



The Auxiliary Spirit



Volume 30

July 2017

Issue 12



American Legion Auxiliary
2016-2017
Department President
Tammy Workman



Standing Strong For Our Veterans & Sewing a Better Tomorrow



Hello everyone,

Here we are with the July Spirit, and the last article I will write for this newsletter as Department President. I've written articles every month since 2009. Sometimes there were several articles each month because I served as officer and chairman for several things at the same time.

After eight years I'm going to miss doing this. I've also chosen not to accept the position of National Executive Committeewoman (NEC) at the end of my term. This decision was not one made easily, and because of my choice I will not be chairman in the coming year of the Past President Parley or the Distinguished Guest committee. So I won't have anything to write for the Spirit.

This year has been tremendous in many ways. The first few months of my year were so amazing. My guy and I made a commitment 20 years ago, and we were able to share the glory of the promises we made to each other, and to those we serve. When he passed so unexpectedly my world was shaken to the core, but you, all of you, and the American Legion Family were there to help me stand again, and because of the love and support of this family I have been able to complete this year as your president.

We shouldn't reserve this kindness and love for a death, give it to the living. Let us all work on our 'family' image every day.

Godspeed.

ALA Department President
Tamala 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

District Vice Presidents

1st District-Holly Adams
3rd District-Roxie Nicholson
4th District-Nancy Sundstrom
5th District-JoAnn Hastings
6th District-
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.

Poppy Pins: I have poppy pins in the office for sale at the price I paid for them when I was out in Indianapolis in May. Here is a picture of the poppy pin:



I will bring to convention to sell.

Credentials:

Please pre register when you send in your credentials. Remember Delegates at Large are to be put on the lines next to this, NOT at the top. Delegates at Large are: Department Officers in your unit, District Presidents in your unit, and Past Department Presidents in your unit. Your unit pays their registration fee. Deadline to be into Department Headquarters will be on the form. Make sure you are using the **revised** credentials form that show **\$20.00** for pre-registration.

Remember: Credentials are the Unit’s registration form for convention. If you pre register and know you are attending, please send in the check.

Past Department Presidents Luncheon

It is this time of the year we honor our Past Department Presidents at Department Convention. Please send in your luncheon registration by the deadline.

There will be no deviation on payment for this luncheon. I have to give a head count BEFORE we arrive. You will have plenty of time to decide if you want to attend.

Dates To Remember

Credentials Due June 30th

*Department Convention
July 13th-16th*

Department Headquarters

Office Hours 9:00-4:00
Monday thru Friday
Phone 304-455-5007
Toll Free 1-888-604-2242
Fax: 304-455-5825
alawvsec@frontier.com

Department Address:
1251 Doolin Run Road
New Martinsville WV 26155-7808

Department Website:
www.wvauux.org

Rhododendron Girls State Website
www.wvgirlsstate.org

**The American Legion
Department of WV**
wvlegion@suddenlink.com

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

Secretary/ Treasure (Hope Chest)





“Timeless Reflections”



Membership Chairman

Hello Ladies,

As this administrative year 2016-17 comes to an end I would like to thank each and every member for paying their dues for 2017. Also all of those that recruited new members and went after the ones that hesitated to keep up with their membership dues.

We've had many successes and a few not necessarily failures but rather a couple bumps in the road. One of the bumps in the road, we've had another unit wanting to turn their charter over for lack of leadership. The members will transfer to other units, so we'll save the membership but not the unit. One of our successes, all our units left on the roster have enough paid senior members (10) to keep active charters. Another success we have five (5) GOAL units. Gary #38 100%, Piedmont #52 100%, Charles Town #102 100%, Beckley #32 101.85% and Tyler County #48 105.88%. What an amazing year for these units!

I want to also thank Department President, Tammy Workman, for this amazing opportunity to work along side her and the two Department Vice Presidents, Lisa Cadwallader and Rhonda Best. We've given it our all.

Hope to see everyone at the Department Convention in Huntington, WV.

For God and Country,
Membership Chairman
Debbie Fox



Department 1st Vice President

Hello Farmeretts,

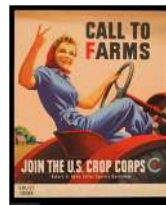
Congratulations to those Units who made goal!! I know as National continues to increase our goal it becomes harder and harder. We need to really work hard on bring back members who have not renewed for whatever reason, as well as finding new members.

Ladies, our year is coming to an end. I want to Thank each and every one of you for the hard work you have put in this year. The District Vices have done a wonderful job!

Department Convention is just a few short weeks away. I hope many of you plan to attend and bring some new faces.

I hope Tammy enjoyed her year as much as she could.

