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Department President
Susan Wade



**Our Veterans
"Depend" on You**

Department Officers 2015-2016

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

District Presidents

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

District Vice Presidents

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

Remember Our Friends

Beth Kilgore, 5th District President, recently had surgery on her Achilles Tendon and will be recuperating at home for 6 weeks. Cards can be sent to:
Beth Kilgore
1562 Holderby Road
Huntington WV 25701

Betty Rea was hospitalized in Weirton during the Department Convention. She is home now and doing better. Cards can be sent to:
Betty Rea, PCDNVP
1115 Main Street
Follansbee WV 26037

Hello Ladies,

I am overwhelmed with the love and support shown to me at Department Convention. I want to thank all of you for making our Convention a success!

I want to congratulate all the Department officers for the coming year. I am looking forward to a great year with Department Kenneth Smith and SAL Detachment Commander Steve Wright. I know working together we can accomplish our Goals.

I want to thank all Department Chairmen for accepting their position. A short article in each months' Spirit is needed for their program.

The National Theme is "Keeping the Promise". My Department Theme is "Our Veterans Depend on You!" My symbol is the American Flag. My colors are red, white, and blue. My special project is Girls State.

We all need to work together for the betterment of our great organization. I know that we can have a great year if we all remember why we are in this organization.

I am looking forward to serving all of you as your Department President!

The Membership Workshop is scheduled for September 12, 2015 at the Days Inn in Bridgeport. Room Reservations are in this Spirit. We will have a purse auction at this workshop for my special project. Please put some items in the purse.

For God and Country
God Bless Each of You!!
Susan Wade
Department President



Department Headquarters—Juggler



Mandatory Funds: Bonding, Education, Girls State, Veterans 1st Fund, Poppy Order, and 10% Poppies Proceeds. They are due each year by July 31st to be a Unit in good year. Make checks payable to **“Department Treasurer, ALA”** Units that haven’t paid their 2015 Mandatory Funds are: McMechen Unit #5 (ordered Poppies), Mannington Unit #40, Parkersburg Unit #104 (ordered Poppies), Bluefield Unit #9, Lewisburg Unit #69, Piedmont Unit #152.

Membership: New Unit Goals will be in the September Issue on the new Target Sheet. Bear in mind that National set each Unit/Department Goals this year. 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.

Keep Membership coming in for 2015 year, you have until the end of the month to send in. July 31st is the deadline. After that they will be “previous” members and can’t pay their 2016 dues until 2015 is paid.

Deadline for Spirit Articles: This year I am extending the deadline for all articles to the 18th. I mail/email the Spirit on the 21st (unless a weekend), then either the Friday before or Monday after. This should give you plenty of time to get your article in. **I will not be reminding you with this new deadline.** Target Sheet will be sent to the Membership Chairmen on the date of the Target. Remember this year they are different so a target sheet won’t be done by the 15th of month.

Dates To Remember:

**National Convention
Baltimore Maryland
Aug. 28th-Sept. 3rd
Office Closed Aug. 27th to Sept. 8th**

Labor Day Office Closed

**Fall Workshop/Executive Board
Friday and Saturday
September 11-12, 2015
Days Inn Bridgeport**

**8th District Fall Conference
St. Albans Unit #73
September 19, 2015
Details to Follow**

**3rd District Fall Conference (Joint)
Clarksburg Post #13
September 26, 2015
Registration 9:00 am**

**5th District Conference (Joint)
Place??
Commander’s Homecoming
Barboursville Post 177
More Info in next Spirit**

**4th District Fall Conference (Joint)
New Haven Post #140
October 11, 2015**

**10th District Fall Conference (Joint)
Romney Post #91 (Joint)
October 17, 2015**

**President’s Homecoming
October 24, 2015
More Info in next Spirit**

**1st. District Conference
Benwood Unit #46
October 25, 2015**

**This is all the information I have for
District Fall Conferences**

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www.wvgirlsstate.org

Department American Legion

wvlegion@suddenlinkmail.com

National Auxiliary Website

alaforveterans.org

*William “Bill” Burkett, Alternate NEC, has been ill . Cards can be sent to him at: Bill Burket, Alternate NEC
1607 3rd Street
Moundsville WV 26041*

*Robert Mayo, PDC, has recently been released from the hospital and is home. Cards can be sent to him at:
Robert May, PDC
1 Mayo Drive
Williamstown WV 26187*

*Rick Anderson, Cameron Post #18, suffered a heart attack while at convention. He is home now and doing well. Cards can be sent to Rick at:
Rick Anderson
5126 Cameron Ridge Rd.
Cameron WV 26033
Rick is very active in The American Legion and the Sons of The American Legion, as well as Mountaineer Boys State.*

Filling The Big Top With Members



Membership Chairman

President Susan Wade, Thank you for the honor of helping you in recruiting and retaining Department membership this year. We will have a "Circus" of a time.

