Sharon Glassford
Dept. Membership Chairman



1st Vice President

Hello Ladies!

I had the pleasure of attending several District Conferences. I want to thank the following for the great hospitality; District 4 hosted by Sistersville Unit 67; District 5 hosted by Ceredo-Kenova Unit 93; District 6 hosted by Beckley Unit 32; and District 10 hosted by Charles Town Unit 71.

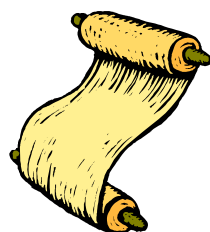
I also attended Department Fred Buchanan's Homecoming! We had a great time!!

Now on to Membership!! I want to congratulate the following Units for reaching Target 3 at 60%; Clarksburg Unit 13; Shinnston Unit 31; Braxton Co. Unit 33; Charles Town Unit 71; and Keyser Unit 152. Great job ladies! We have some Units that are close to reaching Target and we have Units that have NOT turned in any dues yet! Remember that all officers dues should be paid by November. We should NOT have any Zero Units! We have got to keep our Members! It is great to get new members, but keeping them is the key to success and vital to the existence to our Organization.

All Districts have Vice Presidents that are willing to help their Units in contacting members, either by phone or whatever the Units need. We have got to work together for the betterment of our Great Organization!

Remember, we are here for our Veterans!!!!

Susan Wade AKA "the Tablet Writer"
Department 1st Vice President



2nd Vice President

Hello and Happy Autumn everyone!

I'm really happy to report our "Torch" is burning much brighter in Districts 1,4,6,and 9, Fantastic work Ladies!

As of this writing West Virginia is at 4th place in Central Division and 16th place in National. Remember the ranking fluctuates every week as our Central Division and National process all the membership they receive from the Departments. So let's keep our "Ticket Taker," Paulette's mailbox full.

Last month's target date the "Flames" had 17.34% and several units with zeros. Now at the 3rd target date the "Flames" are burning brighter at 45.33%, and only three units with zero.

Congratulations go out to the following units for meeting Target 3 of 60% in membership or higher. You're doing a wonderful job Ladies!!!

1st District: McMechen Unit 5 and Paden City Unit 86; 6th District: Beckley Unit 32 and Gary Unit 38; 9th District: Lewisburg Unit 69 and Belington Unit 96.

Keep membership applications with you because everywhere we go we meet potential new members.

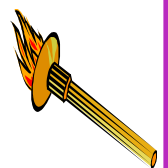
Remember our Auxiliary "brand," our emblem. It has proven to be a perfect conversation starter which can lead to new and reinstating members.

I wish to extend a thank you to Unit 93 Ceredo-Kenova for hosting a very nice Fall conference and to Huntington Unit 16 for all your work in making our Department Legion Commander, Fred Buchanan's Homecoming so nice.

I'll be attending the Fall conferences at Districts 8, 9 and 1, and President Paula's Homecoming.

We still have a lot of work to do to get our Torch soaring but we can do it. We have some great obstacles in our path but we are women of strength and courage so I know we'll make it to the top.

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



First District President

Hello Ladies

Well looking out over the hills at the fall trees and their colors, just mean that winter is just around the corner. I know that everyone is busy for October with all the homecomings and the District Fall Conference.

Don't forget to get out and see what we can do for the older people in our communities. Don't forget all the Units that are having funds raisers at this time of the year. If you can help them out in anyway let them know.

Just remember the Veterans in thoughts and prayer.

Get out and go to the school about safety on Halloween.

Will start visiting the Units soon.

Don't forget Fall Conference at Weirton Unit 10, hope to see a lot there.

Keep up all the good work.

God Bless You All!

Donna Leek

1st District President

First District Vice President

Hello Ladies,

I know we have a lot of work to do!! Congratulations to McMechen Unit #5 and Paden City Unit #86 for going over the 60% target this month! The rest of the Units need to work a little harder to get the next Target of 70%. We can do it!!

Membership Workshop was very helpful to me as a first time Vice President. I hope the Units attended learned as much as I did.

I am excited to see Weirton Unit #10 on November 9th.

If there is any question or if you need help on membership please contact me at sonjam2011@hotmail.com or 304-455-6534.

Until next month,

Sonja M. Stansberry

1st District Vice President.

