



# The Auxiliary Spirit



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Department President  
Paula Booth



**Upward and Onward  
For Veterans**

Happy Holidays to all "Grateful Hearts" out there!

We've had our first taste of the "SNOW" word so, ladies, get prepared for more of it. Time for the 3 "Stays": Stay safe, stay warm and stay away from germs and viruses! Let's be thoughtful of our homeless veterans and families and contribute to their safety as well.

We have attended 1st, 3rd, 8th, and 9th District Conferences since last article and as usual were shown wonderful hospitality by all.

I want to thank all of you who attended my Homecoming—it will be a precious memory to me in the years to come.

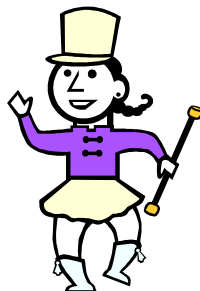
Commander Fred and I were both in Veterans Day parades and festivities in Elkins and Clarksburg—and yes, we were "branded"!

Work hard on your membership over the coming months. WV is now 5th in Central Division and down from 16th to 19th nationally.

November's Goal was 70% --and yes, ladies, it can be done! 13 Units made above 70% and District 6 made above 70%--way to go!!

Enjoy your time with family and friends and remember those among us who have lost loved ones this year.

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

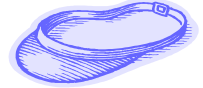
## District Vice Presidents 2014-2015

- 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





## Department Headquarters— "Ticket Taker"



**Mandatory Funds** are Bonding, Department Scholarship, Girls State Project, Veterans 1st Fund, Poppy Order & 10% Poppy Proceeds. Make check payable to Department Treasurer, ALA. DUE into Department July 31st to be a Unit in good standing.

### **Processing Membership:**

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

### **Membership:**

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

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

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

### **Directory Updates:**

Page 13: under Junior Activities- Laura Kilgore new address is 3832 Piedmont Road Huntington WV 25708 304-563-6432

Page 14: under Beckley VAMC, VAMC VAVS, and Beckley Gift Shop replace Ruth Kincaid with Sandy Musick, PO Box 135 Bolt WV 25817, 681-238-0116 [funkmysick@yahoo.com](mailto:funkmysick@yahoo.com)

Replace Kathy Bailey with Leigh Ann Felton, PO Box 605 Fairdale WV 25839, 304-881-2254  
Page 13 and Page 14: under Education and Public Relations Lisa Cadwallader new email is: [LisaC.Ala71@gmail.com](mailto:LisaC.Ala71@gmail.com)

**Cookbooks:** we still have about 116 cookbooks to sell. Contact Dept. Headquarters to purchase one. They make wonderful Christmas Gifts. **Support our Veterans!!!**

**Second Dues Notice:** Membership needs to be the office and processed by **December 10th** to avoid a 2nd Dues notice sent out to unit members.

### **Dates To Remember: 2014 Dates**

**Office Closure:  
November 24th for  
Medical Procedure**

**November 27th and 28th  
Thanksgiving**

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:  
December 5th**

**Martinsburg VA:  
Friday December 5th  
Saturday December 6th until 12:00pm**

*Lillie Hamrick Past Unit President of Clarksburg Unit #13 passed away November 15, 2014 . Her viewing was November 18, 2014 at Davis Funeral Home; from 2-8 and funeral Wednesday November 19, 2014.*

*Cards may be sent to her husband Bassel "Bud" Hamrick 1745 S. 28th St Clarksburg, WV 25301*

## DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

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

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

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

## Remember Our Friends

*Dortha Parsons, PDP, had a double mastectomy on November 5th. She is at home recuperating. She goes back to the Doctor on the 19th. Cards may be sent to her at: 130 Washington Ave. Apt. #201, Clarksburg WV 26301.*

*Rocky Fox, Detachment Commander and husband of PDP Debra Fox had shoulder surgery . He is in physical therapy now. Cards may be sent to him at: 874 Longview Dr.,*

*Berkeley Springs WV 25411.*

*Ramona Westfall, Department Chaplain is under medical care. Cards may be sent to her at: PO Box 515, Craigsville WV 26205.*

*Roberta Hinerman, Past Clarksburg VAMC, member of Shinnston Unit #31 passed away Monday. Cards may be sent to: Mike Hinerman*

*810 Bingamon Road  
Worthington WV 26591*

# "WELCOMING OUR MEMBERSHIP"

## Membership Chairman

Hello Membership Team:

First, I wish you and your families and Very Happy and Save Thanksgiving. Please remember those that are still not home from combat.