President Susan's Department theme this year will be "Our Veterans "Depend" on You". The membership theme will be "Filling the Big Top with Members". Ringmaster Wade will be leading us to success. Our "Juggler" Paulette will be multitasking, and our "Trainers" Past Department Presidents will be there for us when we need them in guidance. First Vice President Tammy (Districts 3, 5, 8, & 10) will be keeping the loins roaring. Our 8 District Vice Presidents will be clowning around to collect membership. Our Junior members will be our Acrobats. And I will be "Trapeze" around the state. Ringmaster Wade symbol will be the America Flag. I have not forgotten Districts 1, 4, 6, & 9 you will be the Elephant Keepers.

National's theme this year is "Keeping the Promise". The first target of 25% "I promise to pay my dues early" will be September 7th. On September 15, 2015 the first renewal notices will be mailed by National. This year National will be setting units' goals, and once they are available you will be notified via the Spirit.

President Susan, again Thank You for this opportunity.

Susan Brown, PDP
Membership Chairman
"I'm just a Swinging"



1st Vice President

Hello everyone,

I'd like to thank you all for your vote of confidence in electing me as your vice president for the 2015-2016 year.

I've also been added to the Centennial Strategic planning committee as 1st Vice President.

President Susan Wade, and membership chairman, Sue Brown have a fun theme planned for us which we'll learn more about in the spirit. Paulette will give us our new target dates for the new term. We have a lot of work to do but we can do it.

There are two things that can help you stay on top of things and those are, make sure all of your applications are filled out correctly. There are just a few questions on them and it only takes a minute to double check. The second thing is to mail your membership dues in every week, or two, instead of holding it from meeting to meeting. If we start the year off with these then we might not get bogged down mid-year.

For God and Country
1st Vice President
Tammy Workman



In Appreciation

Thanks to everyone for all the cards and prayers sent on my behalf. It was good to see some of you at Department Convention. Thanks to my officers, Chairmen, and Advisors this past year for all your hard work.

Best of luck to you Madame President Susan and your crew this coming year.

We all need to remember to work TOGETHER for our Veterans and Organization!

See you out there, Lord willing.
Love to all and thanks for giving me this wonderful opportunity!

Paula Booth
Past Department President

It has been may honor and pleasure serving as your Junior Activities Chairman for the last 4 1/2 years. I have watched little girls turn into young ladies and take on leadership roles that will serve them way into the future. We have collectively had an impact on serving veterans and their families, as well as help children in our communities, through our community service efforts.

I am sure your new chairman, Michelle Hart, will take great pride in continuing these efforts and I am looking forward to seeing great things from the Juniors from our wonderful state of West Virginia.

A special thanks to all the Past Department Presidents that I had the pleasure of serving under a s well as all senior members who showed their constant support and encouragement in making sure that the Junior Activities program is alive and well in the Department of West Virginia.

Service Before Self,
Laura Kilgore



1st Vice President

Hello

I am glad to be able to help out with membership in our District. We were Goal in Membership for 2015, so Units get busy for 2016.

If you did not make it to the State Convention you missed a lot. I hope the ones that were there learned a lot.

If you need anything just ask. It will be a great opportunity to work with my daughter as the 1st District President.

I like to thank the members that helped me out when I was 1st District President.

God Bless You All
Donna Leek
1st District Vice

3rd District Vice President

Hello to All the 3rd District Ladies Out There!

We are starting a new year with the American Legion Auxiliary and our District, so listen up. We are Lions and a part of the circus all trying to Fill The Big Top With Members for our Ringmaster President Susan Wade. We can't let her down or disappoint her, so we really need to work hard to bring those Lions in.

Our first target is September 7th, and is only 25%, so I'm sure everyone of our units can make this. Lets all try to pass it up and just go on to 60%. I bet we can do that too.

I will learn more about this at the Workshop and I hope to see you all there to learn along with me. Lets show the other Districts just what 3rd District is made of.

Roxie Nicholson
3rd District Vice



3rd District President

I would like to thank all the Auxiliary members that attended State Convention for the ratification of all the District Presidents and Vice-Presidents.

I will try to get in touch with all Units in District as soon as I can. I look forward to working with all the Unit Presidents and other Officers. I hope to see a good show of Unit Members at the Fall Workshop in September.

I will try to have more next month. If anyone needs my help, Please call me at 304-592-0247 or e-mail me at: carlajwilfong@yahoo.com

God Bless our Country
Carla J Wilfong
3rd District President

4th District Vice President

Hello Ladies of 4th District

Do you find it hard to believe, that it's already time to start a new Membership year. Our Department President Susan Wade's Membership Theme is: Filling The Big Top With Members. Ladies in 4th District we are Elephants this year and as you have always been told that Elephants never forget.

If what we have always heard about Elephants is true then 4th District can make Department President Susan proud and be her first Goal District. I know we will all remember to pay our dues.

As your District Vice President I'm a Clown, I'll let you in on a secret, I have never liked clowns. That is why you won't let me down because I do love elephants and collect them. So make me proud ladies of 4th District.

Our first Target Date is September 7, 2015 with 25% , so get busy Membership Chairman, we can all make this 1st Target.