Bless our Veterans!!
Lisa Cadwallader
LisaC.ALA71@gmail.com



Department 2nd Vice President

Hello ladies,

We are at end of our 2016-2017 year. I am honored to have been able to serve as your 2nd Vice-President. I have met and worked with so many caring and hard working women. It has been very rewarding to know each of us strive to help Veterans and their families.

I want to thank Tammy Workman, American Legion Auxiliary President for all of her knowledge and guidance this year. She is truly an inspiration and cares so deeply for this organization.

As we finish this year and begin a new year please continue to plant those seeds and grow that garden. Rosie the Riveters- do not put any of your tools away. Continue to build any foundation you can. “WE CAN DO IT”.

Thank you and God Bless,
Rhonda Best
2nd Vice President



3rd District President

It has been a quick year and a lot has happened this year. I am looking forward to working with all the Units this coming year.

I hope all Units have sent in membership dues. We really need to work on them hard so we can have Goal Units. I know it is hard but we can do it.

Remember to have all your Mandatory paid or you cannot vote in any elections. If you need my help please call me at 304-592-0247 or e-mail me at carlajwilfong@yahoo.com

God Bless America
God Bless our Veterans
Carla Wilfong

10th District Vice President

Hello Ladies

Hope everyone had a great Memorial Day.

Here are the Challenges: Loser pays to President Tammy's Special Project \$25.00;

**Martinsburg Unit 14 lost to Berkeley Springs Unit 60

**Moorefield Unit 64 lost to Capon Bridge Unit 137

**Charlestown Unit 71 lost to Romney Unit 91

**Petersburg Unit 78 lost to Ridgely Unit 136

**Franklin Unit 30 lost to Charlestown 102

**Pawpaw Unit 128 lost to Keyser 152

**Piedmont Unit 52 lost to Kirby 134

Please send your checks to AIA Department Treasurer and send in before Department Convention.

Thank You
District Vice
Sharon Kauffman

4th District President

Hello my Auxiliary Sisters,

I want to apologize for missing last month. Things were so busy with our new unit as they were experiencing all new events for most of them, from making poppies, flagging graves, National Police Officers week and Memorial Day services. Plus; Roger and I were expecting a new granddaughter. Our excitement soon turned to tragedy, as we lost her.

As I write this our young ladies are attending Rhododendron Girls State. I can't wait for them to attend our meetings and report everything they learned and see their pictures. June 14th was Flag Day. I hope you were able to attend the Retirement Service or better yet; helped with one.

Hoping everyone is ready for Convention, I can't wait to see you all.

I going to assume everyone has heard about "the rock hiding"; in order to connect with the children in the community, paint some rocks with patriotic symbols and your unit name/number on it and hide them. Parents are out with their children looking for them and this is such a fun family thing for them.

Let's work on the membership right up until the end, Miss Nancy needs your help.

Until I see you in Huntington... praying you all have a safe trip.

For God and Country
Cathy Post

5th District President

The 2016 – 2017 year is winding down and I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve as your 5th District President this past year. It has been a true honor and privilege to serve you. BUT, you aren't getting rid of me that easily. JoAnn and I will be serving you for another year. Thank you for your vote of confidence.

Keep those memberships coming in. I know how hard you have worked on membership this year and it has paid off. It may not be reflected in the numbers and percentages but I know you haven't given up. Thank you!!

As you plan for the 2017 – 2018 year, I ask you to look at all the various programs offered and consider adding one you haven't done before. Just think how many will be affected if we add just one new program each year.

Looking forward to seeing you at Department Convention.

Beth Kilgore
President 5th District

5th District Vice President

Hello ladies

I want to thank the ladies of the Fifth District Auxiliary: we might not have made goal, but in our heart we are number one as we help the veterans and we help the community.

We have next year and keep in mind we will make goal. We are the American Legion Auxiliary!

I am proud of each and everyone of you thank you so much

JoAnn Hastings
Fifth District Vice President



Chaplain

Please remember all those who are sick, are hurt, or passed away. Let me know if someone needs prayers or a card sent.

For God And Country
Sharon Kauffman
Dept. Chaplain



Remembering Our Friends

Nancy Sundstrom, PDP, is had surgery on June 16th, for an Abdominal Hysterectomy Procedure. She will be in the hospital for a few days. Cards may be sent to her at:

*Nancy Sundstrom, PDP
1307 23rd Street
Parkersburg WV 26101*

Robert "Greek" Fochalis was admitted to the VA Clarksburg Medical Center on Saturday June 10th and is currently a patient at the facility. Robert Greek Fochalis is a member of Romney Post No. 91. Get Well Cards may be mailed to his daughter:

*Robert Fochalis
%Monica Calvert
1400 Cassville Mount Morris Road,
Morgantown WV 26501*

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, flowers, and prayers during my recent hospital stay. My time in the hospital was a lot more than expected but I was able to get through it knowing I had the love and prayers of my legion family. I am very blessed to have the support of each of you. We truly are a family. Once again, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Beth Kilgore

Historian

Thank you American Legion Auxiliary, Department of WV, for making this a great year. Now, let us go out with a bang.

