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#### Department Officers 2015-2016

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3rd District President Carla Wilfong's husband, Jerry, has been hospitalized at United Health Care Hospital in Clarksburg for fluid build up around his heart, and bronchitis. Tests were being performed.

Department Secretary Paulette husband's sister passed away suddenly Friday evening March 18th.

Let us keep Carla and John in our thoughts and prayers.

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American Legion Auxiliary 2015-2016 Department President Susan Wade





#### Hello Ladies!

I had a great time in Washington D.C. This year they added workshops, which were very informative. Our NEC will have more info in this Spirit. I enjoyed going to the Senate and House and meeting with representatives.

I attended American Legion Birthday Dinners at Clarksburg Post #13 and Shinnston Post #31. I also attended 3rd District Conference hosted by Shinnston Post and Unit #31. Thank you all for the great hospitality, delicious food, personal gifts, and donations for my special project, Rhododendron Girls State. I also attended the Oratorical Contest, hosted by Shinnston Post #31. It was my first time attending this event and I was very impressed. A big thank you to the contestants, and all those that worked so hard to make this a very nice event.

I want to remind everyone that our National President, Sharon Conaster, will be visiting West Virginia July 8th and 9th. We will be taking her to the Martinsburg VA Hospital on the 8th. Plans are still in the making for that evening. On Saturday, the 9th, we will be taking her to Harpers Ferry and then to Charles Town Post #71 for a "meet and greet" beginning at 4:00 pm. I hope we have a great WV turnout for our National President! If you are traveling to Martinsburg, please make your own hotel accommodations! There will be more information in the next Spirit!

There are several more Spring Conferences coming up that I plan on attending. I want to thank our Membership Team and all Units that are working on membership. We still have time to reach our Goals!! Do Not Give Up!!!

I wish all of you a very Happy Easter!!

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

"Our Veterans Depend on YOU!!!" Susan Wade Department President



## **Department Headquarters—Juggler**



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.

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. All mandatory funds must be paid by July 31st each year to be a unit in good standing. If you are attending convention must be paid by June 10th.

**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.

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 no more than 250 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.)

**Directory Updates** page 12-under 5th District President email MBKilgore@frontier.com Page 14– under Beckley VAVS, VAMC, Gift Shop; replace Leigh Ann Felton with Indie Riley, PO Box 135, Bolt WV 25817, 304-673-9072. Page 24- McMechen Unit President Fran Rayl new phone #304-980-2562. Page 25-New Martinsville email contact should read 49rosie72@frontier.com Page 26-Beckley Unit #32 President is Linda Day, 226 Bibb Ave. Beckley WV 25801.

Wellsburg Unit #34 President's new street address is 2230 Charles St. Benwood Unit #46 Secretary Linda Crumm zip code should be 26041. Sistersville Unit #67 new President-Lisa Conger 237 S. Wells Street, Sistersville WV 26175. 304-771-0321; new Secretary-Sheila Smith 45 Old Orchard Rd., Friendly WV 26146. 304-758-2535. Email contact: lisaconger@hotmail.com Petersburg Unit #78 President is Wreath Funkhouser, PO Box 268 Moorefield WV 26836, 304-434-2201; Secretary is Barb Harman, 7 Circle Drive, Petersburg WV 26847, 304-257-1479. Email contact: toplessmustanglady@yahoo.com

Spring Conferences **10th District—Joint Berkeley Springs Post #60** 8:00-9:00?? Registration April 2, 2016 5th District—Joint Ceredo-Kenova Post #93 9:00-10:00 Registration April 9, 2016 4th District—Joint Parkersburg Post #15 9:00-10:00 Registration April 10, 2016 8th District South Charleston Unit #94 9:00-10:00 Registration Golden Corral Cross Lanes **Dutch Treat** Mention American Legion Aux. April 16, 2016 6th District **Bluefield Unit #9 Trinity United Methodist Church** 9:00-10:00 Registration **Directions in 6th Dist. Article** April 23, 2016 **1st District** Cameron Unit #18 **Cameron Annex Building** 9:00-10:00 Registration April 24, 2016 9th District—Joint Elkins Post #29 9:00-10:00 Registration May 7, 2016 **Please Mark Your Calendars** 

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<u>National Auxiliary Website</u> <u>alaforveterans.org</u>

#### 2016-2017 Department Candidates

President—Tammy Workman 1st Vice Pres.—Lisa Cadwallader 2nd Vice Pres.—Rhonda Best Sec/Treas.—Paulette Anderson Chaplain— Historian—

2016-2017 District Candidates 1st Dist. Pres.— Vice Pres.— 3rd Dist. Pres.—Carla Wilfong Vice Pres.—Roxie Nicholson 4th Dist. Pres.—CathyPost Vice Pres.— 5th Dist. Pres.— Vice Pres.— 6th Dist. Pres.—Peggy Swartz Vice Pres.— 8th Dist. Pres.— Vice Pres.— 9th Dist. Pres.— Vice Pres.— 10th Dist. Pres.— Vice Pres.—

## Filling The Big Top With Members



Congratulations to the following units that reach Target 80% - New Martinsville #28, Wellsburg #34, Jane Lew #174, Richwood #97, Charles Town #102, and Capon Bridge #137. Thank you from President Susan and me for all the hard work that went into that. We have two units that are at 100% or more Richwood #97 and Charles Town #102 – Big Applause to you!