Ladies if your Unit needs help with your membership please feel free to call me at 304-422-1263 or email me at: nancy.sundstrom15@yahoo.com

For God and Country
Nancy Sundstrom
4th District Vice

4th District President

I want to thank all the ladies in 4th District for your support as we start out this year. I will be in contact with each of the Unit Presidents by a formal letter to set up unit meeting visitations.

For those of you that were unable to attend the State Convention, our theme this year is Our Veterans "Depend" On You, and we are "Filling the Big Top With Members". District 4, as we proceed with the Circus theme, we are the Elephants.

I will advise you that we already have a Facebook page, "WV 4th District American Legion Auxiliary". This is a closed page just for information to Units, please friend me, (listed as Cathy Darlene Patterson Post), so that I may add you.

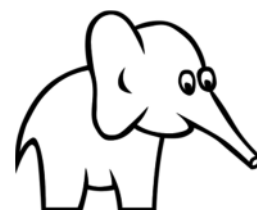
I'm asking each of you to send pictures of your newly elected officers, enabling all of us to recognize each other. Update the page with all of your endeavors and accomplishments. This will help us pass on ideas for fundraiser and membership drives to other Units. We are here to help each other as well as "Our Veterans".

Please contact me any time by email at cathy_1@frontier.com snail mail 308 Main St., Middlebourne, WV 26149 or by phone 304-758-5114 home or 304-551-1602 cell. I am here for you.

I ask that you follow the chain of command, Unit first , District next, and hopefully we won't have bother State to solve any difficulties we may encounter.

So let's get going to the Circus and make our Ringmaster, Madam President Susan Wade proud.

Remember to thank a Veteran.
For God and Country,
Cathy D. Post
4th District President



5th District Vice President

I just returned from State Convention and what a wonderful time we had. Only three units represented the 5th District but I hope that changes in the near future.

Mid Winter is the beginning of February and will be held at Lakeview in Morgantown. Make plans now to attend.

It is with great sadness I report the passing of Belinda Butcher, Immediate Past President of Hamlin Unit #111. Belinda loved the American Legion families and I ask for your love and prayers for her family.

5th District is very proud of Frema Wilson of Huntington Unit #16 for being named *Unit Member of the Year* for the Department of West Virginia. Frema, the 5th District is proud of you.

Service Not Self!
Beth Kilgore,
5th District President

5th District Vice President

Hello Ladies,

If you didn't go to Morgantown for the 93rd annual State Convention, we missed you.

I want to thank you the 5th District Auxiliary members for letting me be your District Vice President. I will be in touch with you and will try to do all I can to help everyone out. We all are having it rough with units, membership is down, remember it's never too late.

Thank you,
JoAnn Hastings
5th District Vice

8th District President

First of all, we thank the Department for allowing us to continue as a District.

Unit 94 South Charleston is mainly furnishing coffee and creamer to the VA Clinic in Kanawha City, Charleston. The Unit meets the same day and time as the Post.

Unit 73 St. Albans, is planning a Back to School Bash in August to help furnish needed school items as well as clothing and shoes for needy children of veterans and military and the community. A rummage sale and hot dog sale will also be held at the same time.

Mary Bess
District President

10th District President

Thank you 10th District for electing me President. I am much honored. Your Vice President Sharon Kauffman and I have been working together to make sure we are on the same page.

During the Fall Conference we will be go back to the basics. I would like to have questions that you may have; sent to me by e-mail. Because I am Leadership Chairman this year I have ask for the same.

Remember, WORKSHOP is SEPT. 11 & 12; Days Inn at Bridgeport. More information will be sent; by Paulette. This is a VERY IMPORTANT training session. So I hope a lot you will be able to attend. Mark your calendar for those dates. Also, heads up for Fall Conference. Paperwork will be coming out shortly. Please mark on your calendar this date also.

Sharon and I will work together on membership; we will be traveling to units. Will let you know in plenty of time. So I ask you to please give feedback though e-mail of any questions.

Thank you again for being your District President.
Sharon Glassford
10th District President

Department Chaplain

Hello Ladies,

I am exciting to be your new Chaplain for the year 2015-2016. We have a wonderful group of Department Officers and Chairmen this year as well as a very knowledgeable and dedicated Department President Susan Wade. I am sure this will be an awesome year.

Please keep in mind that I will need Prayers and poems for a prayer book. So if you come across one that you really like, then save it and send to me via mail or email.

Until next month God Bless,
Rhonda Best
Department Chaplain



Community Service

Hello Ladies,

I wish to thank President Susan for the appointment as your 2015016 Community Service Chairman.

As members of the American Legion Auxiliary, we can serve our community by volunteering at local libraries, food pantries, domestic violent shelters, senior citizens centers, local veteran hospitals, nursing homes, etc.

When we are out volunteering please remember to wear a shirt or pin with the American Legion Auxiliary symbol, letting the public know who we are. More on this later.

I can be reached at Margaret Yost, P O Box 36, Gypsy WV 26361, Phone 304-592-1721. E-Mail address: mdyost2010@frontier.com

Margaret Yost
Community Service

Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Left me start by saying thank you to President Susan for this appointment. Please make all members aware of what this program, what it's all about and who can apply. Lets help our auxiliary sister who are eligible to apply. In addition to the information below, were you aware an auxiliary member who is having surgery or too ill to work that has bills to pay and no or limited income who meets membership years, are eligible to apply.