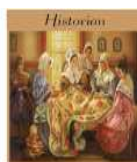
Please bring your History Books for judging to Convention.

The History Books are due on Thursday, evening by 9:00 PM in the ALA Meeting Room.

Please have the books there on time to allow time for the judges to judge each book fairly.

Thank you for all the work you have done this year and Good Luck.

Ann Buchanan
Historian



Department will be sending a list of all deceased members in our Department for the Memorial Services at the Department Convention in July.

Please be sure to have them in into Department if you haven't done so already.

Thanks!

**Attention District Presidents:
Please wear white during the
Memorial Service on Saturday.**

Community Service

9/11 National Day of Service Grant Projects – 1-time opportunity to apply for an American Legion Auxiliary \$1,000 service project grant! Application DEADLINE June 30! The American Legion Auxiliary has just been awarded a CNCS grant to make 50 awards of \$1,000 each for 9/11 National Day of Service projects. The American Legion, Sons, and other nonprofit organizations or schools can apply. For more information about the grant, and the application go to

<https://www.alaforveterans.org/September-11-National-Day-of-Service-and-Remembrance-Project-Grant/>

Upcoming holiday's we can let the community know who we are...

July 4 (Independence Day)

Sept 4 (Labor Day)

Sept 11 (9/11)

We can...

- **Participate in parades
- **Set up a stand in an area of a parade, or other activities
- **Help with a garden in the community or a veteran's home
- **Set up an information both at the local fair with membership information and program information
- **Honor Fire, police and other public safety personal, make it big or small. Or just a gift basket of goodies or may be even some American Flag pins for them to wear. Just something showing someone cares.

Sharon Kauffman



Americanism



I want to Thank Department President Tammy for the honor of serving as Americanism Chairman for the 2016-2017 year.

I want to encourage all Units to continue with all the great work they have done this past year.

Keep up to date on all Flag Amendments!

Keep those American Flags flying!!!

I look forward to seeing all of you at Department Convention!!!

Susan Wade
Americanism Chairman

Education

Hello Ladies,

As we are completing our 2016-2017 year I want to "Thank" President Tammy Workman for giving me the opportunity to hold the position of Education Committee Chairman.

It has been an honor to work with both Committee Members Lisa Cadawallader and Kelli Immel. These ladies are caring, kind, and work very hard within this organization for our veterans, veterans families, our communities, and our children.

In addition I have been very blessed to meet and work with other auxiliary members throughout this year. It is with great happiness to know each of our units work with educators within their communities to educate our children.

Always remember ladies each and every one of us educate in one capacity or another. Please continue to let others know about "The American Legion Auxiliary" and the Scholarships available for students to apply for.

Thank you and God Bless,
Rhonda Best
Education Committee Chairman

Constitution & Bylaws

The year is winding down, Convention is next month. Time has flown by really quickly.

If you Unit has changed you Constitution and By-laws you can bring them to Convention. See me on Thursday if you have them. If you are working on them, you can wait and give them to the new incoming Chairman after Convention.

God Bless America
God Bless our Veterans
Carla Wilfong
Chairman

Scrapbook

Remember to bring your Scrapbooks to the convention on Thursday July 13th by 9:00 and put in back of meeting room to be judged.

You will be responsible for picking them up after convention.

Dede Kelly
Scrapbook Chairman

Junior Activities

I would like to thank President Tamala Workman and our Juniors for the honor in trusting me in honor this year.

I'm looking forward to seeing our young ladies next month. I have some special things planned. Be safe with the traveling to summer convention.

In God And Country
Juniors
Kelli A Immel
Kitbasket@hotmail.com

Junior 10th Annual Convention Agenda

Thursday July 13, 2017

9:00-9:30 am	Registration
9:30 am	Call to Order Honorary Junior President Casey Michael Election of Officers
11:00-12:00	Crafts
12:00-2:00	Lunch Finish up Crafts
3:00-4:00	Installation of Officers



Children & Youth

I would like to congratulate the units who submitted year end reports. Because you submitted these reports, you are helping our veterans and their families. Statistics are compiled for these reports and presented when funding is determined for programs to help those who have served and their families. Many times, I have heard units say, "We are not interested in awards, we just want to help our veterans." By submitting these reports, YOU ARE helping our veterans. Thank you!

