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Department President
Tammy Workman



Standing Strong For Our Veterans & Sewing a Better Tomorrow



Hello everyone,

I've enjoyed attending some of the Legion Birthday dinners and have only three more Spring conferences to visit. It's been a very busy year.

Please remember to help support my special project, The Mountaineer ChallenGe Academy. All of the funds we raise will be used for further education in Vocational Training and certification courses. I'm sure we all know that not every Cadet will join the military after their 22 week course at the MCA, and not all of them will earn scholarships for collage. With our help some of those young men and women can become nurses, Certified nursing assistants, mechanics, store managers, maintenance supervisors, first responders, counselors, etc... Together we can help make a difference in the direction these young men and women take, let's make it a good one.

I hope all of you remembered to do your end of year reports! Even though we do have awards the reporting isn't for us. It's to help gather the needed info to show the kinds of things our Veterans and their families need.

Membership!!! We are currently at the 90% Button but most of our units, the districts and our Department are stuck in the 60% range, NOT GOOD! We are about 455 behind in the National standing as well. We really need to get out there and work our membership. Advertise a membership drive and consider charging your early bird rate for that day to anyone who joins or pays their dues or rejoins. Your unit might not make much money but you might gain membership. Work with your unit members and do something unique or fun. We only have a few months before we will be working on the 2018 dues.

Y'all have a great Poppy day

For God and Country
Tammy Workman



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

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1st District-Holly Adams
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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”.

Mandatory Funds: to be a unit in good standing one of the obligations is paying your unit mandatory funds yearly, no later than July 31, 2017. If you are attending Department Convention to be seated as a delegate, then it is 30 days before Convention.

Mandatory Funds are: *Bonding, Girls State Project, Education, Veterans 1st Fund, Poppies, and 10% proceeds.*

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.**

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.

Spring Conferences

**6th District Auxiliary Conference
Welch Unit #8**

Post Home

April 22, 2017

9th District Joint Conference

Ronceverte Post #26

April 29, 2017

1st District Auxiliary Conference

Follansbee Unit #45

Post Home

April 30, 2017

**ALL DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
ARE INVITED TO ATTEND**

Per “Policy and Procedures”

Any member aspiring to a Department Office shall have the endorsement of her local unit, and signed by the President and Secretary and submitted to the Department Secretary/Treasurer 30 days prior to the Department Convention at which time the election is to be held. Nominations shall be called for and accepted from the floor prior to the holding of said election.

Any member aspiring to a District Office shall have the endorsement of her local unit, given at a regular meeting, signed by the Unit President and Unit Secretary and submitted to the District President 30 days before the District Conference at which the election is held. Nominations shall be called for and accepted from the floor prior to the holding of said election.

A copy of District Endorsements is appreciated for the Spirit.

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**American Legion Auxiliary
National Website**
ALAforveterans.org

Secretary/ Treasure (Hope Chest)





"Timeless Reflections"



Membership Chairman

Hello To All,

Ladies we have ten (10) weeks until our Department Convention. As of right now our department is more than three thousand (3000) members from being goal. I'm not sure how to express some of my thoughts but, a quote by British author Helen MacInnes might help me "**Nothing is interesting if you're not interested.**" I truly hope that this isn't what has happened to our department. If that is the case we're no longer interested in our veterans, our military, our children and youth, our communities and our members? What is the issue? I don't have the answers.

What I do know forty-five (45) units have less than seventy (70%) membership and of those eight (8) units have thirty-five (35%) or less. Our April 15, 2017 #9 Button is 90%. We have only four (4) units that met this #9 Button and two (2) of these units are GOAL units.

When Department President Tammy Workman ask me to be the Chairman of the Membership Team for 2016-17 my enthusiasm was over the top. I've tried to stay optimistic but the responsibility of our membership is team work. Each member holds the key to our success.

We have two months to get membership turned in to the department office. Lets see how much we can accomplish until then.

For God and Country
Membership Chairman,
Debbie Fox



Department 1st Vice President

Hello Farmeretts,

Ladies, the good news is we have been signing up new members. The bad news is we are still behind in membership. Call your members that have not renewed in the last year or so and try to get them to rejoin. See why they haven't. We still need to work our membership for this year; the new cards do not come out until July. Let's try hard and see if we can't bring our membership up.