Our overall target number for National is 8,487 (renews, rejoin, & new) which as of 3/9/16 we were at 70.79%. We are in 33rd place in National, and last in Central Division. Now our number for renew/ rejoin is 6,830. We are in 11th place in National and 3rd in Central Division. What is hurting us is not getting new members.

April promise date is April 22 – 85% "I promise to plant the seed of membership". So, I'm asking each unit to get one (1) new senior or junior member by the target date of April 22nd. If we get a 100%, I will make a donation to President Susan special project. So, plant that seed, and get that one new member. The challenge is on!

Happy Spring to you and your family Susan Brown, PDP Membership Chairman



Reaching For One Million Members In 2019!!!

**Only You Can Do This!!!** 

**1st Vice President** 



2nd Vice President

Happy Spring everyone!

We have a lot of spring cleaning to do to get our Lion Dens in order. We are at the 6th Target and should have 80% of our membership goals. Our Lions are at 71.71% and the Elephants are at 72.72% so we aren't too far behind the elephants. However we are pulling up the rear in our National standings.

Please do not hold any dues! Send it into department as soon as you get it. Please double check to be sure ALL fields are completed correctly on the new member applications and make sure everything is signed. We Can Do this!!!

So many units were so close to meeting this target. Congratulations to Jane Lew Unit 166, Berkeley Springs Unit 60, and Capon Bridge Unit 137 for making Target 6. and to Charles Town Unit 102 for reaching Goal. Fantastic work ladies!!!

I know some may not understand the importance of meeting targets or why we have such high set goals for our membership. The percentages you keep seeing throughout the Spirit articles are not "much ado about nothing." There is a very real and very serious concern that if we continue to lose members each year at the rate we have for the past several years then by 2030 there will not be an American Legion Auxiliary at all. Where would that leave all of our Veterans, their families, our children & Youth? Look at the programs supported by our ALA and the lives we touch every single year, the differences we've made. We have been working with the strategic plan to try to rejoin past members and recruit new members. If we want to keep our members then we have to respect each other. We have to be open to new ideas and willing to compromise. The ladies who came before us did or we wouldn't be celebrating a 97th birthday this year.

I'll leave you with a quote from our American Legion National Vice Commander who visited us during mid-winter conference, *"I'll do all I can so this organization won't die"* 

Tammy Workman Dept. 1st Vice President



Hello Ladies,

I want to start by thanking 3rd District for their warm hospitably. It was good to see those that attended, some that I have known and some faces I haven't seen before. I just wish more had attended. After conference was over, Carla showed Department President Susan, Paulette and I how to make poppies. What a treat that was.

At this time, I plan to attend most all of the Spring District Conferences. There are only 2 that I may miss and I'm truly sorry.

Elephants, we are doing a great job; we are still ahead of the Lions in both numbers and percentage. However, it seems we are slowing up somewhat. We need to work a little harder. A few of you are close to our next target of 85%. Great job ladies!

102% Award from Nation: Units that reach 102% of their annual target set by National Headquarters by 30 days prior to National Convention (July 30, 2016) will receive \$150 plus a 102% flag pole ribbon. The unit president, secretary and membership chair will also receive a special gift from the National President. Checks will be made payable to the unit to be used for mission outreach and/or membership efforts.

Keeping the promise: April: I promise to plant the seed of membership; Watch our Membership Grow: Plant the seed in your community by starting a new unit. Is there a post in your area? Attach a new unit to it and watch the community thrive! Promise Date: Earth Day, April 22, 2016 – 85%

May: I promise to continue to support our military Family Membership: Family is important to the American Legion Auxiliary; do you have family members who are eligible to join The American Legion or Sons of the American Legion? Auxiliary units and any combination of associated Legion Post, SAL Squadron and Legion Rider Chapter that hit 100% membership are eligible for the American Legion Family Award.

Membership Awards Deadlines: Rejoin 1, Recruit 1, Recruit 10 and Silver Brigade must be received at National Headquarters by May 1 in order to qualify. Armed Forces Day Award due May 22, 2016 Promise Date: Armed Forces Day,

May 21, 2016 – 90% Lisa Cadwallader Dept. 2nd Vice



#### **3rd District President**

Good evening to all the American Legion Auxiliary Members. This has been one busy past week for the members of Shinnston Unit 31. On Saturday, March 12th we hosted the Third District Spring Conference. We had 6 Units in attendance with a total of 16 members present and one guest. It was a really enjoyable meeting We had several things to discuss. Elections were held and the following people were elected: Carla Wilfong, Third District President, Roxie Nicholson, Third District Vice-President. Secretary/ Treasurer will be Margaret Yost.

Department Officers present were President Susan Wade, 1st Vice-President Tammy Workman and 2nd Vice-President Lisa Cadwallader, and Department Secretary/Treasurer Paulette Anderson. Also present were NEC Debbie Fox, Past Department Presidents, Paula Booth, Patricia Moore, Ann Buchanan, Dortha Parsons, and Roxie Nicholson.