**We need to push a little harder. We still have those that have ZERO'S. WE NEED TO REMOVE THOSE!!! I know that you are working hard. I know the holidays are coming and everyone is busy.**

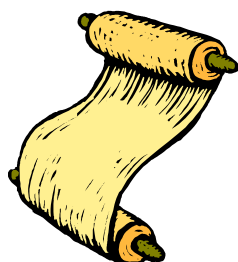
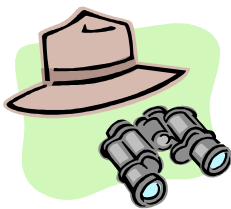
**"We are in it to win it." Let's GO TEAM!!!! We can help TO GAIN THAT MILLIONTH MEMBER, IT CAN BE DONE."**

**We are on the down slide right now. While we are enjoying the holidays; Let Us also remember the Veterans are counting on US BIG TIME. OUR MISSION!!**

**KEEPING TALKING UP OUR PROGRAMS AND OUR MISSION: RECRUIT , RENEW, REJOIN.**

**WE SUPPORT  
AMERICA'S VETERANS  
FAITH, FAMILY, FREEDOM  
TALK UP MEMBERSHIP**

**GOD BLESS AMERICA  
SHARON GLASSFORD**



## 1st Vice President

Hello Ladies!

I had the honor of attending our Dept. President Paula's Homecoming! It was great!!! Thank you to all that contributed to making her day so special!! I also attended the following District Conferences, District 1; District 3; District 9 and District 10. Thank you to all hosting Units for your great hospitality!

Our Membership is looking a little better, but we still have 2 zero Units. Districts, please contact these Units to see if they may need some help.

I want to congratulate the following Units for making Target #4 at 70%: Clarksburg Unit 13; Philippi Unit 44; Morgantown Unit 174; Huntington Unit 16; Franklin Unit 30; Charles Town Unit 71; and Keyser Unit 152. Great job ladies! We, the Tablet Writers, are still behind the Flames, 61.47% to 54.65%. With a little extra effort, I know we can soar ahead!!! Remember, DO NOT hold dues. Every member counts!

As we are closing in on another year, we all need to contact our unpaid members. With the hustle and bustle of the holidays, some may forget to pay. Let our Members know that we are in this organization for our Veterans! We need to remind them that they will be delinquent at the end of the year!

I wish all of you a very safe and memorable holiday season! God Bless you all!!!

God Bless our Veterans and their families!

Susan Wade aka the Tablet Writer  
Dept. 1st Vice President

## 2nd Vice President

Hello Ladies,

Here we are at the end of the 2014 year. Membership for 2015 is coming in but very slowly. I'm happy to see the zeroes are disappearing. We still have some work to do and hopefully the monthly reporting will make a difference and help us get our membership back up. Just a reminder to Districts 1,4,6, & 9 Vice Presidents, Please keep in contact with all of your unit membership chairmen and contact me the week before the 15th Target dates. You can call or email your reports to me. My report goes to "Ranger" Sharon on the 15th of every month so she can consolidate her report for the National conference calls. I know this sounds a bit confusing but I think keeping in touch on all levels monthly, instead of just during conferences, is a wonderful plan.

Our Fall conferences are completed and I wish to once again thank Districts 1,4,5,8, & 9 for the wonderful hospitality.

Our "Torch" is burning a little brighter. Congratulations go out to the following for meeting Target 4 with membership of 70% or greater. District 1, McMechen Unit 5 and Paden City Unit 86; District 4, Parkersburg Unit 15 and Parkersburg Unit 104; District 6, Beckley Unit 32 and Gary Unit 38. Remember our Centennial Strategic Plan while you're doing your winter works. "Membership" – always have applications available; "Branding" – wear the ALA Emblem, pin, or make a sign for your station letting everyone know who you are; "Leadership" – everyone is a leader, In the American Legion Auxiliary we have no bosses or employees, we are all leaders and volunteers. "Goodwill" – be kind and respectful to each other because we are all here for the same purpose.

Remember those who need us during Thanksgiving and I hope you can make the Christmas season very merry for many. Give you children and grandchildren a gift that teaches them a lifetime of giving, membership in the American Legion Family.  
Tammy Workman, 2nd Vice President  
(Torch Lighter)

### First District Vice President

Hi Unit Members,

We were at Weirton Unit #10 for 1st District Conference. I got lost, never been there before, but found it with help. Had a very nice time. I met a lot of nice people.

Cameron Unit #18 and Moundsville Unit #3 good work! But with work we all can get more.

If you know any of these members in your Unit talk to them and see reason or forgot.

District President Donna Leek and I visited Follansbee Unit #45 on the 12th of November.

Marlene Stansberry  
1st District Vice President

### Third District President

Hi again

Thank you Braxton County #33 for making everyone welcome to District #3 Fall Conference. There were approximately 25 auxiliary members present.

Spring Conference is scheduled for March 7, 2015, don't know the location yet.

