



The Auxiliary Spirit



Volume 29

January 2016

Issue 6



American Legion Auxiliary
2015-2016
Department President
Susan Wade



**Our Veterans
"Depend" on You**

Hello Ladies,

I was blessed to be able to attend all 4 VA Gift Shops. What an awesome time!! I want to Thank all the ladies that have worked so hard year round to make these Gift Shops a great success! There were several Post Members including PDC Fred Buchanan who also helped and I want to Thank them as well!! Department Commander Kenneth Smith was able to attend Huntington and Martinsburg Gift Shops. "Santa" aka Past Detachment Commander Rocky Fox also attended the Martinsburg Gift Shop. The Veterans are so appreciative and it warms your heart to see the tears of joy that they shed for the thoughtfulness put into these Gift Shops!! I want to thank Ceredo-Kenova Post 93 family for the invitation to their Senior Dinner. The hospitality was overwhelming!!!

Thank you to all Units for working hard on Membership!! Congratulations to Charles Town Unit #102 for the first Unit to reach Goal!!! I hope everyone is reminding their members that they are delinquent at the end of the 2015 year.

I would like to remind All Members that we are in this great organization for our Veterans and their families. They have sacrificed so much for our freedom and I feel the LEAST we can do is to get along and work together!! The Culture of Good Will is something we all need to remember. Be kind to one another!!! Life is far too short for a lot of pettiness. If you have an issue with someone, leave it at the door when you go to meetings or you are out in the Community representing your Unit!! Continue to do great things with your Unit and do not let a few members frustrate you!!!

As the New Year approaches, let us all be Thankful for what we have and what we can contribute as "Volunteers" to make this a better Organization!! Please continue to keep my family in your prayers. We know the time is near and we ask for strength and comfort during this most difficult time!

God Bless Our Veterans!
God Bless Each of You!!

Susan Wade
Department President



Department Officers 2015-2016

President—Susan Wade
1st Vice President—Tammy Workman
2nd Vice President—Lisa Cadwallader
Secretary/Treasurer—Paulette Anderson
Chaplain—Rhonda Best
Historian—Irene Weber

District Presidents

1st District—Donna Freeland
3rd District—Carla Wilfong
4th District—Cathy Post
5th District—Beth Kilgore
6th District—Peggy Swartz
8th District—Mary Bess
9th District—Susan Cook
10th District—Sharon Glassford

District Vice Presidents

1st District—Donna Leek
3rd District—Roxie Nicholson
4th District—Nancy Sundstrom
5th District—JoAnn Hastings
6th District—Rita Alley
8th District—Rose Reese
9th District—Pat Calain
10th District—Sharon Kauffman

Remember Our Friends

*Department President's sister in law,
Marla Neff is in hospice at this time.
Please keep Susan's brother, Chris, and
all of the Neff family in your thoughts
and prayers at this difficult time.*

*At this time no other information is
available.*

Paulette

Department Headquarters—Juggler



Mandatory Funds: Bonding, Education, Girls State, Veterans 1st Fund, Poppy Order, and 10% Poppies Proceeds. They are due each year by July 31st to be a Unit in good year. Make checks payable to **“Department Treasurer, ALA”** Units that haven’t paid their 2015 Mandatory Funds are: Mannington Unit #40, Lewisburg Unit #69.

Membership Remember to put Junior Birthdates on new applications. All applications must be signed by Post Adj. NOT MEMBER OR SECRETARY). Only exception is if a female veteran is joining the Auxiliary under herself. THEN the Secretary may sign the application. National is waiving the \$9.00 fee again this year for New Female Veterans. You must put “Honor Our Women Veterans” at top of application to get the credit for your Unit.

Do not send in anymore 2015 transmittals. Put 2015 dues as “Back Dues”. Use transmittals to put new members/ renewals even if you have credit coming to you. DON’T just send in the applications/renewal notices/ and credit forms.

On February 1st if you send in dues for 2015 only, they will be counted for 2016 year. This comes from National.

Please limit your article to 200 words as you have only one column to use. Spirit is limited to 20 pages (including front and back) to send. At times I have to add different pages (ex. quarterly reports, forms, etc.)

<https://www.thelit.com/no-cost-legioncare> is the link for the free Legion Insurance for Legionnaires, and Auxiliary., and Sons of The American Legion. You need to sign up Before January 1, 2016 or you will have to sign up every year, if you wait until after January 1st.

Mission Statement

In the spirit of Service Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

While I was out in Indianapolis for Department Secretaries Conference/Training we were asked to have our Departments, Units of this organization to start reciting the Mission Statement in our meetings. This isn’t to replace our Preamble to The Constitution, but an added statement on who we are. Please consider this at your unit meetings. Make copies, and hand out to everyone. It only takes a couple of minutes.

Department Headquarters

Office Hours: Monday-Friday
9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Office Phone 304-455-5007
Toll Free 1-888-604-2242
Fax: 304-455-5825
Available 24 hours

Mailing Address

1251 Doolin Run Road
New Martinsville WV 26155-7808

Department Headquarters Website

www.wvaux.org

Email: alawvsec@frontier.com

Rhododendron Girls State Website

www.wvgirlsstate.org

Department American Legion

wvlegion@suddenlinkmail.com

National Auxiliary Website

alaforveterans.org

Centennial Strategic Plan

CULTURE OF GOODWILL

The Christmas season is behind us and the new year has begun. My new years wish is that we keep the wonderful spirit of Christmas alive all year. During the Christmas season we are kind, giving, loving and respectful to one another. All season we have worked the gift shops, had Christmas parties for children, gave to the needy, and helped where ever there was a need. As the new year begins lets keep the spirit.

One of the most important things is how we talk to one another. The tone of voice you use when speaking to someone says a lot. When someone thinks you are talking down to them they become angry and hurt. so, if we are to increase our membership we need to maintain and keep a good image of our organization.