Paulette, Susan, Tammy and Lisa all talked about Membership. We need to get more people involved. Ann talked about Girls State. A nomination was made and seconded that we combine the Secretary and Treasurer position as one. This will free the Vice-President to work on membership. A donation was made to help with the Hospice Bags we do and donate to the VA Hospital in Clarksburg, a donation was made to President Susan's Special Project, Girls State.

The meeting was adjourned and delicious meal was served. 50/50 Drawing was won by Barry Hogue, and Center Piece was won by Steve Wright.

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

Carla Wilfong Third District President

#### 4th District President

Hello Auxiliary Sisters,

Think Spring! Happy Blessed Easter! This warm weather has me all excited.

Looking forward to 4th District Conference April 10th at Parkersburg Post 15. Your Registration forms are in the mail along with your Credential Certification. April 5th is the dead line for dinner preparations for Unit 15. This is our election meeting. Please plan to attend and bring your Junior members also.

So proud that 4th District is at the highest level in the state for membership at 74.08% Awesome!! Keep going Ladies!!

Let's be wearing our patriotic colors for conference, nothing I like better than seeing the colors of Ole' Glory.

I'll have some items for Americanism as a hand out at the meeting and my table set up for Mission Restore Bronze.

I wish you safe travels to Parkersburg and back.

Service Not Self, Cathy D. Post 4th District President

> 4th District Spring Conference Parkersburg Post #15 April 10, 2016

Cost: \$10.00 per Auxiliary member

If you are going to pay when you get at Conference please send a count of members, that will be attending.

Send your list to : Nancy Sundstrom, Unit #15 President 1307 23rd Street Parkersburg, W. V. 26101 Phone # 304-422-1263

#### FIFTH DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Ceredo-Kenova Post 93 and Unit 93 will host the joint Fifth District Spring Conference on Saturday, April 9, 2016. Registration and a coffee hour will be held from 9—10AM. A joint opening will be held before each group splits for their meetings. All Legionnaires and Auxiliary members are invited to attend.

Unit 93 member Shirley Davis has crafted additional poppy items. The hat can be worn as an Easter bonnet or for Memorial Day observances. The poppy box will hold paper, jewelry, special treasures and other items.

#### **5th District President**

Spring is in the air, the weather is getting warmer, flowers are blooming, and the trees are budding. It is as time when everyone is shedding the winter blahs and getting out and about more and more.

I hope each of you are doing something to help our veterans during this season of new beginnings and hope. Their winter may have been a tough one and the thought of you doing something to help them will brighten their day.

Keep the membership coming in. **DO NOT HOLD DUES.** I am asking all Unit Presidents to check with your membership chairman to make sure dues are being sent to Department in a timely manner.

I would like to invite you to the 5th District Spring Conference to be held at the Ceredo-Kenova #93 Post home on April 9th. The meeting will begin at 9:00. Memorial Service, Elections, Raffles, etc.

Lots of exciting things happening in the 5th District. Don't miss out on the fun. See you there.

Beth Kilgore President 5th District

#### **5th District Vice President**

Hello Ladies,

Spring is right around the corner and that means we can work a little harder on membership. We need to get new members in and contact the older members to ask them if there is anything that we can do for them. We need to get there input on how we can make there Aux better. There is no ME in the Aux there is only We and we can't do with out you.

There are units that are still holding dues back. Please send in the dues as soon as you get them. I have had a few women say that didn't get their membership card for nearly 2 months. So please get the membership cards out ASAP.

Remember our veterans depend on us so we need to work harder for them.

Thank you JoAnn Hastings Fifth District Vice President



#### 6th District President

#### Greeting Ladies,

Since old man winter has left us (I think) it is now time for some good weather.

Sixth District Conference will be hosted by Bluefield Unit 9, on Saturday, April 23, 2016. The meeting will be at the TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. The church is located at 401 College Avenue, Bluefield, WV. To get to the meeting room you will enter from the back side of the church. The cost of the luncheon will be \$7.00 per person. Registration will be from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Looking forward to seeing a good turnout from the Units in our District and would love for other Units to attend.

Hope everyone is working on membership 6th District is running behind but we are working hard in getting the membership in.

Helen Schuler from Gary Unit 38, fell and broke her foot she is on the mend at her sister's home. If anyone would like to send her a get well card her address is PO Box 155, Thorpe, WV 24888. Get well soon Helen.

Welch Unit 8 will be catering the Birthday Dinner for the American Legion Post 8 on the 19th of March come and join us for this special occasion.

So until next time I will ask everyone to remember our veterans in their prayer and God Bless each and everyone.

Peggy Swartz 6th District President

#### Work That Membership To Reach Our Goal in Department This Year!!!

You Can Do This!!!

#### 6th District Vice President

The membership in District 6th is slow coming in now. Spring is around the corner ladies and warm weather is almost here.

Try to get in the membership as soon as possible.

Ladies of 6th District you all have been wonderful to work with these past years. I have made lots of friends belonging to a great organization like the American Legion Auxiliary. I will be moving to Arizona September 1st and I will miss all of you very much.

