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2015-2016
Department President
Susan Wade



Our Veterans "Depend" on You

Hello Ladies,

I am so looking forward to warmer weather! This year has went by so fast and I can honestly say, I have enjoyed my travels.

I am looking forward to Memorial weekend in Grafton. If you have never experienced Grafton and their Patriotism, you have missed out!! The whole town celebrates and honors our Veterans. It is definitely worth the trip and hopefully you can take ideas back to your communities. That is my plan for next year.

I will be attending the opening session of Rhododendron Girls State.

I want to remind all of you about our National President Sharon Conasters' visit to West Virginia. I hope we have a great turnout for her! I am looking forward to showing President Sharon some of our great State and I'm really excited about our trip to the Martinsburg VA Hospital and Harpers Ferry. Please make your reservations now if you are planning on traveling to Martinsburg.

I hope all of you are planning on attending our Department Convention in July! Please do not forget the Traveling Plaques if your Unit has one. If for some reason, your Unit can not be there, please send it with your District President.

Please keep working on Membership! We still have time to get more Goal Units! I want to Thank all of you that have worked hard for our Programs! Please be kind to one another. Let us remember WHY we are in this great organization!!!

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

Susan Wade
Department President



Department Officers 2015-2016

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2nd Vice President—Lisa Cadwallader
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6th District—Rita Alley
8th District—Rose Reese
9th District—Pat Calain
10th District—Sharon Kauffman

Remember Our Friends

Michelle Hart, Junior Activities Chair-
man, had major surgery recently and is
at home recuperating. Cards can be sent
to her at: Michelle Hart
67 Augustine Ct.
Kearneysville WV 25430

Filling The Big Top With Members



Membership Chairman

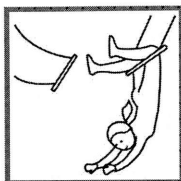
I like to thank the eight units that reached 85% goal of "I promise to plant the seeds of membership!" The 90% goal is May 21st "I promise to continue to support our military!" I'm crossing my fingers for lots of you to meet that goal.

My last report from National was not the best; we have dropped from 35th place to 38th place. Please, Please DO NOT HOLD MEMBERSHIP! Susan and I don't care if you have just 1 member send her in. I know what you're thinking "I just have 1 member if hold her until next week well I might get one more, then it's worth my time to sit down and do the paperwork." I know I hate paperwork too, but that's my job. Do the Department a favorite, and just send that one (1) in.

I'm making the same challenge again. I challenge each unit to go out and recruit one (1) new member, senior or junior starting May 22nd through June 25th. That is beyond the promise date of June 14th, and if we get 80% of the units to do this I will donate \$100.00 to President Susan's special project. That figure of 80% is an uneven number of 51.2%, so I'm rounding up that number to 52. Come on everyone let's make that challenge and even go higher. Let's do this!

Until next month; Remember to carry all 3 applications with you. You never know when you will run into someone who will be interested in joining us.

Susan Brown, PDP
Membership Chairman
Just a swing!



1st Vice President

Hello everyone,

In our Lion's Den it seems like we're all slowing down on membership but, 'The Show must go On, Our Veteran's Depend on Us!' This end stretch of 2016 is the tightrope act of our circus. We have to work a little harder but we can do it! I know our targets and goals are high but we are the 'Amazing ALA,' and we achieve so many wonderful things every day.

We are really walking the tight rope Ladies, with our membership. If membership continues to decline, nationwide, then by 2031 we will not have an American Legion Auxiliary organization. That is only 15 years from now, and we all know just how fast those years will pass. We have been saying the same things over and over again, but still there are units who hold dues; there are still personal issues and conflicts mingled with Auxiliary business which results in more declining membership. No, we're not a real circus but there are similarities in the structures we share. A tightrope walker may be in the spotlight but there are many hands that build the platforms, secure the wire and support the ladders. Is it any different for us? No, we are the many hands for our veterans, their families and our communities, our children & youth and our elders. It doesn't matter if you pay your dues just so you can enjoy the entertainment or if you become part of an act, we're all equal in supporting our veterans because we are members. Have some fun with President Susan's membership theme. If we meet our targets then everything else will fall into place just like the juggler's act in the Barnum & Baily's circus.

Tammy Workman
Dept. 1st Vice President
(Lion Keeper)



2nd Vice President

Hello Ladies,

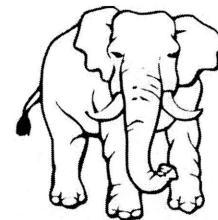
I want to start by saying I attended 6th and 9th District conferences. I know the 6th district is going to miss Rita Alley, I know I will, but I wish her the very best of luck in her new adventure. Pat, the 9th District Vice did a nice job working with what she had. And I was happy to meet Richwoods' member Loretta who attended her first District conference. She was presented with the unit's Goal Ribbon and some certificates to take back to her unit.

Elephant's we need to work a little harder, those lions are catching up to us!! With that being said, ladies both elephant's and lion's, we need to work our membership. So far we have only given out 2 Goal ribbons, one on each side. Let's try a little harder so we can give a few more out.

Memorial Day is around the corner and we all do wonderful things for our veterans. As we remember those already gone and help those that are still with us may it be post veterans with memorial day services and lunches or VA picnics, please remember we are here for our veterans who fought to give us our freedom.

So I am asking each and every one of you before you don't, do something such as help, donate, give something of any kind, think long and hard about why you are not doing it and why you should!!