Fourth District President

Hello 4th District Flames:

I want to thank Sistersville Post 67 and Unit 67 for a warm welcome at our 4th District Fall Conference. We were represented with 4 Units; Parkersburg Unit 15, Spencer Unit 21, Sistersville Unit 67, and Parkersburg Unit 104, along with 5 Dept. Officers; President Paula Booth, 1st Vice Susan Wade, 2nd Vice Tammy Workman, Sec./Treas. Paulette Anderson and Historian Rhonda Best. Thank You Ladies for attending.

There was a motion passed that the price for registration for all 4th District Conference will be \$10.00. This will be added to our Standing Rules.

I will be visiting all Units at least once between now and Spring Conference.

Unit Presidents please call me at 304-422-1263 or email me at

nancy-sund-ala@hotmail.com with a month that will be good for your Unit.

4th District is at 43.36% in Membership and I am proud to say that we have no (0) Units. Ladies you are doing a good job keep sending membership in to Department.

Remember November 11th is Veterans Day, so thank every Veteran and shake their hand for every thing they have done for us and are still doing for our Country.

From my family to yours, may you have a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.

Nancy Sundstrom

4th District President

Sixth District President

Hello To All

Hope everyone is enjoying this weather that autumn brings us along with the beautiful foliage that we are having.

I would like to thank Beckley Unit 32 for the nice luncheon that they served us at our District Conference in September.

At our conference we had the honor of having our President Paula Booth with us along with the 1st Vice President Susan Wade and our Department Secretary Paulette Anderson. It was an honor to have Ann Buchanan, Past Department President and also Beth Kilgore the Department Children and Youth chairman. Each of them gave us a nice report of what was going on in the Department.

We had members from three of our Units in attendance. Sorry that Bluefield Unit 9 could not attend because of illness. The President usually brings the members but her husband was ill and she could not bring them; hope he is on the mend. We have some other sickness in now in Gary Unit 38, Dolly Pinter has a hairline fracture in her foot and is staying with her daughter. If you would like to send her a card the address is Dolly Pinter, % Eva Pinter, 1387 Dow Street, Christianburg, VA 24073.

Hope everyone is working on membership.

Some sad news to report Rita Alley our District Vice President daughter passed away. You may send card to her at PO Box 654, Welch, WV 24801, lets keep Rita in our prayers.

Rita and I attended Fred Buchanan home coming and then on Sunday we attended Fifth District meeting hosted by Unit 93.

Ladies don't forget to send me information on what your Unit is doing so I can get it in the Spirit. I know that Beckley Unit 32 helped with the luncheon for the men since Post 32 was hosting the Fall Conference for the men.

I will hush for now so until next time God Bless each and everyone, and be sure to keep all veterans in our prayers.

Peggy Swartz

6th District President



Third District President

Greetings all!

Hope you are enjoying the fantastic colors of our hills!

This time of fall festivals & fairs are a great opportunity to promote the purpose of our organization.

Veterans Day, a day of appreciation for the freedom we have and those who have secured it for us.

Thanksgiving is also near and we all have so much to be thankful for.

I know it is wishful thinking, but it would be great to see at least one representative from each Unit at Dist. #3 Fall Conference. Unit #33 Braxton Co. graciously welcomed me to their Oct. meeting and I am looking forward to returning Nov. 1st. Please mail your Registration and Credential forms as soon as possible.

This month I am reminding all Unit Chaplains to notify your Dist. Chaplain Betsy Turner promptly of illness or death of a member. These past members deserve to be honored at our Spring Dist. meeting.

Dist. #3 Fall Conference
Braxton Unit #33

Braxton County Senior Ctr. Sutton, WV
Registration 9:00 - 10:00am
Registration \$10.00

Yours in service
Connie Bailey, Dist. #3 Pres.
crb1940@3wlogic.net

Third District Vice President

I hope everyone has been enjoying the nice weather this week. I know it is hard to think about what we should be doing, but ladies we really need to start working on our Membership. As of today, October 15th, we the WIGS are 508 Auxiliary Members behind the Flames. So lets do better. I want to congratulate Clarksburg #13 they are at 81.12%, Shinnston #31 is at 63.19%, Braxton County #33, is following at 61.29%. and Buckhannon #7, is not far behind at 56.74%. Lets have a big hand clap for these 4 hard working Units. We still have 6 Units that are falling behind, come one Ladies lets get busy and send in that Membership. If you need my help please e-mail me at: carlajwilfong@yahoo.com.
Carla Wilfong 3rd Dist. Vice-President

Fifth District President

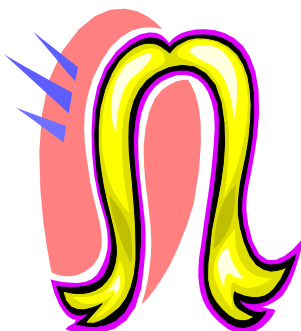
What an incredible Fall conference we just had. Thank you Ceredo-Kenova Unit #93 for hosting a great meeting. If you were unable to attend you missed an informative and productive conference. Thank you to all the guest who were in attendance. You helped to make it extra special.