Ladies of the 6th District, (Bluefield, Beckley, Gary and Welch) send in your letter to State and run for Vice President, or there will be nominations from the floor. The Spring Conference will be April 23 at Bluefield, and there will be a ELECTION for President and Vice President.

Thanks to all who in any way helped me in my Vice President's job. I Love You all and will always remember all of you. Thanks to Welch Unit 8 for all there help. I joined this unit in 2000 and have enjoyed every minute. Good-Bye and God Bless all of you, I will always be a member of The American Legion Auxiliary

Rita Alley Unit 8 Welch

#### 8th District President

The 8th District Spring Conference will be held on April 16th at the Golden Corral Restaurant off of the Cross Lanes and Goff Mt. Exit off of I-64 between Huntington and Charleston.

Registration will begin at 9 am, and the meeting will start at 10 am.

Breakfast and lunch will be available, Dutch treat. Everyone welcome.

Mary Bess 8th District President

#### **10th District President**

Hello Tenth District Ladies

I think we are all ready for Spring. Hopefully it is coming very soon. Sunday is the First day of Spring. Few reminders:

Spring Conference; Saturday April 2nd. This is being held in Berkeley Springs. Make sure the paperwork is returned to the proper person. Hope to see a lot of you there.

Mandatory funds: Bonding, Education, Girls State, Veterans 1st Fund, Poppy Order and 10% Poppies Proceeds. They are due July 31st to be in good standing.

Do not **HOLD** membership. This needs to be turned in ASAP. I know it has been hard this year in getting new members and renewing. Please get it to Paulette. March 15th was 80%.

Make sure you send or call Linda Ballard your deceased members.

Keep up the great work that you are doing. Our Veterans "DEPEND" On YOU.

I hope to see you at Tenth District Spring Conference.

God Bless America and our Veterans Sharon Glassford Tenth District President

#### **10th District Vice President**

Hello ladies I have talked to some of you and waiting on call backs. Some of you sounded so discouraged . Please don't be; everyones is still coming in slow. I enjoy our talks. And encouragement is all I can give you and try to give you ideas. So please don't give up. I hope after talking with you it helped.

On a good note we are at 72.58% for 10th

District, as of March 15th.

If you need anything call or email me at<u>skauf01@yahoo.com</u> or 304-707-5512.

Have a Blessed Day Sharon Kauffman 10th District Vice President

#### **Department Chaplain**

#### Hello Ladies,

I hope everyone is doing great!!! If not, then please let me know so I can send them a card.

Below is a little something to remind us all why we love the Auxiliary and why we volunteer each chance we get:

#### **Honor Our Military**

Let's honor our military, The men and women who serve, Whose dedication to our country Does not falter, halt or swerve.

Let's respect them for their courage; They're ready to do what's right To keep America safe, So we can sleep better at night.

Let's support and defend our soldiers, Whose hardships are brutal and cruel, Whose discipline we can't imagine, Who follow each order and rule.

Here's to those who choose to be warriors And their helpers good and true; They're fighting for American values; They're fighting for me and you.

By Joanna Fuchs

Please remember to forward me your lists of members lost this year.

God Bless, Rhonda Best Dept. Chaplain



#### Historian

It is that time of the year again for your reports. The unit historians need to have your unit history to me by April 15th. Make sure you include all your unit activities including what you plan to do until Department convention.

I was really disappointed that I only received two mid-year reports. I must have all unit reports in order to write the Department history for this year.

If you have any questions, please call me at 304-258-1036.

Mail your report to me at: Irene Weber Department Historian 355 Harrison Ave. Berkeley Springs WV 25411

Irene Weber Department Historian

#### Auxiliary Emergency Fund

#### Ladies,

District Conferences are here please consider taking up a collection or making a small donation to this wonderful fund. A \$50 donation gets you a small pin to wear to show that you supported this fund. This can be done by an individual, a unit, or a district. Let's show them how well West Virginia is in supporting our Auxiliary family.

All donations have to be in to department in time to be mailed into National by June 1 in order to count for the year.

Lisa Cadwallader AEF Chairman LisaC.ALA71@Gmail.com 240-271-8385

#### Americanism



As I write this column, we are celebrating 97 years of the American Legion, the caucus was held March 15-17 1919 in Paris, France. Happy Birthday!

April 2, 1792 Congress established the first US Mint in Philadelphia, April 4,1949, twelve nations united in military defense creating NATO,

April 6, 1917 United States entered WWI in Europe and the first women Mayor was elect in 1887, thus proving we have always been important in the United States Government.

April 9,1865, after 500,000 lost their lives, the Civil War ended in Appomattox, it started April 12, 1861 at Fort Sumter, SC.

April 14 President Lincoln was mortally wounded in Fords Theater and passed the next day at 7:22 a.m. The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere occurred April 18, 1775. George Washington, our first President of the United State took his oath at Federal Hall on the corner of Wall and Broad Streets in New York on April 30, 1789.

I try to provide important dates for you ladies to use as possible teaching aids to our children, either in the schools or libraries in your local area.

Hope you all are enjoying Birthday Dinners for our powerful organization.

