



The Auxiliary Spirit



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American Legion Auxiliary
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Department President
Susan Wade



**Our Veterans
"Depend" on You**

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6th District—Rita Alley
8th District—Rose Reese
9th District—Pat Calain
10th District—Sharon Kauffman

Hello Ladies,

I want to Thank Lisa Cadwallader for accepting the position of Department 2nd Vice President and Irene Weber for accepting the position of Department Historian. We now have a full slate of Department Officers and I am thankful for these ladies! I know we will have a great year!

I want to Thank all of you that attended the Workshop at Bridgeport. The numbers were down, we had 55 Senior Members and 2 Juniors present. We had a few members attending for the first time. The Workshop went well, with a lot of information being given out. A lot of questions were asked and hopefully those attending gained some knowledge.

I am happy to report that the Purse Auction went great! A total of \$1,355 was collected for my Special Project, Rhododendron Girls State. Thank you Beth Kilgore for doing an outstanding job as Auctioneer, those that brought purses and a special thank you to those that bid high to make this auction a success!

I am planning on attending all Fall Conferences except 3rd District because I will be attending 9th District. There will be a Department Representative at all Conferences.

There are still tickets available for my Homecoming which is October 24, 2015. Contact Paulette Anderson, 304 771-0984. Paulette will bring tickets to the Conferences along with Department Fundraiser Tickets.

God Bless Our Veterans
God Bless All 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.

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

Do not send in anymore 2015 transmittals. Put 2015 dues as “Back Dues”.

If you send in PUFL’s with your membership they will be counted. No new members will be counted until September 1st.

Deadline for Spirit Articles: This year I am extending the deadline for all articles to the 17th. I mail/email the Spirit on the 20th (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.

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Page #3: National Commander is Dale Barnett, (Georgia).
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Page 27: Under Secretary for Berkeley Springs Unit #60: Danise Edmisten, 50 Edmisten Lane, Berkeley Springs WV 25144, (304) 258-1592.
Under Secretary for St. Albans Unit #73: Sheryl Williams address is RR7 Box 400, Phone # 304-744-2054. All else the same.
Need: Unit Chairmen Form Now!!!

- **3rd District Fall Conference (Joint)**
Clarksburg Post #13
September 26, 2015
- **9th District Fall Conference (Joint)**
Richwood Post #97 Reg. 10:00
September 26, 2015
- **5th District Conference (Joint)**
Huntington Post #16
Commander’s Homecoming
Barboursville Post #177
- **6th District Conference**
Beckley Unit #32
October 10, 2015
Ryans’ Restaurant
1320 N. Eisenhower Drive
Beckley WV
Reg. 9:00-10:00am
Dutch Treat
- **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 Paden City
- **1st District Conference**
October 25, 2015
Benwood Unit #46

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National Auxiliary Website
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FIFTH DISTRICT CONFERENCE

October 3, 2015

Huntington Post 16
1421 6th Avenue
Huntington, WV

Registration 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Cost \$10

Contact: Ann Buchanan, President
Huntington Unit 16
AnnBuch@aol.com
304-654-9932

Filling The Big Top With Members



Membership Chairman

Hey everyone!

First congratulations to Clarksburg Unit #13 and New Martinsville Unit #28 for reaching the first target date of 25% - Early Bird, "I Promise to pay my dues early". Also, congratulation to New Martinsville Unit #28, Cowen Unit #62, and Clarksburg Unit #13 for reaching target 35% "I promise to explore new ways of signing up members". There are many of you that are so close to reaching that 35%, and there is plenty of time yet to reach it. Keep plugging away.

The District Vice Presidents will be contacting units in their district to see if they can help with any membership problems you might be having. They are there to help you, utilize them.

National still has the individual awards; Recruit One - 1 new auxiliary member, and receive a button; Rejoin one former member, and receive a button; Recruit 10 new senior/junior members, and receive an ALA pad folio; Silver brigade recruiting 25 new senior members to special award selected by the National President; Unit award will be given out - 100% of annual target set by National on or before 12/31/15, and receive \$100, plus a 100% flag pole ribbon. Reach 102% of annual target set by National Convention (July 30th) and receive \$150, plus a 100% flag pole ribbon. Also, Department will be eligible for cash award too.

Here is a short song for you; it's to the tune of "Darling young man on the flying trapeze".

She flies thru the state with the
greatest of ease,
filling the big top with members
she sees.

She's helping the ringmaster
reach her goals
in "Keeping the Promise"
of kindred souls.

Sorry there were so many of you that missed the workshop in Bridgeport. Good time was had by all who attended.

Until next month.
Susan Brown, PDP
Membership Chairman
"Just a Swing"



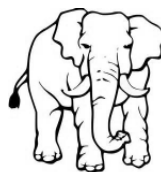
1st Vice President

Hello Ladies

If you attended the membership workshop in Bridgeport on September 12th please be sure to share all the information with your units. President Susan and Membership Chairman Sue Brown have given us a circus theme this year which should be a lot of fun; I know I'm excited. I will be working with Districts #3, #5, #8, & #10 this year. We are the 'Lion Keepers' so in keeping we need to feed our Lions with lots of membership. We can start by getting all unit officers and chairman paid up before the next target. If we can do that then there will be no zeros. Be sure to send out post cards to let your members know if you have an early bird special for paying dues. Membership is not an easy task and it really does take team work. So we need to clean out the Lion's den, toss those personal issues out the door, and work together for the purpose intended. Communication is our key to meeting targets and making goals.