I hope you are enjoying your Spring Conferences and picking up some new information. I have enjoyed the ones I've attended so far, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 10th and look forward to the others.

Remember to wear your auxiliary gear as you get out to schools, Memorial Day events, poppy days, and anything you are promoting. Take with you applications and information about the American Legion Auxiliary. Put up a sign that say Ask me how to get involved or how to join.

And please remember, we are all here for our Veterans, not ourselves.

Bless our Veterans!!
Lisa Cadwallader



Department 2nd Vice President

Hello Rosie Riveters,

I hope all of you had a wonderful Easter and made lots of memories.

I want to take this time to Thank Each Unit in Districts 1, 4, 6 and 9 for the hard work you ladies do every day for our Veterans, their families, the community, our children and the Auxiliary.

I know each of you have been very busy through-out this year.

Most units are so close to making their Buttons. So Let's gather up our strength, will power and tools and push to regain those remaining unpaid members. Also seek and find potentially new members.

WE CAN DO IT !!!!!!!

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



1st District President

Hello Ladies,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter and is enjoying the beautiful weather that we have been having.

May is upon us and that means it is time to get our poppies into motion. I hope the units have or are planning ways to get folks aware of our poppy program. This can be done in several ways whether you are getting the message out as a group or individually. Remember this is for all our Veterans.

Annual Reports should have been completed and submitted. These reports are very important piece in getting information to Department and National of our accomplishments and services provided to our Veterans.

Also fast approaching is Department Convention is July. It will be here before we know it.

Continue working on your membership. Reach out to members that haven't paid their dues yet or send them a little reminder. Continue to work on recruiting new members.

Remember your branding, this is one way to get people to notice the Auxiliary and may even be a way to strike up a conversation.

In Spirit of Service, not Self
Stephanie Handley
1st District President

5th District Vice President

Hello Ladies

I went to the Fifth District Conference in Logan WV.

I've seen the target sheet, and membership is on the rise. I want to thank you all but we still need to work harder to meet goal. I have in my heart we can do it.

Thank you
JoAnn Hastings
Fifth District Vice President

3rd District President

I am looking forward to working with the Units of District three for at least another year, after installation at Summer Convention.

Ladies I think we all need to remember how to dress when we are in the public and acting as a representative of the American Legion Auxiliary. Remember we do not wear clothing so short that you can see everything.

If any Unit in Third District needs my help please call me at 304-592-0247 or you can e-mail me at carlajwilfong@yahoo.com

God Bless our Veterans
God Bless America
Carla Wilfong
Third District President

5th District President

WOW!

What a wonderful Spring Conference. Thank you Logan for an excellent job in hosting the conference at your Post.

I am humbled you felt JoAnn and I have served you well enough in the past to elect us to serve as your District President and Vice President for another year.

It was wonderful hearing all the different projects you have been working on in your Units. If you see someone from Logan, ask them about their Community Easter Egg Hunt. Just mention over 100 bicycles, 20,000 Easter eggs and 500 chocolate bunnies and I am sure you will hear a few good stories.

Keep working on your membership. You are doing an excellent job.

Beth Kilgore
5th District President

4th District President

Hello my Auxiliary Sisters,

I was so very pleased with 4th District Conference this time as 6 units were represented, that's twice the amount as for Fall Conference. We did however; miss our Vice President Miss Nancy and Chaplain Melinda and wish them well on speedy recoveries of their self and family that kept them away.

Your new officers for the upcoming year will be the same as last year. Cathy Post President, Nancy Sundstrom Vice President/ Membership Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer Alice Fought, and Chaplain Melinda Roush.

I'd like to thank Department Chaplain

Sharon Kauffman, for standing in for our Memorial Service, she did a great job. Thanks go out to Department 1st Vice Lisa Cadwalladar, 2nd Vice Rhonda Best, Secretary/Treasurer Paulette Anderson, and Chaplain Sharon Kauffman for attending. They always give me great guidance.

Hoping everyone has gotten end of year reports in. As for me, with a new unit, this has been a teaching year, I will be mailing ours to the chairman, which is really not the best thing to do, but I need to continue guiding each lady.