We really need each other to make the American Legion Auxiliary great.

Our mid-winter conference is coming soon, my challenge I made at fall board still stands. If you hear someone talking nasty to any body tell them they have to pay one dollar. I have collected several dollars to turn to the Dept. Presidents’ special project. In the name of culture of goodwill, please be kind to one another

Irene Weber
Committee Member

Filling The Big Top With Members



Membership Chairman

How about this December weather. I feel like I'm living in southern part of the United States, but I'm sure reality is just around the corner.

Membership – There is still One Unit at Zero membership, and that is Wheeling Unit #1. Plus there are two Units with only PUFL's paid, and that is Grafton Unit #12 and Philippi Unit #44. What is up Ladies? Each of these Units should have at the minimum five members paid. You know that you need to send \$14.00 per person to Department for officers. At least do that, and collect from your officers later. There is NO EXCUSE for Zero or only PUFL members at this time of the year.

On a happier note – Congratulations to our first Goal Unit in Department: Charles Town Unit #102! Congratulations to the Units that reached Target 4 of 60% by December 7th. From First District Units #28, #34, and #45; Third District - Units #7, #13, #68, and #166; Fourth District – Units #15 and #104; Fifth District – Unit #16; Ninth District – Units #69, #97, and #122; Tenth District – Units #102, #128, #134, and #152; President Susan and I thank each of you for your hard work.

There is no target date for January, so the next target date will be February 14th of 85%. If Department reach that goal of 85% in Renew/Rejoin, we could receive \$500.00.

Second renewal notices with go out in January.

Make your plans on attending the Membership luncheon at Mid-Winter. See you there!

Susan Brown, PDP
Membership Chairman



1st Vice President

Happy New Year everyone!!!

The first thing I need to say is Thank You! Your dedication and hard work does not go unrecognized or unappreciated. Here in our "Lion Keeper's Den" we have 3 Units who are at 75% or more toward their Goals, Unit #166 Jane Lew; Unit #152 Keyser; and Unit #94 South Charleston, and we have our First GOAL UNIT, Charles Town Unit #102!! Congratulations Ladies!!! And for all of your hard work you will receive a special certificate from me. We also have several units who have met Target 7 at 60% or higher, Congratulations Ladies you are doing a fantastic job.

Remember this year our membership chairman, Susan Brown will be swinging on her flying trapeze to send you your target certificates.

We also have so many units who were just a member or two from meeting Target 7. You're doing fantastic! Look at how close we are to ROARING past the elephants. We have 55.54% and the "Elephants" are at 55.55%, So Please do Not think by sending in just ONE won't make a difference!!!

We do still have some units who really need to work on membership. By now all officers should be paid and you should have no less than 10 senior members paid. Remember after January 1st if you do not have your 2016 membership paid you are delinquent.

Our District Vice Presidents have been doing a great job in monthly contact and reporting. They are not calling to harass units; they are calling to help units. So please give them a few minutes to let them know how your unit is doing with membership. Remember it is our duty to our unit members to process and send "their" dues into department as soon as possible. Don't hold dues until you have a bunch; try to send it once a week or every two weeks even if there is just one. It could be by just one that keeps you from meeting a target.

I wish you all a very Happy New Year (ROAR)

Tammy Workman
1st Vice President



2nd Vice President

Hello Ladies,

I can't believe the warm weather, it just doesn't feel like Christmas is just around the corner. You are doing a wonderful job building our membership. However, we still have one unit at 0. Ladies no one should have 0 members at this point. Please let's work on this now!! If you need help contact your District Vice or myself.

Also, remember it's important to stay in touch with your district vices.

Don't forget I had challenged my districts, the first district to reach 75% by Jan. 1, will be presented an item for your district to raffle during your Spring conference.

I'm including the "Keeping the promise" for Jan. – Feb. from National:

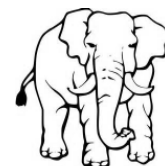
January: I promise to celebrate new and renewed members Ring in the New Year with Membership: Personal contact is so important. Call those members who have not renewed and call the family of new Post members. Invite them to join. Use the initiation ceremony. It is wonderful! Remind all members of the benefits we have and how their dues support our mission. Important Dates: January 15, 2016 – 2nd 2016 Renewal Notice mailed

February: I promise to show my love for our veterans Membership for Life: Show your love for our veterans for life. Get your Paid Up for Life (PUFL) Membership today! Membership Awards Deadlines: 85% Renew/Rejoin Achievement Award by February 14, 2016 Promise Date: Valentine's Day, February 14, 2016 – 75%

Congratulations to the first Unit, #102 for making Goal. Sorry, they are Lion's and not Elephant's but great work ladies!!

Merry Christmas and Have a Blessed New Years

Lisa Cadwallader
2nd Vice President
240-271-8385
Lisac.ala71@gmail.com
The Elephant Keeper



1st District Vice President

Ladies,

We are all over the Holidays and starting a New Year. Hope it is a better year and all that went wrong is left behind us.

Keep up the good work in membership.

I'm having trouble because of the 911 address changes. I don't have the new address to sent out yet. But keep working on membership and get them in.

I am here if you all need anything and I can help.

Donna K. Leek
1st District Vice

3rd District Vice President

To all of you in Third District,

We need to work harder on our membership.

If dues are not paid by Jan. 1st, you will be delinquent. Also, if you are holding dues, don't. Send them in.

I have tried contacting several units with no success, I will continue to try. I know Carla and I will be visiting most all of the units in the near future.