Our membership chairman, Sue will have conference calls with our Central Division membership team and we want to be sure Sue only has good things to report. So we have to work as a team. Our District Vice Presidents have the duty to contact their units each month and they can either email or call me with which units they contacted. I will have a report based on this for Sue each month. So let us ROAR with membership Ladies.

Tammy Workman
Dept. 1st Vice President
"Lion Keeper"



2nd Vice President

Hello Ladies,

I want to start by saying Thank You to President Susan for this appointment. I also, hope that those who attended the work shop enjoyed it and takes all the wonderful information back to you unit members.

Ladies we (districts 1, 4, 6 & 9) are the Elephants in Department President Susan circus theme. They tell me I'm the elephant keeper with top hat and whip. Our next target is Oct. 15th 35%. There are monetary awards offered to units by National. I will address these next month but please work on your membership as hard as you can in hopes that you can meet some of these awards.

Every month, I have to report to department membership chair, Susan Brown for her call with National. So I am asking district vices to email me a week before the target date letting me know which units you have talked with and what they are doing with membership. Please send me this report by Oct. 8th. If I don't hear, I will be calling you. So vice, please talk on membership at your up coming conference, so all know what to expect.

I'm including the "Keeping the Promise" for Oct -Nov. from National:
October: *I promise to explore new ways of signing up members Honor Your Service Through Membership:*

The national organization is waiving the national portion of 2016 dues (\$9.00) for every new 2016 female veteran member through the "Honor Our Female Veterans" program. Contact your department for more information. Promise Date: Columbus Day, October 12, 2015 - 35%

November: *I promise to thank a veteran for their service to our country Honor Their Service with Membership:* Wearing an Honor Their Service button is a great way to recognize the veteran through whom you are eligible. Order yours today! Order forms are available at www.ALAforVeterans.org.

Membership Award Deadlines:
Veteran's Day Award - November 11, 2015 Promise Date: Veterans Day, November 11, 2015 - 45%
Lisa Cadwallader, Dept. 2nd Vice
(240) 271-8385

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The Elephant Keeper

3rd District President

Here it is the middle of September where has the month gone. This past weekend we attended Fall Workshop held in Bridgeport. I would like to say SHAME on you to all Units in 3rd District who didn't attend. You missed a nice time. Only had 2 Units from 3rd District.

Ratified Dept. Officers are: 2nd Vice President: Lisa Cadwallader from Charles Town #71, and Historian Irene Weber from Romney #91. Congratulations!

I am reminding all units in 3rd District that the Fall Conference is September 26th at Clarksburg Post #13. Registration is 9:00-10:00. I will be expecting you there.

One unit hasn't paid their mandatory funds for 2014-2015 year. Please do so ASAP.

If you need to contact me for any help you can at carlajwilfong@yahoo.com or 304-592-0247, leave a message and I will get back with you.

Until the 26th.
God Bless our County and All Veterans
Carla Wilfong
President

3rd District Vice President

Ladies as you know, we are under way in a new year. We are Under the "Big Top", and it's time to get those members in for 2016. You can now help us race to the finish in 3rd District. We are the Lions and hear us roar!

Call your members and ask them to pay their dues early, so we can get a good start. We have to get more members this year, and yes, I know it's hard to do, but WE CAN..... and WE WILL. Have a get together, a tea or a desert time, make your members feel welcome and important, because they are.

If you need help or have any questions, call me any time at 304-657-5740. I will be more than happy to help you, and if I don't know the answer to your questions, I'll find someone who does.

We have 3 Units who have no members sent in, please don't hold those dues, send them in as soon as you can, even if it's only 2 or 3 at a time.

Roxie Nicholson
Third District Vice President

4th District President

Here come Fall, time to work those local Fall Festivals or October Fests. Set up a booth and BRAND yourself.

If you didn't make it to Workshop, you missed a good one. I will bring the packets to the 4th District Conference October 11th to Units who weren't there.

I am looking forward to my first meeting as 4th District President.

Don't forget Unit reports to let all know what you have accomplished so far. Keep track of your mileage, and be sure to get your registration in to New Haven Unit #140.

Wear Red, White, Blue, we've been challenged to wear our colors to all events.

See you soon. Safe travels to conference.

Thank a Veteran
For God and Country
Cathy Post

4th District Vice President

Hello 4th District Elephants:

You made me proud to see that every Unit but one sent membership dues to Dept. Secretary. I was in contact with Unit 104 and they will be sending dues in.

4th District has challenged 5th District to see which District will have the most New Members by February 1, 2016. The losing District will donate \$25.00 to President Susan's Special Project Girls State. So come on Ladies let's get busy and see how many new members each Unit can get by February 1st.