I especially want to thank Point Pleasant Unit 23 for their wonderful hospitality, fantastic food they provided, and meeting so many new members and officers of their unit.

Please continue to work on your membership, as you have a few more months to meet your goals.

I look forward to see many of you at State Convention.

Until next time, be sure and help your Posts with the upcoming holidays and finish up your Girls State.

Service Not Self,
Cathy D. Post

10th District President

Hello Ladies

Thank you Romney Unit #91, for a great job you did to make our Spring Conference amazing. The women that did the cooking thank you for great food.

Thank you ladies for attending and those for the first time. Thank you Dept. Pres. Tammy, 1st Vice Pres. Lisa, Sec./Treas. Paulette, and NEC Susan Wade. Thank you for taking the time to attend.

Well it was a very long meeting! First time for any of us for elections taking four- five ballots to elect your District Pres. and Vice President. Congratulations to Sharon Kauffman as your newly elected Pres. and Linda Schlicht Vice Pres. These ladies will be ratified at the July Convention for the year 2017-2018 which will be held July 13 – 15 at Pullman Plaza Hotel 1001 3rd Ave. Huntington, WV. Remember you have to send in the housing form to the attention Eugene Robinson. No phone calls taken are accepted. Rooms are \$78.00 a night plus 13% tax.

Please keep Theo Chambers in your prayers. His wife Susan Rankin passed away for those who were not aware. Cards can be mailed to Theo Chambers- 2811 Sulphur Springs Rd. Inwood, WV 25428.

Membership: Please keep up the good work that you are doing. I know 10th District can do it.

Thank you for all you do for our Veterans. I appreciate your hard work as volunteers.

God Bless America
Sharon Glassford
10th District President

10th District Vice President

Hello ladies,

It was great talking to a lot of you. Keep up the good work, I know you all are trying. Thank you for responding when I called and thank you for calling me back if you weren't available.

Let get those memberships up I have faith in you. The phone calls to the ones who haven't paid in a couple of years really helps.

Sharon Kauffman
District Vice

**Hello Tenth District,
Just a reminder the Tenth District Memorial Day Picnic will be held at the Martinsburg VAMC on May 30, 2017. The program starts at 11am and the picnic will follow. Last year's picnic cost \$1500. Funds are still are still needed for food and supplies. Of course lots of volunteers are needed on the day of picnic. Any questions I can be reached at 304-258-5804, cell 304-268-2353, 874 Longview Dr. Berkeley Springs WV 25411 or foxbd@aol.com**

**Thank you for all your support of our hospitalized veterans.
Tenth District VA&R,
Debbie Fox**

All Units remember to send in your deceased members to your District Chaplains for the Memorial Services to be done at your Spring Conference.

You can contact your District President if you aren't sure who your Chaplain is.

Let us honor our deceased members!!

2017-2018 Candidates for Offices

*Dept. President: Lisa Cadwallader
Charles Town #71*

*Dept. 1st VP: Rhonda Best
Moundsville #3*

*Dept. 2nd VP: Sharon Kauffman
Martinsburg #14*

*Sec./Treas.: Paulette Anderson
New Martinsville #28*

*Chaplain : Cathy Post
Tyler County #48*

*Historian
District Officers*

*1st Dist. President
Vice President*

*3rd Dist. President Carla Wilfong #31
Vice President Michelle Dambaugh #12*

*4th Dist. President Cathy Post #48
Vice President Nancy Sundstrom #15*

*5th Dist. President Beth Kilgore #16
Vice President JoAnn Hastings #16*

*6th Dist. President Peggy Swartz #8
Vice President Reba Honaker #8*

*9th Dist. President
Vice President*

*10th Dist. President Sharon Kauffman #14
Vice President Linda Schlicht #60*



Chaplain

Don't forget to get your end of year reports in and I need prayers for President Tammy Prayer Book.

Hope everyone had a great Easter.

For God and Country
Sharon Kauffman
Chaplain

I KEEP
MY EYES ALWAYS ON
THE LORD.
WITH HIM
AT MY RIGHT HAND,
I WILL NOT BE SHAKEN.
- PSALM 16:8

Remembering Our Friends

Carla Wilfong, 3rd District President, had surgery recently and is home now. She is back at work, but tires easily.