The Auxiliary Emergency Fund was created to provide: - Temporary assistance to eligible members during a time of financial crisis when no other source of aid is readily available to pay for shelter, food and utilities. - Temporary assistance for food and shelter to eligible members related to weather-related emergencies and natural disasters - Temporary assistance for educational training for eligible members who lack the necessary skills for employment or to upgrade competitive workforce skills. - The AEF maintains the confidentiality of all applications, reviews, and supporting documents, and will neither disclose nor release AEF applications, files, or cases to anyone outside of the ALA AEF Review Committee. Assistance will not be granted to pay accumulated debts or medical expenses. The intent is to help members who have suffered a financial setback and is meant to be a bridge offering a helping hand until financial stability is reestablished. Eligibility: Persons who have been members of the American Legion Auxiliary for at least the immediate past two consecutive years. AND whose current membership dues are paid at the time the emergency occurs (three consecutive years' dues) may apply for assistance. Assistance Provided: The maximum grant amount is \$2,400.00, disbursed as the Auxiliary Emergency Fund Grant Committee determines.

Lisa Cadwallader
LisaC.ALA71@gmail.com
240-271-8385 (c) or 304-725-1170 (h)

Flag Alliance

I would like to thank President Susan for giving me the opportunity to serve as Flag Alliance Chairman for the up coming year. I will try my best.

In our hand book there are several pages on the Flag Code. It is very interesting. I believe everyone should take a minute and read this. I have read it and learned many things. So take a minute of the day and read it.

I will have more to say in the next Spirit. Until then if you have any questions, please call me at 304-592-0247, or you can e-mail me at:

carlajwilfong@yahoo.com

Until next month remember Salute the Flag, and honor our Veterans.

Carla J. Wilfong
Chairman

Legislative

I would like to thank President Susan for giving me the opportunity to serve as Legislative Chairman for the 2015-2016 year.

I have just downloaded the Plan of Action from National and will be working on it to hand out at Workshop to the Unit Chairmen.

If you know your Congressmen or Ladies and have their addresses, please keep in contact with them on any bill that is being voted on that may reflect on our Veterans.

I will try to have a list of them with addresses, phone #'s, and e-mails in September.

If you should need my help, please feel free to call me at 304-592-0247, or you can e-mail me at:

carlajwilfong@yahoo.com

God Bless our Country
Carla J Wilfong
Chairman

Junior Activities

Hello Ladies,

I would like to thank Susan for this appointment as Junior Activities Chairman.

Our Juniors are our future. We need to teach them about our wonderful American Legion Auxiliary and why we do what we do and for whom.

Please include your junior members in your projects. Also be mindful of how you are speaking to them and in front of them because they are watching us even when we don't think they are.

Michelle Hart
Chairman

Poppy

Its once again time for a new year in Poppy. As a member, contact, local businesses for permission to distribute poppies on their premises. Make sure you have permission for liability purposes; in some instances permits are required. Help local schools organize poppy drives. Make the drives competitive. Give a citation to the class raising the most money during their poppy drive. WEAR a poppy to promote conversation and interest.

Units, educate your community about how funds collected help veterans. Deliver poppies to local media outlets (television, newspapers and radio) along with facts about where and when poppies will be distributed in your community. Even if they are not visible "on air", these people tend to be influenced in the community.

Units can also sponsor contests in local schools for a Poppy Poster. Since school is not in session at this time, I will put more in a later article.

Remember to use poppies in every thing you make or do at your Post and be sure to keep track of all they are used for, so you can put this in your report.

Thank you, President Susan for this appointment and I will do my best to make you proud.

Roxie Nicholson
Chairman



Constitution & Bylaws

Thank you, President Susan Wade for this appointment as Chairman of the Constitution & By-Laws.

There will be changes coming from National this year, so ALL Units be prepared to change yours. When they are passed down to me I will forward to you via email or Spirit articles.

Again, President Susan "Thank you" I know our committee will make things happen.

Susan Brown, PDP
Chairman

Education

Let me start by saying thank you to President Susan for this appointment, and I look forward to working with Linda and Ronda the other committee members. We are looking forward to receiving several scholarships this year at all levels.

Again this year, National is pushing units to participate in the "Give 10" school supplies to schools for children who are in need of help. Any way your unit chooses to do this is fine. Some ideas are to give a back packs filled with 9 items, the backpack makes 10; or give 10 of each item, back packs, packs of paper, etc. Units can do this at the start of the school year and it wouldn't hurt to do another round half way though the year. School supplies are in stores now.

Lisa Cadwallader
LisaC.ALA71@gmail.com
240-271-8385 (c) or 304-725-1170 (h)

Public Relations

I want to thank President Susan for this appointment.

I hope all Units will publicize all the great works they do.

Please make sure when you have articles in the newspaper or any other publications, make sure that your Unit gets the credit. For example: "Unit _____ recently held a fundraiser for Veterans."