I hope all Units are making good progress with membership & reporting. We have all been involved in Veterans Day programs & parades. These events are great opportunities to wear an auxiliary pin or emblem. Keep an application handy-you just never know when someone will notice and ask questions.

This month I would like to remind all Unit Americanism Chairmen to report to Patricia Moore, District Americanism Chairman. Remember you are not bragging on yourself-you are giving credit to your Unit & District for all of your hard work.

I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving.

Yours in service  
Connie Bailey  
District #3 Pres.  
[crb1940@3wlogic.net](mailto:crb1940@3wlogic.net)

### Third District Vice President

Good morning to all Auxiliary Members,  
This is a cold snowy day.

It was nice seeing everyone at Third District Meeting. Department First Vice-President Susan Wade handed out several Certificates.

We had several Units turn in Membership. We still have three Units that are falling behind. You know who you are so get those dues sent in.

I will try to have more next Spirit.  
If you need my help call me at 304-592-0247 or e-mail me at :

[carlajwilfong@yahoo.com](mailto:carlajwilfong@yahoo.com)  
Carla Wilfong 3rd Dist. Vice President

### Fourth District President

Happy Holidays 4th District:

I just want to let each of you know what a great job you are doing with membership. So keep your membership coming in hope to see some GOAL Units by December 15th Target report. Just remember since this is the holiday season with many parties and activities don't forget to recruit new members.

Don't forget about your Junior Members because they are very important to our Auxiliary; they are the future of the American Legion Auxiliary. They will carry on with our programs and always be there for our Veterans.

4th District I'm proud to say that in the past two years we have had 4 Juniors hold a Department Office as Honorary Jr. Department President Brandee Fernandez, Honorary Jr. Department Secretary Sammie Shears, Honorary Jr. Department Historian Jessie Trujillo and Honorary Jr. Department Sargent-At-Arms Aaryon Ryleigh Shears. These Juniors are from Parkersburg Unit 15, they served with Juniors from other Districts that are just as proud of their Junior members as we are so when someone asks what do your Juniors do? You tell them that they work alongside with the Senior members on all programs.

I would like to wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas if I don't get to see you before the holiday season.

God Bless All  
Nancy Sundstrom  
Fourth District President

### Fourth District Vice President

So sorry I missed y'all last month. Hope everyone celebrated Veterans Day.

As the holidays are approaching, business is going pick up. Why not pay for a friends' dues for a Christmas present? Everyone is making plans and perhaps she just over looked it.

Torch Lighters are ahead of Tablet Writers. Unit #15 is at the top of the list for paid memberships and hit their Target, Unit #104 is the closest to Goal and hit their Target: Units #21, #159, #23, #140 and #67 in order. We all need to get these in as soon as we get them.

I mentioned ways to bring new members at District conference: Unit #67 is hosting a Tupperware/Christmas party to help membership. Do some fun things for membership through the upcoming season, December 31 will be here before we know it !

Happy Thanksgiving to all !!  
Cathy Post  
4th District Vice President

### Fifth District Vice President

Hello ladies

I just wanted to say to the Fifth District we are doing better, but we still have a long way to go to meet Goal. I know the holidays are coming up and I know some time we can't find the time to do two things at once, but please take a little time to talk to ladies and tell them what we do for veterans, men and women that is deployed over seas. One of the best gifts we can give is ourselves.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving  
JoAnn Hastings  
Fifth District Vice President



### *Fifth District President*

The holidays are fast approaching and many units will participate in various activities such as feeding the homeless during Thanksgiving, Holiday parties for the children in your community, ringing bells for the Salvation Army. The list could go on and on. This will be an excellent time to get the American Legion Auxiliary name out to the public. Make sure you wear your shirts, name tags or whatever lets others know who you are and the organization you so honorably represent.

Membership is still coming in and I want to thank you for turning it in so promptly. Remember those holiday activities are a great place to recruit members.

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

### *Sixth District Vice President*

This has been a very trying time in my life. My daughter that lived with me passed away on October 9th. Thanks to every one who sent me cards and called in my time of sorrow. Welch Unit # 8 you were wonderful. Life is so short so hug your children often and always tell them that you love them every day. The units in my District are doing well and membership has been coming in good, Thanks to all the units.

Veterans Day has come and gone, but our Veterans are still on our mind. The Welch parade was 95 years old this year and it has never missed a year celebrating our wonderful Veterans who keep us FREE.

Pray for them every day and always say thank you for your service. Everyone have a great Thanksgiving.

I still need all your prayers, it has been so hard and stressful for me. I love you all.

Rita Alley  
6th District Vice President

### *Sixth District President*

Hello To All

Hope everyone had a nice Veterans Day, and did a lot for the Veterans. Welch Unit 8 was very busy; they cooked dinner for 40 people (some were Veterans and their guest) on the 10th and on Veterans Day they decorated the reviewing stand and helped Post 8 with open house serving sandwich and sodas. They are still helping out each Monday running the kitchen for Bingo.