Cards can be sent to Carla at:

*Carla Wilfong
130 Wilfong Hollow Rd.
Enterprise WV 26143*

Peggy Swartz, 6th District President, husband is battling cancer, and has been hospitalized several times. He is currently in a Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for therapy to be able to walk on his own.

Cards can be sent to Peggy and Melvin at:

*Melvin and Peggy Swartz
PO Box 124
Gary WV 24836*

Cards can be sent to Theo Chambers at:

*Theo Chambers
2811 Sulphur Springs Road
Inwood WV 25428*

Historian

Ladies, we are now facing the year-end reporting. I hope to hear from as many units as possible with your History Report and see your History Books at Department Convention. I need to have each unit to let me know what the most successful program or project was this year. Please include this in the Narrative part of your report or send me an email with the information separate from the report. It is important at I be able to include as much information as possible in the History that I send to National.

I will also need information from the District Presidents about what events have happened in your district. District Presidents please send me information on your district meetings (where, when, units attendance, and any district programs or projects). You can send this info to me at any time and I will use it as I write the History for 2016-2017.

Please remember that we need to leave information for those that follow us. Your Unit History is the perfect way to leave information to our future members and to share the memories that make our present so enjoyable. The History is a written account and can be store on paper or digital for future access. It is important to remember the names that made our units successful. Pictures are not included with the History but can be store so that the memories can be shared with our members in the future. So, a Scrapbook is also a good idea. It can also be stored in a scrapbook or digitally.

Ann Buchanan
Historian



Community Service

The American Legion Family will launch National Poppy Day on Friday, May 26, as a way to honor U.S. service members, from the battlefields of France in WWI a century ago, to today's War on Terror. Since the 1920's ALA members have distributed millions of poppies annually across the country in exchange for donations that go directly to assist disabled and hospitalized veterans in our communities. Although the Auxiliary is known for proudly displaying the poppy year-round, be sure to wear a poppy May 26 – the Friday before Memorial Day – in memory of the fallen and to honor those who have fought for our freedom. Boeing Co. is a sponsor of National Poppy Day.

Annual reports reflect the program work of units in each ALA department and collectively help us convey what we're doing to achieve the five goals of the ALA's Centennial Strategic Plan and share our impact on veterans, military, and their families. Department committee chairmen are required to submit a narrative report by May 15 to their division committee chairman. Each department committee chairman should also ensure that her department's ALA Impact Report is submitted. Members and units should follow their department's protocol deadline. For contact information and reporting requirements, please consult your committee's Programs Action Plan.
Sharon Kauffman



Americanism



I want to Thank All Units that have sent in their End-of-the-Year Reports. I know that all Units have done an Americanism project throughout the year. I ask that all of you begin now for next years Chairman. It is very helpful to fill out Activity Sheets as you do your projects.

May is an excellent month to promote Americanism. We celebrate Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day. Your Units may want to help the Posts with decorating Veterans graves. There is nothing more beautiful than a display of American Flags honoring our Veterans.

If your Flag needs replaced, either torn or tattered, make sure that they are properly disposed of. Your Unit may want to work with your Post and have a proper Flag burning ceremony.

Susan Wade
Americanism Chairman

Education

Hello Ladies,

Hope you received many scholarships for the various scholarships the Auxiliary offers.

Now with Memorial day around the corner, it is a great time to get some of the veterans and get into the schools. Donate a copy of Americas White Table book to the schools. Or work with the schools to promote Flag Day, proper handling of the American Flag. See if children will help with events.

Start a volunteer group to read to children at the local schools or libraries.

Start an educational group to conduct during summer months when the kids are out of school.

Donate to collect items to provide school children in need lunches for weekends.

National Teacher's Day is Monday May 9th, remember to do something to show appreciation. A basket of goodies, a small gift or even just a card would work.

Lisa Cadwallader
LisaC.ALA71@gmail.com
Education Committee Member

Constitution & Bylaws

Happy Spring to everyone;

I have received a few Unit Constitution and By-laws to go over. Bear with me ladies it is taking me a while to do.

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

God Bless Our Veterans
God Bless America
Carla Wilfong
Chairman

Parliamentarian

Endorsement Procedures

This is inference to all Auxiliary members whom is inspiring to run for a District or Department office.

