



The Auxiliary Spirit



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American Legion Auxiliary
2016-2017
Department President
Tammy Workman



*Standing Strong For
Our Veterans & Sewing
a Better Tomorrow*



Auxiliary Family,

Department President Tammy would like to take this time to thank you for your prayers, phone calls, and visits to the funeral for SAL Detachment Commander Steve Wright.

She would like to remind you of the Midwinter Conference coming up in a little over a month. Please get your reservations in to the hotel, and registration in to The American Legion. Luncheon reservations are to be sent to Department Secretary by deadline on the form.

Ann Buchanan, Leadership Chairman has a great program lined up. Our Central Division National Vice President Carollee Junge, from the Department of Illinois will be our Distinguished Guest.

Tammy was able to attend the Huntington Gift Shop, Beckley Gift Shop, and the Clarksburg Gift Shop this year. She was ill with an eye infection and not able to attend the Martinsburg Gift Shop.

Keep the membership coming in. Remember December 31st is the last day of this year, and the last day membership for 2016 year. All unit officers should have been paid, and by the looks of the "0" membership in some units, they haven't been.

Tammy will see you all at the Midwinter Conference.



Department Officers 2016-2017

President-Tammy Workman
1st Vice President-Lisa Cadwallader
2nd Vice President-Rhonda Best
Secretary/Treasurer-Paulette Anderson
Chaplain-Sharon Kauffman
Historian-Ann Buchanan

District Presidents

1st District-Stephanie Handley
3rd District-Carla Wilfong
4th District-Cathy Post
5th District-Beth Kilgore
6th District-Peggy Swartz
9th District-
10th District-Sharon Glassford

District Vice Presidents

1st District-Holly Adams
3rd District-Roxie Nicholson
4th District-Nancy Sundstrom
5th District-JoAnn Hastings
6th District-Kathy Bailey
9th District-
10th District-Sharon Kauffman

Department Headquarters—Hope Chest

Mission Statement

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

We need to repeat this Mission Statement at each meeting after we say our “Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary”.

Spirits: articles are due into Department the *15th of each month*. Spirit is emailed/mailed by the 20th of each month. If it falls on a weekend then it will be sent on Monday of the next week. **Please limit your article to 200 words or less. No addition clipart as the Publisher keeps crashing with too much clipart and I have to redo ALL of it as it won't print out.**

Membership: National is honoring our “new” women veterans again this year. Please remember to put “Honor Our Female Veterans” at top of application. If a member is rejoining, I don't need an application sent in. You may want one for your records to make sure she is still eligible. If you do send one in, write either “rejoin” or her ID number on the application so she won't be listed as a new member in the system. **Any dues besides 2017 dues are considered “back dues”.** Please put in the area designated for back dues on your transmittal. Please don't send in 2016 transmittals to pay 2016 dues. Remember that you must pay 2017 dues **first, before back dues.**

Online payments: You may now pay online by telephone and pay multiple members if you wish, by credit card only. #317-569-4536.

Dates To Remember

**Midwinter Conference
February 3-4, 2017
Holiday Inn Martinsburg**

Spring Conferences

**3rd District Joint Conference
Shinnston Post #31
March 11, 2017**

**10th District Joint Conference
Romney Post #91
April 1, 2017**

**5th District Joint Conference
Logan Post #19
April 8, 2017**

**4th District Joint Conference
Pt. Pleasant Post #23
April 9, 2017**

**6th District Auxiliary Conference
Welch Unit #8
April 22, 2017**

**9th District Joint Conference
Ronceverte Post #26
April 29, 2017**

**1st District Auxiliary Conference
Follansbee Unit #45
April 30, 2017**



**Be At the Mid Winter
Conference!!**

**Bring your auction gifts on Saturday
morning to set up by 7:30 am outside
the meeting room.**

**Roxie Nicholson will be conducting this
silent auction. All proceeds will benefit
the Department Welfare Fund!!**

**There will be a Basket to be Ruffled Off
Tickets will be at the table to purchase.**

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**American Legion Auxiliary
National Website**
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Secretary/ Treasure (Hope Chest)





"Timeless Reflections"



Membership Chairman

Hello To All Members,

I hope everyone is warm and healthy. If so you are at least one ahead of me. (Been warm but not so well)

I put out a challenge for 100% December 1, 2016 to all units and not one met my challenge. So here comes another: Any unit reaching GOAL 100% by Midwinter will receive gift from me for the unit.

Now let's talk about our "Buttons". We have 28 units that reached 50% December 15th Button and 2 Districts.