Membership is beginning to come in and I want to thank you for turning it in so promptly. Give those members a call that you haven't heard from and gently remind them their dues are due. Here are a few suggestions to engage current members for retention:

- Develop and offer easy and fun service projects that members can do in a day, half day, etc.
- Offer flexible opportunities for members to participate. Members don't need to attend meetings to contribute. Give them a task with clear expectations that suits their schedules, skills and abilities.
- Create and use personal renewal notices that list accomplishments of the past year and show member the value of her membership.
- Encourage all members to practice the Golden Rule to foster harmony and diversity.
- Make personal contact via all methods both traditional and through newly expanding technology.
- Be aware of your audience and embrace their differences (age, ethnicity, etc.) as an opportunity to more effectively reach all eligible members and others who wish to volunteer.
- Encourage focus on the mission and honoring the service of our eligibility.

I am here for each of you so just give me a call. I am just a phone call away!!

Beth Kilgore
5th District President



Fifth District Vice President

Hello Ladies,

Well the membership is doing a little better. We now have our tron metals coming in; a will help membership a lot. We also need to work a bit harder in the Fifth District if we want to make our goal.

If you chat to a lady about what we do tell them, we need them to help the veterans and the men and women that are deployed over seas and to help their children as well. Tell them what a good feeling it gives to know you have helped someone that needs help. So please if you need to get your old membership ladies back call them and find out why they didn't pay their dues. Maybe we can help, and I mean we because we all are one American Legion Auxiliary family. If you need something please call me or email me and I will try to help.

God Bless,
JoAnn Hastings
Fifth District Vice President

10th District Vice President

Hello Ladies:

First; thank you for coming to the 10th District Fall Conference. I hope you had enjoyable day.

Keep working like you are doing. I know we are behind the Torch Lighters, but I do know that we will proceed in a higher gear.

Congratulation to Charles Town #71 and Keyser #152 for meeting Oct. 15th Target of 60%. All units with exception of one have members for the 2015 Goal. That is great. Juniors, also count for your goal !!!!!

We need to remember; let's get the members back that may have dropped out. This is definitely worth a try. We all can help towards the **MILLION MEMBERS.**

I will have more information coming next month.

I wish you and your families a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving. Remember the families that may have loved ones serving our Country. Always, keep our service men and women in your prayers.

"WE CAN DO IT"
Sharon Glassford
10th District Vice President

Historian

Attention History Makers,

It is that time already for mid-year reports. I am asking every unit to send me a brief narrative report. This will let me know what each of you have been doing so far this year. I will be able to combine all of the reports with what the Department has been doing as well. I would like to send a good mid-year report to our National Historian and show her how busy West Virginia has been. I need these reports before December 1st so I can make my deadline.

I appreciate everything all of you do and I am thankful for all of the experiences I have had already this year.

I cannot wait to see everyone at our Department President Paula Booth's homecoming.

Please keep typing away and I hope all members have a wonderful "Thanksgiving" this month.

God Bless,
Rhonda Best
Department Historian



Rhododendron Girls State

Happy Fall,

As the leaves are changing colors, I hope that you are starting to make plans for the 2015 Session of Rhododendron Girls State which will be held June 22-27, 2105 at Wheeling Jesuit University in Wheeling, WV.

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

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

Hope you and your family have a great Thanksgiving!

Lynda Lancaster,
Girls State Chairman

Children and Youth

The Children and Youth program is focusing on many different areas this year. One of those areas is educating our children on the founding of this great county. This is through a program called "Star Spangle Kids". I hope your Unit will consider partnering with a local school in your community to help educate the children in your community. "Star Spangled" Kids is an initiative to educate children and youth in the history of the United States from the aspect of patriotism, Americanism, and the U.S. Constitution. Auxiliary members can partner with the American Legion Family, team with their Education chairman, and bring veterans or active duty military into the classrooms to talk about what their service means to defending the Constitution.