Please, Please get those dues in. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Roxie Nicholson
3rd District Vice President

5th District Vice President

Hello Ladies,

I want to thank all of you ladies of the fifth district for working so hard on memberships. We need to get the older members back as well as new ones in. I was talking to a lady about joining and she said that she didn't go to bars. I told her that is not what we stand for, we help the veterans and their families and that we are proud of it. I have personally gone to the V.A. hospital and I have seen the pain they go through. I have gone into a room and told them I was from the American Legion Auxiliary. A smile will appear on their face and they thank us for what we do for them. It's such a wonderful feeling to know that your making a difference in their lives. This is why we are proud to be a part of the Auxiliary of the American Legion. Merry Christmas and God Bless
JoAnn Hastings

3rd District President

Merry Christmas to all Auxiliary Members and their families!

I know this a very busy time of the year for everyone, but we need to start working harder on all membership in District 3. Some of the Units are doing a really great job. We still have a few Units that could be doing better.

Grafton Unit 12, Philippi Unit 44, and Morgantown Unit 174. Ladies I hope all your Officers Have Their Dues Paid By Now, if not get them paid.

Roxie is feeling better now, so expect a phone call from us to set up a meeting with your Units, this is for the whole district.

If you need my help, please call me at 304-592-0247 or e-mail me at carlajwilfong@yahoo.com I will get back with you.

Again Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

See you at Mid-Winter
Carla Wilfong
3rd District President

5th District President

2015 is almost gone and we will be in the middle of 2016 before you know it. January and February are typically slow months for activities in any organization. But during that time, we still have servicemen and women deployed and fighting for the many freedoms we enjoy.

While we are experiencing this down time, let us not forget the needs of these brave warriors or their families do not take a break. They still need your help and support.

I hope you are making plans to attend Mid-Winter. There is lots going on and a lot of information will be shared from Paulette that she received at the Secretaries Conference. Don't forget your silent auction gift for Saturday of Midwinter Conference. Also don't forget the poppy posters if you have any, traveling plaques name plates, (if your unit has a traveling plaque this year). Remember the Boys State/Girls State auction on Friday evening after opening session. A renewal drawing will be held for the senior members who pay their dues by December 31, 2015 into Department. So DON'T HOLD DUES. I would like to wish the 5th District and the entire Department of West Virginia, a very happy and blessed New Year. May your best day of 2015 be your worst day of 2016.

Beth Kilgore 5th District President

4th District President

It's almost here, the most wonderful time of the year. However it has felt like spring, but I've a feeling that's all about to change.

Hope you have located all your Veterans and children that need your help for Christmas. Most of your Post's Christmas parties are just a memory now, so time to kick it up a notch for all the programs in the coming new year.

Please remember all your comfort items and auction donations for Mid-Winter. Get your reservations in as soon as possible and be advised we need to be sporting our red, white and blue on Saturday to meet Ms. Ann's challenge.

I trust all units received their Christmas card.

Hope everyone has a joyous and Merry Christmas and a bright New Year 2016. Enjoy your holidays, stay safe and I look forward to visiting each unit starting in January weather permitting.

For God and Country
Service not Self
Cathy Post
4th District President

4th District Vice President

Hello 4th District Elephants;

Proud to say we have two units that have made Target #4, 60% ; Parkersburg Unit #15 and Parkersburg Unit #104 with Units # 's 21, 23, 140 and 159 not far behind . Now we just need our Auxiliary Sister's of Sistersville Unit #67, to pay more of their 2016 Dues. Ladies you will lose all of your Auxiliary benefits as of December 31,2015.

Membership Chairmen keep up the good job of collecting 2016 dues and sending them in to Department Secretary Paulette, it makes her job a lot easier so thank you for not holding them.

Let's all remember our Military Men and Women that won't be home with their families for the Christmas Holidays in our Prayers and Hearts. Don't forget to thank our Veterans for all that they have done to keep our Country Safe. God Bless all of these wonderful Men and Women.

A big Congratulations goes out Charles Town #102 for becoming a Goal Unit.

GOD BLESS ALL
Nancy Sundstrom,
4th District Vice President

9th District President

Greetings & Wishes for a Safe & Happy Holiday Season!

I apologize for missing the last issue. November was a very stressful month for my family having lost my Mother Eula Lamb (an HLM of Unit 62) and her brother Clarence Sims (a Veteran) 3 days later. My sister Mary Cooley is a member of Unit 33. I am trying to get back on track and hopefully by the new year I can be much more involved.

We were very busy here at Unit 62 - Veterans Day parade, flag folding ceremony at Webster County High School and Glade Elementary School, luncheon for Veterans & family, visited at the Nursing Home with Veterans and we have already had our joint Christmas party and dinner with the Post.

My daughter Christine and I are planning on attending Mid-Winter. Hopefully I will see lots of Members from District 9.

After the Holidays are over I will be contacting each Unit to see how things are progressing and remember our challenge of raising money for the Presidents project.

During the holidays please remember our Veterans. Without them we would not be able to enjoy this time with our family and friends.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Brenda Morris and Rita Sue Cogar of Unit 62 for the beautiful eulogy that they gave at my Mothers service.

May God richly bless each and every one of you. Please keep my family in your prayers.

Susan Cook

9th District President

Department President Susan Wade helped select and wrap presents for family members of veterans at the Huntington VAMC Gift Shop on December 1 and attended the Senior Citizens/Veterans Christmas dinner at Post 93 on December 2, 2015.

Susan helped Unit 93 members serve dinner and won a poinsettia in the drawing afterwards.

At the dinner, Past Department President Shirley Davis presented Susan with a lion and poppy decorated box in which to store the lion as it travels the state of West Virginia. Shirley Davis named the lion NEFF because she and Susan Wade have the same maiden name.

Neither knows if they are related.

10th District President

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays:

Ladies you have NO ZEROS IN OUR DISTRICT; WE ROAR!!! Our 4th Target was 60%; those units are Berkeley Springs 65.74%, Charles Town #102 100% Goal Unit, Paw Paw 62.86 %, Kirby 72.22%, Keyser 75.86%. Congratulations Units. There are many that are close. Thank You to 10th Vice Sharon for following up. Elephants and Loin Keepers are close in %. Roaring is good tool. Keep up the GREAT WORK.