My thoughts are preparing for upcoming Memorial Day Services, helping your Post place flags on our departed Veterans graves and hopefully making your contacts for Mission Bronze Restorations.

Remember Americanism should be on your minds and in your hearts always. I encourage you to register and vote in your upcoming elections for the candidates of your choice and make your community aware that the welfare of this great country depends on all of us.

For God and Country, Cathy D. Post Americanism Chairman



#### Children and Youth Program of the Month

#### Hello Ladies,

I recently returned home from the Washington, DC Conference. I enjoyed hearing the report from the Children and Youth National Chairman, Kathy Dungan. She reported that, this year so far, children in West Virginia have received two Youth Hero and one Good Deed Awards. Besides being so proud that I was from West Virginia but shocked that I hadn't heard of this until national reported about the program. Never the less I was so very proud.

Now that April is here, Children and Youth month, I hope each unit has a special program planned for the children in your community.

As our year nears department convention the awards are part of our accomplishments.

I'm asking that each unit send in a year end report. This report needs to be in the department office by April 15. I know in my heart that each unit works on our programs. Now you need to report what is being done.

Just a reminder if you want to bring donation from your piggy banks. I'll be accepting at department convention or you may send check to the department office. Make sure put in memo line ALCWF.

Thanks to all for your donations Until Next Time, Debbie Fox

#### Legislative

Good evening ladies I hope everyone has been working on their end of the year reports. I stress that each Unit keep in contact with our Representatives in Washington. There are a lot of important Bills being voted on and the elections. Vote on the person you think will do our Veterans the Most Good.

Keep up the good work, and send me your Reports and a Narrative. If you need my help, please call me at 304-592-0247 or e-mail me at carlajwilfong@yahoo.com

See you at Convention in July.

God Bless American and God Bless our Veterans Carla Wilfong Legislative Chairman

#### Constitution & Bylaws

Not much to say – very one should have the necessary changes made to membership eligibility, and sent to department headquarter for filing. Your time and place of meeting, and membership dues should be in your standing rules, this came from National a couple of years back.

If you are planning any changes, please have them with you at department convention, so the committee will have time to look over them. If we cannot finish them we will turn them over to next year's committee.

Happy Spring! Susan Brown, PDP C&B Chairman

#### Leadership

#### Hello Ladies:

Please remember that the chain of Command. Try to solve the situation in the unit; should that not occur; than contact District and hopefully that action will solve the problem. Last result is calling in Department; when that happens the unit has to pay for all person coming to their unit. This includes their travel, food and lodging.

Voting is for all MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING. EXEC. COMMIT-TEE DOES VOTE.

Don't hold dues. Members put their trust in you to process ASAP. This is member's money.

Remember Unit, District Presidents you do not make motions or offer you opinion while in the chair. More on this in next month.

Remember the Veterans DEPEND ON US. WE HAVE TO KEEP OUR PROM-ISE.

Thank you for all the hard work that you do.

God Bless America Sharon Glassford Leadership Chairman

#### **Education**

#### Hello Ladies,

Listed below is a part of what Michael J. Martirano, ED.D. State Superintendent of Schools is focusing on with our children



Too many children in West Virginia miss too many days of school. Often, we think absences aren't a problem as long as they're excused or a child's learning won't be affected unless he or she misses several days in a row. Research shows that missing 10% of the school year which can be just two or three days every month — can add up to so much lost time in the classroom that children just can't keep up. Attendance is critical to the success of our students. We must have our students present and engaged in order to provide them with the opportunities they need to be successful in the future. We invite you to take a look at the materials available below to help promote regular attendance and intervene when poor attendance becomes a problem. https:// wvde.state.wv.us/

Please take a few minutes and go to the website listed and see all the wonderful educational information and ideas it contains <u>https://wvde.state.wv.us/</u>

Even as adults we learned something new each day, even if it is small.

Rhonda Best Education Committee



#### National Security

#### Are You Prepared for PCS Season?

Have you ever moved to a new community without any connections? How did that make you feel? Did you wonder where the best grocery stores were? Or which schools are the best in the area? Or even where the best restaurants for date night are? YOU can help military families avoid this confusion.

On average, active-duty military families move every 2-3 years. Year-round, the military issues orders, called permanent change of station, or PCS, to tell service members they'll be moving and where. We're nearing peak PCS season, which runs from May 15 to Aug. 31.

Even if you are not near a military installation, remember that National Guard and Reserve military families, as well as military families transitioning out of the military (into civilian life), may be moving as well.

\*\*Currently Support a Military Family That's PCSing? If you, your members and/or your unit are currently working with a military family that will be PCSing, help connect them to a unit in their new community.

1. 4-8 weeks before the military family moves, contact the ALA department where the military family will be relocating. Let them know you're looking for a unit near the new city to support a military family, and ask for a unit in that area.

\*\*Try to get contact information for a couple of units in case you don't hear back from one or they're unable to help.

2. Reach out to the unit (s) you got contact information for. Tell them you know of a military family that will be moving to their area, let them know the kind of support you have been providing this family (as an idea), see if they would be willing to be the new "adoptive" unit, and ask who the military family's contact should be.

\*\*To protect their privacy, do not share the contact information or names of the military family.