I would like to thank President Tammy for this appointment for the 2016 – 2017 year. Children & Youth is my passion and I have enjoyed this year tremendously. Continue to work for your children, community and our veterans. Your actions mean so much to so many.

Beth Kilgore
Chairman

Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Hello Ladies,

I want to take this time to thank President Tammy for the appointment as you AEF chairman for the 2016-2017 year.

I also want to thank the units that sent me their year-end reports.

Please keep on having fundraisers to help your units and please don't forget the other unit members in the state that might need assistance from us.

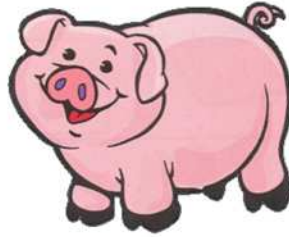
See you at convention in July in Huntington.

Margaret Yost
AEF Chairman

Child Welfare Foundation

The time of the year has come when I must lose all this weight. The final collection for the 2016 – 2017 year will be taken in just a few weeks. I hope you have been saving your change to turn in at Department Convention.

DO NOT HAVE A PIG?– You do not have to have a pig to be saving for the Child Welfare Foundation. In fact, you can empty your pig before coming to convention, if you wish to keep the pig, and just bring the change.



REMEMBER: Bills and checks work just as well as change when donating. Search your heart and give generously.

Thank you!
Beth Kilgore
Chairman

Leadership

Hello, Ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary. We have come to the close of 2016-2017. It has been a great year with lots of successes. As we start the new year, let us remember our successes and learn from our mistakes. Take the time to share your learnings with the new leaders.

ALA Academy is now online. I hope that many of our members will take the opportunity to take the two courses presently offered. The department with the highest percentage of members completing the two courses will be given an LED Projector. Being a smaller department is to our advantage, as a member please help us in this challenge.

Go to the Members Only login to take the courses.

Go to: <https://www.alaforveterans.org/ala-academy/>

Scroll down until you see: *Click here to launch ALA Academy*, then follow the instructions.

ALA 101 is the first course you will take.

Communication 201 is the second course.

You will be given the opportunity after each course to print your certificate.

Thank you and the units for all you have done this year in Leadership.

Ann Buchanan
Leadership



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 Stephanie Handley #121
Vice President Holly Adams #121

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

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

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation



Hello Ladies:

I recently read a good article about Fisher Houses, which is a program the American Legion Auxiliary has supported for many years. It appeared in , the AARP newsletter, and contained a lot of good information. I recommend each unit that can afford it should make a donation each year as a part of their VA&R program.

When a loved one is being treated at a VA or military medical center, the last thing family members needs to worry about is where they can stay and how they can afford it. For more than 300,000 families the answer has been Fisher Houses, a nationwide network of 71 cozy, well-equipped homes away from home where families can stay at no cost. Since the first Fisher Home opened in 1991, more than 7 million days have been provided.

Each Fisher House can accommodate up to 42 individuals and is close to the medical center or hospital it serves so that families and patients can spend less time traveling and more time together. Families share kitchen, dining living and laundry spaces, but have private bedrooms and bath. The houses are maintained by managers and volunteers who make sure refrigerators are stocked, gardens tended, and toys available for visiting children.

See why Fisher House is such a good thing to support.

I know the Huntington VAMC has applied and received permission to have a Fisher House, but it takes 5 or 6 million dollars to build one. It will take some serious fund-raising; because, I am sure it has to come from outside sources and not the government.

On a personal note, I want to thank everyone for all the help they have given me as I have served this year as your VA&R Chairman.

Mary Waybright

Public Relations

Hello ladies

Thank you for sending me a paper clippings of the units and what they have done to make a successful year.

I am making a PR book for our department president Tammy. without the units I can't do it.

Thank you so much
JoAnn Hastings
Public Relations

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

Installation of Officers for 2017-2018

ALL INCOMING OFFICERS

ESCORTS

INSTALLING TEAM

ARE TO WEAR WHITE

FOR INSTALLATION

SATURDAY JULY 15, 2017



Ways & Means

Congratulation to the May winners!! There is still time to purchase 2017 tickets.

Time is getting away from me on sending the winners out weekly, but don't panic they are going out no later than 1 1/2 weeks due to busy getting ready for Girls State and now Convention. Rest assured all winners are receiving their "winnings".

I am stressing again to please make sure all tickets are completely filled out with zip.

I will have 2017 tickets at Department Convention if anyone would like to purchase any. They are still good for 5 1/2 months.