NEXT, 2016 Mid-Winter Conference Reservation needs to be made. This is at Lakeview Resort, Morgantown, WV; February 5-6, 2016. The reservation form HAS to be MAILED. This is where your RED, WHITE & BLUE. The Junior ALA Course will be given as a group. The Comfort Item Drive will also occur; Do not forget to fill out your form as to what you have contributed. This form is in your December and January Newsletter: it goes to Mary Waybright.

Next, there will be an Auction for Boys State and Girls State on Friday after opening session. This flyer is also in your December Spirit. They need to have items to auction. Silent Auction on Sat. Feb.6th this benefit Dept. Welfare Fund again the Flyer is in Spirit.

Gift Shop was great. Thank you to all of Santa's Helpers. The success could not have been made with out your help.

God Bless America

Sharon Glassford

10th District President

10th District Vice President

Hello ladies,

I know the membership is coming in slow. Keep up the good work.

I have talked to some of you at the Gift Shop. It was a great time with all of you.

Hope everyone had a nice Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our percentage is getting up and signing up new members.

I want to thank all of you who have returned my phone calls. If you need anything give me a call at: 304-707-5512.

Thanks to all of you

Sharon Kauffman

10th District Vice President

Department Chaplain

Hello Ladies,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season.

With the New Year upon us it is time to focus on the upcoming Mid-Winter Conference.

Hopefully I will see a lot of you there.

Always be thoughtful and supportive of each other.

God Bless and Be Safe,

Rhonda Best

Department Chaplain



Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Hello Ladies,

I don't know about you, but with the warmer weather, it doesn't feel like the holiday's should be here.

I'm sure this has put some behind and we are busy trying to catch up, but let's not forget to do some form of fund raising for AEF, after all this is the season for giving.

Also, I need every Units mid-year report by Jan. 1.

Merry Christmas & Have a safe and blessed New Year!

Lisa Cadwallader

Lisac.ala71@gmail.com

Chairman



Americanism



Happy holidays Ladies !!

As we approach winter and have time to gather our thoughts for spring projects, I have located a gentleman doing a wonderful deed for our deceased veterans. Tom Pawlak is the founder of MISSION RESTORE BRONZE. I'm sure all of you have noticed military foot markers that have lost their luster. This can be corrected with very few supplies and a little elbow grease. Tom started his project 30 years ago and to date over 4,000 volunteers have participated in their hometowns in the USA and also Australia, Guam, Puerto Rico and Ireland. You may find him on Facebook or Google his name. The process is very easy using a certain shade of Ace Hardware paint, clear varnish, wire brush, sandpaper and rags.

As your Americanism Chairman I challenge each unit in the Department of WV to restore as many as possible, perhaps before Memorial Day. I will have information for each unit readily available at Mid-Winter Conference.

While speaking with him he asked me to challenge every Department to do this. I will be writing an article and hopefully it will appear in our monthly magazine. Food for thought...so I look forward to your response at conference.

Thank every veteran you can.
For God and Country....service not self
Cathy Post
Americanism Chairman

Leadership

Happy Holidays Ladies:

Wishing you and your families a safe and merry holiday.

WORD REVIEW: Amendment, nomination, motion, floor, gavel, second, adjourn, tellers, chair, unanimous, agenda, majority vote, quorum, ballot, minutes. Conducting your meeting what is the proper order of Business?

Questions: A distinguished guest is always seated (where) of her escort? The chair is (who)? (where) is the ALA pin worn? When guest arrive what does the Sergeant-at-arms (do)?

Carry the United States of America Flag where should your left hand be (placed). When the American flag enters the room what should you (do)?

Do you always vote after a motion is made? The chair announces the results of vote on a motion? What is the area that you can't walk between (called)? (Who) should go first in a reception line? Can any person talk at any time when discussion occurs?

If someone needs to complete the Senior ALA Course; please e-mail me.

These are a few items that you can review before Mid-Winter Conference. Feb.5 & 6 will be held at Lakeview Resort. Make sure you get your reservations completed.

The Junior ALA COURSE will be taken as a group. This is to fulfill one of the requirements for Leadership Program 2015-2016.

Remember our Veterans their Families during the holiday season.

Merry Christmas

Happy Holiday

For God and Country

Sharon Glassford

Leadership Chairman

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

I hope everyone had the opportunity to attend a Veteran's Day Program either at their Post or in their community and was able to participate in some sort of holiday festivities for our veterans.

We must not forget those veterans who answered the call as well as those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

As cold weather and winter is upon us we must remember the homeless veterans and/or their families in our towns and the shelters, who provide services to them such as food, coats and other clothing, blankets, sheets, pillows, etc. Statistics say 1 in 4 homeless is a veteran - both men and women. Ask the shelters and homeless centers in your community of their needs.

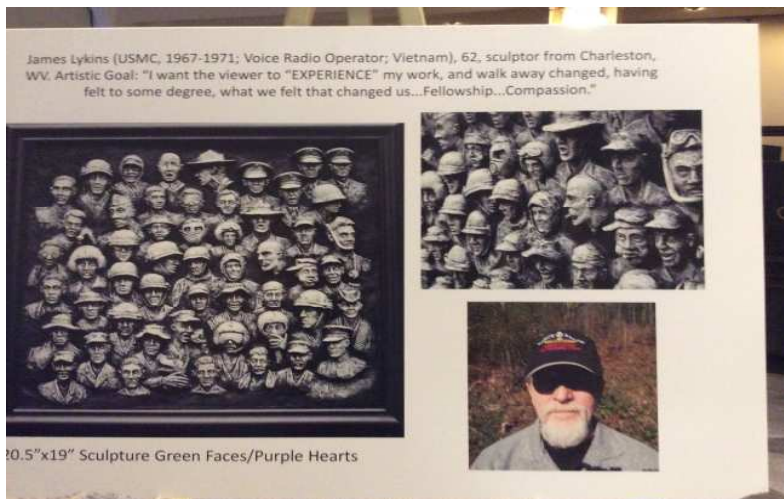
I received a November Central Division VA&R Newsletter from Joan Chawla, who had recently returned from the National Creative Arts Festival in North Carolina. I was pleased to see that two West Virginia Veterans were winners. They are: Jim Lykins, Charleston, WV - Art/Sculpture and Charles Marshall, Martinsburg, WV - Art/Knotting. As I have stated in the past the American Legion Auxiliary is the primary sponsor of this program.