Lisa Cadwallader
Dept. 2nd Vice
The Elephant Trainer
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**Reaching For
One Million Members
In 2019-2020!!!**

Only You Can Do This!!!

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: All applications must be signed by Post Adj. (NOT MEMBER OR SECRETARY). **Only exception** is if a female veteran 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.

Applications: Please make sure they are filled out **completely** before sending in. Too many mistakes are being made and unit membership chairman are not catching them.

Proposals to Constitution & Bylaws: are in this Spirit for you to look over. They will be in the delegate packet at Department Convention.

Poppies: Orders are being filled as fast as they can be. Kits have been ordered and there are about 6 Units who are still waiting on theirs. You should all have them by Memorial Weekend.

Directory Update: page 13: Distinguished Guests: Paula Booth has a new email: goldiegirl5@wildblue.net

Page 12, 15, 16: 10th District President Sharon Glassford has a new address: 90 Westhall Dr. All else is the same.

Page 23: Under Louis A Johnson VA Medical Center Director: Dr. Glenn Snider replaces Beth M Brown.

Page 28: Parkersburg Unit #104 President has a new street address: 2700 Emerson Avenue #308, zip code 26104. All else the same

2016-2017 Department Candidates

*President Tammy Workman #28
1st Vice Pres. Lisa Cadwallader #71
2nd Vice Pres. Rhonda Best #3
Sec/Treas. Paulette Anderson #86
Chaplain Brenda McCray #102
Historian*

2016-2017 District Candidates

*1st Dist. Pres. Stephanie Handley
Vice Pres.—Holly Adams
3rd Dist. Pres.—Carla Wilfong
Vice Pres.—Roxie Nicholson
4th Dist. Pres.—Cathy Post
Vice Pres.—Nancy Sundstrom
5th Dist. Pres.—Beth Kilgore
Vice Pres.—JoAnn Hastings
6th Dist. Pres.—Peggy Swartz
Vice Pres.—Kathy Bailey
9th Dist. Pres.—Pat Calain
Vice Pres.—Lynn Ranew
10th Dist. Pres.—Sharon Glassford
Vice Pres.—Sharon Kauffman*

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National Auxiliary Website

alaforveterans.org

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

You Can Do This!!!



Americanism



Americanism reports have been combined and forwarded to Central Division. Many thanks to those units that sent theirs in.

Memorial Day will soon be here, please participate in your Post's services in any way that you can. I will be working on more foot stones for Mission Restore Bronze and placing flags on graves, as well as attending a service at Veterans Park.

June bring us Father's Day on the 19th, I'm sure several of us came into this great organization using our Father's DD214.

Flag Day is June 14th aim to be part of your Post's Retirement Service, if nothing else perhaps prep the flags for retirement.

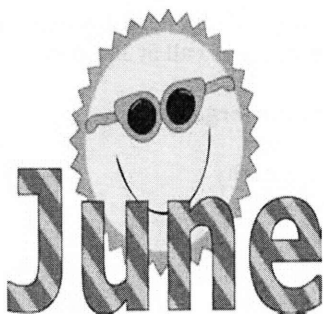
June 2, 1924 all American Indians were granted U. S. citizenship. June 4th 1942 was beginning of the Battle of Midway. U. S. Secret Service was organized June 4th 1778. June 6, 1944, brought us the D-Day Invasion. The Aleutian Islands were invaded June 7, 1942. June 14, 1775, United States Army Birthday and the Stars & Stripes were adopted as the American Flag in 1777. June 15th 1864 Arlington National Cemetery was established. The Great Seal of the U.S. was adopted in 1782 and West Virginia entered the Union as the 35th state in 1863. The Korean War ended June 26, 1953.

It has been a pleasure to serve under Madam President Susan Wade as your Americanism Chairman this year.

I hope I have furnished you with new information, reminded you of some things that may have slipped your mind and gave you ideas to enhance your communities.

Thank you for your support.

For God and Country
Cathy D. Post
Americanism chairman



Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Ladies,

If you want your donations to count this year they have to be in ASAP, Department has to get them to National by June 1.

Remember those who are in need due to illness who is unable to work may also be eligible, so be sure to share this program with members.

Lisa Cadwallader
AEF Chairman
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Legislative

I am happy to say I did receive 8 Unit reports, and 3 of them had a narrative. All three were really good, that will make it hard to choose the best for awards, but I am up for the challenge.

I hope this coming year all the Units can do better. I am looking forward to receiving some more reports next year.

I hope to see everyone at Convention. Remember if you need my help, call me at 304-592-0247, this is my cell I have it with me most of the time, or leave a message and I will call you back. You call also e-mail me at : carlajwilfong@yahoo.com
God Bless America
God Bless our Troops
Carla Wilfong, Legislative Chairman

Junior Activities

Hello Ladies,

I've been ask to help Michelle Hart with the Junior Meeting. It will be Thursday, July 14 and starting at 9am. You can find a complete agenda in this SPIRIT.

We'll be finishing the service project started at Fall Workshop and also worked on at Midwinter. Also a craft project will be completed by all attending.

Installation for new officers will begin at 3pm. A white outfit will be needed for the installation. If you think your junior will be interested in holding an office for the upcoming year please see that an outfit is brought.

Looking forward to seeing lots of new faces July 14, 2016.