It's not too early to begin collecting for the PR book.

The Plan of Works will be handed out at September Workshop.

God Bless All
Edna Travis, Chairman

Leadership

Thank You, President Susan for this appointment.

We will continue on education of Leadership. I would like to have input from you ladies. Please E-mail me questions that you have. I want to combine your questions and my agenda together.

There is a Workshop in Sept. where more information will be given to you. So I hope that many of you can be there. This will be at Days Inn Bridgeport, September 11-12 2015.

This will help you in being a strong leader on all levels of The American Legion Auxiliary. The Junior ALA course will be presented at Midwinter Conference in February. This is a excellent course and very good information.

Remember, please send me any questions and/or something that you need explained more so that you understand.

In closing, The Department Theme: "Our Veterans "Depends" on you".

Thank You,
Sharon Glassford
Chairman

National Security

I would like to thank President Susan for the appointment as Chairman of the National Security Program. I will do my best to live up to your trust.

By supporting activities that address the practical and emotional well-being of military service members and their families, the Auxiliary's National Security program hopes to ease the worries of those deployed so that they can focus on the monumental task of protecting our country. Auxiliary members step up and reach out to care for military families in very practical ways, such as assisting with their needs for child care and lawn work or by providing a listening ear to a stressed out spouse.

I hope each unit is thinking about various ways to assist these families. I will be anxious to hear from each unit.

Beth Kilgore
Chairman

Parliamentarian

Parliamentary Points to Ponder

Making a Motion: (Taken from Simplified Handbook of Parliamentary Procedure uaex.edu)

To properly make a motion, the following procedures are followed:

Member rises and addresses the Chair.

"Mr. /Madam President or Chairperson."

Chair recognizes the member.

1. Member: **"I move that _____"** (states motion)."

Second to motion (not necessary to stand).

"I second the motion." If the motion comes as a recommendation from two or more members, the motion does not need a second.

Chair states motion: **"It has been moved by (name) and seconded that _____."**

2. Discussion: If the motion is debatable, every member has the right to debate; the Chair refrains from debate while presiding. The Chair carefully determines the order in which members are recognized to speak, giving first opportunity to the pro poser of the motion. Care should be given to assure that discussion is related to the question.

3. The Chair says, **"If there is no further discussion, the motion is _____"** (restate motion)."

4. Vote: The Chair says, **"All those in favor of _____ (the motion stated) say 'aye.' Those opposed say 'no.'"**

5. Result of the vote is stated by the Chair. **"The motion is carried" or "the motion is lost."**

I will be giving a Parliamentary Point in each SPIRIT. If you have a particular point that you would like to have information about, please let me know.

Ann Buchanan
Parliamentarian
ALA Department of West Virginia

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

A new membership year has begun, and I thank Department President Susan for the opportunity of serving as your Department Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Chairman for another year

Know I have not secured my Plan of Works for 2015-2016 as yet, but will have copies available for everyone before we go to our Fall Workshop.

Remember our veterans in the hospitals and nursing homes do not have time off for the summer months so keep up the activities and programs you have begun or are maintaining.

Don't forget our homeless veterans in the shelters in your area, and remember the program that our National organization sponsors - - *The Creative Arts Festival*.

If I can help in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me. Right now call me at (304) 638-7665 (cell) until I have my home phone repaired.

Mary Waybright
Chairman

2014-15 Child Welfare

I am constantly amazed by the generosity of each and every one of you. You were given piggy banks and asked to fill them for the Child Welfare Foundation and you did – TWICE. Between Mid Winter and State Convention, you donated over \$1,000.00 to this worthy cause.

Thank you very much.
Beth Kilgore,
2014-2015
Chairman



2014-2015 Ways & Means

I have enjoyed being our Department Fundraising Chairman for the last two years. It has been rewarding to see firsthand how many individuals support our Ways-n-Means Fundraiser as well as our Veterans' and their families. The State of WV contains such caring and generous people that volunteer regularly.

I will not be the Ways-N-Means Chairman for upcoming 2015-2016 year. Paulette Anderson will be the new Ways-N-Means Chairman along with Mary Rose Yoho. She will be the one selling the tickets for the year 2016.

However I will finish up the year 2015 to December 31st. So if you receive an envelope from me, please do not throw away. The envelope probably contains a check. Good luck everyone for the remainder of the year.