National is counting on donations from individuals, units and departments. Has your unit or district ever made a donation? If not, won't you do so this year. Donations should be sent to Department to record to get to National by August 1, 2016.

Unit Chairman - - are you aware that many chairman have to send a mid-year report by January 2016. This is true of the VA&R Program. Won't you please send me a synopsis of what you unit is doing this year, so that I might have some information to impart to the Central Division Chairman. Also are you working on your Comfort Items Drive for Mid-Winter? If you plan to take directly to your local VA facility, please send me a report of the money amount donated as well as a short report of what you donated.

Happy Holidays to all, and be thankful that you live in a country that is, "For God and Country."

Mary Waybright
V A & R



Constitution & Bylaws

Happy New Year!

I have listed below a question and answer game that I would like for you to use at a Unit meeting. You can email me for the answers. Would like feedback on this game for my mid-year report.

1. Is a second to a motion important and must the name of the individual be recorded in the minutes?
2. Is a Unit compelled to accept a transfer member?
3. Constitution & Bylaws, Standing Rules, Unit handbook, Policies & Procedures, Roberts Rules of Order, Parliamentary Procedures – are all of these governing documents of the ALA?
4. Are relatives of a veteran who served with one of our allied countries, and who has since become a naturalized American citizen eligible for membership?
5. Your parliamentarian authority must be identified in your C&B – True or False?
6. May a woman who is not an American citizen hold an office in the ALA?
7. Standing Rules are easier to add/amend or strike out the C&B – True or False?
8. The only official business meeting is a face-to-face meeting – True or False?
9. Your Bylaws should contain a dissolution article – is the true and if so why is it true?
10. Is there an age limit in the ALA?
11. Is a woman eligible through the war service of a divorced husband?
12. Is a woman eligible who joined through the war service of a husband with whom the marriage was annulled or was illegible?
13. Must a woman who is eligible to join The American Legion in her own right become a member of The American Legion in order to be eligible for Auxiliary membership?

Susan Brown, PDP
C&B Chairman

Education

Happy New Year Ladies,

Hopefully everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season.

Now we need to get back to our regular routines and agendas.

Please remember to send your mid-year reports into Lisa Cadwallader, Education Chairman as soon as possible. Also keep an eye on the news for possible changes to WV Education Standards and what it may entail for our children.

Thank you and God Bless
Rhonda Best
Education Committee Member

Poppy

Ladies, this will be a short article

Just want to remind you to get your mid-year reports to me as soon as possible, as I have to get mine in by Jan. 4, 2016.

They can be e-mailed to me at: strawberrymist@aol.com, or even call me with a report at 304-657-5740.

Also, don't forget to be working on your Poppy Poster for Mid-Winter.

I hope everyone has a very happy and safe Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Roxie Nicholson
Poppy Chairman



Legislative

Merry Christmas!

Here it is at the end of the year, 2015. It is time for Mid-year reports so far I have received two reports. Ladies you can e-mail them directly to me if you want to. Please do so I have to get my report in ASAP.

I know all Units have done something with their local government or the national representatives. Please let me know.

This is short this time. If you need my help, please call me at 304-592-0247, or email me at carlajwilfong@yahoo.com

Again Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

See you at Mid-Winter
Carla Wilfong
Legislative Chairman

Public Relations

Don't forget to send me newspaper articles for Department Susan's Public Relations Book.

I would like numerous articles so she will know our organization is working our "Mission"

Send to: Edna Travis
Public Relations
304 N. 1st Avenue
Paden City WV 26159

Until next time
Edna Travis
PR Chairman

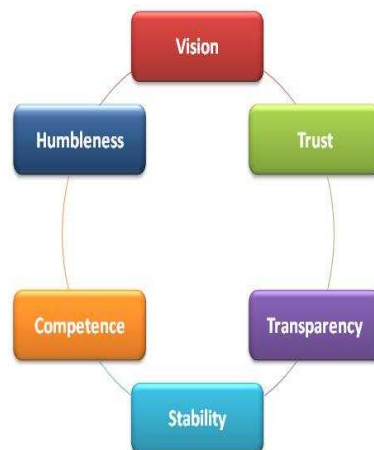
Scrapbook

Calling All Scrap bookers!

Have you been doing your scrapbook for judging at Department Convention?

Have you sent in pictures, brochures, tidbits to me for Department President's Scrapbook? I know with the holidays you have had some pictures taken, and party favors, (napkins, programs, flyers, etc.), so where are they?? Please send them in! I want to be sure that the Department Scrapbook is FULL.

Jennifer Yeater
Scrapbook Chairman



Junior Activities

Junior Auxiliary;

I hope to see many of our juniors at Mid -Winter.

We are still in need of Birthday cards for our project of Birthday cards for Vets. Please let me know if you are able to donate so I can prepare to ensure we have the 275 cards that we need.

There is still time for your active junior unit to participate in this project. We will be signing the card – Love, Department of West Virginia ALA Juniors. They are welcome to write a personal note also or include a drawing. If your unit does not have active juniors this may be a GREAT project to kick start your junior involvement.

It is very sad to say that for so many of them this may be the only card that they receive.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Michelle Hart

Junior Chairman

Shellhart86@gmail.com

304-839-3237

2014-2015 Ways & Means

Hello Ladies,

I would like to thank Jack Girard, Past Department Commander for donating his winning amount of \$25.00 from September back to the Department Auxiliary.