As of January we'll be six months halfway through this American Legion Auxiliary of 2016-17 year. Every unit in this department should at least be at 50%!! We are the only Department in Central Division that doesn't have at least one goal unit. In the spirit of goodwill "why"? 2016 membership is delinquent as of January 1, 2017. Each unit should handle according to national guidelines.

For the month of January, National suggests that we "Ring in the New Year with Membership". Do this by making personal contacts with calls telling members what benefits members keep by renewing.

For luncheon at Midwinter we'll be having a contest: **the most authentic dressed "Rosie" and "Farmett"** one in each category unless we should have a tie.

Wishing everyone of you Happy New Year from the Foxes.

In Service Not Self,
Membership Chairman
Debbie Fox



Department 1st Vice President

Hello Farmeretts,

Congratulations to those units that met their buttons, but ladies we seem to be slowing up and normally this time of year we are picking up. I hope over the next few weeks we pick up a good bit. And as we are all busy during the holidays please remember how important it is to continue to process members due on time.

We still have units with under 10 paid members, we really need to get those units up at least to 10 paid. All unit officers dues were due by Nov. 1.

Our District Vices are doing a wonderful job and are willing to help, so please let them know if there is any way they can help you.

The membership team has heard from National and they are worried because we are not where we were this time last year. So let's try extra hard to get us up to where we need to be. The next batch of Certificates will be handed out at Mid-Winter. I hope to see many units there.

Bless our Veterans and have a very Merry Christmas and safe New Year.
Lisa Cadwallader
LisaC.ALA71@gmail.com

Department 2nd Vice President

Hello Rosie Riveters,

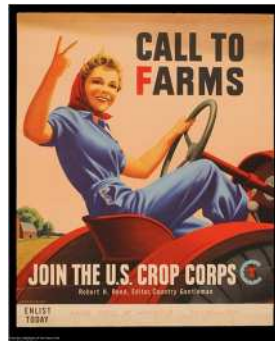
Now that we have the Holidays behind us we can get busy with our tools.

We need to focus on membership and try to bring our numbers up.

With this being said I want to thank all of the District 1,4,6, and 9 Vice Presidents for your dedication and hard work. I know we can build our membership higher than we did during the first half of this year.

If any of you have questions/concerns, then please contact me by phone or email.

God Bless and Be Safe
Rhonda Best
2nd Vice-President



1st District President

Season's Greetings to all the Ladies of 1st District,

I would like to ask everyone to keep Department President Tammy Workman in our prayers as she goes through a difficult time with the unexpected passing of Steve Wright, SAL Detachment Commander.

On a lighter note, I hope everyone is ready for the holiday season! Can't believe how fast this year has gone. I hope everyone is working on preparing their mid-year reports and continuing to collect and compile information needed for our annual reports.

We still need to be diligent with membership and striving to reach each of our goals and targets. I know it can be frustrating at times but keep plugging away at it.

Mid-Winter Conference is fast approaching so I hope that First District has a good show of attendance. Also remember to support our Comfort Item Drive at Mid-Winter.

I know I'm a little late with this but I want to Thank all that attended 1st District Fall Conference in October. It was great to see all of you there. Thank you, President Tammy, for attending. I also would like to thank all the Department officers that were in attendance at our 1st District Conference.

Please remember all our Veterans this holiday season and keep them in our prayers.

In spirit of service, not self
Stephanie Handley
1st District President
stephaniehandley@msn.com



3rd District President

Merry Christmas to all the Units in the State!

I hope you have a nice one.

There are Units in this District that really need to work on their Membership. Come on Ladies I know you can do it. I expect all Units to have more membership turned in by the next Button.

Please keep President Tammy in your Prayers, send her a card let her know you are thinking of her.

Merry Christmas
Carla Wilfong
President

4th District Vice President

Hello Ladies;

Well I think Winter has finally arrived it is 4 degrees today very cold. So take care and keep warm. Ladies please don't hold your membership dues they need to be mailed into Department Secretary/Treasurer as soon as possible. Your members will be delinquent as of December 31, 2016.

Proud to say that we have 5 Units that have made Button #5 with 50% plus. We also have 2 Units not far behind, I talked to Sistersville #67, they're waiting to get a check signed so they can mail their dues out. Also talked to Parkersburg Unit #104; their members except for 2 has lost interest they no longer attend meetings. The President and Secretary are sending out letters to each member letting them know that they will be dissolving the Unit if they are no longer interested in attending meetings and working for our Veterans.

At this time Fourth District Members, would like to wish every member of our great organization American Legion Auxiliary a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We are also sending our Auxiliary Sisters lots of Love and Prayers to you and your families.