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

June 2015 Ways & Means Winners

NAME	LOCATION	WINNING #	DATE	AMT PAID
Fran Rayl	Reedsville, WV	789	6/1/15	\$25.00
Chuck Frey	Weirton, WV	050	6/2/15	\$25.00
M. Jada Davis	Keyser, WV	523	6/3/15	\$25.00
		245	6/4/15	
		005	6/5/15	
Amy Plummer	Delray, WV	460	6/6/15	\$25.00
		556	6/8/15	
		560	6/9/15/	
Bill Burkett	Moundsville, WV	153	6/10/15	\$25.00
		552	6/11/15	
Margaret Yost		272	6/12/15	
		301	6/13/15	
Tina Rush	Pine Grove, WV	725	6/15/15	\$25.00
Richard Sirk	Romney, WV	473	6/16/15	\$25.00
Bob Cost	Charleston, WV	867	6/17/15	\$200.00
Bill Kanen	Huntington, WV	311	6/18/15	\$25.00
Diane Teter	Capon Bridge, WV	887	6/19/15	\$25.00
		996	6/20/15	
		537	6/22/15	
Joan Lambert	Romney, WV	431	6/23/15	\$25.00
		529	6/24/15	
		721	6/25/15	
Megan Fuller		444	6/26/15	\$25.00
		903	6/27/15	
		201	6/29/15	
		558	6/30/15	

2016 Ways & Means

Thank you President Susan for allowing me to serve as your 2016 Ways & Means Chairman. Mary Rose Yoho is serving as Committee member.

I will have the 2016 Fundraiser tickets with me at the Workshop in September. They will be in envelopes of 5 and 10, and upon request more in envelope.

If you want a certain amount or certain numbers please contact prior to workshop at 304-771-0984 or email me: pauletteroseanderson@yahoo.com ahead of time so I can have them ready for you at workshop or put in mail.

Remember this is the only Department Fundraiser we have, with 25% going into the General Fund, and 75% going into the Welfare Fund.

The 2016 tickets will start on January 1, 2016 with a possible \$100.00 winner. So get your money ready, purchase tickets and LET'S WIN!!!

As my precedents before me, there will be a "surprise" gift for the "Member" who sells the most, "Unit" who sells the most, and the "District" that sells the most tickets. So you see you can WIN!!! But you first have to get the tickets and sell them!!!

Paulette Anderson
Chairman for 2016



American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

Rhododendron Girls State Representatives

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

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

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

5th Dist.— Katena Karnes
721 10th Ave
Huntington WV 25701
525-5634

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

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

9th Dist. — Paula Booth
2031 River Road
Belington WV 26250
823-3251

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

Thank You!!!

I'd like to thank you for your confidence in endorsing me as West Virginia's candidate for Central Division National Vice President.

Thank you to those responsible for the great reception and your hospitality at the Department Convention.

I look forward to traveling around the division representing West Virginia, meeting our Auxiliary sisters and Legion Family.

Lynda Lancaster

Americanism

As your newly appointed Chairman of Americanism, this program is to promote patriotism and responsible citizenship.

I look forward to encouraging you to use any and all of our calendar dates to celebrate this great nations accomplishments. I will try to advise all with ideas for each one of them.

August 2nd marks the 24th anniversary of Operations Desert Shield. If you have members in your Post that served during this time, please honor them in some way, perhaps a small luncheon or maybe just a hand made sign in the Post or on the marquee sign outside.

As the new school year quickly approaches, be thinking of your Americanism programs and working in the schools. There are many ideas to work with children on the internet, a really good one is "Applesfortheteacher.com"

Please check on Veterans in your local nursing home, they love a visit, as do the ones in the VA Hospitals/Nursing Homes. Last year the children in my county schools colored pictures for each of them for all the holidays.

Make sure to keep a log of your activities for your Americanism Reports at the end of the year. Use your local newspaper to advise your communities of upcoming events being held at your Post.

Most counties are holding their fairs in the very near future, use this as an opportunity to "brand" yourself and set up a station to make locals aware that "We are here".

The "Five Point Program includes active Americanism in the home, the Unit, youth groups and schools, adult groups, and YOUR communities.

I welcome any comments or questions, please contact me cathy_1@frontier.com using Americanism in the subject line or call me 304-758-5114.

Remember "Thank a Veteran" every chance you get, THEY gave you the right to Americanism.

For God and Country,
Cathy D. Post
Chairman



MEMBERSHIP 2014-2015 “Welcoming Our Members”

Target 12—July 15th—100%

Department Goal— 7271 National Goal—8083

Department Membership to Date—6896 (95.00%)

Unit #200— 91 Active Units in Department—65
National (85.32%)



District 1			
Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	21	22	105.00%
Moundsville #3	305	295	97.00%
McMechen #5	58	55	94.83%
Weirton #10	80	65	81.25%
Cameron #18	200	187	94.00%
New Martinsville #28	140	134	96.00%
Wellsburg #34	32	26	81.25%
Follansbee #45	58	45	78.00%
Benwood #46	99	96	97.00%
Pine Grove #81	90	90	100.00%
Paden City #86	113	117	104.00%
Wheeling #89	36	31	86.11%
Newell #114	49	40	82.00%
Hundred #120	77	88	114.29%
Chester #121	150	157	105.00%
TOTALS	1280	1448	113.00%

District 4			
Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	859	822	96.00%
Spencer #21	59	53	90.00%
Pt. Pleasant #23	345	350	101.45%
Sistersville #67	184	133	72.30%
Parkersburg #104	15	11	73.33%
New Haven #140	159	143	89.94%
Williamstown #159	180	163	91.00%
TOTALS	1801	1675	93.00%