Until our meeting,
Debbie Fox

Children and Youth

Hello Ladies,

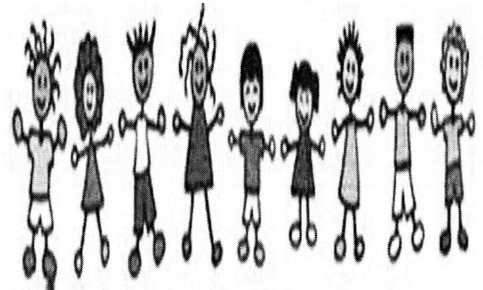
As we come to the end of 2015-2016 year I'm proud to say that I got both reports sent to National Chairman, Kathy Dungan and Central Division Chairman, Jacquelynn Boughner.

This year has definitely been a learning experience for me. Our community children need us on so many different levels. From the beginning of their school year, to Christmas, to Easter, and all the way to the end of their school year. Then comes summer and they need us even more, from summer programs and right back to the beginning of their school year. So we've made a full circle. As you've heard before "it takes a village."

So one last thing to report I've been afforded the opportunity to attend an elementary school at Spring Mill, WV to present a "Good Deed Award" to Elli Hurst for her Service, Not Self effort with the "Soles for Souls" program.

I hope to see everyone at the Department Convention in July at Huntington.

Debbie Fox
Children & Youth



Community Service

Hello Ladies,

I wish to thank all the Units that sent me their year end reports.

I want to remind everyone that Memorial Day is approaching, get out there and participate in a parade if your community is having one, visit the cemeteries, etc.

Thank you
Margaret Yost
Community Service Chairman

3rd District President

Here it is only about 2 months to Summer Convention. If there is any Unit in this District that has not paid its Mandatory Dues, Please do so now.

I hope all Units are nearing their goal. I know it has been hard this year getting members to pay and also losing several senior members. But please keep up the good work, try to get new members.

I hope to see several members at Convention in Huntington. Remember if you need my help please call me at 304-592-0247, this is my cell and I have it on me most of the time. If need be leave a message and I will call you back. You can e-mail me at :
carlajwilfong@yahoo.com

God Bless American
God Bless our Troops
Carla Wilfong
3rd District President

5th District Vice President

Hello ladies;

I would like to thank the ladies of the Fifth District for electing me as your Vice President for the year 2016- 2017.

We have been working hard trying to bring new members back. We still have a long ways to go to meet the goal that the national requires us to meet, but I have a lot of faith we can do this. I have been calling the units every month to see how you are doing and if you need something. So please call me back or email me so I can put it in my report. Remember we have to meet goal, by June 1st. Let's help our veterans because that's our goal.

Thank you and God bless.
JoAnn Hastings
Fifth District Vice President

4th District President

Dear Auxiliary Sisters,

Mother Nature has not been very kind to us recently. She fooled me again.

I trust all your elections of new officers went well. If I can help you in any way please do not hesitate to contact me.

I do hope all of you got out to vote in the Primary for the candidate of your choice.

I'm so looking forward to Convention in Huntington and seeing many of you there.

Madam President Susan Wade has set the bar high for us all to follow. I know I have enjoyed serving as her Sgt. at Arms.

End of year reports should have been sent in already. I'm sure a lot of your Units accomplished much, but there is always more we can do.

Prayers go out to anyone in need at this time. See y'all soon.

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

5th District President

I hope all the Units In the 5th District have had their elections (or will soon) and are planning your year end activities and installation of your new officers.

State Convention begins July 15th and each Unit will receive their credentials by June 2nd. If not, let me know and I will get in touch with Paulette in the Department office. I hope you are planning on attending the convention in Huntington. It always proves to be fun and informative and exciting time.

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

Beth Kilgore
5th District President

10th District President

Hello Ladies;

Thank you for all the prayers and cards while I was in the hospital. I want to thank Department President Susan, Dept. 1st VP Tammy, Dept. 2nd VP Lisa, Parliamentarian Ann, Sec./Treas. Paulette and NEC Debbie.

Thank you for electing me as your 10th District President. There is still a lot of work we need to follow up on at Fall Workshop.

Berkeley Springs, a BIG THANK YOU, for an awesome meal and a great Spring Conference.

May 30th is 10th District annual celebration for Memorial Day picnic. This is held at the VA Center in Martinsburg for those who have never attended prior. There will be no grilling this year, so we would like to have as many people that can help. We would like for you to be there by 10:00 am to help set up and serving will begin at 11:00. Thank you in advance for any help you can offer. Please make sure you do attend a Memorial Day event.

Congratulations to Martinsburg Unit #14 and Capon Bridge Unit #137 for making 85% target. Charles Town Unit #102 is now at 104.55%. There are units that are close. Keep doing the work that you do.

Make sure your Mandatory Funds are paid.

Thank you for all you do. You are volunteers, so your time is important that you give to our American Legion Auxiliary and especially that is given to our VETERANS. They "DEPEND ON US".

Again thank you so much for all your time.

God Bless America!
Happy Memorial Day!
Sharon Glassford
10th District President

10th District Vice President

Hello ladies;

Hope everyone had a nice Mother's Day and a good Memorial Day.

Keep up the good work and don't give up. To those whose membership is coming in slow. If you need help please contact me I will help anyway I can.

Sharon Kauffman
10th District Vice President



Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Ladies:

Looking for a new project that you can start on this Spring-Summer when we kind of wind down between membership years? Perhaps a "Quilt of Valor" is just what will get members excited and will benefit a veteran. Hours spent on this project counts as "Service to Veterans" and might get some of your members who are not as able to be active in some of your programs interested.