The ladies from Bluefield Unit 9 helped with the Citizens award that Post 9 has each year.

Beckley Unit 32 served soup and sandwich to the Veterans.

I have not heard from Gary Unit 38, but I am sure they were busy also. Thanks ladies and keep up the good work.

Hope everyone is working on membership, and working on mandatory funds that needs to be paid.

At this time I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and if you are traveling to be with family please be safe.

Looking forward to seeing a lot of you at the Gift Shop at Beckley VA Hospital on December 3rd.

So until next time God Bless each and everyone, and don't forget to say a prayer for our Veterans.

Thanks  
Peggy Swartz  
6th District President

*Not Everyone Will Be Home For Christmas*

*Support Our Troops*



*Merry Christmas*

### *Ninth District President*

Hello Ladies,

We just had our 9th District Conference at Elkins Unit 29. I would like to thank all of those in Unit 29 who helped in any way for the good food and friendly greeting enjoyed by all. I am learning something new at every meeting.

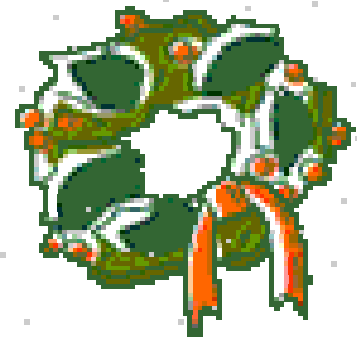
I also attended President Paula's Homecoming and this was the first one I have gone to. Again, I learned some new things from this.

Meeting new people and enjoying old friends made me think of what a large family we have in The American Legion. I also attended the 3rd District Conference at Braxton County Unit 33 as a guest. I enjoyed their meeting and saw how other Districts conduct their meetings. Again, I learned something new. Everyone get involved and learn new things, as I did.

Veterans Day was very busy for my local Unit 62 in Cowen. Veterans Day Parade on Saturday November 8 with a dinner for all local veterans served by our Unit. Monday November 10 our Unit did a Flag Folding for the students at Webster County High School. Tuesday November 11 our Unit presented 11 veterans at the Cowen Nursing Home a flannel shirt and a Thank You Card for their service to our country.

Support and work hard for all our Veterans.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving  
Marion Gregory  
9th District President



## Chaplain

Happy Holidays Ladies,

Hope everyone is staying warm. I want to apologize to 1st District for not making it to your Fall Conference, and to thank you for the lovely card and thanks to all that signed it.

I am proud of Braxton County Unit 33 for our participation in the Veterans Day Parade, we won \$100.00 for most original float, and what a great turn out, over 300 at the dinner, great job ladies.

Ladies let's all pray everyday for our Veterans. Especially at this time our servicemembers still in active duty during the Holidays and away from family, let's Pray that God will protect them and keep them safe and intervene and that Isis will be destroyed. Praise the men and women in uniform for their courageousness so that we can still have freedom. We all have something to be Thankful for, so let's show our love towards our Heavenly Father, Veterans and (To Each Other).

Ramona Westfall  
Department Chaplain



## Historian

Happy Holidays Ladies

There are a lot of things I am Thankful this year and one is having the opportunity to work with some many wonderful women.

I know this month is a very busy time for every Auxiliary member within your units as well as with your family. However please take the time to type up a short narrative report of what your unit has done so far this year. This will enable me to include a better picture of what each of our units do to support our Veterans and our community.

I appreciate all of your help.  
God Bless,  
Rhonda Best  
Department Historian  
Email: [rlcbest37@aim.com](mailto:rlcbest37@aim.com)



## Poppy

HELLO LADIES,  
MY MIND JUST ABOUT  
SLIPPED AGAIN.

JUST A COUPLE OF  
THINGS:

(1) MID –YEAR POPPY REPORT DO TO ME BY DECEMBER 15, 2014, THEY CAN BE E-MAILED TO ME AT [mdyost2010@frontier.com](mailto:mdyost2010@frontier.com) OR MAILED TO P O BOX 36, GYPSY, WV 26361 AND

(2) USE YOUR POPPIES.  
I HOPE EVERYONE HAD A VERY ENJOYABLE VETERANS DAY. I HOPE EVERYONE HONORED OUR VETERANS & HEROS IN ANY WAY THEY COULD.

I WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

MARGARET YOST  
POPPY CHAIRMAN

## Leadership

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the midpoint of the 2014-2015 auxiliary year. We have done so much this year, but we have time to do more. We want to end this year on a note of success and as a team we can. It is now time to think about doing reports. All department chairmen need to send a report to your national chairman before January 1, 2015. Unit chairmen need to let the department chairman what your unit has been doing to date. Please take the time to write a short narrative to the department chairmen indicating how your unit has participated in their area.

