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Department President
Tammy Workman



Standing Strong For Our Veterans & Sewing a Better Tomorrow



Hello everyone,

I'm looking forward to our Fall Workshop on September 10th in Bridgeport, and some cooler autumn weather. We have a great lineup of interesting and fun things planned for the workshop. So I hope to see every unit represented. We'll end the day with a purse auction for my special project, "The Mountaineer Challenge Academy." The funds we raise for the MCA will be used for vocational training / certification and scholarships.

My Homecoming is a joint celebration with SAL Detachment Commander, Steve Wright. This will be held at the American Legion Post 28 New Martinsville on October 22nd. Tickets are \$20.00 a person and will be available during the Fall Workshop.

We have a lot of work to do to fill up our "Hope Chest" with membership. The first Stiches in this quilt are to have all of your unit officers and chairmen pay their dues before October 1st.

Fall is the perfect time to get out and hold a membership drive.

Please remember to send pictures and newspaper clippings of your activities to our PR chairman and scrapbook chairman.

Remember to send your history reports to our Dept. Historian and any prayers and inspirational sentiments to our Chaplain so they can put together their history and prayer books.

For God and Country
Tammy Workman
Department President



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

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1st District-Stephanie
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 to 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 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. New members will be accepted September 1st and then will be counted on the transmittals and “Button” sheet. (Target) Renewal notices will go out September 15th. You can pay online anytime now.

Directory Updates: there are several updates this month as I didn't receive information until AFTER the Directory was sent out. Page 12: 5th Dist. VP zip is 45669: Page 16: SAL's Officers: 1st Vice-Matt Bland, 2nd Vice-Jacob McCarty,

3rd Vice-Dylan Steiner, Chaplain-Brian Gano, Historian-Gerald Kauffman, Membership Chairman-Matt Bland, V A & R Chairman-Rocky Fox, Americanism Chairman-Jacob McCarty, Children & Youth Chairman-Dylan Steiner, Community Service Chairman-Melvin Malcomb, Sgt. at Arms-Melvin Malcomb.

Page 20: Replace 6th District Vice President Rita Alley to Kathy Bailey, 693 Little Laurel Rd., Meadow Bridge WV 25976 304-252-9244.

Page 27: Sistersville Unit #67 email contact lisaconger@rocketmail.com St. Albans Unit #73 President is now Patricia Swango 2502 Lincoln Ave. St. Albans WV 25177.

Secretary-Sheryl Williams RR7 Box 400 South Charleston WV 25309.

Paden City Unit #86: Delete unit contact:

pauletteanderson2848@gmail.com and Unit Secretary Paulette Anderson. Vacant at this time.

Page 37: Standing Rules should be 2015-2016 year.

Poppy Brochures: updated poppy brochures are now on the National website to be downloaded. I will try to have some at the workshop.

Dates To Remember

*National Convention
Cincinnati Ohio
August 26-September 1, 2016*

*Department Workshop
Executive Board Meeting
Bridgeport WV
September 10th*

*10th District Fall Conference Joint
Capon Bridge Post #137
Registration 9:00
September 17th*

*6th District Fall Conference
Gary Unit #38
September 24th*

*4th District Fall Conference Joint
TO BE ANNOUNCED*

*3rd District Fall Conference Joint
Jane Lew Post #166
October 15th*

*Commander Sherman Baxa
Homecoming
October 15th
Moose Lodge Buckhannon
25 N. Kanawha Street
Social Hour 5:30 Dinner 6:30*

*5th District Fall Conference
Barboursville Post #177
October 22nd*

*President Tammy Workman &
Detachment Commander Steve Wright
Homecomings
October 22nd
Marne Post #28 New Martinsville
340 Main Street
Social Hour 5:00-6:00 Dinner 7:00*

*1st District Fall Conference
Chester Post #121
October 23rd
Register 9:00*

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www.wvgirlsstate.org

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wvlegion@suddenlink.com

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



"Timeless Reflections We Can Do It"



Membership Chairman

Hello To All,

Well we're off to a slow start with our August 15 "Button" report of 25 %. However we have three units that reached this button. Congrats goes out to Clarksburg #13, Shinnston #31 and Romney # 91. Next "Button" report is September 15 at 30%, good luck to all units.

Our first "Praise Your Membership" is September 1, 2016 praise all members that have their dues paid and posted by the honor date of Labor Day, September 5, 2016.

I hope everyone is planning to attend Fall Workshop at Bridgeport. Department President Tammy has some new things planned and lots of information for everyone to take back to their units.