Until next month!

Paulette Anderson

Ways & Means Chairman

May Ways and Means Winners

Kathy Richardson	054	New Martinsville	WV	5/1/17	\$25.00
	893			5/2/17	
	612			5/3/17	
Connie Pyles	720	Rio	WV	5/4/17	\$25.00
Lee Hornbeck	527	Reader	WV	5/5/17	\$25.00
Heather Roush	162	New Haven	WV	5/6/17	\$25.00
	775			5/8/17	
Kim Frum	584	Paden City	WV	5/9/17	\$25.00
Shirley Davis	573	Kenova	WV	5/10/17	\$25.00
	197			5/11/17	
Bill Rose	740	Pageaton	WV	5/12/17	\$25.00
Bill Chapman	334	Thorpe	WV	5/13/17	\$25.00
ALA Romney Unit #91	158	Romney	WV	5/15/17	\$25.00
	337			5/16/17	
	442			5/17/17	
Jeannine Romano	219	Bridgeport	WV	5/18/17	\$25.00
Travis Kidwell	946	Burlington	WV	5/19/17	\$25.00
Sherry Koger	452	Roderfield	WV	5/20/17	\$25.00
	784			5/22/17	
Lynn Hutchinson	693	Great Cacapon	WV	5/23/17	\$25.00
Elaine Davis	342	Keyser	WV	5/24/17	\$25.00
	211			5/25/17	
	051			5/26/17	
ALA Chester Unit #121	016	Chester	WV	5/27/17	\$25.00
Deb Fox	042	Cameron	WV	5/29/17	\$25.00
Larry Mason	689	Rio	WV	5/30/17	\$25.00
	850			5/31/17	



Timeless Reflections



**Button #12-- July 15th—105%
Membership To Date—6106 (68.19 %)
Dept. Unit #200—89
Department Goal—8954**



District 1			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	34	13	38.24%
Moundsville #3	373	272	72.92%
McMechen #5	76	43	56.58%
Weirton #10	85	68	44.71%
Cameron #18	238	165	69.33%
New Martinsville #28	171	135	78.95%
Wellsburg #34	40	27	67.50%
Follansbee #45	59	38	64.41%
Benwood #46	125	83	66.40%
Pine Grove #81	119	68	57.14%
Paden City #86	154	110	71.42%
Wheeling #89	48	21	43.75%
Newell #114	58	33	56.90%
Hundred #120	115	70	60.87%
Chester #121	200	169	84.50%
TOTALS	1895	1315	69.39%



**WWI
Farmettes
Goal—4055
To Date—2793
(68.88 %)**



**WWII
Rosie The Riveters
Goal—4812
To Date—3224
(67.00 %)**

District 3			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	73	49	67.12%
Grafton #12	33	16	48.48%
Clarksburg #13	187	142	75.94%
Shinnston #31	365	259	70.96%
Braxton Co. #33	41	26	63.41%
Philippi #44	46	22	47.83%
Bridgeport #68	63	58	92.06%
Jane Lew #166	52	37	71.15%
Morgantown #174	43	15	34.88%
TOTALS	903	624	69.10%

District 5			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Huntington #16	312	214	68.59%
Logan #19	29	13	44.83%
St. Albans #73	87	35	40.23%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	461	305	66.16%
South Charleston #94	34	10	29.41%
Hamlin #111	71	57	80.28%
Milton #139	92	66	71.74%
Barboursville #177	178	148	83.15%
TOTALS	1264	848	67.09%

District 10			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	155	92	59.36%
Franklin #30	31	10	32.26%
Piedmont #52	41	41	100.00%
Berkeley Springs #60	260	215	82.69%
Moorefield #64	140	83	59.29%
Charles Town #71	314	206	65.61%
Petersburg #78	117	78	66.67%
Romney #91	319	231	72.41%
Charles Town #102	24	24	100.00%
Paw Paw #128	79	39	49.37%
Kirby #134	63	41	65.08%
Ridgeley #136	127	83	65.35%
Capon Bridge #137	153	133	86.93%
Keyser #152	67	45	67.16%
TOTALS	1890	1321	69.89%

District 4			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	1027	684	66.60%
Spencer #21	82	54	65.85%
Pt. Pleasant #23	439	304	69.25%
Tyler County #48	17	18	105.88%
Sistersville #67	175	59	33.71%
Parkersburg #104	30	Turning	Charter In
New Haven #140	190	134	70.53%
Williamstown #159	218	129	59.17%
TOTALS	2178	1382	63.45%