Activities to enrich "Star Spangled" Kids:

- *Encourage students to test their knowledge of the Constitution.
- *Test your own knowledge of the Constitution.
- *Print mini Constitutions that can be handed out to the students you visit with.
- *Celebrate U.S. Constitution Day on September 17th.
- *Perform a skit or musical about the Constitution and its signers.
- *In conjunction with the local schools, create a Unit Citizenship Award for children and youth who have demonstrated the ideals of the U.S. Constitution.
- *At the high school level, promote student participation in The American Legion Oratorical Contest.

Pocket size constitutions can be obtained through your Congressman/woman. Get in touch with their office and have them sent to your unit.

These are only a few of the many activities that can be implemented. Let me know what your Unit is doing.

Looking forward: April is Children & Youth Month – What does your Unit have planned?

Beth Kilgore
Children & Youth
Chairman



Not all American children grow up inside the comfortable definition of normal childhood development. For thousands, each day is a challenge marked by pain, prayer and perseverance. Many of these youngsters require specialized care. To overcome their obstacles, they need help from you and the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

I hope all Units and Districts have their piggy banks and are busy filling and refilling them. Let me know if you need more piggy banks. The American Legion takes care of the overhead expenses for the CWF so 100% of your contribution goes to programs to assist kids who are in need of specialized care due to many diseases that presents challenges in their lives.

Thank you for all you are doing.
Beth Kilgore
Children & Youth Chairman



THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



Education

The interaction of veterans and students provides an opportunity to blend two generations of Americans without a slant from the media. These men and women have first hand accounts they can share that will help to bring "history alive" for students.

Veterans have participated in monumental events or have been eyewitnesses to them, thus putting them in a unique position to help students learn and appreciate their sacrifices and achievements. Students can better understand what it is like to fight a war if the information is coming from a veteran rather than reading it from a book. Visualize a classroom of students listening in rapt attention to a veteran's description and explanation of battles fought, the difficult living conditions, and the sadness of being so far away from home and missing family birthdays and school activities if their children. Hearing these first hand accounts from those who fought the battles with their lives on the line will have a greater impact and remain with students much longer than reading the information in a book or newspaper.

Please, work with your Post to locate such a veteran who is willing to speak with students, go to the schools and speak to the history or social studies teachers and speak to the principle and guidance counselor to see how to meet the guidelines, and then go to the school with the veteran and watch what happens. For more information, go to www.legion.org/publications check out the section "Veterans in the Classroom-History in the First Person".

Thank to all,
Roxie Nicholson
Education Chairman

Poppy

HELLO LADIES,
SORRY I MISSED THE SPIRIT
LAST MONTH, BUT TIME JUST
GOT AWAY FROM ME.

I HOPE ALL UNIT POPPY
CHAIRMAN RECEIVED THEIR
PLAN OF WORKS AND ARE
THINKING ABOUT THEIR POPPY
POSTER FOR MID-WINTER.
IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE IT LET
ME KNOW AND I WILL GET ONE
OUT TO YOU.

WE HAVE VETERAN'S DAY
COMING UP NOVEMBER 11th, IF
YOUR UNIT PARTICIPATES IN A
PARADE OR HAS A LUNCHEON
OR DINNER AT YOUR POST, PASS
OUT YOUR POPPIES. YOU CAN
ALSO JOIN ANOTHER COMMUNITY
ORGANIZATION AS MY UNIT
DOES AND DO A LUNCHEON,
HONOR VETERAN'S IN THE
COMMUNITY. IT IS AMAZING TO
LISTEN TO THEM TALK ABOUT
THEIR TIME IN THE MILITARY.
SO LADIES GET OUT THERE AND
USE YOUR POPPIES ANY WAY
YOU CAN.

HONOR OUR VETERANS.
MARGARET YOST
POPPY CHAIRMAN



American Legion Auxiliary

Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Emergency assistance grants may be awarded by the AEF Grant Committee on a case-by-case basis up to a maximum of \$2,400. Grant funds may be used only for emergency shelter, food or utilities. AEF funds may not be used for medical expenses or debt such as that on credit cards.

To ensure the integrity of the program, the national AEF Grant Committee directs payments to a provider such as a mortgage or utility company. Educational grant payments are directed to the educational institution.