District 6			
Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Welch #8	82	71	87.00%
Bluefield #9	34	26	76.47%
Beckley #32	39	40	103.00%
Gary #38	76	77	103.32%
TOTALS	231	214	93.00%

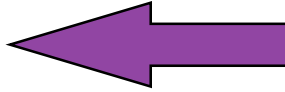
District 9			
Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Elkins #29	206	174	84.47%
Cowen #62	50	42	84.00%
Lewisburg #69	79	61	72.22%
Belington #96	35	34	97.14%
Richwood #97	27	19	70.37%
Pickens #122	28	22	78.00%
TOTALS	425	352	83.00%

District 3			
Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	61	52	85.25%
Grafton #12	26	21	81.00%
Clarksburg #13	143	145	101.40%
Shinnston #31	307	294	96.00%
Braxton Co. #33	31	26	84.00%
Mannington #40	23	18	78.26%
Philippi #44	34	29	85.29%
Bridgeport #68	47	44	94.00%
Jane Lew #166	52	37	71.15%
Morgantown #174	23	27	117.00%
TOTALS	747	693	93.00%

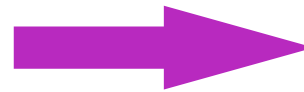
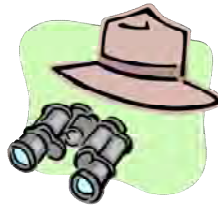
District 5			
Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Huntington #16	264	247	94.00%
Logan #19	16	15	94.00%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	418	319	76.32%
Hamlin #111	54	51	94.44%
Milton #139	84	68	81.00%
Barboursville #177	167	135	81.00%
TOTALS	1003	835	83.25%

District 8			
Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Charleston #20	49	26	53.06%
St Albans #73	70	62	89.00%
South Charleston #94	26	19	73.08%
TOTALS	145	107	74.00%

District 10			
Unit	2015 Goal	2015	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	155	128	83.00%
Franklin #30	22	18	82.00%
Piedmont #52	60	26	43.33%
Berkeley Springs #60	255	202	79.22%
Moorefield #64	124	104	84.00%
Charles Town #71	250	247	99.00%
Petersburg #78	95	91	96.00%
Romney #91	259	250	97.00%
Charles Town #102	20	18	90.00%
Paw Paw #128	74	57	77.03%
Kirby #134	50	44	88.00%
Ridgeley #136	99	99	100.00%
Capon Bridge #137	130	120	92.31%
Keyser #152	51	47	92.16%
TOTALS	1644	1451	88.26%



“Torch Lighter”
Goal—3737
To Date—3689
(98.51%)



“Tablet Writer”
Goal—3539
To Date—3116
(88.05%)





American Legion Auxiliary
Department of West Virginia



August

National Convention Leadership

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Spirit Articles Due	18	19	20	21 Spirits Out VA Checks	22
23	24	25	26	27 National Convention	28 Office Closed	29
30	31					

Call To Department Fall Meetings

September 11-12, 2015

Days Inn Bridgeport WV

This is a notice to all concerned about the Finance Committee Meeting and the Department Fall Executive Board Meeting. The purpose of these meetings are to set up the administrative year for our Department for 2015-2016.

September 11, 2015—Friday West Virginia Room

1:00 pm—Finance Meeting—The three members of the Department Finance Committee

Department President—ex-officio member without vote

Department Secretary/Treasurer—ex-officio without vote

Purpose of this meeting is setting up budget for this administrative year to be ratified by the Department Executive Committee.

5:00 pm—Rhododendron Girls State, Inc. Executive Board Meeting—5 Board of Incorporators, Department President, 8 District Representatives, Girls State Finance Officer, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, Director and Assistant Director

7:00 pm—Membership Committee—Department President, Department Secretary/Treasurer, Department Vice Presidents, District Vice Presidents

September 12, 2015—Saturday West Virginia Room

6:00 pm—American Legion Auxiliary, Department of West Virginia, Inc. Executive Board Meeting

According to Department Constitution: Article VII, Executive Committee:

Section 1: Department Executive Committee which shall be composed of the Department President, Department First Vice President, Department Second Vice President, Department Secretary/Treasurer, Department Chaplain, Department Historian, National Executive Committeewoman, the eight District Presidents, all Past Department Presidents, and Chairmen of all Standing Committees (Americanism, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Children & Youth, Community Service, Constitution & Bylaws, Education, Finance, Girls State, Junior Activities, Leadership, Legislative, Membership, National Security, Past President's Parley, Poppy, Public Relations, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation and Ways and Means. (Bylaws, Article IV, Committees, Section 2).

Section 2: All members of standing committees, **exclusive of the chairmen**, may attend Executive Committee meetings **with the privilege of discussion with no vote.**

Section 3: Any member in good standing may attend the Executive Committee Meeting **with the privilege of discussion but without vote.**

September 12, 2015—Saturday Workshop West Virginia Room

Registration—8:00 am to 9:00 am (\$10.00) each Session: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Purpose of this session is for instruction to Units/members/Officers and to announce the membership program for 2015-2016 year. There will be some different things for all to enjoy. **ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THIS WORKSHOP.** Good tool for learning if you want to help with leadership in your Unit, in your District and on Department level.