District 6			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Welch #8	91	57	62.63%
Bluefield #9	38	10	26.32%
Beckley #32	54	55	101.85%
Gary #38	94	94	100.00%
TOTALS	277	216	77.98%

District 9			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Elkins #29	220	157	71.36%
Cowen #62	59	31	52.54%
Lewisburg #69	81	55	67.90%
Belington #96	47	23	48.94%
Richwood #97	24	23	95.33%
Pickens #122	31	22	70.97%
TOTALS	462	311	67.32%

July 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

						1
2	3 <i>Deadline For Luncheon Reservation</i>	4  <i>Office Closed</i>	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 <i>Leave for Department Convention</i>	13 <i>Office Closed</i>	14	15
16	17 <i>Office Closed</i>	18 <i>New Spirit Articles Due</i>	19	20	21 <i>Spirit Out</i>	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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

The Ninety-Fifth Department Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary is hereby called in conformity with Article IX, Section 1 of the Department Constitution and Bylaws which provides, "That the Department Convention be held annually concurrent with the Convention of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia." The Convention will meet in Huntington, West Virginia on July 13, 14, 15, 2017 at the Pullman Plaza.

PURPOSE

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

REPRESENTATIVES

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

ALTERNATES

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

CREDENTIALS

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Pre-Convention Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday July 13, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Pullman Plaza in the Virginia-Maryland Room. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Department Elective Officers, NEC, the Eight District Presidents, all Past Department Presidents, and Chairmen of all standing committees. All members of standing committees, exclusive of the chairman, may attend the Executive Committee Meeting with the privilege of discussion but without vote. Any member in good standing may attend the Executive Committee Meeting with the privilege of discussion but NO vote.

DEPARTMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE

This committee will meet on Thursday July 13, 2017 at 1:00 pm in the Virginia Room. Those to attend this meeting are the three (3) members of the Finance Committee and the Department President and Department Secretary/Treasurer who are ex-officio members without vote.

POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Post Executive Committee will meet immediately following Installation on July 15, 2017 in the Virginia-Maryland Room.

*Tamala Workman
Department President*

*Paulette R. Anderson
Department Secretary/Treasurer*

95th ANNUAL CONVENTION

Tentative Program

Thursday July 13, 2017

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

Friday July 14, 2017

8:00-4:00 pm	Registration	Outside Virginia Room
8:15 am	Department/District Officers Line Up	
8:30 am	Processional	Virginia/Maryland Room
	District Presidents	
	District Vice Presidents	
	Past Department Presidents	
	Department Officers	
	Presentation of Gavel to	Tamala Workman, Department President
	By	Vicki Luttrell, Department Convention Chairman
	Call to Order	Tamala Workman, Department President
	Advancement of Colors	Carla Wilfong Sgt. at Arms
		JoAnn Hastings, Sgt. at Arms
		Sharon Kauffman, Department Chaplain
	Invocation	
	Moment of Silence	
	Pledge of Allegiance	Susan Wade, NEC, Americanism Chairman
	National Anthem	Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Music Chairman
	Preamble	Carla Wilfong, Constitution & Bylaws Chairman
	Roll Call	Paulette Anderson, Department Secretary
	Rules & Order of Business	Paulette Anderson, Department Secretary
	Constitution & Bylaws	Carla Wilfong, Chairman
	Report of Credentials Committee	Mary Waybright, Chairman
	Report of Resolutions Committee	Roxie Nicholson, Chairman
	Standing Rules Committee	Rhonda Best, Co-Chairman
	Presentation	Susan Wade, NEC, Past Presidents Parley

“West Virginia Unit Member of The Year”

Friday July 14th (con't.)

Membership Citations and Awards: Debbie Fox, Membership Chairman and Membership Team

Presentations of Traveling Plagues and Awards:

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

11:30 am

LUNCH

Pennsylvania/Ohio Room

Presentation of "Timeless Award"

Susan Wade, NEC, Past Presidents Parley

1:00 pm Joint Session with The American Legion

Grand Theatre

2:00 pm Reconvene

Virginia/Maryland Room

Complete Traveling Plagues and Awards

4:00 pm Recess

Practice for Installation

9:00 pm Karaoke

Grand Ball Room

Saturday July 15, 2017

8:00-12:00 pm Registration

Outside Virginia Room

8:00

Session Resumes

Call to Order

Invocation

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

National Anthem

Preamble

8:15 am

Memorial Service

Sharon Kauffman, Chaplain
8 District Presidents

9:00 am

Greetings

Sherman Baxa Department Commander
Matt Bland, Detachment Commander
Paulette Anderson, Department Secretary
Roxie Nicholson, Chairman
Carla Wilfong, Chairman
Sharon Glassford, Chairman