Have you started collecting funds for this worthwhile program? One day you or one of your members just might be in need of assistance, so start today. I know you have many ideas as to how to raise funds.

Mary Bess
Chairman

Americanism

With November 4th general election fast approaching now is the time to vote. All 435 House of Representatives seats 33 of 100 Senate seats. Along with many important state and local officers will be up for grabs, So Your Vote matters. Please VOTE !!!!!

Veterans Day honor your Veterans with parades speakers, placing a wreath, a dinner to Honor them, Veterans homes , in your church services. Hand out a card to them Thank them for their service for our Country. Let them know that we care for them.

Don't forget our Veterans in the Schools. Always fly that Beautiful Red, White, Blue Flag and be proud.

May God Bless America and our Veterans.

Patricia Moore,
Americanism Chairman



Thank a United States military veteran today

Leadership

In order to achieve success, you first must visualize what you want to happen.

The function of Leadership is to develop leaders at all levels, to increase membership, and to mentor members of all ages. We want to see leaders in our units, our districts, and our department.

As these leaders working on the projects and programs of the American Legion Auxiliary, we need to remember that leaders are not always elected but they are those doing the work in our communities.

Leaders are learners, and learners become leaders. We are all leaders to someone and we can all learn from others. We need to work together, communicate with each other, and share our successes together as a TEAM. As we work together, we will strengthen our organization and make it possible for our existence to continue and serve our veterans, our active military, and our communities.

We need to lead by example. We must include all our members and learn work as a group with a common goal. Keep the lines of communication open (remember that communication includes listening to others), and to respect each other. We must be open to the idea that sometimes change is good. Working as a TEAM helps us to see the goal more clearly and focus on meeting the goal and not on our differences.

Our Leadership Course has a new name but has the same valuable information for our members. The Senior members course is now called "Auxiliary Basic Course" and the course for Junior members is called "The ALA: My Organization and What I Need to Know to Grow as a Member".

I hope that members will continue to complete these courses and submit the information to me.

BE A LEADER!!!



Community Service

Hello Ladies

I hope that you and your units is off to a good start. Well as we all know November 11, 2014 is Veterans Day. Don't forget to be a brand advocates and represent the American Legion Auxiliary at all special celebration events in the community for such events as Veterans Day Parades or any other Veterans Day event that you may participate in. Be proud and raise awareness of our American Legion Auxiliary Emblem and what good we do for our Veterans and our communities we live in.

Thanksgiving is also coming up so if you can donate your time at Churches, Senior Citizens Centers or any other Organizations that serves a Thanksgiving Dinner. Remember we have a lot of homeless Veterans who will be attending these dinners some will have their families with them, let's be thankful that we have a warm dinner to serve them all.

Cold weather is upon us so now we need to start collecting coats, gloves blankets and sleeping bags for our homeless Veterans. They will appreciate every thing we can do for them when they are so cold.

It's time for Mid -Year Reports each unit is required to submit a narrative report on Community Service by December 15th to my address 1307 23rd Street Parkersburg, W.V 26101 or email nancy-sund-ala@hotmail.com

From my family to yours' we want to wish you a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving God Bless All.

Nancy Sundstrom
Community Service Chairman

National Security

Happy Halloween to all the Units in West Virginia. I hope all Units are preparing for a Halloween Party for the Children of the Post.

With all the bad weather we have been having in the Southern part of our State I hope everyone has thought about what we need for the Basic Emergency Supply Kit. Here is a partial list of what we should have one hand:

***Water one gallon per person for at least 3 days, non-perishable food for at least 3 days, battery operated radio, (a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert), flashlight and extra batteries, first aid kit, whistle to signal for help, dust mask, plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place; moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation; wrench or pliers to turn off utilities, a can opener for food, and local maps. Cash, prescription medications and glasses, sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person, and a complete change of clothes including shoes and socks. More to come in next Spirit.

Remember if you need my help, please e-mail me at carlajwilfong@yahoo.com

Carla Wilfong
National Security Chairman



Public Relations

Hello Ladies,

The fall colors are falling fast and almost gone for the year, as with fall District Conferences, which I hope you are enjoying and getting a lot of great information to take back to your units and share.

A few months ago, I attended an Entrepreneur's Forum here in the Eastern panhandle; the topic was how to get your news out in the hands or reports. There were several helpful tips which I include in the article.

Emails become overwhelming, loss or missed. Software versions can be a challenge in being able to open files. Flyers most of the time need reformed. So instead, try some of these tips to make it easier for them and to give you a better chance of getting your news out.