The mission of the Quilt of Valor Foundation is to cover all combat service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. The thought of the founder was her desire to see that returning warriors were welcomed home with the love and gratitude they deserve.

The organization is much like the American Legion Auxiliary is that it is made up of VOLUNTEERS -- volunteers who help piece the quilt tops who send them off to be machine quilted. Quilts are returned to be finished with the binding. Finished quilts can be presented to veterans in your community or sent to military hospitals to be distributed to wounded warriors. They can be presented as "welcome home" gifts to troops returning from deployment.

To learn more about the Quilt of Valor Foundation go to

<http://www.qovf.org/> where you can get free patterns, view "how-to" videos and interviews with some recipients of the Quilts of Valor. Here is another link to QOVF videos that might be of interest. <http://www.qovf.org/about-qovf/videos/>

Thank you for all you do for our veterans. Look forward to seeing many of you at Convention.

Mary Waybright
V A & R Chairman



Attention All Incoming Officers!!

***Dress Code for Installation is
White Dress, Skirt or Top
White Shoes.***

***Escorts Dress Code
White Dress, Skirt & Top
White Shoes***

***Installation Team
White Dress, Skirt & Top
White Shoes***

***Rehearsal Immediately
Following Friday's
Session***

***Pack Your Sashes, Pins
Now!!***

***All Traveling Plagues Are
To Be At***

Department Convention

***Thursday or Friday
Morning Early
Before Start of Session***

***Contact your District
President if Unable to
Attend.***

**American Legion Auxiliary
Department of West Virginia
9th Annual Junior
Department Meeting**

Agenda

8:30-9:00	Registration & Forms
9:00-9:30	Ice Breaker
9:30-10:00	Call To Order Invocation Pledge of Allegiance National Anthem Preamble Special Guests
10:00-11:00	Service Project Craft
11:00-11:30	Election of Honorary Officers
11:30-12:00	2016 Plan of Works
12:00-1:00	LUNCH Door Prizes
1:00-2:00	Rehearsal for Installation
3:00-3:45	Installation of Honorary Junior Officers



Constitution & Bylaws

I've been sitting here trying to decide on what to say to you this month, and I can't think of anything. So I spotted my ALA Department Operations Guide book, flipping through it I found some information that might come in handy.

Chapter 13 deals with ALA Protocols & Etiquettes; Meeting etiquette – Escorting guests to the podium; when escort the guest down the aisle place the guest to your right so their right arm is available to salute the flag. If presenting a corsage do so before the meeting, and designate one person to handle the presentation. White is acceptable, present a colorful corsage only if you know what the color will harmonize with the person's attire. Remember there are women who have allergies to real flower, so you might want to use silk. Wearing of a corsage or flag pin is worn on the left side over the Auxiliary pin.

Introduction of guest – if guest are being introduced only, they rise and bow or wave only. You start with the highest ranking officer and go down the list. If they are asked to say a few words, you start with the lowest ranking officers and go up the list. Guest of honor is always introduced by the unit president (meeting) or department president.

Hope some of the information above come in handy for you some day.

There will be four proposals to the Department Constitution & Bylaws at the Department Convention. They are listed in this Spirit.

Susan Brown, PDP
C&B Chairman



Education

Hello Ladies,

We've certainly had some beautiful weather lately. I hope it has been enough to sweep those winter doldrums out the door.

Teacher Appreciation Week was May 2-6. Did you send cards to your local schools' teachers? Remember to use the national website resources for help? There is a lot of information, ideas, and examples of things you can use.

Have you been able to assist any school children this year in any way? This information and other ways you promoted the Education program should have been on your year-end reports. Your actions in contacting the schools and promoting the Scholarships have helped to provide needed scholarship money to deserving individuals.

We are asking this year that you make a list of the schools that you contact regarding the scholarships and send (to Lisa at 42 Trout Circle, Kearneysville, WV 25430), email LisaC.ALA71@gmail.com or bring them to State Convention to Chairman, Lisa Cadwallader, so she can pass this information on to the next Education Committee Chairman.

Your work on the Education Program and with our children is appreciated.

Sincerely,
Linda Crumm
Education Committee member

Calling On Members & Units:

I need members to help out in Registration on Thursday, Friday all day, and Saturday morning at Department Convention. Please contact me if you are interested in helping at victorialuttrell@msn.com

Please remember to bring a door prize at the Department Convention from your unit.

Vickie Luttrell
Convention Chairman

National Security

PLANNING A POWERFUL POW/MIA REMEMBRANCE SERVICE LET US NEVER FORGET

Today, there are still more than 83,000 American troops missing in action, according to the Department of Defense Prisoner of War-Missing Personnel Office. That includes some 73,681 from World War II; 7,947 from the Korean War; 126 during the Cold War; 1,657 from the Vietnam War; and six from Iraq and other conflicts. The American Legion Family is dedicated to ensuring that America's POW/MIAs be honored and recognized, not just memorialized. Legion efforts focus on the need to account as fully as possible for those still missing, alive or dead. An important way all Legion Family members create awareness and remembrance for this initiative is through conducting POW/MIA remembrance services at **unit meetings and public events**. Strong, united support by all Legion Family members is crucial to bringing all of our heroes home.

When preparing a POW/MIA ceremony, remember the three basic steps to have a successful and meaningful experience.