When you are endorsed by your unit for a District office you need to send that endorsement to ALL UNITS in you District and PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS in your District. You may email endorsement to all of the above if emails are available.

When you are endorsed by your unit for a Department office you need to send that endorsement to ALL UNITS IN DEPARTMENT, ALL PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS, DISTRICT PRESIDENTS, and CURRENT DEPARTMENT OFFICERS. You may email endorsements to all the above if email address are available.

This is according to "Back to Basics" and Policy & Procedures. It is not the Department Secretary responsibility to do this.

Susan Brown, PDP
Parliamentarian

Past President's Parley

I want to remind All Units that there is still time to submit your Unit of the Year applicant and Timeless Award Recipient. They are due by June 1st. Mail directly to me:

Susan Wade NEC
303 N. 1st Ave.
Paden City, WV 26159

Susan Wade
Chairman

Leadership

We are about to begin a change in our units, district, and department as we elect our leaders for the upcoming year. We need to choose wisely when selecting our future leaders. Let us remember to put personal feelings aside and let the welfare of our organization take priority in our selection. After the election, we as members need fully support the leaders selected.

Many of our districts have held their Spring Conferences and I hope that many of you attended. If your District Conference is coming up, please try to attend. Your input is needed to make the upcoming year a successful. There is always something to learn from others that attend the District meetings from local units and from department representatives. You are needed and wanted.

The deadline for reports has passed, but I would still like to receive your report and thoughts on Leadership. You can mail them to me at 105 Cheyenne Trail, Ona, WV 25545 or email me at AnnBuch@aol.com. I really want to hear from you and I need your input to complete my report to National.

Q17 When are Year-End Reports due to Department Headquarters?
April 15, 2017

Q18 When are reports due to the National Chairman by Department Chairman?
Most are due by June 1, 2017

Q19 When are Mandatory Funds due in order to be seated at Department Convention?

Q20 When does our department want us to repeat the Mission Statement?

Ann Buchanan
Leadership Chairman

Children & Youth

What did your Unit do during the month of April to honor the Children & Youth of your community as well as the Military Child? I have seen various Face book posts of Units who have conducted Easter Egg Hunts and parties for the children in your community, the Military Child Table Setting, and even one Unit whose members and juniors dressed in Purple T-shirts to honor the military children (Way to go Unit #60).



I hope you wrote a year end report telling us all about what great job you are doing. . This is one of the biggest way to let Congress know what you are doing to help our veterans when they are preparing their Budget and how veterans will be impacted. Thank you for all you do for the children. It brings them a little closer to their deployed parent (s).

Service, not Self
Beth Kilgore
Chairman

Child Welfare Foundation

I hope everyone has been feeding me!! I need to get fatter before Department Convention in July!!



Beth Kilgore
Chairman

Poppy

May is Poppy Month! Remember to wear your American Legion Auxiliary Shirts, and if you have a Poppy Shirt it would be nice to wear.

Let the public know what the poppy represents; give out brochures about the Poppy to those who stops by your table/ booth at your Poppy Drive.

Wear a poppy with pride!!



National Security

Hello Ladies:

Well, there are several ways that cover the NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAM. You can get ideas from the units and members as to what they do for this program. Several questions you can answer are basic. Do you do the POW/MIA ceremony? Do you give out the Blue/ Gold Star Banners? Sending care packages to our service members. Have a welcome home party or event. Work with the ROTC program. This is one area of the National Security program.

Another area, is being prepared for emergencies that may occur; as to weather, flood & fire. This would also include the aiding of Senior Citizens, Children and others. You can help people before disaster strikes. Few ideas: Make sure they have medicine enough for a few days, this may be extended for a few days during flood and heavy snow. Have extra food on hand in case of electrical outage, Food that does not need cooked. Always have water on hand., snacks for children. A list of doctors and a medicine list that may be needed for EMT and a Hospital, this could be a life or death situation. Have alternative lighting for the dwelling. Use battery operated flash lights instead on candles; which can cause a fire. Then you have double trouble to deal with. Best idea is to get a storage box to keep these and other items in. Check out periodically to make sure items had not expired.