5th District also challenged 4th District to see which District will be a Goal District by July 1, 2016. So Units we have a big challenge ahead of our District. With this challenge both Districts will be donating \$25.00 to President Susan's Special Project Girls State. SO COME ON MY VERY SPECIAL ELEPHANTS I KNOW WE CAN DO IT FOR OUR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SUSAN WADE. LETS MAKE HER PROUD.

God Bless America
Nancy Sundstrom
4th District Vice President

5th District President

We have just returned from the Leadership Conference in Bridgeport and what a wealth of information was distributed. I hope every Unit in the 5th District will take the information back to your Units and put it to valuable use. There is so much we can do for our Veterans, children, and community in general, if we just make the effort. If your Unit was unable to make it to the Conference, I have the information and will get it to you.

Come one, Come all!! The 5th District Fall Conference is Saturday, October 3rd, held at Huntington Unit #16. Registration begins at 9:00 with the meeting starting at 10:00. Cost of the conference is \$11.00 for Auxiliary members and \$10.00 for everyone else. (\$1.00 of the Auxiliary registration goes to the District).

The Conference is on Saturday morning with Commander Kenny's Homecoming that evening. Let me know if you are planning to join us so I will have a count for food. You can call me at 304-654-7750.

Membership dues should be coming in for the 2015 - 2016 year. PLEASE process these as soon as you can and submit to Department Headquarters. Do not hold onto them!
See you at the District Conference
Beth Kilgore,
5th District President

5th District Vice President

Hello Ladies,

Just got back from the workshop at Bridgeport. I learned a lot about membership and other new information.

We need to bring new members in. We need your help. Membership is going down and this is not helping our veterans.

I will tell you more about the membership at the 5th District Conference on October 3rd at Huntington Unit #16.

Hope to see you all there!
JoAnn Hastings
5th District Vice President

10th District President

Hello Ladies of Tenth District:

The Fall Workshop was a success. Lots of information was shared by the chairmen.

Fall Conference is Oct. 17th in Romney. Make sure that your paperwork has been sent by the Due Date. This is **very important**. Hope to see a lot of 10th District Members.

We need to congratulate, Lisa Cadwallader who was appointed by Dept. Pres. Susan Wade to Dept. 2nd Vice President and Irene Weber also, appointed to Department Historian by Pres. Susan. Make sure you offer your congratulation to both of these ladies. Also, Lynda Lancaster is National Central Division Vice President 2015-2016. Tenth District has a lots of reasons to be **PROUD**.

Katie Beth, Honorary National Central Division Vice President 2015-2016. Katie is from Unit #16, Huntington

The Fall Conference is for training purposes, as well as regular meeting. District Chairmen, please make sure you have a report of your committee. This does not need to be long, just so you advise them what is expected on Unit Level. I asked you please at Fall Board to obtain the name and phone number of Unit Chairman for your committee.

Sharon Kauffman, District Vice President has been working with membership. She will be giving a membership report at conference.

There will be more about Fall Workshop at Fall Conference. We will have Dept. Officers present as well, they will offer guidance to all members.

Remember Pres. Susan's theme, Veteran's "DEPEND" ON US

Thank the Veterans
See you at Fall Conference in Romney
Sharon Glassford
Tenth District President



10th District Vice President

Hi Everyone

We are off and running for membership. Remember we are the Lions; "Let us Roar."

First, please send me the membership person's name and phone number. I will be making calls to that person to follow up on your membership for each unit. There are goals that need to be met. Also, there will be conference calls from National to our Dept. Membership Chairman; lets make Sue Brown and Tammy Workman give them good news. Remember, that National has set our goals for increase. BUT, Dept. Target dates our different so Watch for them. The Spirit has those dates on membership. So we need to get rid of the goose eggs.

We have a challenge with First District. I will have more information to give you at Fall Conference. See you in Romney Oct. 17th.

Veteran's "DEPEND" on us.
Sharon Kauffman
10th District Vice President



Scrapbook

I have started the Scrapbook for our Department President Susan. I want to make this book the best I can and with all of you helping me, I know I can accomplish this. She will be attending as many Conferences as possible, so if you have material for the Scrapbook, please give to her and I can add them as I receive them.

I appreciate all of your help!!!
Jennifer Yeater
Scrapbook Chairman

Department Chaplain

Hello Ladies,

First I would like to apologize for not having my article in September's Spirit. I thought I already submitted, but did not do so.

Second I know this is a busy time for everyone due to the holidays coming up and other events to Veterans and their families. However please keep your eyes open for meaning prayers and quotes for my Prayer Book. I would greatly appreciate at least one prayer/quote from each unit.

Also I am having some issues with my home email so I am listing an alternate email for you to email me items. The alternate one is Rhonda.l.best@wv.gov

Always keep in mind a kind word and smile go along way and makes the receiver feel better about them.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN
Until next month God Bless,
Rhonda Best
Department Chaplain



Historian

I have just been appointed historian for this year. I do not have information from national as of yet.

Please keep a log of your activities each month so when I ask for a report you will have the information you need to complete the report. Also you will have the info to write your unit history at the end of year.

We must preserve the history of our great organization for future generations to come.

If you need my help call 304-258-1036.

Irene Weber
Dept. Historian

Americanism

As Summer fades into Fall, remember our Veterans needing shelter. October 12th is Columbus Day, a day that we can be working with the children in the schools.