Thank you and God Bless,
Rhonda Best,
Ways-N-Means Chairman
2014-2015

2016 Ways & Means

A new year and new Ways & Means winners! The January listing will start in the February issue of the Spirit Newsletter. Good luck!!

I still have some booklets of 5 and 10 tickets to send to anyone who needs them. Yes, you can sell them all year long. No, don't wait until you sell all to send in. Make out check to Department Ways & Means and send to: Paulette Anderson, 1251 Doolin Run Road, New Martinsville WV 26155-7808. My cell phone is: 304-771-0984. You can also email me if you need tickets. I get them out by the next business day.
Until Next Month,
Paulette Anderson

National Security

How to Identify Veteran and Service member Families who are In Need of Assistance

The key to finding a family in need is not about who you know, but rather who knows about the American Legion Auxiliary. It behooves a unit to be visible in its community. Let the community know that your unit is willing to help veterans, service members and their families during hard times, both financially and practically. When you meet with individuals in need, assure them that the unit is ready to assist in any capacity, and have a flyer or business card to distribute. Ask organizations to share the unit's contact information (or point of contact) with any veteran, service member or their families who may need assistance. In this manner, a family's confidential information is not being given out indiscriminately. The veteran or family member can contact you when they are ready. Consider being available around the clock, as emergencies happen at all hours. Record the voice mail message to clearly state calls will be returned within 24 hours. If the veteran or family needs something the unit cannot provide, it is recommended that the unit go out into the community on the person's behalf and get the service donated or sold at a reduced cost. One way in which the unit can meet the financial cost of assistance for families in need is to host a fundraiser.

Possible Areas of Assistance:

Based on requests received by the Family Support Network hotline at The American Legion National Headquarters, the most popular services needed include the following:

- transportation assistance, including help with a vehicle
- childcare
- temporary financial assistance
- lawn maintenance and minor/major house repairs
- emotional support
- The possibilities are endless—every situation is different!

Beth Kilgore, Chairman
National Security



Parliamentarian



Parliamentary Points to Ponder

1. Since the secretary is responsible for keeping accurate records of business transacted, the chair may require that main motions, amendments, or instructions to a committee be in writing.
2. It is a general rule that no member should be present in the assembly when any matter relating to himself or herself is under consideration.
3. A question cannot be postponed beyond the next regular meeting.
4. Calls of "Question! Question!" by members from their seats are not motions for the previous question and are simply informal expressions of individual members' desires to proceed to a vote; these calls are disorderly if made while another member is speaking or seeking recognition.
5. A question laid on the table remains there until taken from the table or until the close of the next regular meeting. If not taken up by that time, the question dies.
6. Abstentions do not count in tallying the vote; when members abstain, they are in effect only attending the meeting to aid in constituting a quorum.
7. Working as a committee of the whole enables the full assembly to give detailed consideration to a matter under conditions of freedom approximating those of an ad hoc committee. In such a committee, the results of votes taken are not final decisions of the assembly but are taken up by the assembly as committee recommendations. The proceedings of a committee of the whole are not entered in the minutes of the assembly.
8. Motions are out of order that present essentially the same question as a motion already considered at the same meeting.
9. All persons present at a meeting have an obligation to obey the legitimate orders of the presiding officer. Members, however, can appeal from the decision of the chair, move to suspend the rules, or move a reconsideration - depending on the circumstances of the chair's ruling. A member can make such an appeal or motion whether or not the order involved applies to him or her personally.

Ann Buchanan
Parliamentarian

2015 NOVEMBER WAYS-N-MEANS WINNERS				
NAME	LOCATION	NUMBER	DATE	AMT PAID
		213	11/2/15	
Wilma Wolford	Romney, WV	374	11/3/15	\$25.00
Etta Dolly	Keyser, WV	862	11/4/15	\$25.00
ALA Unit #16	Huntington, WV	440	11/5/15	\$25.00
		572	11/6/15	
Pola Maniskas	South Point, OH	334	11/7/15	\$25.00
Jeff Bess	Richwood, WV	964	11/9/15	\$25.00
Bob Greene	Romney, WV	373	11/10/15	\$25.00
Rita Lucas	Moundsville, WV	156	11/11/15	\$25.00
Roberta Miller	Augusta, WV	393	11/12/15	\$25.00
Debbie Smith	Elkins, WV	880	11/13/15	\$25.00
		761	11/14/15	
		986	11/16/15	
Linda Moore	Romney, WV	370	11/17/15	\$25.00
		537	11/18/15	
Cindy Stewart	Clarksburg, WV	194	11/19/15	\$25.00
		077	11/20/15	
Katena Karnes	Huntington, WV	527	11/21/15	\$25.00
Elizabeth Phares	Elkins, WV	878	11/23/15	\$25.00
Kathryn Licata	New Cumberland, WV	949	11/24/15	\$25.00
		886	11/25/15	
		252	11/26/15	
		618	11/27/15	
ALA Unit #16	Huntington, WV	542	11/28/15	\$25.00
Bonnie Wilcox	Romney, WV	351	11/30/15	\$25.00



American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State



Girls State Chairman

It's that time of year again: GIRL STATE.

I hope you have contacted your schools and gave them information on who their contact person is in case they need help. So many times the schools call the director or the registrar because the girl state chairman in the area has not made contact.

Also, I HOPE you have your contributors lined up, this really needs to be done in the early fall when they are preparing their budget.

At Mid-Winter Conference a lot of new information on Girls State will be given out. Someone from your unit needs to be present to learn of the new changes. Also Ann will be giving out the Girls State packets for your unit.

You will get to meet the Girl State Governor, she was also the winner of Samsung scholarship for twenty thousand dollars. I am so proud of the state of West Virginia and the Girls State program.