****GET READY: PLANNING AND PREPARATION**

****SET: GATHER SYMBOLIC ITEMS**

****KNOW: UNDERSTAND THE SYMBOLS**



There is a wealth of information on conducting a ceremony from the planning to what you need to set the table, to the script used. This can be found in the Unit Handbook or you may go to the national website at <https://www.alaforveterans.org> How to Plan a POW/MIA Remembrance Service can be found under the National Security section for Members Only.

As always, if you need any help, feel free to give me a call at 304-654-7750.

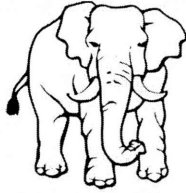
Let us never forget!!
Beth Kilgore
National Security

June 2016

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<div> <div>Program of The Month</div> <div>Rhododendron Girls State Week</div> </div>			1 Credentials Out	2	3	4
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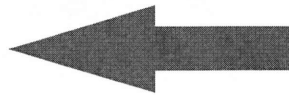
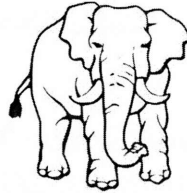
Membership 2015-2016 Filling The Big Top With Members



Target 8 (May 21st—90%)
National Goal—8487
Membership To Date—6347 (74.78 %)
Department Unit #200—82



District 1			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	26	17	65.39%
Moundsville #3	365	276	75.62%
McMechen #5	68	39	57.35%
Weirton #10	77	60	77.92%
Cameron #18	230	166	72.17%
New Martinsville #28	163	139	85.28%
Wellsburg #34	32	27	84.38%
Follansbee #45	51	41	80.39%
Benwood #46	117	84	71.79%
Pine Grove #81	111	76	68.47%
Paden City #86	146	107	73.29%
Wheeling #89	40	30	75.00%
Newell #114	50	37	74.00%
Hundred #120	107	63	58.88%
Chester #121	192	152	79.17%
TOTALS	1775	1312	73.92%



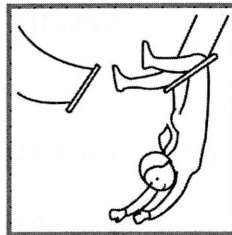
Elephant Keeper

Goal—4520

To Date—3400

(75.22 %)

District 4			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	1011	789	78.05%
Spencer #21	66	46	69.70%
Pt. Pleasant #23	423	326	77.07%
Sistersville #67	159	91	57.23%
Parkersburg #104	14	10	71.43%
New Haven #140	174	148	85.06%
Williamstown #159	202	161	79.70%
TOTALS	2049	1571	76.67%



District 6			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Welch #8	87	65	74.71%
Bluefield #9	34	22	64.71%
Beckley #32	50	31	62.00%
Gary #38	90	73	81.11%
TOTALS	261	191	73.18%



Lion Keeper

Goal—3824

To Date—2865

(74.92 %)

District 9			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Elkins #29	215	165	76.74%
Cowen #62	54	38	70.37%
Lewisburg #69	76	51	67.11%
Belington #96	42	28	66.67%
Richwood #97	22	23	104.55%
Pickens #122	26	21	80.71%
TOTALS	435	326	74.94%

District 3			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	66	51	77.27%
Grafton #12	26	15	57.69%
Clarksburg #13	180	139	77.22%
Shinnston #31	358	270	75.42%
Braxton Co. #33	32	19	59.38%
Mannington #40	22	12	54.55%
Philippi #44	39	25	64.10%
Bridgeport #68	56	50	89.29%
Jane Lew #166	46	40	86.96%
Morgantown #174	35	17	48.57%
TOTALS	860	638	74.19%

District 5			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Huntington #16	302	233	77.15%
Logan #19	19	11	57.89%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	451	310	68.74%
Hamlin #111	61	49	80.33%
Milton #139	82	62	75.61%
Barboursville #177	168	134	79.76%
TOTALS	1083	799	73.78%

District 8			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
St. Albans #73	77	46	59.74%
South Charleston #94	24	19	79.17%
TOTALS	101	65	64.36%

District 10			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	153	136	88.89%
Franklin #30	22	10	45.45%
Piedmont #52	34	17	50.00%
Berkeley Springs #60	251	214	82.26%
Moorefield #64	131	92	70.23%
Charles Town #71	305	225	73.77%
Petersburg #78	108	71	65.74%
Romney #91	310	223	71.94%
Charles Town #102	22	23	104.55%
Paw Paw #128	70	54	77.14%
Kirby #134	54	41	75.93%
Ridgeley #136	118	88	74.58%
Capon Bridge #137	144	125	86.81%
Keyser #152	58	44	75.86%
TOTALS	1780	1363	76.57%

Past Department Presidents Luncheon

Friday July 15, 2016

11:30 am to 12:45 pm

Pullman Plaza Hotel

Menu:

Southern Fried Chicken

Garden Salad,

Chef's Choice of Side

Rolls, Butter, Dessert

Coffee, Tea, and Water

Cost: \$20.00

(each person including Past Department Presidents)

Send check and list of names to: Department Treasurer

1251 Doolin Run Road

New Martinsville WV 26155-7808

List of Names: _____

Please list allergies next to Name

DEADLINE: JULY 1, 2016 (NO DEVIATIONS)

CHECK MUST ACCOMPANY RESERVATIONS

2016 Ways & Means

Congratulations to the April winners!! You still have time to purchase fundraiser tickets from a member of your unit or Department. We are only in the 5th month and lots more winners!!.

They make great gifts for birthdays, Fathers Day, and just a gift for no reason at all!

Remember this is the only fundraiser our Department has.

Until next month!