9:15 am

Roll Call
Final Report of Resolutions
Final Report of Constitution & Bylaws
Final Report of Courtesy Resolutions
Nominations & Election of Officers 2016-2017
Election of Delegates & Alternates to National Convention
Appointment of Personal Pages at National Convention
Ratification of District President & Vice Presidents

1200 pm

Recess

1:00 pm

Reconvene
Installation of 2017-2018 Officers
Closing Remarks
Retirement of Colors

Tamala Workman Department President

2:00 pm Convention Adjourned

2:05 pm Post Executive Board Meeting

3:00 pm Religious Services

Grand Theatre

6:00 pm

Social Hour

7:00 pm Commanders and Presidents Banquet

Grand Ballroom

9:00-12:00 Karaoke

Cash Bar

Have A Safe Trip Home

2017 Convention Committees

Convention Chairman.....	Vicki Luttrell, Charles Town #71
Convention Recorder.....	Dede Kelly, Clarksburg #13
Sergeant at Arms.....	Carla Wilfong, Shinnston #31
.....	JoAnn Hastings, Huntington #16
Personal Pages.....	Savannah Kauffman, Martinsburg #14
.....	Beth Kilgore, Huntington #14
Floor Pages.....	Stephanie Handley, Chester #121
.....	Holly Adams, Chester #121
Distinguished Guest Committee.....	Susan Wade, NEC, Paden City #86
.....	Debbie Fox, Berkeley Springs #60
.....	Paulette Anderson, New Martinsville #28
Rules & Order of Business.....	Paulette Anderson, New Martinsville #28
Credentials Committee.....	Mary Waybright, Chairman, Huntington #16
.....	Betty Rea, Follansbee #45
.....	Linda Crumm, Benwood #46
Election Committee.....	Ann Buchanan, Chairman, Huntington #16
.....	Roxie Nicholson, Shinnston #31
.....	Shirley Davis, Ceredo-Kenova #93
Courtesy Resolutions.....	Sharon Glassford, Chairman, Charles Town #71
.....	Savanna Kauffman, Martinsburg #14
Judging Committee.....	Betty Rea, Follansbee #45
.....	Susan Brown, Moundsville #3
.....	Evelyn Murphy, Buckhannon #7
Standing Rules.....	Janice Gamerdinger, Chairman, Chester #121
.....	Rhonda Best, Moundsville #3
.....	Connie Bailey, Buckhannon 37
Policy & Procedures.....	Lisa Cadwallader, Chairman, Charles Town #71
.....	Rhonda Best, Moundsville #3
.....	Sharon Kauffman, Martinsburg #14
Resolutions.....	Roxie Nicholson, Shinnston #31
.....	Dortha Parsons, Clarksburg #13
.....	Nancy Sundstrom, Parkersburg #15
Constitution & Bylaws.....	Carla Wilfong, Shinnston #31
.....	Betty Rea, Follansbee #45
.....	Vicki Luttrell, Charles Town #71
Music.....	Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Huntington #16
Parliamentarian.....	Susan Brown, Moundsville #3
Ways & Means.....	Paulette Anderson, New Martinsville #28

*Past President's Luncheon
Friday July 14, 2017
Pullman Plaza Huntington
11:45 am-12:45 pm*

Menu:

*Southern Fried Chicken
Garden Salad Chef's Choice of Sides
Rolls Butter and Dessert
Coffee Tea and Water*

Cost is \$20.00 A PERSON

*Send reservation and check to:
ALA Department Treasurer, ALA
1251 Doolin Run Road
New Martinsville WV 26155-7808*

There will be no deviation for this luncheon

Due Date: Monday July 3, 2017

Please list allergies next to name

RESOLUTION

Whereas, The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of West Virginia, has enjoyed many years of financial stability, with revenues exceeding expenses;

Whereas, In the fiscal year 2015-2016, the income of Department of West Virginia did not keep pace with expenses;

Whereas, Expenses exceeded the Department's income by a total of \$3,655.36;

Whereas, The projected budget for 2016-2017 included the use of reserve income in the amount of \$7800;

Whereas, The Department of West Virginia will continue using reserve income unless steps are taken to remedy the situation;

Whereas, The Department of West Virginia has experienced a consistent decline in membership since 2010;

Whereas, This decline in membership has resulted in a decline of income therefore, be it

Resolved, That the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of West Virginia Executive Committee, on behalf of its members, supports:

a two dollar (\$2.00) dues raise for the Department of West Virginia effective with the 2019 year. The two dollar (\$2.00) dues raise will begin with the close of books on July 31, 2018.