God Bless America
Sharon Glassford
National Security Chairman

welcome
MAY
please be good



Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation



Hello Ladies:

By the time you get this message, you will have completed and submitted your annual report to Department Headquarters. Where has the time gone? Our membership year is not over yet, so keep up what you have been doing for our veterans.

I urge any unit who has not done so to make a contribution to the National Creative Arts Festival. This donation would go through Department Headquarters, as does every money we donate. Also, remember donations to Fisher House. If you are unaware of Fisher House they are much like Ronald McDonald Houses. The difference is they are places for veterans families to stay when they have a hospitalized veteran and the veterans families lives elsewhere. They are trying to get a Fisher House thru the Huntington VAMC; however, it takes a lot of money and it might be some time before they are successful. I believe the monies we donate now goes into a fund to help those Fisher Houses in existence to operate.

Many units do not have a veterans hospital near you. Don't forget those veterans in the nursing homes in your community, and remember those still on active duty and their families in your town.

Thank you for what you do to assist our veterans.

Mary Waybright
Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation



Legislative

Happy Spring to everyone!

I am finally getting to enjoy some of this weather. I am back to work now, but when I get home in the evening I am worn completely out.

I am looking forward to receiving unit reports from you. I know some of you have been in contact with your State and National representatives. If you haven't sent them yet, please send directly to me.

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

God bless our Veterans
God Bless America
Carla Wilfong,
Chairman

Public Relations

Hello Ladies

Public relations centennial strategic plan is promoting who we are, what we do and why we matter. It strengthens our brand and make us appealing to potential members who will recognize our common goal to helping veterans' service members and their family's.

Ladies please send me clippings from the paper to tell what you have done in the units.

Thank you
JoAnn Hastings
P.R. Chairman

2017 Convention Chairman

The 2017 Department Convention will be held on July 13-16th at the Huntington Plaza Huntington WV.

It is that time of the year to start planning for this convention to make it a success. I will need help at the Registration table on Thursday afternoon, Friday all day, and Saturday morning. If anyone would like to help during this time please contact me at: victorialuttrel@msn.com or my home #304-258-3278.

I will need **Units to bring door prizes** to convention. There will be a table set up in the back of the room for them.

Incoming Department Officers: please bring a photo of you on Thursday so I may be able to set up the "Candidates for Office" display.

Thank You!
Vicki Luttrell
Convention Chairman



American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

Girls State Chairman

Ladies, the countdown is on and so is our 75th Anniversary of Rhododendron Girls State – Our Diamond Jubilee!!!

Application Deadline: May 1 and the Refund date is May 15.

When: Sunday, June 11, – Friday, June 16, 2017

Where: Wheeling Jesuit University

Theme: “Leave a Little Sparkle Wherever You Go”

Cost: \$200 Registration Fee: \$10 T-Shirt

Special Project: Helping Heroes, Inc.

Website: www.wvgirlsstate.org

Girls State packets were given out to the Units who were present at the Mid-Winter Conference or mailed if not in attendance. If you need any assistance please contact your district representative. District representative please contact your Units and Schools to see if you can be of assistance.

Please be in contact your school representatives and start working on getting a list of those girls who are interested. Go talk to them and let them know what Girls State is about. Classes in city, county and state government are offered. The citizens choose to participate in either the Rhododendron Daily (the daily Girls State newspaper), public safety classes or the Girls State chorus. There will also be classes in Public Speaking as well as a College Fair. To be chosen as a citizen is a very high honor for these young ladies. So let's publicize the good in these young ladies and their activities. Please work closely with your schools, sponsoring organizations as well as the local press.

Also, encourage them to fill out the Samsung scholarship form. Encourage your citizens to fill out this scholarship and bring a hard copy with them. One of these young ladies will be selected to win a \$ 1,000 scholarship and an opportunity to win a \$ 20,000 scholarship as well. The deadline to receive these applications will be Sunday, June 11, 2017 at 10:00 p.m.

It is very important for these young ladies to come prepared and know that the program is a week of learning about citizenship, government and leadership. Please tell them what the American Legion Auxiliary is about and of our other programs. Note: Many of these young ladies are also eligible to join our organization and have family members that are veterans. Hint: MEMBERSHIP! Just a reminder, in 2018, the registration fee will increase to \$250 and the t-shirt will be included in this cost for 3 years. This increase was voted on at the Fall Executive Board Meeting in September, 2016.