God BLESS ALL!
Nancy Sundstrom
4th District Vice President

4th District President

My Auxiliary Sisters,

First and foremost; I want to express my deepest sympathy to Madam President Tammy.

As we move closer to Christmas, please remember our Veterans and those less fortunate in your communities. If you have the opportunity and you have a place; perhaps an open door Christmas dinner would be a wonderful benefit this time of year. There are so many children in need also.

Hope your membership is coming along with the end of the year nearing. Don't forget your lady Veterans; they may very well want dual membership.

My trip to Dover Air Force base was very enjoyable and it was wonderful to finally get to spend a holiday with my active duty family.

Be gathering your Comfort items for Mid-Winter.

As we head into 2017, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Please pray for our troops home and abroad and our Veterans.

Love to all. God bless.
For God and Country,
Cathy Post
4th District President

5th District Vice President

Hello Ladies

I hope all of you ladies are doing well and looking forward to the Christmas holiday. We have just a few days to go and the holiday rush will be over.

I know the holidays will find a lot of veterans homeless.

Please send dues in so we can help the veterans and their families. Every one please get your dues in.

Merry Christmas!
JoAnn Hastings
5th District Vice President

5th District President

I hope everyone is having the happiest of holiday seasons and you have been able to relax and enjoy all the excitement they bring.

How big of an impact are we making with all that we do for the veterans? Have you ever been so tired from working on a project that you wish you could be home resting instead of helping the veterans? Have you ever felt that your time could best be spent do other things?

The following is taken from our National Organization web site:

Why We Matter

The 2014 estimated value of one hour of volunteer service is **\$23.07**, according to the Independent Sector, a coalition of charities, foundations, and corporations that publishes research important to the nonprofit sector. **American Legion Auxiliary members have volunteered more than 10 million hours for a collective value of service to our veterans, service members, and their families of more than \$3.1 billion.** That's quite a global impact, and a powerful number that accentuates who we are, what we do, and why we matter!

Think about the difference you are making in so many lives when negative thoughts enter your mind about if we are making a difference. **Yes, we are!**

See you at Mid-Winter Conference!
Beth Kilgore,
5th District President

10th District Vice President

Due to illness, I didn't get to call you this month. But let's keep getting those memberships in as soon as we get them.

Keep up the good work!
Sharon Kauffman
10th District Vice

Junior Activities

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Looking forward to seeing what our Juniors are doing for our Veterans this holiday season .

Thank any Veterans for our freedom and wish them a Merry Christmas.

Junior Annual Midwinter Forms will be at the Junior Meeting in February for parents/guardians to sign when they register them.

Our Juniors would like to send our condolences to our state President Tamala Workman.

God Bless,
Kelli A Immel

Leadership

Remembering Our Friends

Sons of The American Legion Detachment Commander Steve Wright passed away suddenly Tuesday December 13th. Funeral services were held Saturday December 17th at Palmer Funeral Home in Pine Grove. Steve was Department President Tammy Workman's lifetime companion.

*Cards may be sent to Tammy at:
Tammy Workman
PO Box 63
Reader WV 26167*

*Sharon Glassford, PDP, was hospitalized recently with pnemonmia. Cards may be sent to Sharon at:
Sharon Glassford, PDP
90 Westfall Drive
Charles Town WV 25414*

*Beulah Loudermilk, President of Lewisburg Unit #69 has been in the hospital. Cards may be sent to Beulah at:
Beulah Loudermilk
4675 Vago Rd.
Frankford WV 24938*

Sharon Kauffman, Department Chaplain will have surgery in January to remove an abscess from her colon.

Debbie Fox, PDP, has been sick with an infection that was one step away from pnemonmia. She is able to talk some now.

*Let us keep these
Auxiliary members
in our thoughts and
prayers.*



I hope that each of you celebrates this holiday season with glee and that you will find the New Year a great experience. I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and that the worst in 2018 will equal the best of 2017.

This is the time of year that our units start feeling the "burnout" syndrome and we need to take the time to encourage our member to continue working hard for the organization. There are so many activities during this time of year that benefit our communities, but we need to try not to overwhelm members by giving them more than they feel they can handle. Try to make each project enjoyable so that members will want to work on the project and others with the unit in the future.

Provide training opportunities if needed. Information session on the upcoming projects make be helpful to new members. If these sessions are held separate from the unit meeting, it may help inform members but not bore other members. Always remember that you have seasoned unit members that can help info and train newer members. Make sure that each member is informed about the upcoming programs and projects – remember that communication is the key to success. Group the unit members so that like-minded members are working together. This means that you must know your members before making assignments.