Shirley Davis Shirley Davis, Finance Committee Chairman

Irene Weber and Betty Rea, Members Finance Committee

Adopted by the Department Executive Committee of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of West Virginia—September 10, 2016

Constitution and Bylaw Changes

Constitution Changes

Article VII Section 1

Current Reading: Section 1. Between Department Conventions, the administrative power shall be vested in a Department Executive Committee which shall be composed of the Department President, Department First Vice President, Department Second Vice President, Department Secretary – Treasurer, Department Chaplain, Department Historian, National Executive Committeewoman, the eight District Presidents, all Past Department Presidents, chairman of all Standing Committees.

New Reading: Section 1. Between Department Conventions, the administrative power shall be vested in a Department Executive Committee which shall be composed of the Department President, Department First Vice President, Department Second Vice President, Department Secretary – Treasurer, Department Chaplain, Department Historian, National Executive Committeewoman, ~~the eight~~ all District Presidents, all Past Department Presidents, chairman of all Standing Committees.

Rational: Delete the words “the eight” before District Presidents - Districts can be dissolved or formed at any time. Use of the word “all” prevents the bylaws from being changed each time a district is dissolved or formed.

Article VIII Section 3

Current Reading: Each of the eight District Presidents shall elect a President and a Vice President at their Spring Convention.

New Reading: Each of the ~~eight~~ District Presidents shall elect a President and a Vice President at their Spring Convention.

Rational: Delete the word “eight” before District Presidents – Districts can be dissolved or formed at any time.

Bylaw Changes

Article III Section 5

Current Reading: The Department elective officers, the eight District Presidents and all Past Department Presidents in good standing in their Units shall be delegates-at-large to Department Convention. Presentation of a current membership card and the payment of registration fee shall seat the delegates-at-large and grant them a vote.

New Reading: The Department elective officers, ~~the eight~~ all District Presidents and all Past Department Presidents in good standing in their Units shall be delegates-at-large to Department Convention.

Presentation of a current membership card and the payment of registration fee shall seat the delegates-at-large and grant them a vote.

Rational: Delete the words "the eight" before District Presidents - Districts can be dissolved or formed at any time. Use of the word "all" prevents the bylaws from being changed each time a district is dissolved or formed.

Article IV, Section 3

Current Reading: Section 3. There shall be the following Standing Committees: Americanism, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Children & Youth, Community Service, Constitution and Bylaws, Education, Finance, Girls State, Junior Activities, Leadership, Legislative, Membership, National Security, Past Presidents Parley, Poppy, Public Relations, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation and Way & Means.

The following Standing Committees, in addition to the Committee members, shall consist of eight District Chairman, one of whom shall be appointed from each District by the District President, for a one-year term. Americanism, Children & Youth, National Security, and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation.

The following Standing Committee, Membership, in addition to the committee members, shall consist of the eight District Vice Presidents, serving the Department as District Membership Chairman.

New Reading: Section 3. There shall be the following Standing Committees: Americanism, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Children & Youth, Community Service, Constitution and Bylaws, Education, Finance, Girls State, Junior Activities, Leadership, Legislative, Membership, National Security, Past Presidents Parley, Poppy, Public Relations, and Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation ~~and Way & Means~~.

The following Standing Committees, in addition to the Committee members, shall consist of all eight District Chairman, one of whom shall be appointed from each District by the District President, for a one-year term. Americanism, Children & Youth, National Security, and Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation.

The following Standing Committee, Membership, in addition to the committee members, shall consist of all the eight District Vice Presidents, serving the Department as District Membership Chairman.

Rational: Delete Ways and Means as a Committee - It is the duty of the Department Secretary/Treasurer to handle all monies, she is the only one bonded, she needs to handle the Ways and Means because it is a large sum of money.

Delete the word "eight" before District Chairman and District Vice Presidents - Districts can be dissolved or formed at any time. Use of the word "each" prevents the bylaws from being changed each time a district is dissolved or formed.

By Lisa Cadwallader, Jackson-Perks American Legion Auxiliary, Charles Town #71

Submitted: June 4, 2017



2016-2017 Standing Rules Committee

A proposal to Change the Standing Rules #1

Current Reading Under Eight (8) District Presidents Travel:

The "8" District Presidents are to receive \$100.00 for travel per year.

Proposal:

Each District President is to receive \$100.00 for travel per year.

Rational:

We no longer have 8 Districts and if we use the word "Each" it take care of all current District Presidents.

New Reading:

Each District Presidents

Travel-\$100.00 per year

Expense to Department Convention of 3 days per diem

Expense to Department Fall Executive Committee Meeting

Standing Rules Committee

Rhonda Best-