3. Let the military family know when you have identified a unit willing to support them in their new area. Provide them with the unit's contact, and ask them to reach out to the unit when they arrive.

4. If you're the new unit, leave it up to the military family to reach out to the unit.

Remember to be welcoming. Don't use this time as a membership recruitment opportunity. Family members may already be Auxiliary members somewhere else (like their hometown), and they might not be interested in transferring. If they aren't members, let them ask you about joining.

When the family contacts you, you may want to take a welcome basket. Consider including items that make your community unique!

If your unit or Legion Family is small or large, you can implement a Welcome to Our Hometown event; be sure to work with your community collaborators to offer the best program! The event is scalable to the size of your community, so you can participate in program. You should begin planning your project 8-10 weeks in advance, so now is a great time to get the ball rolling!

This guide can be found on the National Security program page at <u>www.ALAforVeterans.org</u>

This is a new guide, so please email your feedback, letting us know what works and what doesn't, to NationalSecurity@ALAforVeterans.org

Beth Kilgore, Chairman National Security

#### Parliamentarian



#### Parliamentary Points to Ponder

WHAT IS PARLIAMENTARY PROCE-DURE AND WHY DO WE USE IT

**Parliamentary procedure** is the body of <u>rules, ethics, and customs</u> governing meetings and other operations of <u>clubs, organizations, legisla-</u><u>tive bodies, and other deliberative assemblies</u>.

Parliamentary procedure is based on the principles of allowing the majority to make decisions effectively and efficiently (majority rule), while ensuring fairness towards the minority and giving each member or <u>delegate</u> the right to voice an opinion. <u>Voting</u> determines the will of the assembly. While each assembly may create their own set of rules, these sets tend to be more alike than different. A common practice is to adopt a standard reference book on parliamentary procedure and modify it through <u>special rules of order</u> that supersede the adopted authority.

A parliamentary structure conducts business through <u>motions</u>, which cause actions. Members bring business before the assembly by introducing <u>main motions</u>, or dispose of this business through <u>subsidiary motions</u> and <u>incidental motions</u>. Parliamentary procedure also allows for rules

The most common procedural authority in use in the United States is Robert's <u>Rules of Order</u> in regards to nomination, voting, disciplinary action, appeals, dues, and the drafting of organization <u>charters, constitutions, and bylaws.</u>

Ann Buchanan Parliamentarian



#### Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

#### Hello Ladies:

I certainly hope your weather is as great as it was in my area today...sunny and 75 degrees. Beautiful!

Are you familiar with the James H. Parke Scholarship? I f not, let me tell you some about it. This scholarship is awarded annually by Veterans Affairs to a student volunteer. The American Legion Auxiliary contributes \$2,000 annually to this scholarship. To be eligible, candidates must have completed 100 hours of regularly scheduled VAVS during the calendar year prior to September 1; be a student in the 10th grade or above and have not reached their 19th birthday. The Medal Center Director nominates a candidate for the award by submission of the nomination form to the president of the fund by November 1 of each calendar year. Nominations after that date would not be considered The nomination form should be completed to reflect the volunteer service and background of the candidate and include: age, years of volunteering, number of volunteer hours area of service and affiliated/supporting organization/s (could be your unit, if you have anyone that might qualify). See http:// www.va.gov/ for information on VAVS James H. Parke Scholarship. The national winner receives a plaque and a letter of commitment. The presentation is usually made at the Annual Meeting of the VAVS National Advisory Committee.

Hope many units are working on their annual reports. Remember if you serve a dinner to your Post veterans, you have something to report. In fact, if you help your Post or any of the veterans (except in your own family); you have something to report. I am looking forward to reading your reports, and I sincerely hope I have one to send to National. Remember pictures are encouraged on your projects by National.

P.S. Please remember the National Creative Arts Festival, if you can afford any personal or unit donations.

Mary Waybright V A & R Chairman

#### **Public Relations**

I still need articles for Department Presidents' PR book. I would like a full book to send to National for Judging.

How are you doing on your Unit's PR book. Are you making sure you have the correct information in it? Remember you must have newspaper articles with the heading of the page and make sure you have the date included. No pictures unless they have been placed in the newspapers.

If you have articles on your Unit Girls State information, please include copies of this. If you have put anything in your newspaper regarding the Department President attending your event, include in your Unit PR book, and send a copy to me for the Presidents PR book.

Until next time, Edna Travis PR Chairman

#### Scrapbook

I am sitting here pondering how to get the scrapbook compiled with so little articles, clippings, pamphlets, brochures to work with.

Remember you can send <u>anything</u> for the Department Scrapbook. This includes, pictures of your events, decorations you had, programs, etc.

Send to me, so I can have a great scrapbook for Department President Susan.

Jennifer Yeater Scrapbook



Meeting with Senator Shelly Moore Capito on the Hill in Washington DC



Hello 10th District,

This may seem a bit early but Memorial Day will be here before we realize it.

I was at Martinsburg VAMC on March 15th for the quarterly VAVS meeting. Plans are in motion for the annual 10th District Memorial Day Picnic. This year the picnic will be, Monday May 30th, on the federal holiday.