District officers please do not let your units fall between the cracks during this very busy time of the year. Each unit should be contacted each month to see how they are doing and if there are any ways you can be of serve to them and their members. A call, an email, a card, or a telephone call to each unit; a visit may be the lift that a unit needs from its district officers. Remember, you are there to represent the department.

We are working on the schedule for our Mid-winter Conference on February 6-7, 2015 in Martinsburg, WV. I hope that each unit will make an effort to have a representative at this meeting. We are planning to continue the program information sessions started at the Fall Workshop. If there is a program area that you want to have offered during the meeting, please let me or President Paula know. We will try to get it included. If any chairman would like to continue presenting your information at Midwinter, please let President Paula or I know. We want to have a fun and informational session, but we need to know what you want.

The 2013 estimated value of one hour of volunteer service is \$22.55. American Legion Auxiliary members volunteered more than 9.3 million hours of service to our veterans, service members, and their families valued at over \$2.1 billion. What is the value of your service this year? The number of hours and their value can give each of us a boast when deciding if we have the time to give to those that need our assistance. I wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving and hope that you have time to share with your family and others this season of gratitude.

Ann Buchanan  
Leadership Chairman

**BE A LEADER!!!**



## National Security

Good morning Ladies.

I will keep this short. I know I am late too many things happening the past two weeks.

Just remember all out Veterans in the Nursing homes, those that are homeless, those in the hospital and those that are serving over seas.

If you are sending things overseas, the items that are mainly needed are personal care items. I do have a more extensive list if any Unit would want it please e-mail me at [carlajwilfong@yahoo.com](mailto:carlajwilfong@yahoo.com) I will e-mail you with the list.

If you need my help, please call me at 304-592-0247 or you can e-mail me.

Please remember I need your Mid-Year reports by December 15th.

Carla Wilfong  
National Security

## Children and Youth

### "Purple Up" on April 15th Purple, the Color of Sacrifice

April is the Month of the Military Child. It is not too early to think about a program or activity to honor the Military Child.

In April the armed forces celebrates the Month of the Military child. The month-long celebration thanks military children for their service and recognizes them for their strength, sacrifices, and the hardships they face. The Purple Up program recognizes military kids do not choose their lifestyle.

Adults chose to serve our country; their children are just along for the ride. They deserve every possible form of recognition for the years of making friends that they will have to say good-bye to, over and over again. Purple Up is just one way to support to military families.

The program was developed by Operation Military Kids, an organization dedicated to military families. Purple is the color that symbolizes all branches of the military, as it is the combination of Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine red and Navy blue. I would like to see everyone promote and participate in wearing a purple t-shirt on April 15th to show your support and understanding of what these Military Kids are going through. But you have to do more than just wear a purple t-shirt, you need to educate the general public why you are wearing the purple shirt.



Let me know what activity or program your unit is doing to participate in **The Purple Up Program**.

Beth Kilgore,  
Chairman  
Children & Youth

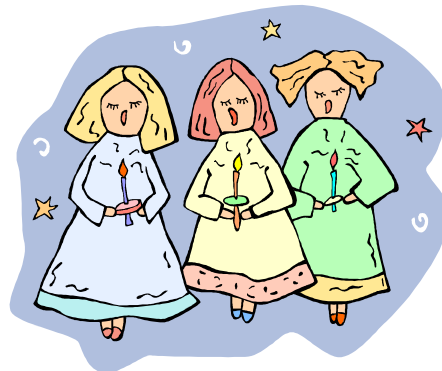


Is your Piggy Bank Full??? Let me know if you need some more.



Remember the first donation to the Child Welfare Foundation is at Mid-Winter Conference in February!

Beth Kilgore  
Child Welfare Foundation



## Junior Activities

Tis the Season...

As we approach the holiday season, please be mindful of those who are less fortunate than you and please remember that YOU can make a difference by spreading a little holiday cheer! Here are some ideas that you can do with your Juniors:

- \*\*Christmas caroling in your Post homes or local VAMC's. You could even go to the homes of some of your veterans. SENIOR members, this is a great activity to do with your Juniors!
- \*\*Make Christmas ornaments to hand out to your Post veterans and/or VAMC
- \*\*Send Christmas cards to men and women overseas (HURRY, there are deadlines to get those mailed)
- \*\*Volunteer at your local City Mission by serving meals
- \*\*Host a toy drive for those in the community that may need extra assistance
- \*\*Host a gift wrapping day and all donations can be used for veteran activities

Whatever you decide to do this holiday season, please remember WHY we celebrate this time of year with our family and friends. I hope that everyone has a safe holiday season and please remember that you alone can make a difference in someone else's life!