Always, be POSITIVE. When some are complaining, find a success to share. Always complement those that work on a project – remember to use names. DO NOT name that that did not help but emphasize that did work. Unit leaders have an obligation to minimize criticism and maximize positive feedback. "Thank you" is always a good thing to do publically.

Q9: When is American Legion Auxiliary, Rhododendron Girls State held and where?

A9: June 11-16, 2017 at Wheeling Jesuit University

Q10: When is American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation held and where?

A10: July 22-29, 2017 in Chevy Chase, MD (outside of Washington, DC)

Q11: What is the deadline for submitting awards this year to department?

Q12: Who is our Central Division Vice President this year?

**Merry Christmas
Happy New Year**

Chaplain

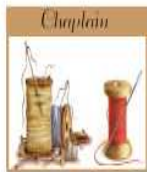
Hello ladies,

Let us keep President Tammy in your prayers for her loss of Steve Wright. Please keep District President Sharon Glassford in your thoughts for a speedy recovery. Remember life isn't guaranteed so make the most of life and enjoy your loved ones.

Remember to send in your prayers for President Tammy's Prayer book.

Thanks to all who sent cards to me, I'm getting better.

Sharon Kauffman
Department Chaplain



Historian

Keeping our History alive is a job that each member needs take seriously. The history that we have will determine our future. We need to know what has happened before we can plan to be successful in the future. Keep a notebook of what your unit has done with facts that will help those in the future recreate your successes and not make the same mistakes.

Please let the department chairmen know what you are doing in your unit so that she will be able to make her report to our national organization. Take the time to share your successes with others.

In a joint effort with the National Junior Activities Committee, the American Legion Auxiliary have developed a History Patch for our high school (9th – 12th grades) Junior members. These young ladies have an opportunity to work with, learn from, and take ownership of the American Legion Auxiliary history. It is important for them to understand that they are a part of the Auxiliary's history. By earning this patch, they may become interested not only in the history itself, but in preserving it as well, and become a unit's or department's History/Cavalcade chairman.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Ann Buchanan,
Historian



Community Service

Remember this time of year it is very cold out. Let's help our homeless with jackets, sweats, gloves, blankets and also help the schools for children who are unfortunate.

Remember to always wear your badges or shirt something showing who we are.

Thank you to those who sent in your reports.

Sharon Kauffman
Community Service

Strategic Planning Committee

Hello Ladies,

Department of West Virginia has a plan in effect since the national organization mandated the Centennial Plan.

Goal 5 - Building brand loyalty with American Legion.

Goal 4-Strengthen departments and units

Goal 3- Developing leadership at all levels

Goal 2- Create a culture of goodwill

Then we get to Goal 1- Enhancing membership.

In the beginning of the plan it was to achieve a million members. Many departments were very intimidated by the word million. Of course we all know that's really a huge number but attainable. As I've said in past reports once we achieve goals 2 through 5 our number 1 goal will be a "given". Mr. Webster would say the *definition of give: transfer freely, allow, permit, or grant noun: flexibility, stretch, or elasticity.* My way of thinking if we are a little more flexible we would be granted the membership.

Goal 1

Debbie Fox

Legislative

Merry Christmas to all the Units in the State!

Mid-year reports are slow coming in. Send me an e-mail on what your Unit has done. I have to have my report in by December 29th, so you still have a few days.

You can email me at carlajwilfong@yahoo.com

Merry Christmas
Carla Wilfong



Americanism



“Our nations flag is under attack. Protesters set it afire in a misguided attempt to promote their causes. Athletes fall to their knees instead of raising hands to hearts during the National Anthem. While Americans have a constitutional right to express their opinions in such ways, The American Legion strongly believes the flag is a symbol of our nations freedom, secured by the service-men and women who sacrificed so much for all citizens. The American Legion has regularly encouraged Congress to pass a constitutional amendment that would give it the power to protect the Stars and Stripes from desecration.”

*Charles E. Schmidt
National Commander
American Legion*

I urge all Units to contact their Congressmen to make sure that our Flag is protected and declare flag desecration off-limits with a Constitutional amendment.

I hope all Units have been in touch with their local schools about our Americanism Essay Contest. I know that it is a bit confusing with the wording. Our National Chairman Sue Britton spoke about concerns to our National President Mary Davis. The word liberties has many meanings but basically means the state of being free within our society from being told what to do, how to act, how we should live or our political views. A good way to present the question would be *“How does your knowledge of government help you to protect our liberties? Or “How will you work to protect our freedoms?”* The word “guardian” could be explained comparing it to one of their favorite superheroes or cartoon characters. It is a person who looks after and is responsible for someone who is disabled or can’t manage their own affairs. They are just like a defender, protector, or keeper.