The menu will remain the same: hamburgers hot dogs, baked beans, salad, cole slaw, mac n cheese, deviled eggs, fruit salad, fruit pies and drinks. Anyone wanting to supply these items please contact me @ 304-258-5804.This picnic will happen. Our hospitalized veterans deserve so much more than we can give them in one picnic.

If you are interested in donating money make your check payable to <u>ALA 10th District</u> and memo line Memorial Day Picnic. Volunteers are always needed to serve the picnic. Most volunteers return year after year and they can tell how rewarding it can be to help with this picnic. Any questions give me a call.

Thanks for your support, VAVS Reps "Greek", Debbie, and Rocky



## American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron **Girls State**

Rhododendron Girls State Representatives

#### Girls State Chairman

I want to focus on selection and orientation.

Please make sure you select girls that truly want to attend Girls State. After your selection process, schedule an orientation. Invite parents, school personnel, contributors to a meeting where you can explain the Girls State program, and what they can expect the week of Girls State.

It is so important to stay in touch with the girls, make sure they are still planning on going. So many times they change their minds, and don't show up. Please stay in touch with them.

As a reminder Samsung Scholarship has to be done online, but please have the citizen bring a hard copy with them.

If you have questions, contact the Director, Assistant Director, or the Girls State chairman.

Irene Weber Girls State Chairman

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2172 Grandview Rd.
Moundsville WV 26041
845-5122

- 3rd Dist. Mary Jo Thomas RR6 Box 232 Fairmont WV 26554 366-2912
- 4th Dist. Nancy Sundstrom 1307 23rd Street Parkersburg WV 26101 422-1263
- 5th Dist.— Katena Karnes 721 10th Ave Huntington WV 25701 525-5634

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

- 8th Dist. Mary Bess 215 N. Pinch Road Elkview, WV 25071 965-3192
- 9th Dist. Paula Booth 2031 River Road Belington WV 26250 823-3251
- 10th Dist.— Lynda Lancaster PO Box 1037 Ranson WV 25438 676-3979







### Membership 2015-2016 Filling The Big Top With Members





Target 6 (March 15th 80%) National Goal—8487 Membership To Date—6111 (72.00 %) Department Unit #200—82



District 1				1		
Unit		2016 G	hal	2016		% of Goal
						65.39%
Wheeling #1		26			17	
Moundsville #3		365			66 37	72.88% 54.41%
McMechen #5 Weirton #10			68 77			77.92%
						69.57%
Cameron #18 New Martinsville #28		230 163			60 38	84.66%
Wellsburg #34		32		27		84.38%
Follansbee #45		51			32	62.75%
Benwood #46			117	84		71.79%
Pine Grove #81			111		73	65.77%
Paden City #86			146		02	69.86%
Wheeling #89			40		17	42.50%
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Newell #114			50		35	70.00%
Hundred #120			107		63	58.88%
Chester #121			192	2 1	48	77.08%
TOTALS		1	775	12	59	70.93%
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District 4						
Unit	2	016 Goal		2016	C	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15		101		768		75.96%
Spencer #21		66		45		68.18%
Pt. Pleasant #23		42	_	315		74.45%
Sistersville #67			59	88	_	55.35%
Parkersburg #104			14	10		71.43%
New Haven #140		17	_	142	_	81.61%
Williamstown #159	-	20	)2	156		77.28%
TOTALS		204	19	1524	_	74.38%
District 6						
Unit	201	6 Goal		2016		% of Goal
Welch #8		87		6	5	74.71%
Bluefield #9		34		22	_	64.71%
Beckley #32		50		30		60.00%
Gary #38		90		70	ر ا	77.78%
TOTALS		261		18	7	71.65%
District 9						
	2016	6 Goal		2016	ÿ	% of Goal
Elkins #29		215	_	159		73.95%
Cowen #62		54 76		37		<u>68.52%</u> 67.11%
Lewisburg #69 Belington #96		42	-	51 28		66.67%
Richwood #97		42		20		104.55%
Pickens #122		26		<b>23</b> 19		73.08%
TOTALS		435		317		72.87%
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Elephant Keeper
Goal—4520
To Date—3287
(72.72 %)







Lion Keeper Goal—3824 To Date—2742 (71.71 %)

District 3								
Unit	2016 Goal			2016		% (	of Goal	
Buckhannon #7			66		51			77/27%
Grafton #12			26			15		57.69%
Clarksburg #13			180			138		76.67%
Shinnston #31			358			265		74.02%
Braxton Co. #33			32			19		59.38%
Mannington #40			22			12		54.55%
Philippi #44			39			25		64.10%
Bridgeport #68			56			44		78,57%
Jane Lew #166	46				40		86.96%	
Morgantown #174	35			16			45.71%	
TOTALS	860		860		625			72.67%
District 5	T			I				L. L.
Unit	2	20	16 Goal		2	016	% (	of Goal
Huntington #16			30	2	227			75.17%
Logan #19			1	-				57.89%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	3		45	1 310			68.74%	
Hamlin #111			-	61 42			68.85%	
Milton #139	8		2 60			73.17%		
Barboursville #177	16		8 120			71.43%		
TOTALS			108	3		770		71.10%
District 8								
Unit			2016 Go	ba	I	2016	% c	of Goal