Before the comparison reports for 2016-17 start coming in from National, I've received our last 2015-16 report. West Virginia, Numeric Goal report, is 9th place in Central Division and National 38th place with 76.81%. Our Rejoin/Renew we're 4th place in Central Division and National 13th place with 89.69%. "GREAT JOB"

Until Next Time
Membership Chairman
Debbie Fox



Department 1st Vice President

Hello Farmeretts,

Unit membership chairman please contact your District Vices (District 3, Roxie Nicholson, 304-592-5231, District 5, JoAnn Hastings 704-886-8435, and District 10, Sharon Kauffman 304-707-5512) letting them know that you are the membership chairman for your unit. Please provide them with your name, phone number and email address if you have one. You will report to them letting them know how you are doing with membership, and share your ideas on reaching out to find new members. I will be in contact with them, so they need to hear from you to report to me.

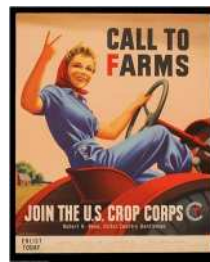
As we start are New Year, remember to process membership as quickly as possible. And as we get close to the end of the calendar year keep in mind, it takes time for membership to go from the unit to department to national. We don't want anyone's benefits they might be using to lapse because we didn't process in a timely fashion.

I hope many of you reached the first button (25%) by August 15th. Our next button is 30% due by Sept. 15th

Remember, all Unit officers dues should be paid by Nov. 15th.

Hope to see many Farmeretts and Rosie Riveters at Fall Work Shop.

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



Department 2nd Vice President

Hello Rosie the Riveters,

First I want to give everyone some information for this year's theme. The theme is "Timeless Reflection We Can Do It". Districts 1,4,6,&9 are Rosie the Riveters from the WWII Era and icons are scarf and toolbelts.

I will be working with all Vice Presidents from these Districts. The targets for Membership will be called Buttons. The 15th of each month is our Button Dates starting with August 15th having been our 1st one. Congratulations to all units that made the 1st Button Date.

Our next Button Date is September 15th. So I am calling on all Rosies to dig out their tools and get to riveting our membership up. I know we can crop the Farmeretts and win any challenges they may throw our way.

I will be contacting all Vice Presidents soon to see how everything is going so far. If anyone needs something or have questions, then please contact me through email or by phone. My information is listed below.

I hope to see many of you at our Auxiliary Workshop September 9th and 10th at the Days Inn located at the Bridgeport/Clarksburg exit.

God Bless,
Rhonda Best
2nd Vice President
Ph.: 304-281-8152
Email: rlcbest37@aim.com or
rhonda.l.best@wv.gov



1st District Vice President

Hello Ladies

As we begin our new year let us focus on Membership and work together to get the word out about ALA and the services we provide for Veterans, Military and family.

Membership us always a challenge and with the increases for the 2017 year we all need to work hard and push forward to reach our "BOWS" (goals).

I have contacted several units to introduce myself and extend my appreciation for everything we do to keep our organization strong and productive.

The membership renewals are expected to be sent out around September 15th, so keep on working hard to get members dues in and submit as you receive them.

If anyone needs any assistance please feel free to contact me at hollyadams847@gmail.com or by phone (304)-670-4105.

Thank you and God Bless
Holly Adams
1st District Vice President



4th District Vice President

Hello Ladies

We have a big job ahead of us but that's okay we can handle anything right? We are mothers, grandmothers, daughter's granddaughters, wife's or sisters of the strongest and bravest men and women of our Country. We are a team that has been able to accomplish some pretty amazing things.

Membership is the most important aspect of the American Legion Auxiliary and besides recruiting new members we need to focus on keeping the members we already have. It's my own experience I know everyone wants to feel needed and appreciated, so let's not hesitate to let our members know that they are Valued.

Now as we know the work of a woman is never done, here we go again collecting membership for our 2017 year.

Ladies I will have more information on our membership program at our Fourth District Fall Conference at New Haven Post #140, on September 25th 2017. I would like to see someone from every Unit in Fourth District at the Conference and the Fall Workshop in Bridgeport on September 10th. Registration is 8am to 9am cost \$15.00 per member. Hope to see you at both of these meetings there's a lot of important information for all of the members.

Thank you all for a great 2016, and I look forward too a greater 2017 year.

For God and Country
Nancy Sundstrom
4th District Vice President

5th District Vice President

Hello ladies,

First let me start by saying that I want to thank you for working so hard on membership. Membership is the heart of our auxiliary. We need new members and the members we have we need to keep them. Now is the time to work on membership. Talk and tell ladies what we do, and what we stand for. Some units have called and told me that they haven't got their card. Please don't hold dues get them out as soon as possible. God bless, United we stand.