Paulette Anderson

Ways & Means Chairman



National President, Sharon Conatser

Meet & Greet

Saturday, July 9

4:00-6:00

American Legion Post #71

225 W. Washington St.

Charles Town, WV

Enjoy some Appetizers and Socialize with our National President

Casual Attire Please R.S.V.P no later than June 30th

by contacting one of the following: LisaC.ALA71@gmail.com

Lisa (240) 271-8385, or Legion Post (304) 725-7212

ATTENTION ALL UNITS: if your unit would like to send a few pictures and/or articles of what your unit has been doing or would like to send something to welcome her in the state of West Virginia from your unit we will put a memento book together. Please send to Lisa Cadwallader 42 Trout Cir. Kearneysville, WV 25430 and mark National Presidents visit.

April 2016 Ways and Means Winners

Winner	Number	City	State	Date	Amount
Nina Mason	036	Rio	WV	4/1/2016	\$25.00
Phil Rable	637	Mt. Airy	MD	4/2/2016	\$25.00
Deborah Bailey	222	Wellsburg	WV	4/4/2016	\$25.00
Paulette Anderson	359	New Martinsville	WV	4/5/2016	\$25.00
Thomas Valentine	496	New Creek	WV	4/6/2016	\$25.00
Ashley Miller	725	Pocahontas	VA	4/7/2016	\$25.00
Donna Mickal	921	Capon Bridge	WV	4/8/2016	\$25.00
Chrystal Graham	226	Pocahontas	VA	4/9/2016	\$25.00
Kaitlyn Spring	143	Romney	WV	4/11/2016	\$25.00
Lawrence Riggelman	253	Romney	WV	4/12/2016	\$25.00
	449			4/13/2016	
	734			4/14/2016	
Kimberly Rolls	736	Keyser	WV	4/15/2016	\$25.00
Doris Eye	941	Romney	WV	4/16/2016	\$25.00
	602			4/18/2016	
	881			4/19/2016	
ALA Shinnston Unit #31	936	Shinnston	WV	4/20/2016	\$200.00
	750			4/21/2016	
American Legion Post #3	506	Moundsville	WV	4/22/2016	\$25.00
Bill Estep	860	Clarksburg	WV	4/23/2016	\$25.00
Doris Eye	941	Romney	WV	4/25/2016	\$25.00
Judy Everett	988	Shanks	WV	4/26/2016	\$25.00
	223			4/27/2016	
Betty White	719	Romney	WV	4/28/2016	\$25.00
Christy Tyston	318	St. Clairsville	OH	4/29/2016	\$25.00
	017			4/30/2016	



National President Sharon Conaster will be visiting Martinsburg Post #14 on Friday, July 8th 5:00 pm. There will be a dinner served on this date.

Contact Sharon Kauffman, 304-707-5512 for further details



94th ANNUAL CONVENTION
Tentative Program

Thursday July 14, 2016

9:00-9:30 am	Registration for Junior Convention	Pennsylvania Room
9:30-2:00 pm	Junior Department Convention	Pennsylvania Room
3:00-3:45 pm	Junior Installation of 2016-2017 Officers	Pennsylvania Room
12:00-6:00	Registration	Outside Virginia Room
1:00 pm	Department Finance Meeting	Virginia/Maryland Room
2:30 pm	Convention Committee Meetings	Virginia/Maryland Room
	Constitution & Bylaws Committee	
	Standing Rules Committee	
	Policy & Procedures Committee	
	Resolutions Committee	
	Credentials Committee	
7:00 pm	Pre-Convention Department Executive Board Meeting	Virginia/Maryland Room

Friday July 15, 2016

8:00 am-4:00pm	Registration	Outside Virginia Room
8:15 am	Department/District Officers Line Up	Outside Virginia Room
8:30 am	Processional	Vickie Luttrell, Convention Chairman
	District Presidents	
	District Vice Presidents	
	Past Department Presidents	
	Department Officers	
	Presentation of Gavel to	Susan Wade, Department President
	By	Vickie Luttrell, Convention Chairman
	Call to Order	Susan Wade, Department President
	Advancement of Colors	Katena Karnes, Sergeant at Arms
		JoAnn Hastings, Sergeant at Arms
		Rhonda Best, Department President
	Invocation	
	Moment of Silence	
	Pledge of Allegiance	Cathy Post, Americanism Chairman
	National Anthem	Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Music Chairman
	Preamble to the American Legion Auxiliary Constitution	Susan Brown, Constitution & Bylaws
	Presentation of Convention Committees	Susan Wade, Department President
	Roll Call	Paulette Anderson, Department Secretary
	Rules & Order of Business	Paulette Anderson, Department Secretary
	Constitution & Bylaws	Susan Brown, Chairman
	Report of Credentials Committee	Mary Waybright, Chairman
	Report of Resolutions Committee	Roxie Nicholson, Chairman
	Standing Rules Committee	Janice Gamerding, Chairman
	Presentation	Debbie Fox, NEC, Past Presidents Parley

"West Virginia Unit Member of the Year"

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

The Ninety-Fourth Department Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary is hereby called in conformity with Article IX, Section 1 of the Department Constitution and Bylaws which provides, "That the Department Convention be held annually concurrent with the Convention of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia." The Convention will meet in Huntington, West Virginia on July 14, 15, 16, 2016 at the Pullman Plaza.