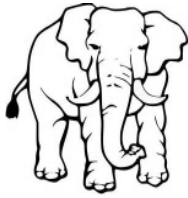
Remember the Director Michelle, the Asst. Director Rosemary and the Registrar Ann are there to help you, please don't hesitate to ask for help.

Please use the plan of work that I gave out at fall board as a guide. I

If I can be of help call 304-258-1036

Irene Weber
Girl State Chairman

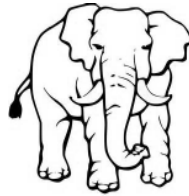
Membership 2015-2016 Filling The Big Top With Members



Target 5—February 14th—75%
National Goal—8487
Membership To Date—4713 (55.53 %)
Department Unit #200—72



District 1			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	26	0	
Moundsville #3	365	210	57.53%
McMechen #5	68	34	50.00%
Weirton #10	77	36	46.75%
Cameron #18	230	113	49.13%
New Martinsville #28	163	121	74.23%
Wellsburg #34	32	25	78.13%
Follansbee #45	51	32	62.75%
Benwood #46	117	68	58.12%
Pine Grove #81	111	34	30.63%
Paden City #86	146	84	57.53%
Wheeling #89	40	14	35.00%
Newell #114	50	24	48.00%
Hundred #120	107	45	42.06%
Chester #121	192	102	53.13%
TOTALS	1775	942	53.07%

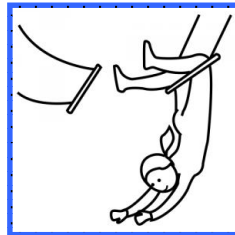


Elephant Keeper

Goal—4520

To Date—2517

(55.69 %)



District 4			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	1011	614	60.73%
Spencer #21	66	38	57.58%
Pt. Pleasant #23	423	238	56.26%
Sistersville #67	159	47	29.56%
Parkersburg #104	14	10	71.43%
New Haven #140	174	99	56.90%
Williamstown #159	202	101	50.00%
TOTALS	2049	1147	55.98%

District 6			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Welch #8	87	45	51.72%
Bluefield #9	34	19	55.88%
Beckley #32	50	25	50.00%
Gary #38	90	53	58.89%
TOTALS	261	142	54.41%

District 9			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Elkins #29	215	120	55.81%
Cowen #62	54	30	55.56%
Lewisburg #69	76	47	61.84%
Belington #96	42	23	54.76%
Richwood #97	22	19	86.36%
Pickens #122	26	19	73.08%
TOTALS	435	258	59.54%



Lion Keeper

Goal—3824

To Date—2124

(55.54 %)

District 3			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	66	46	69.70%
Grafton #12	26	1	3.85%
Clarksburg #13	180	130	72.22%
Shinnston #31	358	210	58.66%
Braxton Co. #33	32	19	59.38%
Mannington #40	22	12	54.55%
Philippi #44	39	6	15.38%
Bridgeport #68	56	35	62.50%
Jane Lew #166	46	39	84.78%
Morgantown #174	35	10	28.57%
TOTALS	860	502	58.37%

District 5			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Huntington #16	302	193	63.91%
Logan #19	19	7	36.84%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	451	196	43.46%
Hamlin #111	61	38	62.30%
Milton #139	82	47	57.32%
Barboursville #177	168	91	54.17%
TOTALS	1083	543	50.14%

District 8			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
St. Albans #73	77	36	46.75%
South Charleston #94	24	19	79.17%
TOTALS	101	55	54.46%

District 10			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	153	78	50.98%
Franklin #30	22	10	45.45%
Piedmont #52	34	16	47.06%
Berkeley Springs #60	251	165	65.74%
Moorefield #64	131	68	51.91%
Charles Town #71	305	178	58.36%
Petersburg #78	108	47	43.52%
Romney #91	310	172	55.48%
Charles Town #102	22	22	100.00%
Paw Paw #128	70	44	62.86%
Kirby #134	54	39	72.22%
Ridgeley #136	118	61	51.69%
Capon Bridge #137	144	74	51.39%
Keyser #152	58	44	75.86%
TOTALS	1780	1018	57.19%

January 2016

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 <i>New Year Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 <i>Year End Reports Out</i>	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 <i>Mail Call</i>	16
17 <i>Spirit Articles Due</i>	18 <i>Martin Luther's King Birthday</i>	19	20 <i>Spirit Out VA Checks Out</i>	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 <i>Mail Call</i>	29 <i>Midwinter Luncheon Cut Off</i>	30
31			<i>Programs of The Month</i> <i>National Security</i> <i>Legislative</i>			



American Legion Auxiliary

Marne Unit 28, New Martinsville, WV.

Wishes to Announce

Tamala Workman as a Candidate

for Department President

2016-2017

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!

\$16.00 per year

Runs August through July Each Year

Make check payable to:

Dept. Treasurer, ALA

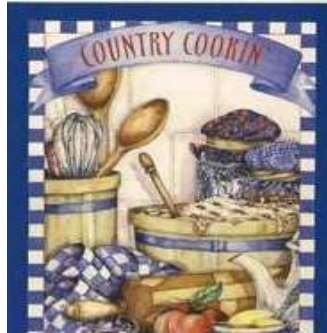
NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX:-----

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS For 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!