Merry Christmas!  
Laura Kilgore  
Junior Activities Chairman  
304-528-8888

### 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

## Education

Hello Ladies,

I hope you participated in National Education week Nov. 16-22, showing our appreciation for the work they do.

Are you aware that the National American Legion Auxiliary offers a Non-Traditional Student Scholarship to 5 members of the American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, or the Sons of the American Legion every year? This scholarship is designed to help the American Legion Family members pursue a college education later in life or to continue their studies that may have been interrupted. This allows one to stay competitive in today's work force. A \$2,000 scholarship is awarded annually per Auxiliary division. Applicant may be pursuing training in a certified, trade, professional, or technical program, or a two-year or four-year degree program. Applicants must be members of the American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary or the Sons of the American Legion and have dues paid for the current year and two preceding years.

Application can be downed from: <https://www.alaforveterans.org/Scholarships/Non-Traditional-Student-Scholarship/>, once you log on.

Happy Thanksgiving!  
Lisa Cadwallader,  
Committee Member  
[LisaC.ALA71@gmail.com](mailto:LisaC.ALA71@gmail.com)



## VA & R

As I write this message I'm heading south to Nashville to see my 7 week old Great-Grandson. The weather people say temperatures are going to be in the 20's during my visit. B-r-r-r-r.

We have a coat drive going on at our post home for the homeless, disadvantaged, and other veterans who may need a coat. This is something you may want to consider for your area, or a blanket-pillow drive for the homeless shelter in your town.

It will soon be time for our Midwinter Conference in Martinsburg. We have both the Huntington VA Medical Center and the WV Veterans Home in the other part of the state. I am looking for two things: (1) some people with trucks and vans going to Midwinter to deliver back to Huntington and Barboursville, (2) there is also a choice for units to take their donations to the closest VA facility for your Unit/Post/SAL Squadron and send the cover sheets which will be in this Spirit. On the sheet give me a synopsis of what you delivered and the cost or value of merchandise delivered to the VA hospitals and the WV Veterans Home. Please send me the sheet (s) and make the donations by Midwinter, so I can report the totals at Midwinter Conference. I am counting on the Hospital chairmen of the VA Hospitals to line up people to deliver back the their hospital. Remember to ask Post, District Post and Unit members who might be attending.

Tell me what you have been doing on your V A & R program, to permit me to do a mid-year report by January 1, 2015.

Thank you for all you do for our veterans and be sure to document it to me.

Mary Waybright  
V A & R Chairman

## Public Relations

Hello Ladies,

I hope you took advantage of the resources offered on the national website for Veterans Day, they provide letters to the editor, speeches and flyers.

Please remember to send me a copy of your articles for Department President Paula's Press Book. As I write this, I have only received 2. I know with the big push to get the word out about, who we are, what we do and why it matters, we surely have more articles out there that just haven't been turned in yet.

Remember to wear your American Legion Auxiliary shirts, name tags and display who we are when you're out in public.

If you send cards to active military, veterans at VA centers or nursing homes etc., include the American Legion Auxiliary name. If you delivery goods to Adopt a families, or schools, or help with gift shops wear your American Legion Auxiliary shirts and name tags.

Don't forget the Ring our Bells contest; I need to know details to count points for your unit.

Happy Thanksgiving!!  
Lisa Cadwallader  
Chairman  
[LisaC.ALA71@gmail.com](mailto:LisaC.ALA71@gmail.com)





## Department Ways & Means

Hello Ladies,

I am so excited for all the winners we have had so far this year.

Remember if you see an envelope from me it contains your winning check inside.

Also I have the new 2015 Ways-n-Means tickets to sell. So please contact me to get some for each of your units to help with the Department's fundraiser.

I hope everyone has a wonderful "Thanksgiving".

It is that time of year to sell Ways-n-Means Tickets again for 2015. This is the only fundraiser that the Department of WV does and it is based on the WV Daily 3 Lotto. There is a chance to win Monday thru Saturday all year from January 1st 2015 to December 31st 2015. So please help us by selling some 2015 tickets to your family, friends, and community.

My contact information is listed below.

Happy Thanksgiving,  
Rhonda Best  
Ways-n-Means Chairman  
37 Simpson Ave.  
Moundsville, WV 26041  
Phone: 304-281-8152  
Email: [rlcbest37@aim.com](mailto:rlcbest37@aim.com)