Juniors will have meeting and activities planned for them also. Registration \$10.00 each held in Nathan Goff room next to West Virginia Room.

Travel Allowances: Travel allowances will be paid by Department to **all Department Officers, District Presidents, Department Finance Chairman, and Department Parliamentarian** that attend Department Executive Board Meeting. They will be allowed one day per diem (\$60) plus (if eligible) mileage as per Standing Rule #1. If not spending the night will receive \$20.00 plus (if eligible) mileage. (as per Department Budget)

District Vice Presidents that attend the Membership Workshop. They will be allowed one day per diem (\$60) plus (if eligible) mileage. If not spending the night, will receive \$20 plus mileage. (as per Department Budget)

RESERVATION FORM

American Legion Auxiliary
Fall Meetings
Officers Training
Department Fall Executive Board

Date: September 12, 2015

Place: Bridgeport Days Inn

Cost: \$84.70 plus tax

Deadline for Housing: September 1, 2015

Name_____

Address_____

Phone Number_____ Unit Name & #_____

Room Type: Single (King Size Bed) Double: (2 Full Size Beds) Handicap_____
Smoking_____ Non Smoking_____
(Can't guarantee rooms will be adjoining)

Please list names of persons rooming with you:

Arrival Date:_____ Departure Date:_____

Check # _____ Amount of Check_____

Credit Card #_____ Expiration Date_____

(One Nights Deposit Required for each room)

Mail Reservations To:

Days Inn
ATTN: Cindy Gibson
112 Tolley Street
Bridgeport WV 26330

Phone: 304-842-7371

TRAVELING PLAQUES WINNERS

Americanism: Sally Arcuri—Charles Town Unit #71
June Harbert—Welch Unit #8

V A & R: Betty Burton—Clarksburg Unit #13
Anna Jane Williams—Charles Town #71

Auxiliary Emergency Fund: Ruth Yoho—Jane Lew Unit #166
Carol Williams—Charles Town Unit #71

Field Service: Joyce Seamonds—Benwood #46
Paulette Anderson—Elkins #29

Chaplain: Patricia Moore—Chester Unit #121
Nina Mason—Romney Unit #91

Ways & Means Most Tickets—Leona Kidwell
(sold 115 tickets)

Children & Youth: Shirley Davis—Ceredo Kenova Unit #93
Irene Weber—Huntington Unit #16

Scrapbook: Senior—Buckhannon Unit #7

Community Service: Mary Ann Piatt—Gary Unit #38
Emogene Kirkland—Huntington Unit #16

Prayer Book: Senior—Moundsville Unit #3

Education: Janet Durbin—Benwood Unit #46
Virginia Beaty—Charles Town Unit #71

History Book: Senior—Romney Unit #91
Parkersburg Unit #15

Girls State: Ann Buchanan—Barboursville Unit #177
Lillian Luttrell—Huntington Unit #16
Betty Rea (Best Girls State Scrapbook)—NONE

Leadership Cash Awards: Berkeley Springs #60
10th District
Highest % Unit— Chester #121
Highest % District— 1st District

History: Janet Culp—Moundsville Unit #3

Junior Activities: Betty Shumate—Sistersville Unit #67
Margaret Kercheval—Charles Town Unit #71

Legislative: Lynda Lancaster—Parkersburg Unit #15

Leadership: Marlene Bonar—Huntington Unit #16
Marie Bailey—Parkersburg Unit #15

Membership: Virginia Blake—Paden City Unit #86
Katena Karnes—Parkersburg Unit #15

Music: Ella Mae Short—Ceredo-Kenova Unit #93

National Security: Wilma Mayfield—Shinnston Unit #31

Past Presidents Parley: Susan Brown—Romney Unit #91
Norma Lee Clise—NONE

Timeless Award: Twyla Finley—Susie Alpaugh Romney Unit #91

Unit Member of Year: Janice Gamerdinger—Frema Wilson Huntington Unit #16

Poppy: Brady Stone—NONE
Lorena Jennings—Benwood Unit #46 (FULL)

Public Relations: Helen Kesler: Benwood Unit #46
Dianne McClung—Charles Town Unit #71

Unit President's Award: Tallulah Simpson—Benwood Unit #46
Jerri Ritenour—Shinnston Unit #31

Total Participation: Ina Polsinelli—Clarksburg Unit #13
Jessica Payne—Shinnston Unit #31

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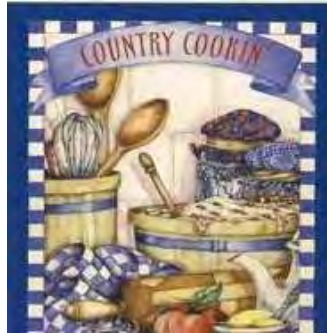
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WHO RECEIVES SPIRIT: Emailed to all **Unit Contacts** and any **Unit Officers** with an email address. It is emailed to **All Department Officers, Department Chairmen, District Presidents/Vice Presidents, Past Department Presidents** with emails. Spirits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



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