Please if you have any questions contact your Girls State District Representative if you need assistance or feel free to contact me.

Lynda Lancaster
Girls State Chairman

Rhododendron Girls State

Representatives

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2172 Grandview Rd.
Moundsville WV 26041
845-5122

3rd Dist. — Mary Jo Thomas
279 Rock Lake Road
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

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

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



Ways & Means

Congratulations to the winners in March!

Does your unit have ticket stubs with money and haven't mailed into Department yet? If so, please do so as soon as you can.

Remember to make the checks out to "ALA Dept. Ways & Means" as this is a different account than the Dept. Treasurer, ALA.

We still have 8 1/2 months in the 2017 year for these tickets. So we can have more winners if you will send in your stubs.

Take them with you when you visit, give them for birthdays, anniversaries. They are good until December 31st. If they win one time, they get their money back and more.

Until next month!

"Remember if you don't pay, you can't play".

Paulette Anderson
Ways & Means Chairman

March Ways and Means Winners

Margaret Yost	316	Gypsy	WV	3/1/17	\$25.00
Gary Davis	146	Yellow Springs	WV	3/2/17	\$25.00
Miracle Davis	114	Keyser	WV	3/3/17	\$25.00
	703			3/4/17	
	502			3/6/17	
Dale McCray	077	Terra Alta	WV	3/7/17	\$25.00
	549			3/8/17	
	605			3/9/17	
	999			3/10/17	
ALA Pt. Pleasant #23	935	Pt. Pleasant	WV	3/11/17	\$25.00
	218			3/13/17	
Sharon Link	826	Romney	WV	3/14/17	\$25.00
Jeanne Plants	482	Ellicott City	WV	3/15/17	\$200.00
	301			3/16/17	
	566			3/17/17	
	347			3/18/17	
Travis Kidwell	946	Burlington	WV	3/20/17	\$25.00
	058			3/21/17	
	360			3/22/17	
Donna Koppler	793	New Milton	WV	3/23/17	\$25.00
ALA Pt. Pleasant #23	204	Pt. Pleasant	WV	3/24/17	\$25.00
	154			3/25/17	
	686			3/27/17	
	854			3/28/17	
Kevin Shepherd	757	Berkeley Springs	WV	3/29/17	\$25.00
Dortha Parson	404	Clarksburg	WV	3/30/17	\$25.00
	377			3/31/17	



Timeless Reflections



**Button #9-- April 15th—90%
Membership To Date—5809 (64.88 %)
Dept. Unit #200—88
Department Goal—8954**



District 1			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	34	11	32.35%
Moundsville #3	373	267	71.58%
McMechen #5	76	43	56.58%
Weirton #10	85	65	76.47%
Cameron #18	238	164	68.91%
New Martinsville #28	171	135	78.95%
Wellsburg #34	40	26	65.00%
Follansbee #45	59	37	62.71%
Benwood #46	125	80	64.00%
Pine Grove #81	119	67	56.30%
Paden City #86	154	106	68.83%
Wheeling #89	48	12	25.00%
Newell #114	58	31	53.45%
Hundred #120	115	70	60.87%
Chester #121	200	165	82.50%
TOTALS	1895	1279	67.49%

District 4			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	1027	681	66.31%
Spencer #21	82	52	63.41%
Pt. Pleasant #23	439	298	67.88%
Tyler County #48	17	18	105.88%
Sistersville #67	175	59	33.71%
Parkersburg #104	30		
New Haven #140	190	132	69.47%
Williamstown #159	218	123	56.42%
TOTALS	2178	1363	62.58%

District 6			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Welch #8	91	54	59.34%
Bluefield #9	38		
Beckley #32	54	35	64.82%
Gary #38	94	87	92.55%
TOTALS	277	166	59.93%

District 9			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Elkins #29	220	143	65.00%
Cowen #62	59	30	50.85%
Lewisburg #69	81	51	62.96%
Belington #96	47	23	48.94%
Richwood #97	24	23	95.33%
Pickens #122	31	22	70.97%
TOTALS	462	292	63.20%