PURPOSE

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

REPRESENTATIVES

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

ALTERNATES

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

CREDENTIALS

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Pre-Convention Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday July 14, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Pullman Plaza in the Virginia-Maryland Room. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Department Elective Officers, NEC, the Eight District Presidents, all Past Department Presidents, and Chairmen of all standing committees. All members of standing committees, exclusive of the chairman, may attend the Executive Committee Meeting with the privilege of discussion but without vote. Any member in good standing may attend the Executive Committee Meeting with the privilege of discussion but NO vote.

DEPARTMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE

This committee will meet on Thursday July 14, 2016 at 1:00 pm in the Virginia Room. Those to attend this meeting are the three (3) members of the Finance Committee and the Department President and Department Secretary/Treasurer who are ex-officio members without vote.

POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Post Executive Committee will meet immediately following the Church Service on July 16, 2016 in the Virginia-Maryland Room.

*Susan J Wade
Department President*

*Paulette R. Anderson
Department Secretary/Treasurer*

2016 Convention Committees

Convention Chairman.....	Vickie Luttrell, Charles Town Unit #71
Convention Recorder.....	Dede Kelly, Clarksburg Unit #13
Sergeant at Arms.....	Katena Karnes, Huntington Unit #16
.....	Cathy Post, Sistersville Unit #67
Personal Pages.....	Nancy Duvall, Ceredo Kenova Unit #93
.....	JoAnn Hastings, Huntington Unit #16
Floor Pages.....	Patricia Moore, Grafton Unit #16
.....	Carla Wilfong, Shinnston Unit #31
Distinguished Guest Committee.....	Debbie Fox, Berkeley Springs Unit #60
.....	Nancy Sundstrom, Parkersburg Unit #15
.....	Paula Booth, Belington Unit #96
Rules and Order of Business.....	Paulette Anderson, Paden City Unit #86
Credentials Committee.....	Mary Waybright, Chr. Huntington Unit #16
.....	Betty Rea, Follansbee, Follansbee Unit #45
.....	Stephanie Handley, Chester Unit #121
Election Committee.....	Sharon Glassford, Charles Town Unit #71
.....	Peggy Swartz, Welch Unit #8
.....	Sharon Kauffman, Martinsburg Unit #14
Judging Committee.....	Rita Alley, Welch Unit #8
.....	Susan Brown, Moundsville Unit #3
.....	Evelyn Murphy, Buckhannon Unit #7
Standing Rules.....	Janice Gamerdinger, Chester Unit #121
.....	Rhonda Best, Moundsville Unit #3
.....	Connie Bailey, Buckhannon Unit #7
Policy & Procedures.....	Tammy Workman, New Martinsville Unit #28
.....	Lisa Cadwallader, Charles Town Unit #71
.....	Rhonda Best, Moundsville Unit #3
Resolutions	Roxie Nicholson, Shinnston Unit #31
.....	Dortha Parsons, Clarksburg Unit #13
.....	Nancy Sundstrom, Parkersburg Unit #15
Constitution & Bylaws.....	Susan Brown, Moundsville Unit #3
.....	Betty Rea, Follansbee Unit #45
.....	Vickie Luttrell, Charles Town Unit #71
Courtesy Resolutions.....	Linda Crumm, Benwood Unit #46
.....	Savanna Kauffman, Martinsburg Unit #14
Music.....	Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Huntington Unit #16
Parliamentarian.....	Ann Buchanan, Huntington Unit #16
Ways & Means.....	Paulette Anderson, Paden City Unit #86

Friday July 15, 2016 (Con't)

Membership Citations and Awards

Susan Brown and Membership Team

Presentation of Traveling Plagues and Awards:

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

11:30am-12:45pm

Past President's Luncheon
Presentation of "Timeless Award"

Pennsylvania/Ohio Room
Debbie Fox, NEC, PPP Chairman
Grand Theatre
Virginia/Maryland Room

1:00 pm

Joint Session with The American Legion

2:00 pm

Reconvene

Complete Traveling Plagues & Awards

4:00 pm

Recess

9:00 pm

Saturday July 16, 2016

8:00 am-12:00 pm

Registration

8:00 am

Opening Session

Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

National Anthem

Preamble

8:15 am

Memorial Service

9:00 am

Greetings

9:15 am

Roll Call

Final Report of Resolutions

Final Report of Constitution & Bylaws

Final Report of Credentials Committee

Final Report of Courtesy Resolutions

Nomination & Elections of Department Officers 2016-2017

Election of Delegates & Alternates to National Convention

Appointment of Personal Pages at National Convention

Ratification of District Presidents and Vice Presidents

12:00 pm

Recess

1:00 pm

Reconvene

Installation of Officers for 2016-2017

Closing Remarks

Retirement of Department Colors

2:00 pm

Convention Adjourned

2:15 pm

Post Executive Board Meeting

3:00 pm

Post Everlasting Services

7:00 pm

Department Commander & Department Presidents Banquet

9:30 pm

Karaoke

Outside Virginia Room
Virginia/Maryland Room
Susan Wade, Department President
Rhonda Best, Department Chaplain
Cathy Post, Americanism Chairman
Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Music Chairman
Susan Brown, C & B Chairman
Rhonda Best, Chaplain
Eight District Presidents
Ken Smith, Department Commander
Steve Wright, SAL Commander
Paulette Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer
Roxie Nicholson, Chairman
Susan Brown, Chairman
Mary Waybright, Chairman
Linda Crumm, Chairman

Susan Wade, Department President

Grand Theatre

Proposal to the Department of West Virginia Department Bylaws

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Department Bylaws: Article II Section 12

Current Reading:

The Department Past President shall be the National Executive Committeewoman for the year immediately following her term as Department President and the Department President shall be the Alternate National Executive Committeewoman. In case of death or resignation of the National Executive Committeewoman, her alternate shall automatically become the National Executive Committeewoman.