This Month we celebrate the United States Navy's Birthday on October 13, 1775, serving our country for 240 years. We wish them "Fair Winds and Following Seas." October 26 is National Day of the Deployed, a day set aside to honor all the brave men and women who have been deployed and are sacrificing or have sacrificed, their lives to fight for our Country and acknowledged their families that they are separated from. If you know of any troops in your area, perhaps a thank you note could be sent to each family. We need to support the spouses left behind to tend to all the family affairs on their own. My Son-in-Law, currently serving, always leaves a jar of Candy Kisses for my Granddaughter to have a "kiss from Daddy" every night. Even the smallest things we can do is appreciated so much.

Halloween has become such an important day for children, work with schools and local law enforcement to encourage safety programs. If your unit does "Trick or Treating", add a little toy soldier to your pack of candy with a tag saying "Compliments of YOUR unit. You are branding yourselves and making an impact on your community.

For God and Country
Cathy Post

Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Ladies,

I hope you enjoyed fall workshop. Take the information you learned back to your units and share with the members.

Last year National awarded 5 disaster grants and 94 financial grants. Our department submitted for grants from this fund. I'm sorry to say not all applicants received a grant. However, 1 of our members was awarded a little more than \$2,300, which as we all know every little bit helps when you are really in. I am sad to say our department only put in a little more than \$1,000 this past year. Let's work a little harder this year and try to increase our donations. Those members that are struggling with health, job loss, etc who have bills but not much income are the ones who need this the most. Remember to get the word out about this fund.

Also, anyone who donates \$50 themselves receives an AEF pin to wear. If your not sure, please ask, lets not assume, its never hurts to try.

There is an AEF, American Legion Auxiliary Emergency Fund facebook page. Please join if you haven't. Its done by National.

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Constitution & Bylaws

Everyone, there is one change that you have to make to your Constitution and By-Laws. This change has to do with eligibility. The revision regarding eligibility adopted by the ALA amended the National Constitution Article III, Section 1 replacing the old wording "granddaughters and great-granddaughters" with "direct descendants of".

The new wording for Eligibility is: Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary shall be limited to the grandmothers, mothers, sisters, wives, and direct and adopted female descendants of the members of The American Legion, and to the grandmothers, mothers, sisters, wives, and direct and adopted female descendants of all men and women who were in the Armed Force of the United States during the following periods; April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918; December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946; June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955; February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975; August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984; December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990; August 2, 1990 to the date of cessation of hostilities as determined by the Government of the United States; all dates inclusive or who being citizens of the United States at the time of their entry therein, served on active duty in the Armed Forces of any of the governments associated the United States during any of said periods, and died in line of duty or after honorable discharged; and to the women who of their own right are eligible for membership in The American Legion.

You do not need to send your whole C&B to be okay, unless you are making other changes. Just send a change from to Department, showing date of change, and signatures of the committee.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Susan Brown, PDP
Constitution & By-Law Chairman



Children and Youth

Hello to All,

If you missed the Fall Workshop we had a great time working on membership and doing the "Round Tables". We had all kinds of information handed our way. Your or Unit President should have all your Plans of Action for you.

What an amazing time of the year to be working this program. With school back in session and all the exciting things that go on during fall season.

Remember Halloween and American Education Week shortly afterwards. Most school districts have their own programs for both of the fore mention, but why not try to help enhance their programs by just offering a helping hand.

I'll be attending as many Fall District meetings as possible. Along with me will be my Child Welfare pigs. Again this year we'll be focusing on the piggy collections for our children of veterans and military.

We have so many ways to work the Children and Youth Program this coming year. American Legion Auxiliary National organization has given a wonderful template on the website.

Just remember if you have any questions or comments please give me a call.

Debbie Fox
Children & Youth Chairman

Community Service

Hello Ladies,

Was glad to see so many at the Fall Workshop. Hope everyone to some information home with them.

To continue from last month on what we can do in the community:

****Attend and present Auxiliary at special celebration events in the community such as holiday parades, grand openings, community leader recognition ceremonies.**

****Connect to and be supportive of ALA Call to Service Corps AmeriCorp members and members serving other AmeriCorp veterans and military family projects in their communities.**

****Apply for an AmeriCorp VISTA member through the ALA Call to Service Corps project to develop and organize community support programs in your town or city.**

****Partner with local Meals on Wheels to deliver meals on days they are closed (i.e. Christmas and Thanksgiving. When doing these activities within the Community, please remember to wear a shirt with the Auxiliary's emblem on it or use a sign telling people who you are.**

Remember in October to celebrate Make a Difference Day on October 24th. Select a Veteran or their family and do something special for them (mow their grass, make them a meal, etc.)

Have a great October.

Margaret Yost
Community Service Chairman
304-592-1721
mdyost2010@frontier.com

Leadership

Hello Ladies:

When you hear 2014-2019 Centennial Strategic Plans and the 5 Year Plan; they are the same. This plan was put into place to help attain one million members by 2019; keeping our present members and obtaining new. American Legion Auxiliary will celebrate its 100th Anniversary in 2019; this is the Goal.