**WWI
Fernetts
Goal—4055
To Date—2621
(64.64 %)**



**WWII
Rosie The Riveters
Goal—4812
To Date—3100
(64.42 %)**


District 3			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	73	48	65.75%
Grafton #12	33	16	48.48%
Clarksburg #13	187	142	75.94%
Shinnston #31	365	257	70.41%
Braxton Co. #33	41	26	63.41%
Philippi #44	46	22	47.83%
Bridgeport #68	63	50	79.37%
Jane Lew #166	52	37	71.15%
Morgantown #174	43	15	34.88%
TOTALS	903	613	67.88%

District 5			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Huntington #16	312	214	68.59%
Logan #19	29	11	37.93%
St. Albans #73	87	28	32.18%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	461	305	66.16%
South Charleston #94	34	10	29.41%
Hamlin #111	71	54	76.06%
Milton #139	92	65	70.65%
Barboursville #177	178	146	82.02%
TOTALS	1264	838	66.30%

District 10			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	155	83	53.55%
Franklin #30	31	10	32.26%
Piedmont #52	41	14	34.15%
Berkeley Springs #60	260	211	81.15%
Moorefield #64	140	80	57.14%
Charles Town #71	314	199	63.38%
Petersburg #78	117	63	53.85%
Romney #91	319	212	66.46%
Charles Town #102	24	24	100.00%
Paw Paw #128	79	39	49.37%
Kirby #134	63	40	63.49%
Ridgeley #136	127	72	56.69%
Capon Bridge #137	153	129	84.31%
Keyser #152	67	44	65.67%
TOTALS	1890	1221	64.60%

May 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6 <i>Indianapolis DLNC</i>
7	8 <i>Office Closed</i>	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 <i>Button #10 95%</i>	16	17	18	19	20  <i>Armed Forces Day</i>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29  <i>Memorial Day Office Closed</i>	30	31	<p><i>Programs of The Month</i></p> <p><i>Poppy</i> </p> <p><i>Past Presidents' Parley</i></p>		

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

UNIT AUDIT OF MEMBERSHIP & MANDATORY FUNDS — April 2017

(X=PAID)

All Mandatory Funds must be into Department Headquarters on or before June 12, 2017

FIRST DISTRICT - Stephanie Handley President, Holly Adams Vice President

Unit/Number	Bonding	Scholarship	Veterans Fund	Girls State	Poppies	10%	Membership
#1 Wheeling							11
#3 Moundsville	X	X	X	X	X	X	263
#5 McMechen	X	X	X	X	X	X	43
#10 Weirton	X	X	X	X	X	X	65
#18 Cameron	X	X	X	X	X		164
#28 New Martinsville	X	X	X	X	X	X	135
#34 Wellsburg	X	X	X	X	X	X	26
#45 Follansbee							37
#46 Benwood	X	X	X	X	X	X	80
#81 Pine Grove							67
#86 Paden City	X	X	X	X	X	X	106
#89 Wheeling	X	X	X	X	X	X	12
#114 Newell	X	X	X	X	X	X	31
#120 Hundred							70
#121 Chester	X	X	X	X	X	X	165

THIRD DISTRICT - Carla Wilfong President, Roxie Nicholson Vice President

Unit/Number	Bonding	Scholarship	Veterans Fund	Girls State	Poppies	10%	Membership
#7 Buckhannon							48
#12 Grafton							16
#13 Clarksburg							142
#31 Shinnston	X	X	X	X	X		257
#33 Gassaway	X	X	X	X	X	X	26
#44 Philippi							22
#68 Bridgeport							50
#166 Jane Lew	X	X	X	X	X	X	37
#174 Morgantown							15

FOURTH DISTRICT - Cathy Post President, Nancy Sundstrom Vice President

Unit/Number	Bonding	Scholarship	Veterans Fund	Girls State	Poppies	10%	Membership
#15 Parkersburg	X	X	X	X	X	X	681
#21 Spencer	X	X	X	X	X	X	52
#23 Point Pleasant							298
#48 Tyler County						X	*18
#67 Sistersville							59
#104 Parkersburg							
#140 New Haven							132
#159 Williamstown							123

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