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	114	74.51%
Franklin #30	22	10	45.45%
Piedmont #52	34	17	50.00%
Berkeley Springs #60	251	201	80.08%
Moorefield #64	131	83	63.36%
Charles Town #71	305	222	72.79%
Petersburg #78	108	67	62.04%
Romney #91	310	216	69.68%
Charles Town #102	22	22	100.00%
Paw Paw #128	70	54	77.14%
Kirby #134	54	41	75.93%
Ridgeley #136	118	81	68.64%
Capon Bridge #137	144	120	83.33%
Keyser #152	58	44	75.86%
TOTALS	1780	1292	72.58%

## **April 2016**



		gram of The Mon hildren & Youth			1 Berkeley Springs #60 Birthday Dinner Office Closed	210th District Spring Conference Berkeley Springs #60
3	4 National Commanders Visit to WV	5	6	7	8	9 5th District Spring Conference Ceredo-Kenova #93
10 4th District Spring Conference Parkersburg #15	11	12	13	14	15 Spirit Articles Due	16 8th District Spring Conference
17	18	19	20	21 Spirit and VA Checks Out	22 Target #7 85% Office Closed	23 6th District Spring Conference Bluefield Unit #9
241st District Spring Conference Cameron Unit #18	25	26	27	28	290ffice Closed Leave for Indianapolis Leadership Conference	30 Office Closed Monday May 2nd

2016 Ways & Means

Hello Folks — the sales for 2016 has been great. There has been an average of 4—5 winners per week. Keep working at selling more tickets.

Thanks to all Units & members for your continued support of this program. Remember your support is for the Veterans here in WV.

If need more tickets to sell just contact Paulette and she will mail you out more. Remember they make nice gifts. If you have tickets that you're not able to sell let Paulette know and she can use them to fill other orders.

Thank you all again for your continued support of our WV Veterans Programs.

For God & Country Mary Rose Yoho, Co Chairman



Winner	Number	City	State	Date	Amount
Katrina Myers	547	Rock Cave	WV	2/1/2016	\$25.00
	088			2/2/2016	
	525			2/3/2016	
Beth Kidwell	296	Points	WV	2/4/2016	\$25.00
Les Shoemaker	878	Augusta	WV	2/5/2016	\$25.00
Betty Anderson	331	Winchester	VA	2/6/2016	\$25.00
Carrie Dillsworth	767	Romney	WV	2/8/2016	\$25.00
Linda Judy	718	Shanks	WV	2/9/2016	\$25.00
	520			2/10/2016	
Bobby Rose	792	Gary	wv	2/11/2016	\$25.00
Brenda Foley	707	Romney	WV	2/12/2016	\$25.00
Mark Doss	174	Thorpe	WV	2/13/2016	\$25.00
Paulette Anderson	235	New Martinsville	WV	2/15/2016	\$25.00
Arvel Wyatt	935	Welch	WV	2/16/2016	\$25.00
Ashley Horn	657	Welch	WV	2/17/2016	\$200.00
	002			2/18/2016	
Judy McAllister	721	Wellsburg	WV	2/19/2016	\$25.00
Pat Calain	751	Elkins	wv	2/20/2016	\$25.00
Gary Saville	207	Augusta	wv	2/22/2016	\$25.00
Jackie Roberts	006	Parkersburg	wv	2/23/2016	\$25.00
Linda Pringle	596	Philippi	WV	2/24/2016	\$25.00
	723			2/25/2016	
Cindy Stewart	254	Clarksburg	WV	2/26/2016	\$25.00
Shirley Davis	842	Kenova	WV	2/27/2016	\$25.00
Susan Brown	728	Moundsville	WV	2/29/2016	\$25.00

#### February 2016 Ways and Means Winners

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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

#### 2016 STATE CONVENTION RESERVATION FORM

July 14-16, 2016 Pullman Plaza Hotel 1001 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Huntington, West Virginia 25701

\$78.00 per night room rate (plus 13% tax)

Name	
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Arrival Date	AM PM Departure Date
Room Type: (circle one)	Doubles King
Non-Smoking Facility	
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Your credit card may l	be charged for the one night's room deposit.
	Pullman Plaza Hotel ATTN: Jeannie 1001 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue Huntington, WV 25701
	e mailed to reserve a room at The Pullman Plaza Hotel.
(No	phone calls for rooms will be accepted.)
CANCELLATION MUST	EASE PRE-REGISTER EARLY- THANKS! T BE 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE TO RECEIVE REFUND.
	22 21 HOURS HARVAILLE TO RECEIVE REFUND.

#### 98<sup>TH</sup> Annual State Convention 2016 ADVERTISING FORM

The American Legion Department of West Virginia, Inc.

I hereby authorize the following advertisement to be placed in the official program of the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia, Inc., scheduled July 14-16, 2016, at The Pullman Plaza Hotel, Huntington, West Virginia.

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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DEADLINE: JUNE 30, 2016

This form is for any Auxiliary member who isn't a Delegate or Alternate who wishes to attend the Department Convention