The following are Goals to help with the 5 Year Plan: There are five goals: Goal Five: The American Legion, Build Brand Loyalty; this is discussed by Ann Buchanan, Goal Four: Strengthen Department and Units, Paulette Anderson, Goal Three: Develop Leadership at All Levels, Sharon Glassford, and Goal Two: Create an Internal Culture of Goodwill; Irene Weber, and Goal One: Attain a Million Members; Tammy Workman, & Sue Brown. The Spirit will have an article each month; explaining the Goals. Next Month Ann Buchanan, will discuss BRANDING.

The plan was described like a GPS. The GPS will tell you how to get to a location; next it may say re-calculate; after that it may say 100' make a left; again it recalculates, and finally your at your location. So, we have to take it in stride and adjust when we have a hiccup along the way. When you have that "HICCUP" don't give up but proceed onward.

Remember, Thank a Veteran.
"Keeping the Promise".

"Our Veteran's "DEPEND" on Us.
Sharon Glassford
Committee Chairman

2016 Ways & Means

2016 Tickets for the daily drawing are out. Roll up your sleeves for another great year for our Veterans. Tickets were available at the Fall Workshop and there are many available still. Chairman Paulette has put out a challenge to ALL Units to try and sell at least 5 tickets. Remember all proceeds goes to the Veteran Programs here in West Virginia. The tickets makes great gifts for Christmas, birthdays, etc. Units can request tickets on consignment from Dept. Chairman Paulette Anderson at pauletteroseanderson@yahoo.com or 304-771-0984.

It is very important that you sell now so all ticket holders can be in system and ready for that January 1st drawing. MUST be in system in order to win. Tickets are \$20 each so if you win just one time you made some extra money.

Let us not forget our Veterans and try very hard to sell at least 5 tickets this year. Thank you all for your hard work in your Unit and community. Keep up the great work that you do.

Mary Rose Yoho
Ways & Means Committee member
49rosie72@frontier.com
304-455-3449

Flag Alliance

Hello Ladies

I hope everyone enjoyed Fall Workshop. We learned some good things.

I handed out my Plan of Works for 2015-2016, I hope everyone takes a minute to read it. In the back of our handbook there is a nice section that explains and answers just about any question that should arise.

Please keep a look out for any American Flag that is tattered and soiled, suggest where they can be retired. If the person cannot afford to purchase a new flag, replace it for them. Never permit our Flag to touch the ground. Always salute the Flag when you pass by it. Please read your hand book

If you need my help, please call me at 304-592-0247, please leave a message if I do not answer and I will get back to you as soon as possible, Or you can e-mail me at carlajwilfong@yahoo.com

God Bless Our Country and Our Veterans
Carla Wilfong

Legislative

Here it is the Middle of September, we just finished Fall Workshop and now the District Conference are beginning. There are several Items I could touch on this month, but I hope everyone will read the Plan of Action that all Units will receive a copy of.

In my Plan of Action I printed out a list of Elected Officials that are in Washington DC representing our fine state. I hope each Unit takes the time to write these officials. I receive a report from Capitol each week on what the officials are working on. If I missed an official please let me know and I will try to get their address.

Keep working with and for our Veterans. If you need my help please call me at 304-592-0247. Please leave a message if I do not answer. Or you can e-mail me at carlajwilfong@yahoo.com

God Bless Our Country
and Our Veterans
Carla Wilfong
Legislative Chairman

National Security

National Fire Prevention Week is observed in the United States during the week (from Sunday to Saturday) in which October 9th falls. The first Presidential proclamation of Fire Prevention Week was made in 1925 by President Calvin Coolidge. When the President proclaimed the first National Fire Prevention Week on October 4-10, 1925, he noted that in the previous year some 15,000 lives were lost to fire in the United States.

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871. According to popular legend, the fire broke out after a cow - belonging to Mrs. Catherine O'Leary - kicked over a lamp, setting first the barn, then the whole city on fire.

Introduce Fire Prevention Week to children in your community through fun, interactive lessons and activities. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) website has tons of information from handouts to videos, as well as information on Sparky the Fire Dog, that will assist you in providing information to the community. Their website is: <http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/fire-prevention-week>.

I hope each unit will consider a Fire Prevention project. Let me know what you are doing, take pictures, and get the media involved.

Beth Kilgore
National Security

Parliamentarian



Parliamentary Points to Ponder

The subsidiary motion of previous question (to end debate) is one of the easiest subsidiary motions to use because it is not debatable, making it a quick decision. Because adopting it terminates the members' right to speak or hear more information, the previous question requires a two-thirds. But very little can interrupt it, when properly used, the motion can really save you and your group a lot of time because if two-thirds of the voters are ready to stop debate and vote on the pending motion it's probably pointless to keep on with the debate.

STEPS TO ENDING A DEBATE

1. You can't interrupt a speaker who has the floor. You MUST be recognized by the floor. "I move to end debate." or "I call for the question."
2. You MUST have a second.
3. It is NOT debatable.
4. Requires a two-thirds vote.
5. If previous question passes (2/3), then discussion ends and you vote on the motion. If previous question fails, the discussion can continue until nobody has anything to say. If you need more information, please check Robert's Rules of Order Part I, Section 5, Division 29.