Cookbooks are \$15.00 plus \$4.00 (S & H)

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

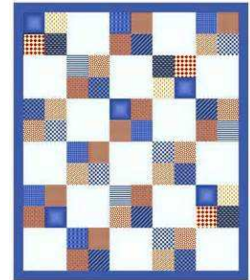
Make checks payable to: **Department Treasurer, ALA**

Mail to: ALA Department of West Virginia
1251 Doolin Run Road
New Martinsville WV 26155 –7808

**SILENT AUCTION
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2016
MIDWINTER CONFERENCE
LAKEVIEW RESORTS MORGANTOWN WV**

Roxie Nicholson will be Handling the Silent Auction

***ITEMS CAN BE SPECIAL BASKETS—
VALENTINES, ST. PATRICK DAY, FOOTBALL, MOVIE THEME, ETC.***



***WREATHS, FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS, QUILTS,
GIFT CARDS, BAKED GOODS, AFGHANS, ETC.***



***BRING ON SATURDAY MORNING
IF WRAPPED, INCLUDE LISTING OF WHAT IS INSIDE***



A SPRING THEME BASKET WILL BE RAFFLED OFF AT THIS AUCTION



PROCEEDS BENEFIT DEPARTMENT WELFARE FUND

***American Legion Auxiliary
Department of West Virginia***

Comfort Item Drive

UNIT/POST/SQUADRON # _____

LOCATION _____

PERSON IN CHARGE _____

ADDRESS _____

ITEMS DONATED _____

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



35th Annual Mid-Winter Conference
American Legion Auxiliary
Conference Program
Lakeview Resort, Morgantown WV

Friday, February

8:00 am	Comfort Items Open.....	Ballroom Five
3 - 7 pm	Registration.....	Ballroom Foyer
1:00 pm	Strategic Committee Meeting.....	Chestnut Room
2:00 pm	Girls State Executive Board Meeting.....	Chestnut Room
7:00 pm	Opening Joint Session.....	Governors Ballroom
	Boy State/Girls State Auction (After Joint Session).....	Governors Ballroom

Saturday, February 7, 2015

8:00 am -12:00 pm	Registration.....	Ballroom Foyer
8:00 am -2:30 pm	Silent Auction	Ballroom Foyer
8:30 am	Opening Session	Chestnut Room
	Call to Order	Susan Wade, Department President
	Advancement of Colors.....	Sgt. at Arms
	Prayer.....	Rhonda Best, Chaplain
	Moment of Silence	
	Pledge of Allegiance.....	Cathy Post, Americanism Chairman
	National Anthem.....	Kitty Kelly -Smoot, Music Chairman
	Preamble of Constitution.....	Susan Brown, Constitution & Bylaws Chairman
8:40 am	Welcome	Susan Wade, Department President
8:45 am	Chapel-4-Chaplains	Rhonda Best, Chaplain
9:00 am	Leadership Program.....	Sharon Glassford, Leadership Chairman
	Junior Leadership Course.....	Sharon Glassford
10:30 am	Children & Youth.....	Debbie Fox, Department Chairman
10:50 am	Introduction of Girls State Governor.....	Michelle Sirbaugh, Director
10:55 am		Rhododendron Girls State Governor Katie Mossburg Clarksburg Unit #13
11:25 am	Announcements	
11:30 am	Recess	
11:45 am	Membership Luncheon.....	Lakeview Restaurant

Susan Brown and Membership Team

1:00 pm	Reconvene	
	Membership Challenges.....	Chestnut Room
1:15 pm	Guest Speaker:	Lynda Lancaster Central Division National Vice President Department of West Virginia
1:45 pm	Guest Speaker:	Katie Beth Caudill Central Division Honorary Junior Vice President
2:00 pm	Year End Reports	Sharon Glassford
2:30 pm	Silent Auction Closes	
	Reports from:	
	Ways & Means.....	Rhonda Best, Paulette Anderson
	V A & R.....	Mary Waybright, Chairman
	Poppy Posters.....	Roxie Nicholson, Chairman
	Silent Auction.....	Roxie Nicholson
3:00 pm	Questions & Answers.....	Sharon Glassford
3:30 pm	Announcements	
	Benediction.....	Rhonda Best, Chaplain
	Retirement of Colors	
	Adjournment	
4:00 pm	Joint Chapel Services.....	Governors Ballroom
6:00 pm	Commander and Presidents Reception.....	Reception Room
9:00 P.M.	Karaoke/Music.....	Reception Room



MID-WINTER JUNIOR AGENDA

Saturday, February 6, 2016

Registration 8-9 Registration fee \$10 Meeting starts at 9

1. Order of Business
2. Call to Order
3. Prayer
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. National Anthem
6. Preamble
7. Reading and approval of minutes of previous meetings
8. Unfinished business
9. Signing Birthday cards for Veterans

LUNCH

10. New business
11. Craft Project
12. Announcements
13. Remarks by Junior Activities Chairman

Medical Forms Will Be at Midwinter for parents/guardians to sign

2016 Midwinter Membership Luncheon

Saturday February 8, 2016

Lakeview Resorts Morgantown WV

MENU

Grilled Breast of Chicken

(Marinated with a Cilantro Butter)

Soup du Jour

Chef's Choice of Potato

Seasonal Vegetable

Warm Rolls with Butter

Dessert

Coffee, Iced Tea

Reservation Deadline: _____-Friday January 29, 2016

*Send check with list names to: Department Treasurer, ALA
1251 Doolin Run Road
New Martinsville WV 26155-7808*

Cost—\$18.50 per person (MUST PREPAY BY DEADLINE)

Name and Unit # _____

Allergies Please List:

List of Attendees: _____

(Attach List of Names if Needed)

West Virginia Veterans Home Donation List

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
Hand & Body Lotion
Sewing & Eyeglass Repair Kits
Wallets & Watches
Batteries (AA, AAA, c, & d)
Laundry Detergent
Dryer Sheets
Radios/ 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)

Revised on September 5, 2014

Clock Radios, Wallets are needed for the West Virginia Veterans Home

VA Hospitals Donations List

Nail Clippers	Lap Quilts
Deodorant	Socks, T-shirts, Briefs, for Men Veterans
Individual Toothpaste (regular size)	Socks, Sport Bras, Underwear for Women Veterans
Individual Toothbrushes (regular size)	Puzzle Books, current magazines, and crafts
Individual Combs	
Individual Razors (Twin Blade)	