## 2014 October Ways & Means Winners

NAME	LOCATION	WINNING #	DATE	AMT PAID
		971	10/1/14	
		220	10/2/14	
		458	10/3/14	
		469	10/4/14	
Buck Davis	Erbacon, WV	373	10/6/14	\$25.00
Rachel Getz	GlenDale, WV	512	10/7/14	\$25.00
Bev Young	Lumberport, WV	284	10/8/14	\$25.00
		988	10/9/14	
Mary Rose Yoho	Proctor, WV	949	10/10/14	\$25.00
		904	10/11/14	
Rick Davison	Aleppo, PA	193	10/13/14	\$25.00
Kinsey Byron	Westminster, MD	865	10/14/14	\$25.00
		789	10/15/14	
		144	10/16/14	
Bruce Wendel	GlenDale, WV	983	10/17/14	\$25.00
Mike Young	Fairborn, OH	602	10/18/14	\$25.00
Margy Toler	Moundsville, WV	577	10/20/14	\$25.00
		610	10/21/14	
D. Householder	Springfield, WV	299	10/22/14	\$25.00
Dortha Parsons	Clarksburg, WV	190	10/23/14	\$25.00
ALA Unit # 81	Pine Grove, WV	168	10/24/14	\$25.00
		070	10/25/14	
Darlene Ramsay	Augusta, WV	331	10/27/14	\$25.00
		934	10/28/14	
		652	10/29/14	
		437	10/30/14	
		502	10/31/14	

## *Rhododendron Girls State*

I hope you and your families have a great and blessed Thanksgiving!

I hope plans for the 2015 Session of Rhododendron Girls State are well underway. Girls State will be held June 22-27, 2015 at Wheeling Jesuit University in Wheeling, WV. Please 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.

May you and your family have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Lynda Lancaster  
Chairman Girls State

## *Girls State Representatives*

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

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

4th Dist. — Nancy Sundstrom  
1307 23rd Street  
Parkersburg WV 26101  
422-1263

5th Dist.— Katena Karnes  
721 10th Ave  
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525-5634

6th Dist. — Peggy Swartz  
P O Box 124  
Gary, WV 24836  
448-2394

8th Dist. — Mary Bess  
215 N. Pinch Road  
Elkview, WV 25071  
965-3192

9th Dist. — Paula Booth  
RR1 Box 222  
Belington WV 26250  
823-3251

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



## *Rhododendron Girls State*

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

*Wheeling Jesuit University*

*Wheeling West Virginia*

*Start Lining Up Sponsors now for your Unit*

*Applications given out at Midwinter Conference*

# MEMBERSHIP 2014-2015 “Welcoming Our Members”



**Target 4—November 15th—70%**  
 Department Goal— 7271 National Goal—8083  
 Department Membership to Date—4312 (59.30%)  
 Unit #200— 81 Active Units in Department—65  
 National % == (53.35%)

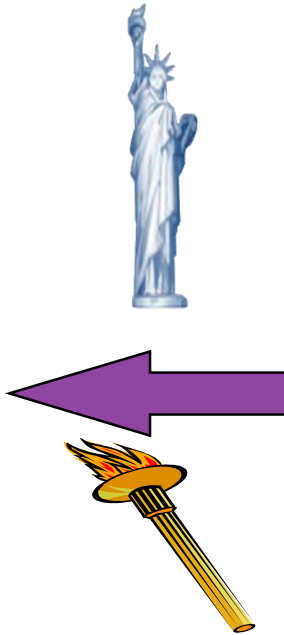


District 1	Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Wheeling #1		21	5	24.00%
Moundsville #3		305	164	53.77%
McMechen #5		58	48	82.76%
Weirton #10		80	29	36.25%
Cameron #18		200	94	47.00%
New Martinsville #28		140	93	66.43%
Wellsburg #34		32	21	65.63%
Follansbee #45		58	16	27.59%
Benwood #46		99	64	64.65%
Pine Grove #81		90	48	53.33%
Paden City #86		113	97	85.84%
Wheeling #89		36	13	36.11%
Newell #114		49	25	51.02%
Hundred #120		77	39	50.65%
Chester #121		150	83	55.33%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>1280</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>65.55%</b>

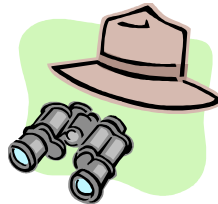
District 4	Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15		859	609	70.90%
Spencer #21		59	37	62.71%
Pt. Pleasant #23		345	187	54.20%
Sistersville #67		184	67	36.41%
Parkersburg #104		15	11	73.33%
New Haven #140		159	70	44.03%
Williamstown #159		180	102	56.67%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>1801</b>	<b>1083</b>	<b>60.13%</b>

District 6	Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Welch #8		82	52	63.41%
Bluefield #9		34	20	58.82%
Beckley #32		39	29	74.36%
Gary #38		76	65	85.53%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>231</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>71.86%</b>

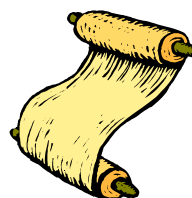
District 9	Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Elkins #29		206	103	50.00%
Cowen #62		50	29	58.00%
Lewisburg #69		79	55	69.20%
Belington #96		35	22	62.86%
Richwood #97		27	0	0.00%
Pickens #122		28	0	0.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>425</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>49.18%</b>