*Include Name of Event and Date in Subject Line of Emails, instead of using generics such as Press Release.

*Include the information/press release in the body of the email instead of attaching a file or flyer.

*Spell out what the event is, when (date & times) & where it's happening, where there is a charge, if proceeds go to a cause (name of cause) & any other details.

There few steps make it easier for publications news editor, TV, or radio station assignment editor to send a reporter or to extend an invitation to its readers, viewers or listeners. If you're making it easier on them, you are helping yourself and Unit get your information out.

Lisa Cadwallader
Chairman

2014 September Ways & Means Winners

NAME	LOCATION	WINNING #	DATE	AMT PAID
B.G. Alexander	Marlington, WV	002	9/1/14	\$25.00
		574	9/2/14	
		417	9/3/14	
Rachel Getz	Glen Dale, WV	512	9/4/14	\$25.00
		312	9/5/14	
		653	9/6/14	
		643	9/8/14	
		636	9/9/14	
Karen Jean Thomas	Upperglade, WV	241	9/10/14	\$25.00
		030	9/11/14	
Susan Wade	Paden City, WV	944	9/12/4	\$25.00
		687	9/13/14	
		797	9/15/14	
ALA Unit # 13	Clarksburg, WV	941	9/16/14	\$25.00
ALA Unit # 71	Ranson, WV	271	9/17/14	\$200.00
Susan Wade	Paden City, WV	402	9/18/14	\$25.00
Gerry Wilcox	Romney, WV	999	9/19/14	\$25.00
		885	9/20/14	
ALA Unit # 81	Pine Grove, WV	225	9/22/14	\$25.00
		164	9/23/14	
Kevin Rolls	North Huntington, PA	647	9/24/14	\$25.00
		754	9/25/14	
Amy Rock	Canvas, WV	374	9/26/14	\$25.00
Debbie Maxian	Moundsville, WV	359	9/27/14	\$25.00
Michael Poland	Del Rio, WV	292	9/29/14	\$25.00
Past Presidents' Club	Moundsville, WV	591	9/30/14	\$25.00



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**

**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

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

**Program of
Month
Membership
Public Relations**



MEMBERSHIP 2014-2015 "Welcoming Our Members"



Target 3—October 15th—60%
 Department Goal— 7271 National Goal—8083
 Department Membership to Date—2951 (40.59%)
 Unit #200— 71 Active Units in Department—65

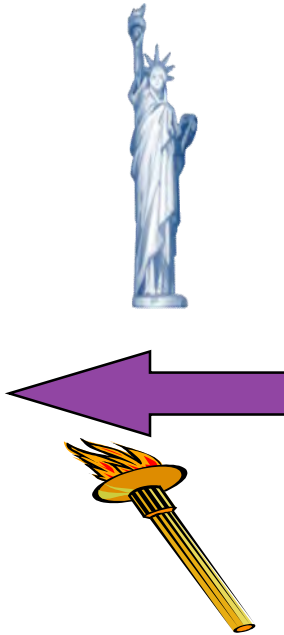


District 1			
Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	21	0	0.00%
Moundsville #3	305	82	26.89%
McMechen #5	58	48	82.76%
Weirton #10	80	14	17.50%
Cameron #18	200	56	28.00%
New Martinsville #28	140	72	51.43%
Wellsburg #34	32	17	52.13%
Follansbee #45	58	16	27.59%
Benwood #46	99	51	51.52%
Pine Grove #81	90	34	37.78%
Paden City #86	113	93	82.30%
Wheeling #89	36	4	11.11%
Newell #114	49	18	36.73%
Hundred #120	77	31	40.26%
Chester #121	150	64	42.67%
TOTALS	1280	600	46.88%

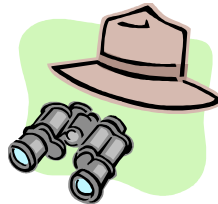
District 4			
Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	859	474	55.18%
Spencer #21	59	31	52.54%
Pt. Pleasant #23	345	143	41.45%
Sistersville #67	184	24	13.04%
Parkersburg #104	15	8	53.33%
New Haven #140	159	45	28.30%
Williamstown #159	180	56	31.11%
TOTALS	1801	781	43.36%

District 6			
Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Welch #8	82	39	47.56%
Bluefield #9	34	13	38.24%
Beckley #32	39	29	74.36%
Gary #38	76	65	85.53%
TOTALS	231	146	63.20%