**** Remember that the intent is to have order in your meeting and let everyone express their opinion in a place of goodwill. We are there for our veterans, our community, and our organization. Sometimes personal issues should be left at the door. ****

Please let me know if there is a question that you would like me to address in the SPIRIT.

Ann Buchanan
Parliamentarian

Public Relations

The Plan of Works will be handed out at the Fall Conferences. We need to create and promote our projects in a positive manner to the public.

Develop and build a relationship with the media by educating them on all our programs. Write letters to the editors of your local newspapers.

You need to send me all articles that are published in the newspapers with the name of the paper, page and date.

Edna Travis
Public Relations Chairman

Education

HAPPY HALLOWEEN LADIES,

I hope all members are able to work with the schools in your area to Educate children as well as adult about all of the wonderful programs the American Legion Family has to offer.

Also please make sure you get all of the scholarship information to your local high schools. It is that time of year the teachers and counselors will be talking with their juniors and seniors about what opportunities are available as well as deadlines.

I want to remind all members that National Education Week is approaching fast. It is November 16th through 20th.

Have a fun and safe Holiday.

Thank you and God Bless,
Rhonda Best
Education Committee Member

National Executive Committeewoman

Hello Department of West Virginia,

American Legion Auxiliary had a great National Convention in Baltimore. PCDNVP-PDP Shirley Davis received a plaque for her work on the Star Spangle Kids. Department Sec/PDP Paulette and the Department received citations for efforts on the Centennial membership program.

This year West Virginia has two national officers: CDNVP Lynda Lancaster and HJCDNVP Katie Caudill. Such a wonderful opportunity for both of them.

This coming year Department of West Virginia will have CDNVP Lynda Lancaster at Midwinter and National President Sharon Conatser in July at convention. All the more reason to attend both of these meetings.
NEC,
Debbie Fox

Central Division AEF

Auxiliary Emergency Fund is a program of members helping members.

Just wanted to pass on the information that for the year 2014-15 members in Department of WV received \$1300 more than we donated.

This AEF is Nat'l President Sharon Conatser special project. All the more reason that units try to make an extra effort to contribute.
Debbie Fox, Central Division Chairman

Junior Activities

Hello Ladies,

We had 2 young ladies at workshop. We did not elect officers for this year but we did plan a great deal of activities for this year.

We kicked off our year signing Thank You cards that the girls will hand out at their Post or on their visit to the VA center. We also signed Veterans Day cards, we gave them to the District Presidents to give to the District Commander to share with the members. We also sent one to our Department Commander and one to the National Commander.

We decided to adopt the Veterans Home in Huntington and possibly the nursing home in Clarksburg for the year.

At Mid-Winter we will be signing Birthday cards so they can be given to the residence on their birthday. We feel that everyone should be given a card on their special day. We will need about 275 cards to make this happen so any donations of birthday cards will be put to good use.

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

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

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

Michelle Hart
Junior Chairman
Shellhart86@gmail.com
304-839-3237

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

As I write this message, I have finished my work for the Workshop. There is a plan of works or plan of action for each unit; however, if you do not have computer accessibility to get a copy from the National organization, phone me or drop me a note; and I will reproduce and In-cloud a copy to T. (Phone: (304) 638-7665 or 1137 Norway Ave., Huntington, WV 25705-2923).

When I asked our Department Secretary to reproduce aforementioned Plan of Works, I left out the awards available to units pages. I am listing them below for you as we start this new membership year:

1. Unit VA&R Program Awards (one unit chairman in each division - Citation Plaque)

Entries must include award cover sheet included in Plan. Award to the unit chairman in each division who conducts the best overall promotion of the VA&R program. Narrative format, typewritten not to exceed 1,000 words. Include pictures, clippings, scrapbooks, folders, etc., and mailed to National Chairman Diane Duscheck, 5064 N Elkhart Ave, Whitefish Bay, WI 53217 postmarked or emailed by 5pm EST June 1, 2016.

2. Service to Veterans Volunteer Hours Award (Citation Plaque)

One junior and one senior member per division

Entries must included award cover sheet. Greatest number of hours from April 1, 2015 - March 31, 2016 for junior and senior member. Unit sends nominees to me by May 1, 2016. Unit is required to certify hours of any nominee they submit to me. I send onto my Central Division Chairman by June 1st.

3. Million Member Award - Citation Plaque - One per division

Entrees must include award cover sheet. Narrative must demonstrate how working the mission of the VA&R retained and attracted members to grow membership in unit. Include pictures, clippings, etc. Entries must be typewritten in narrative format not to exceed 1000 words . Due to National Chairman Diane Duscheck postmarked or emailed by 5pm EST June 1 2016.

Will include additional awards available in the next Spirit, so this message will not be too long.

Mary Waybright
Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Girls State Chairman

It is time to start planning your Girls State program for 2016. Time to contact the businesses and organizations who help finance the registration of the girls who attend Girls State. They are preparing their budget for the coming year now. Also, contact the school principle and counselor. Get acquainted with them so they will know who to contact if they have a question.

I will be sending out information as I receive it from the Director. If you need my help please call me at home 304-258-1036.