**“Torch Lighter”**  
 Goal—3737  
 To Date—2297  
 (61.47 %)



**“Tablet Writer”**  
 Goal—3539  
 To Date—1934  
 (54.65%)



District 3	Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7		61	42	68.85%
Grafton #12		26	0	0.00%
Clarksburg #13		143	124	86.71%
Shinnston #31		307	203	66.12%
Braxton Co. #33		31	21	67.74%
Mannington #40		23	0	0.00%
Philippi #44		34	27	79.41%
Bridgeport #68		47	2	4.26%
Jane Lew #166		52	25	48.08%
Morgantown #174		23	21	91.30%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>747</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>62.25%</b>

District 5	Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Huntington #16		264	187	70.83%
Logan #19		16	7	43.75%
Ceredo-Kenova #93		418	147	35.17%
Hamlin #111		54	4	7.41%
Milton #139		84	30	35.72%
Barboursville #177		167	71	42.51%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>1003</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>44.47%</b>

District 8	Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Charleston #20		49	2	4.08%
St Albans #73		70	45	69.23%
South Charleston #94		26	17	65.38%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>145</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>45.71%</b>




District 10	Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14		155	87	56.13%
Franklin #30		22	18	81.82%
Piedmont #52		60	19	31.67%
Berkeley Springs #60		255	132	51.76%
Moorefield #64		124	69	55.65%
Charles Town #71		250	177	70.80%
Petersburg #78		95	57	60.00%
Romney #91		259	153	59.07%
Charles Town #102		20	12	60.00%
Paw Paw #128		74	37	50.00%
Kirby #134		50	32	64.00%
Ridgeley #136		99	60	60.61%
Capon Bridge #137		130	59	45.38%
Keyser #152		51	47	92.16%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>1644</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>57.91%</b>



American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of West Virginia



# December 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Huntington Gift Shop	3	4	5 Clarksburg, Beckley, Martinsburg Gift Shops	6 Martinsburg Gift Shop 1/2 Day
7  Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance	8	9	10	11	12 Mail Call	13
14	15 Target #5 80%	16	17 Spirit Articles Due	18	19	20
21 1st Day of Winter	22 Spirits Out Hospital Checks Mailed	23	24 Closed Christmas Eve	25 Closed Christmas Day 	26 Mail Call	27
28	29	30	31  Closed New Years Eve and Day	<p>Program of The Month</p> <p>Veterans Affairs &amp; Rehabilitations Field Service</p>		

**2015 Midwinter Membership Luncheon**

**February 7, 2015**

**Holiday Inn Martinsburg WV**

**Cost-----\$15.00**

Menu

Ham and Cheese Deli Stack Sandwich

Pasta and Fresh Fruit Garnish

Regular and Decaf Coffee, Hot or Iced Tea

**Reservation Deadline-----January 23, 2015**

**Send Check and Enclose Form to: Department Treasurer, ALA**

**1251 Doolin Run Road**

**New Martinsville WV 26155-7808**

UNIT NAME AND NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES OF ATTENDEES: \_\_\_\_\_

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(ATTACH LIST OF NAMES IF NEEDED)

NAME OF PERSON SENDING IN: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT INCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_ (CHECK **MUST** ACCOMPANY FORM)

ORDER NOW-----**NO RESERVATIONS AFTER THE 23RD OF JANUARY.**

### Annual State Wide Comfort Item Drive

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

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

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

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## West Virginia Veterans Home Donation List

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

#### For the Recreation Dept.

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

#### For the Veterans

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

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

*American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of West Virginia*

Comfort Item Drive

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

LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

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

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

THANK YOU,

Mary Waybright  
Department VA & R Chairman

**Sweet Shoppe by Huntington Unit 16**  
**Huntington VA Hospital Nov 7, 2014**  
**Commander Buchanan gives a helping hand.**



**Ceredo-Kenova Unit #93 has crafts.**





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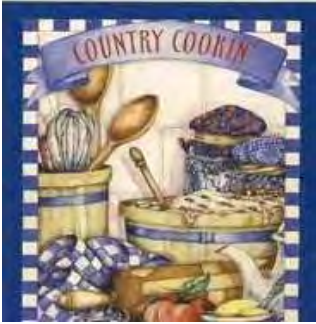
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WHO RECEIVES SPIRIT: Emailed to all **Unit Contacts** and any **Unit Officers** with an email address. It is emailed to **All Department Officers, Department Chairmen, District Presidents/Vice Presidents, Past Department Presidents** with emails. Spirits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



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Questions? Contact Department Headquarters 1-888-604-2242 or email [alawvsec@frontier.com](mailto:alawvsec@frontier.com)

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