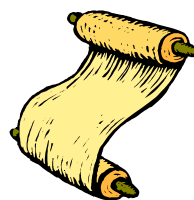
District 9			
Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Elkins #29	206	66	32.04%
Cowen #62	50	24	48.00%
Lewisburg #69	79	55	69.20%
Belington #96	35	22	62.86%
Richwood #97	27	0	0.00%
Pickens #122	28	0	0.00%
TOTALS	425	167	39.29%



"Torch Lighter"
 Goal—3737
 To Date—1694
 (45.33 %)



"Tablet Writer"
 Goal—3539
 To Date—1186
 (33.51 %)



District 3			
Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	61	34	55.74%
Grafton #12	26	0	0.00%
Clarksburg #13	143	116	81.12%
Shinnston #31	307	194	63.19%
Braxton Co. #33	31	19	61.29%
Mannington #40	23	0	0.00%
Philippi #44	34	0	0.00%
Bridgeport #68	47	0	0.00%
Jane Lew #166	52	0	0.00%
Morgantown #174	23	0	0.00%
TOTALS	747	363	48.59%

District 5			
Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Huntington #16	264	156	59.09%
Logan #19	16	7	43.75%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	418	65	15.55%
Hamlin #111	54	4	7.41%
Milton #139	84	11	13.10%
Barboursville #177	167	36	21.56%
TOTALS	1003	279	27.82%

District 8			
Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Charleston #20	49	0	0.00%
St Albans #73	70	0	0.00%
South Charleston #94	26	0	0.00%
TOTALS	145	0	0.00%

District 10			
Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	155	68	43.87%
Franklin #30	22	9	40.91%
Piedmont #52	60	0	0.00%
Berkeley Springs #60	255	26	10.10%
Moorefield #64	124	14	11.29%
Charles Town #71	250	152	60.80%
Petersburg #78	95	33	34.74%
Romney #91	259	104	40.14%
Charles Town #102	20	10	5.00%
Paw Paw #128	74	23	31.09%
Kirby #134	50	19	38.00%
Ridgeley #136	99	21	21.21%
Capon Bridge #137	130	18	13.85%
Keyser #152	51	47	92.16%
TOTALS	1644	544	33.09%



American Legion Auxiliary
Department of West Virginia



November 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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YOU ARE INVITED!!

**THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S
HOMECOMING!!**

October 25, 2014

H.W.Daniels Post 29
326 Railroad Avenue, Elkins WV

**Social Hour 6 pm: Dinner 7 pm
Followed by Cin's Karaoke til ???**

Menu

Baked Steak or Ham
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy; Green Beans, Corn
Tossed Salad
Roll
Desserts
Coffee, Tea, Water and Soft Drinks

Tickets \$20.00

(May be ordered by calling 304-823-3251

Or mailing check to Clarence Booth, 2031 River Road, Belington, WV
26250)

Hope to see you there!!

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

YOU ARE INVITED
TO THE 34TH ANNUAL
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 6-8, 2015

HOLIDAY INN/DAYS INN
MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

ADVANCED REGISTRATION - \$20
AT DOOR REGISTRATION - \$25

RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

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

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

NAME (S) _____

ADDRESS _____

POST/UNIT/SAL NO. _____

TITLE/OFFICE HELD _____

MAIL TO: THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA
P.O. BOX 3191
CHARLESTON WV 25332

DEADLINE DATE: JANUARY 30, 2015

34TH Annual Mid-Winter Conference
2015
ADVERTISING FORM

The American Legion
Department of West Virginia, Inc.

I hereby authorize the following advertisement to be placed in the official program of the 34th Annual Mid-Winter Conference of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia, Inc., scheduled February 6-8, 2015, at Holiday Inn, Martinsburg, West Virginia.

Date: _____, 2014/2015

Name of Post/Unit/SAL

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

Ad should read as follows:

Authorized Signature: _____

Price List:	Full Page	\$100	Full Page (Color)	\$160
	Half Page	\$60	Half Page (Color)	\$100
	Quarter Page	\$35	Quarter Page (Color)	\$70
	Eighth Page	\$25	Eighth Page (Color)	\$ 50

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

Ad and Payment Deadline is January 16, 2015.
No Deviation

**2015 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
RESERVATION FORM**

February 6-8, 2015
Holiday Inn/Days Inn
301 Foxcroft Avenue
Martinsburg, West Virginia 25401

\$81.00 per night room rate (plus 12% tax)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

Arrival Date _____ AM PM Departure Date _____

Room Type: (circle one) Doubles King

Non-Smoking Facility _____

Handicap Room: (circle one) wheelchair oxygen tank other
If you circled "other", please explain: _____

*Members with wheelchair disabilities will receive first priority.