The Dept. President special project is Rhododendron Girls State. I hope you will support her project as Girls State is one of our finest programs.

I gave out an outline of the program at the fall workshop, I hope you use the information to plan your Girls State for this year.

Girls State will be held at Wheeling Jesuit University, Wheeling WV June 12--17, 2016.

Irene Weber
Girls State Chairman



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



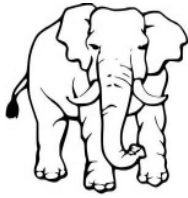
JULY WAYS-N-MEANS WINNERS

NAME	LOCATION	WINNING #	DATE	AMT PAID
		965	7/1/15	
Tamitha Wilkins	Romney, WV	487	7/2/15	\$25.00
		178	7/3/15	
		758	7/4/15	
		096	7/6/15	
		226	7/7/15	
Rita Alley	Welch, WV	675	7/8/15	\$25.00
		628	7/9/15	
Tammy Bowers	Paden City, WV	019	7/10/15	\$25.00
Howard Farman	Neldham, MS	532	7/11/15	\$25.00
		830	7/13/15	
		240	7/14/15	
Carolyn Kriglein	Fort Ashby, WV	497	7/15/15	\$200.00
		298	7/16/15	
		266	7/17/15	
		902	7/18/15	
		250	7/20/15	
		553	7/21/15	
Reba Heneka	Welch, WV	039	7/22/15	\$25.00
Howard Farman	Neldham, MS	532	7/23/15	\$25.00
Kimberly Mayhew	Romney, WV	446	7/24/15	\$25.00
		644	7/25/15	
		066	7/27/15	
Gary Wendel	McMechen, WV	123	7/28/15	\$25.00
Terry Baker	Mt. Airy, MD	361	7/29/15	\$25.00
		158	7/30/15	
		042	7/31/15	

AUGUST WAYS-N-MEANS WINNERS

NAME	LOCATION	WINNING #	DATE	AMT PAID
Alice Rowzee	Romney, WV	448	8/1/15	\$25.00
Renee Morris	Wind Ridge, PA	808	8/3/15	\$25.00
		044	8/4/15	
		973	8/5/15	
		005	8/6/15	
		285	8/7/15	
ALA Parkersburg Unit 15	Parkersburg, WV	845	8/8/15	\$25.00
		130	8/10/15	
		935	8/11/15	
Bill Burkett	Moundsville, WV	153	8/12/15	\$25.00
		620	8/13/15	
		235	8/14/15	
		713	8/15/15	
		661	8/17/15	
Phyllis Sieben	Augusta, WV	469	8/18/15	\$25.00
Patricia Pearce	Gore, PA	936	8/19/15	\$200.00
Pat Shrout	Romney, WV	519	8/20/15	\$25.00
		305	8/21/15	
		965	8/22/15	
		509	8/24/15	
		994	8/25/15	
		227	8/26/15	
		787	8/27/15	
Rachel Hoffman	Delray, WV	424	8/28/15	\$25.00
Bonnie Wilcox	Romney, WV	458	8/29/15	\$25.00
		617	8/31/15	

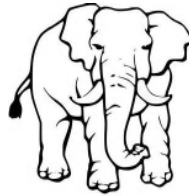
Membership 2015-2016 Filling The Big Top With Members



Target 2—October 12th—35%
National Goal—8455
Membership To Date—1292 (15.28%)
Department Unit #200—38



Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	26	0	
Moundsville #3	365	35	9.59%
McMechen #5	68	32	47.06%
Weirton #10	77	0	
Cameron #18	230	27	11.74%
New Martinsville #28	163	80	49.08%
Wellsburg #34	32	16	50.00%
Follansbee #45	51	2	3.92%
Benwood #46	117	20	17.09%
Pine Grove #81	111	0	
Paden City #86	146	29	19.86%
Wheeling #89	40	10	25.00%
Newell #114	50	10	20.00%
Hundred #120	107	2	1.87%
Chester #121	192	4	2.08%
TOTALS	1775	267	15.04%

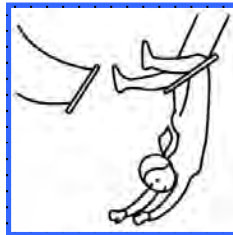


Elephant Keeper

Goal—4520

To Date—688

(15.22%)



Lion Keeper

Goal—3824

To Date—566

(14.80%)

Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	66	33	50.00%
Grafton #12	26	1	3.85%
Clarksburg #13	180	100	55.56%
Shinnston #31	358	118	32.96%
Braxton Co. #33	32	1	3.13%
Mannington #40	22	0	
Philippi #44	39	6	15.38%
Bridgeport #68	56	3	5.36%
Jane Lew #166	46	0	
Morgantown #174	35	0	
TOTALS	860	262	30.47%

Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Huntington #16	302	51	16.89%
Logan #19	19	0	
Ceredo-Kenova #93	451	14	3.10%
Hamlin #111	61	1	1.64%
Milton #139	82	9	10.98%
Barboursville #177	168	3	1.79%
TOTALS	1083	78	7.20%

Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
St. Albans #73	77	5	6.49%
South Charleston #94	24	3	12.50%
TOTALS	101	8	7.92%

Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	153	23	15.03%
Franklin #30	22	0	
Piedmont #52	34	0	
Berkeley Springs #60	251	16	6.37%
Moorefield #64	131	6	4.58%
Charles Town #71	305	75	24.59%
Petersburg #78	108	1	0.93%
Romney #91	310	52	16.77%
Charles Town #102	22	0	
Paw Paw #128	70	14	20.00%
Kirby #134	54	9	16.67%
Ridgeley #136	118	2	1.69%
Capon Bridge #137	144	17	11.81%
Keyser #152	58	3	5.17%
TOTALS	1780	218	12.25%

Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	1011	182	18.00%
Spencer #21	66	24	36.36%
Pt. Pleasant #23	423	38	8.98%
Sistersville #67	159	14	8.81%
Parkersburg #104	14	0	
New Haven #140	174	24	13.79%
Williamstown #159	202	19	9.41%
TOTALS	2049	301	14.69%

Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Welch #8	87	0	
Bluefield #9	34	0	
Beckley #32	50	1	2.00%
Gary #38	90	22	24.44%
TOTALS	261	23	8.81%

Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Elkins #29	215	39	18.14%
Cowen #62	54	19	35.19%
Lewisburg #69	76	39	51.32%
Belington #96	42	0	
Richwood #97	22	0	
Pickens #122	26	0	
TOTALS	435	97	22.30%

October 2015

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<i>Program of Month</i>	<i>Education Constitution & Bylaws</i>			1	2	3 <i>5th Conference Huntington Post #16 Commanders Homecoming Barboursville Post #177</i>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 <i>6th Dist. Conference Beckley Ryan's Rest.</i>
11 <i>4th Dist. Conference New Haven Post #140</i>	12  <i>Columbus Day Target #2 - 35%</i>	13	14	15	16 <i>Spirit Articles Due</i>	17 <i>10th Dist. Conference Romney Post #91</i>
18	19	20 <i>Spirit Out VA Checks Mailed</i>	21	22	23	24 <i>Dept. Presidents Homecoming Paden City</i>
25 <i>1st Dist. Conference Benwood Unit #46</i>	26	27	28	29	30	31 <i>Halloween</i>



Department Commander's Homecoming October 3, 2015

The Homecoming Dinner for Kenneth E. Smith, 2015-2016 Department Commander, will be held on Saturday October 3, 2015 at The American Legion Barboursville Post 177, 6024 US Route 60 E. Barboursville, WV 25504. (304) 733 0177. The Social Hour starts at 6:00 p.m. with Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Ticket cost is \$20. Make check payable to and mail to:

**Kenneth Smith
579 Peyton St
Barboursville, WV 25504**

Department Commander Homecoming
Barboursville Post 177
October 3, 2015

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Number Attending _____

Please cut out and include with payment.

Menu Choices will include Roast Beef, Turkey Breast, Scalloped or Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Dressing, Corn, Glazed Carrots, Green Beans, Cole Slaw and Rolls.

Hotel Rooms for Saturday night, Oct 3rd with 2 Queens have been blocked for the Comfort Inn at the Huntington Mall along I- 64 Exit 20 at a rate of \$128.79 including taxes. Please call 304 733 2122 to make your room reservation, ask for American Legion. Rooms will be released back to the public at midnight on September 25th, 2015.

Other Hotels available by the Huntington Mall Exit 20 are two Best Western (877 722 3422) & (866 430 9014), Hampton Inn-Cracker Barrel Drive (304 733 5300).

Exit 15 has the Red Roof Inn (304 733 3737 and the Days Inn (304 733 4477)

For any reservation or lodging questions, you can contact Kenny at kessmith42@comcast.net or call 304 702 1010.



Come and Celebrate With Us

Department President

Susan Wade Homecoming

Saturday October 24th

Health & Recreation Building

423 South 4th Avenue

Paden City WV

(Parking Around Back)

\$20.00 per person (includes 1 free drink)

Choice of Roast Beef or Chicken

Baked Potato, Vegetables, Rolls, Salad

Dessert, Coffee, Iced Tea, Water

Social Hour 6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm

Block of 10 Rooms at the New Martinsville Inn

(formerly Amerihost)

304-455-6100 \$80.95 plus tax=\$92.57

Ask For The "WV Aux" Rate

Cancellation of Rooms will be deadline October 1st

Rooms Reservation Deadline October 1st

Contact for Tickets:

List Preference of Meat

Paulette Anderson

Cash Bar

1251 Doolin Run Road

New Martinsville WV 26155

304-771-0984

*Deadline For Tickets **October 17th***

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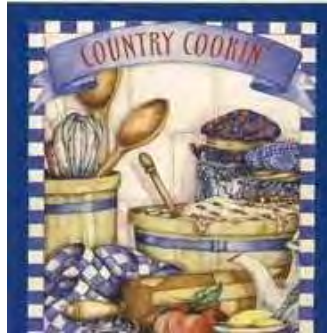
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Cookbook sales are an ongoing project that will continue to put much needed dollars into the Veteran's Fund. Get your cookbooks today! Buy some as gifts! The recipes are the best kind – Tried & True!

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

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Mail to: ALA Department of West Virginia

1251 Doolin Run Road

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