I hope this helps. Any questions, please feel free to contact me.

I want to thank the Units that sent me a Mid Year Report.

Susan Wade
Americanism Chairman

Constitution & Bylaws

Merry Christmas to all Auxiliary Members in our great state!

I hope all Units are giving their Constitution and by-laws a good review.

If you have anything to change do so and send it to me. You can e-mail me at carlajwilfong@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Merry Christmas
Carla Wilfong

Girls State Chairman

I hope each one of you had a nice Holiday and Happy New Year! **2017 Rhododendron’s 75th Diamond Jubilee Anniversary** will be held Sunday, June 11 –Friday, June 16th, 2017 at Wheeling Jesuit University in Wheeling, WV.

We would like to thank SAL Squadron 13 for their generous donation of \$500. What a great way to start this year! Thank you to those who made this happen!!!

Also thank you to Benwood Unit 46 for their great report I received. Thank you Linda!

By now, you should have contacted your sponsors and gathered your donations to help send your citizens to Girls State. Also, please contact your schools to let them know you are working the Girls State program and give them your contact information. Just right around the corner May 1st will be here to have submitted your applications.

If you have any questions feel free to contact your district representative or myself.

Lynda Lancaster,
Girls State Chairman

Public Relations

I know that are a lot going on with Parades, Dinners, Santa Clause for the children. So if you have this in the paper and pictures please send them to me.

I am making a Public Relations book for our President Tammy, of Auxiliary functions in our state. I need your help.

God Bless
JoAnn Hastings
PR Chairman

Education

Hello Ladies,

I know the Holidays are a busy time of year for each of us. Now that we have them behind us we can focus on our Auxiliary activities.

Some reminders to give you for Education are:

**Write things down to report as they are happening, pictures say a thousand words.

**Community support helps children thrive, don’t forget to include college students in the “Give Ten to Education” Program.

**Working together makes the load more manageable, and make sure to make things fun.

Thank you to the Education Chairmen that sent in your report. I really appreciate it. For any unit that did not send their report please send in now. I can include it in my year end report.

Until next Month “Happy Educating”.

God Bless and Be Safe,
Rhonda Best
Education Chairman

Children & Youth

I trust the holidays met all your expectations and you did not stress yourself out over the shopping, decorating, wrapping, and the preparation for all the festivities. As you were enjoying your time with your families, I hope you took some time to think about those children whose parents are deployed. These children are experiencing a void in their lives that can only be filled with the return of their loved one. I have received reports of coat drives, filling stockings for the Salvation Army, Christmas parties, or collecting for Toys for Tots. The list goes on and on.

You can aid our Children & Youth in many different ways. The Auxiliary provides significant cash assistance and direct service, and supports legislation that affects children at the local, state, and national levels. While all children are important, the Auxiliary particularly focuses on helping the children of our veterans and service members. I have listed below a way to help by donating to the National President's Scholarship program.

CHILDREN OF WARRIORS NATIONAL PRESIDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP

— Helping Youth It is important to acknowledge the sacrifices of service members who preserve our freedom, but that is not enough. The sacrifices of the children of those who served should also be honored. The Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship provides them with that recognition in the form of financial support for higher education. Every year, 15 outstanding students from around the United States are awarded thousands of dollars in scholarship money. When you give to the National Presidents' Scholarship, it is our way of showing how much we, as a nation, care. Your gifts can be made by check, credit card, online or through planned giving. For donations to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship, Spirit of Youth, or the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival, make checks payable to the American Legion Auxiliary National Treasurer. Mail checks to American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters, Attention: Development Division, 8945 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46260.

REMINDER: April is Children & Youth month, have you planned an activity to honor our children?

Beth Kilgore,
Chairman

Somewhere today a soldier died for me. I pray I am worthy of their sacrifice. - Eleanor Roosevelt

Child Welfare Foundation

The holiday has done him in. He must go on a diet.

First collection for the 2016-2017 year will be at Mid-Winter Conference.

Bring all the loose change (rolled) (and bills and checks, also) to the meeting and I will collect it there.

Beth Kilgore,
Chairman
Child Welfare Foundation



Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation



Hello Ladies:

Hope you are not so busy that you are not enjoying this Christmas Season. I am getting ready to travel to Nashville to get my first visit with my new great granddaughter, but wanted to get my message into the Spirit.