One night's deposit must accompany this request to reserve a room. Any form without a deposit will be returned. Enclosed, please find one night's room deposit of **\$81.00** (plus 12% tax) = \$90.72 per night

(circle one)

check cash credit card
_____ credit card # _____
type _____
expiration date _____

Your credit card may be charged for the one night's room deposit.

**Mail to: Holiday Inn
 ATTN: Sandy
 301 Foxcroft Avenue
 Martinsburg, West Virginia 25401**

**This form must be mailed to reserve a room at Holiday Inn.
(No phone calls for rooms will be accepted.)**

**Once the Holiday Inn is full, then all reservations will be sent to the
Days Inn, which is the overflow hotel.**

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER EARLY- THANKS!

CANCELLATION MUST BE 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE TO RECEIVE REFUND.

**2015 AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION
RESERVATION INVOICE**

AUGUST 28-SEPTEMBER 9, 2015

MARRIOTT WATERFRONT
700 ALICEANNA STREET
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21202

NAME(S) OF ATTENDEE(S)

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-MAIL:

(\$154.00 per night plus 15.50 % hotel tax) One Night's Room Deposit \$177.57

\$25 Self Parking Rate per day - \$40 Valet Parking

PLEASE MAIL PAYMENT BY MAY 1, 2015

ARRIVAL DATE TO HOTEL			
DEPARTURE DATE FROM HOTEL			
KING OR DOUBLE			
SMOKING OR NON-SMOKING ROOM (one floor for smoking) reserve early			
		Quantity	Amount
ONE NIGHT'S ROOM DEPOSIT @	\$178.00		
ADDITIONAL OCCUPANT @ (3-4 persons)	\$10.00		
REGISTRATION FEE @	\$25.00		
NATIONAL COMMANDER'S BANQUET @	\$45.00		
SOUTHERN BLOC BREAKFAST @	\$30.00		
HOSPITALITY ROOM FEE @	\$20.00		
NATIONAL CONVENTION SHIRT @ First Name: _____ Size: _____	\$25.00		
TOTAL			

FIRST NIGHT'S DEPOSIT REQUIRED.

WE WILL BILL YOU FOR OTHER CHARGES

PLEASE ORDER YOUR NATIONAL CONVENTION SHIRT ON THIS FORM

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE AND MAIL TO:

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA

Total

PO BOX 3191

CHARLESTON WY 25332

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

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

First Night Deposit Required

PLEASE RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

THANK YOU

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

State Newsletter "Auxiliary SPIRIT"

MAIL TO:
The American Legion Auxiliary
Department of West Virginia
1251 Doolin Run Road
New Martinsville WV 26155

Purchase/Renew Your Subscription!

Make check payable to:
Dept. Treasurer, ALA

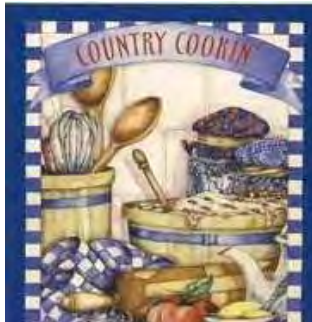
NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX:-----

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS (FREE ISSUE) _____

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



Cookbook sales are an ongoing project that will continue to put much needed dollars into the Veteran's Fund. Get your cookbooks today! Buy some as gifts! The recipes are the best kind – Tried & True!

I want to purchase ___ cookbooks and have the cookbooks mailed to the recipients! ___ Cookbooks X \$15.00 = \$ _____ + appropriate postage (see below) \$ _____ = total of \$ _____ enclosed

I want ___ Cookbooks mailed to me ! (1 cookbook = \$5.00 postage. 2 to 6 cookbooks = \$11.00 total postage ___ Cookbooks X \$15.00 = \$ _____ + appropriate postage (see above) \$ _____ = total of \$ _____ enclosed

Make checks payable to:

Department Treasurer, ALA 1251 Doolin Run Road, New Martinsville WV 26155

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

Ordered by: Name _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ **Email** _____