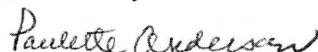
Amend: In case of death or resignation of the National Executive Committeewoman, for the year following her term as Department President, her alternate shall automatically become the National Executive Committeewoman” **TO:** In case of death or the National Executive Committeewoman fails to fulfill her obligations, she shall resign and the immediate Past Department President” will serve as the National Executive Committeewoman for the remainder of her year. In case the immediate Past Department President isn’t able to serve it would fall on the next immediately Past Department President.

Rational: In the past some National Executive Committeewomen hasn’t fulfilled their obligations, attended meetings for the Department/National organization and still held the title. There has been times that the National Executive Committeewomen haven’t attended the National Convention and the Alternate National Executive Committeewoman (Department President) has had to sit in on the NEC Pre-Convention Meetings. The Alternate National Executive Committeewoman has had to serve as both Department President and National Executive Committeewoman. If the immediate Past Department President steps up to replace the National Executive Committeewoman, in the event it is necessary, this would take extra load off the current Department President.

New Reading:

The Department Past President shall be the National Executive Committeewoman for the year immediately following her term as Department President. In case of death or the National Executive Committeewoman fails to fulfill her obligations, she shall resign and the immediate Past Department President will serve as the National Executive Committeewoman for the remainder of her year. In case the immediate Past Department President isn’t able to serve, then it would fall on the next immediate Past Department President.

Submitted by:



Paulette Anderson

Paden City Unit #86

Proposal to Amend Department of West Virginia Department Bylaws

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Article II Duties of Officers

Section 5 Department Secretary/Treasurer:

Current Reading: The Department Secretary/Treasurer shall sign all checks when disbursing the funds of the Department on receipt of vouchers signed by the finance chairman authorizing payment; keep a record of all expenditures, showing date, to whom and for what purpose the money was expended; render monthly statements to the chairman of the Finance Committee showing receipts and expenditures made during the month. A monthly financial report shall be printed in The Auxiliary Spirit. The Department Secretary/Treasurer shall prepare a detailed financial statement at the close of the Department year. The accounts shall be audited by a certified public accountant.

Amend: Take out "A monthly financial report shall be printed in the Auxiliary Spirit", and replace with "A quarterly financial report shall be printed in the Auxiliary Spirit."

Rational: The Department Secretary/Treasurer gives a quarterly finance report in The Auxiliary Spirit, instead of a monthly report.

New Reading: The Department Secretary/Treasurer shall sign all checks when disbursing the funds of the Department on receipt of vouchers signed by the finance chairman authorizing payment, keep a record of all expenditures, showing date, to whom and for what purpose the money was expended; render monthly statements to the chairman of the Finance Committee showing receipts and expenditures made during the month. A quarterly financial report shall be printed in The Auxiliary Spirit. The Department Secretary/Treasurer shall prepare a detailed financial statement at the close of the Department year. The accounts shall be audited by a certified public accountant.

Submitted by: Constitution & Bylaws Committee

Susan Brown
Chairman

Betty Rea
Member

Victoria Luttrell
Member

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Department Bylaws**

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Article X Section 6:

Old Reading: No person shall be eligible to hold two elected or appointed offices at the same time at Department or District level; those offices being Department President, Department First Vice President, Department Second Vice President, Department Secretary-Treasurer, Department Chaplain, Department Historian, District President, and District Vice President.

DELETE SECTION 6 ALL TOGETHER

Rational: Any member in good standing may run for any office. The National Organization does not uphold one office only.

Section 7:

Old Reading: Any elected District Officer may run for a Department Office. If elected as a Department Officer, she will have to resign her District office. She does not have to resign until elected in Department.

DELETE: IF ELECTED AS A DEPARTMENT OFFICER SHE WILL HAVE TO RESIGN HER DISTRICT OFFICE. SHE DOES NOT HAVE TO RESIGN UNTIL ELECTED IN DEPARTMENT.

Rational: Any member in good standing may run for any office. The National Organization doesn't uphold one office only.

New Reading: Any elected District Officer may run for a Department Office.

Submitted by: Department Constitution & Bylaws Committee

Susan Brown
Chairman

Betty Rea
Member

Victoria Luttrell
Member

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Article VII Finance Section 1

Current Reading: The National per capita dues shall be one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per annum for junior membership, and five dollars (\$5.00) for senior members, and shall include subscription to the National American Legion Auxiliary magazine for senior members. The annual Department dues shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) for senior members, and two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) for junior members. Each Unit may prescribe Unit dues, provided that the minimum fee covering Department and National per capita is charged.

Delete: Five dollars (\$5.00) for senior members; and Department dues shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) for senior members and two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) for junior members.

Rational: The National Organization could raise their per capita dues for both Senior and junior members at any time. Department Organization may have to raise their dues at any time. This would save the Committee from amending their dues amount for both Senior and Junior.

New Reading: The National per capita dues shall be set by the National organization per annum for junior members, and senior members and shall include subscription to the National American Legion Auxiliary magazine for senior members. The annual Department dues shall be set by the Department membership, as needed for senior members and junior members. Each Unit may prescribe Unit dues, provided that the minimum fee covering Department and National per capita is charged.

Submitted by: Department Constitution & Bylaws Committee

Susan Brown
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