Are you working on your comfort item drive for Mid-Winter? Remember you may take direct to a VA facility or the WV Veterans Home, if you are near same or wish to travel to the facility nearest you. Just remember to send me a note, sheet, etc. telling me the cost or value of items delivered.

Also, I am counting on hospital chairmen to arrange to or have someone lined up to deliver back to their hospital. I know I sound like a broken record, but it is a big enough job to sort, pack, and total the items without having to worry about them getting to each location. I am counting on your cooperation.

I mentioned the "adoption" of a veteran from the WV Veterans Home for Christmas, and I want to thank Benwood Unit #46 for accepting and shipping a box with Christmas presents for a specific veteran directly to the Home.

Don't forget I have to mid-year report to my Central Division Chairman by January 1, 2017, so please email to me at mwaybright@yahoo.com so that I can meet my deadline.

Mary Waybright
V A & R Chairman



Ways & Means

It is soon that time of the year where we start a new Fundraiser Ticket winnings!!

I haven't received a lot of tickets so far, but I am sure there will be more by December 31st.

Remember the first drawing for 2017 is held on January 2nd, due to New Year being on Sunday. That drawing will be worth \$100.00, so be sure they are in by then.

Don't give up selling those tickets just because the new drawing starts soon! They are good for all year long!

This is the only Department Fund-raiser we have with 75% going to our Department Welfare Fund for our veterans!!

Remember if you don't pay, you can't play!!

Paulette Anderson
Ways & Means Chairman



November Ways and Means Winners

Winner	Number	City	State	Date	Amount
Rita Alley	404	Wheaton	ILL	11/1/16	\$25.00
	263			11/2/16	
Merri Rush	508	New Haven	WV	11/3/16	\$25.00
Michael Poland	274	Delray	WV	11/4/16	\$25.00
Marsha Vigilranco	187	Clarksburg	WV	11/5/16	\$25.00
Past Pres. Club	285	Moundsville	WV	11/7/16	\$25.00
	701			11/8/16	
Michael Pearce	059	Saverna Park	MD	11/9/16	\$25.00
	628			11/10/16	
Morgan Wilkins	079	Romney	WV	11/11/16	\$25.00
Lu Ellen Dillon	374	Welch	WV	11/12/16	\$25.00
	688			11/14/16	
Henry Paul	013	Elbert	WV	11/15/16	\$25.00
	832			11/16/16	
Michelle Kuykendall	436	Romney	WV	11/17/16	\$25.00
Glenda Pope	978	Newell	WV	11/18/16	\$25.00
Michael Poland	274	Delray	WV	11/19/16	\$25.00
Frank Nicholson	048	Shinnston	WV	11/21/16	\$25.00
Tina Reed	160	Bluefield	WV	11/22/16	\$25.00
	119			11/23/16	
Ernie McCarty	680	Canton	OH	11/24/16	\$25.00
Larry Mason	451	Rio	WV	11/25/16	\$25.00
Jack Gerrard	851	Clarksburg	WV	11/26/16	\$25.00
Herb Richardson	802	Shinnston	WV	11/28/16	\$25.00
Marion Hollingsworth	275	Keyser	WV	11/29/16	\$25.00
Dick Kins	913	Wellsburg	WV	11/30/16	\$25.00





36th Annual Mid-Winter Conference
 American Legion Auxiliary
 Conference Program
 Martinsburg Holiday Inn, Martinsburg WV
 Tentative Schedule

**Friday, February 3,
2017**

8:00 am	Comfort Items Open.....	Shenandoah Room
3 - 7 pm	Registration.....	Prefunction Room
1:00 pm	Girls State Executive Board Meeting.....	Salons CD
2:00 pm	Centennial Strategic Meeting	
7:00 pm	Opening Joint Session.....	Foxcroft Ballroom

Saturday, February 4, 2017

8:00 am -12:00 pm	Registration.....	Prefunction Room
8:00 am -2:00 pm	Silent Auction	Prefunction Area
8:30 am	Opening Session	Salons CD
	Call to Order	Tammy Workman, President
	Prayer.....	Sharon Kauffman, Chaplain
	Moment of Silence	
	Pledge of Allegiance.....	Susan Wade, Americanism Chairman
	National Anthem.....	Kitty Kelly -Smoot, Music Chairman
	Preamble of Constitution.....	Carla Wilfong, Const. & Bylaws Chairman
	Mission Statement.....	Ann Buchanan, Leadership Chairman
8:40 am	Welcome	Tammy Workman, President
8:45 am	Chapel-4-Chaplains	Sharon Kauffman Chaplain
9:00 am	Leadership	Ann Buchanan, Leadership Chairman
	Presentation.....	Dr. Rosemary Thomas
10:30 am	Children & Youth	Beth Kilgore, Department Chairman
10:50am	Girls State.....	Michelle Sirbaugh, Director
11:10 am	Rhododendron Girls State Governor Mariah Daffron Harpers Ferry WV	
11:25 am	Announcements	
11:30 am	Recess	
11:45 am	Membership Luncheon	Hotel Restaurant
	Debbie Fox and Membership Team	
1:00 pm	Reconvene Centennial committee	Salons CD
1:15 pm	Central Division National Vice President Carollee Junge Department of Illinois	
1:45 pm	Year End Reports/Impact Reporting.....	Paulette Anderson, Department Secretary
2:00 pm	Leadership Program.....	Ann Buchanan, Chairman
	Silent Auction Closes	
2:30	Dept. Chairmen Reports	
2:45 pm	Reports from:	
	Poppy Posters.....	Roxie Nicholson, Chairman
	V A & R.....	Mary Waybright, Chairman
	Ways & Means.....	Paulette Anderson, Chairman
	Silent Auction.....	Roxie Nicholson
3:00	Questions & Answers	
3:30pm	Announcements	
	Benediction.....	Sharon Kauffman, Chaplain
	Salute to Our Flag	
	Adjournment	
4:00 pm	Joint Chapel Services.....	Salons AB
6:00 pm	Commander and Presidents Reception	Foxcroft Ballroom

2017 Midwinter Membership Luncheon

Saturday February 4, 2016

Martinsburg Holiday Inn

MENU

Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad

Cup of Soup

Coffee, Tea, Water

Price \$15.50

Advance Registration with Payment Needed by January 25, 2017

NO DEVIATION

List of Names Attending:

Please list Allergies beside Name

*Send to: ALA Dept. Treasurer
1251 Doolin Run Road
New Martinsville WV 26155*

January 2017

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1 <i>New Years Day</i>	2 <i>Office Closed</i>	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 <i>Button #6 60%</i>	16 <i>Martin Luther's King Jr. Day</i>	17 <i>Spirit Articles Due</i>	18	19	20 <i>Spirit Out VA Checks Mailed</i>	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	<i>Programs of The Month National Security Legislative</i>			

Timeless Reflections

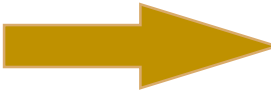


**Button #5-- December 15th—50%
Membership To Date—4369 (48.79 %)
Dept. Unit #200—75
Department Goal—8954**



District 1			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	34	1	2.94%
Moundsville #3	373	195	52.28%
McMechen #5	76	34	44.74%
Weirton #10	85	47	55.29%
Cameron #18	238	103	38.43%
New Martinsville #28	171	111	64.91%
Wellsburg #34	40	24	60.00%
Follansbee #45	59	26	44.07%
Benwood #46	125	56	44.80%
Pine Grove #81	119	42	35.29%
Paden City #86	154	90	58.44%
Wheeling #89	48	6	12.50%
Newell #114	58	28	48.28%
Hundred #120	115	49	42.61%
Chester #121	200	102	51.00%
TOTALS	1895	914	48.23%

District 3			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	73	40	54.79%
Grafton #12	33	1	3.03%
Clarksburg #13	187	133	71.12%
Shinnston #31	365	197	53.97%
Braxton Co. #33	41	21	51.22%
Philippi #44	46	16	34.78%
Bridgeport #68	63	27	42.86%
Jane Lew #166	52	36	69.23%
Morgantown #174	43	9	20.93%
TOTALS	903	480	53.16%



**WWI
Farmetts
Goal—4055
To Date—1867
(46.04 %)**



District 5			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Huntington #16	312	165	52.88%
Logan #19	29	4	13.79%
St. Albans #73	87	22	25.29%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	461	170	36.88%
South Charleston #94	34	10	29.41%
Hamlin #111	71	15	21.13%
Milton #139	92	50	54.35%
Barboursville #177	178	91	51.12%
TOTALS	1264	527	41.69%

District 10			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	155	70	45.16%
Franklin #30	31	10	32.26%
Piedmont #52	41	12	29.27%
Berkeley Springs #60	260	137	52.69%
Moorefield #64	140	54	38.57%
Charles Town #71	314	146	46.50%
Petersburg #78	117	52	44.44%
Romney #91	319	150	47.02%
Charles Town #102	24	15	62.50%
Paw Paw #128	79	18	22.78%
Kirby #134	63	34	53.97%
Ridgeley #136	127	41	32.28%
Capon Bridge #137	153	77	50.33%
Keyser #152	67	44	65.67%
TOTALS	1890	860	45.50%



**WWII
Rosie The Riveters
Goal—4812
To Date—2427
(50.44 %)**

District 4			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	1027	576	56.09%
Spencer #21	82	47	57.32%
Pt. Pleasant #23	439	197	44.87%
Tyler County #48	17	11	64.71%
Sistersville #67	175	29	16.57%
Parkersburg #104	30		
New Haven #140	190	97	51.05%
Williamstown #159	218	92	42.20%
TOTALS	2178	1049	48.16%

District 6			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Welch #8	91	44	30.77%
Bluefield #9	38		
Beckley #32	54	29	53.71%
Gary #38	94	64	68.09%
TOTALS	277	137	49.46%

District 9			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Elkins #29	220	110	50.00%
Cowen #62	59	27	45.76%
Lewisburg #69	81	47	58.02%
Belington #96	47	23	48.94%
Richwood #97	24		
Pickens #122	31	20	64.52%
TOTALS	462	327	70.71%

Jackson-Perks Charles Town Unit 71

Proudly Presents

Lisa Cadwallader

As a candidate for Department President for the

American Legion Auxiliary

Department of West Virginia

For the year

2017-2018



**2017 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
RESERVATION FORM**

February 3-4, 2017
Holiday Inn/Days Inn
301 Foxcroft Avenue
Martinsburg, West Virginia 25401

\$89.00 per night room rate (plus 13% tax)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

Arrival Date _____ AM PM Departure Date _____

Room Type: (circle one) Doubles King

Non-Smoking Facility

Handicap Room: (circle one) wheelchair oxygen tank other
If you circled "other", please explain. _____

*Members with wheelchair disabilities will receive first priority.

One night's deposit must accompany this request to reserve a room. Any form without a deposit will be returned. Enclosed, please find one night's room deposit of **\$89.00** (plus 13% tax) = \$100.57 per night

(circle one)
 check cash credit card
 # _____ credit card # _____
 type _____
 expiration date _____

Your credit card may be charged for the one night's room deposit.

**Mail to: Holiday Inn
 ATTN: Sandy
 301 Foxcroft Avenue
 Martinsburg, West Virginia 25401**

**This form must be mailed to reserve a room at Holiday Inn. (No phone calls
for rooms will be accepted.)**

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER EARLY- THANKS!

CANCELLATION MUST BE 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE TO RECEIVE REFUND.

***CANCELLATION MUST BE
48 HOURS IN ADVANCE
TO RECEIVE REFUND***

YOU ARE INVITED
TO THE 36TH ANNUAL
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 3-4, 2017

HOLIDAY INN/DAYS INN
MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

ADVANCED REGISTRATION - \$20
AT DOOR REGISTRATION - \$25

RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

I AM SENDING \$ _____ FOR _____ ADVANCED REGISTRATION(S). **PLEASE ATTACH A LIST OF INDIVIDUALS FOR WHICH YOU PAYING.**

SPELL NAME AS IT IS TO APPEAR ON NAME BADGE DURING CONFERENCE

NAME (S) _____

ADDRESS _____

POST/UNIT/SAL NO. _____

TITLE/OFFICE HELD _____

MAIL TO: THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA
P.O. BOX 3191
CHARLESTON WV 25332

DEADLINE DATE: JANUARY 27, 2017

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2017
ADVERTISING FORM**

The American Legion
Department of West Virginia, Inc.

I hereby authorize the following advertisement to be placed in the official program of the 36th Annual Mid-Winter Conference of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia, Inc., scheduled February 3-4, 2017, at Holiday Inn, Martinsburg, West Virginia.

Date: _____, 2016/2017 _____
Name of Post/Unit/SAL

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	Eighth Page	\$25	Eighth Page (Color)	\$ 50

Please send your ad along with a check made payable to: **The American Legion
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No Deviation

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

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UNIT/POST/SQUADRON # _____

LOCATION _____

PERSON IN CHARGE _____

ADDRESS _____

ITEMS DONATED _____

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****** turn this form in with your donation or tape to your box (s) of donations. Make sure your name is on box so can be given credit of donation.**

THANK YOU,

Mary Waybright
Department VA & R Chairman

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NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

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

Cookbooks are \$10.00 each plus \$4.00 (S & H)

If you buy 5 ALL AT ONCE then the 6th one is free!!

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

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

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