JoAnn Hastings
Fifth District Vice President

10th District Vice President

Hello ladies;

Hope everyone is staying cool with this heat.

I have gotten the names of new membership chairmen from 2 units. If you could please contact me even if you were chairman for your unit last year and you are for this year.

My contact info is skauf01@yahoo.com or 304 707 5512.

Thank you
Sharon Kauffman
10th District Vice President



1st District President

Hello Ladies,

I hope everyone is surviving the heat and humidity that we have been having that past few weeks. I can't believe how fast time has gone and that another school year is about to begin.

Just a reminder that Fall Workshop is just around the corner and quickly sneaking up on us. I hope we have a good turnout in attendance from 1st District. There is always something new and interesting to learn at the workshop. Don't forget your purse for the auction. Money will go towards President Tammy's special project, Mountaineer Challenge Academy.

Keep working on your membership goals. It is going to be a challenge since National raised membership goals, but I know we can do it.

Hope to see you at Fall Workshop

Stephanie Handley

President

First District

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3rd District President

Good morning to all Auxiliary Members. The sun is shining and it is going to be a great day.

The first membership Button has passed and I hope each Unit has made the first Button.

I know this is a busy time of the year, but we need to get out there and find those hidden Farmeretts.

Third District is the WWII Farmeretts. All units are the "Ladies Aid Societies". This little bit of information can make your meetings more interesting. President Tammy's flower is the wildflower, so lets sow a lot of seeds and make those wild flowers bloom for her.

Third District meeting will be October 15th and Jane Lew will be hosting it. I hope you will be planning to attend. Fall Workshop will be held in Bridgeport on September 10th, there will be lots of information. Hope to see you there. If you need my help, Please contact me at 304-592-0247 email: carla-jwilfong@yahoo.com.

God Bless Us All

Carla Wilfong

3rd District President

4th District President

My Auxiliary Sisters:

This brutal weather is taking its toll on all of us, hoping this finds you all well. As schools are starting up, time to think about all the different programs we can do for the children, both for their welfare and patriotic.

Excitement is certainly building in my area, I am so proud to announce the forming of a NEW UNIT. Tyler County Unit 48 was chartered July 27 by President Susan Wade and Secretary/Treasurer Paulette Anderson. This is in my home town of Middlebourne and I have looked forward to this for some time now. We have 12 Charter members with a full slate of offices. We are so fortunate to have two working units within our county. Please wish us luck! One more Unit for 4th District.

Please work on new members for all units and renew current members. Remember all unit officers should have their dues paid absolutely no later than November 1, earlier if possible.

I was so honored to present a Gold Star Service Flag at Bridge Dedication to the family for a fellow school mate of mine, KIA in Vietnam in 1970. This was given on behalf of 4th District and Department of West Virginia.

Don't forget to be reciting our Mission Statement at all meetings. Wishing you all a great start to this new year.

For God and Country,

Cathy D. Post

4th District President

5th District President

Fall Conference date change!! The date of the Fall Conference has been changed to October 22nd. It will still be hosted by Barboursville Unit #177 but held a week later. I realize this will conflict with President Tammy's Homecoming. Make plans now to attend. There will be lots of information that will be distributed. It will also be the first District meeting with **St. Albans Unit 73 and South Charleston Unit 94** as part of 5th District and we are looking forward to getting to know them and welcoming them into the fold.

I hope several of you are planning on attending the Membership Workshop in Bridgeport on September 10th. Department chairmen will share important information with the units. Always a fun time. Check out the Spirit for additional information.

It is that time of year for membership renewals. I hope you are getting those in on a timely basis. **DO NOT** hold membership. Your members deserve the benefits of membership and you are delaying those benefits by not sending in timely. Most of the units do an excellent job with submitting membership and for that I thank you.

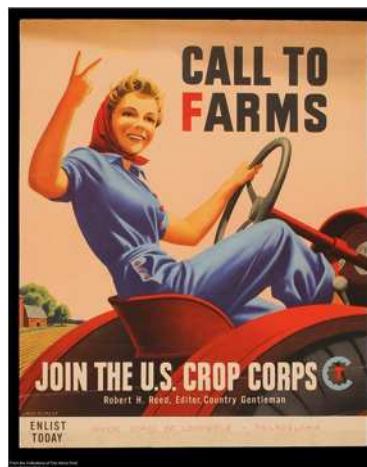
Looking forward to an exciting year.

Beth Kilgore

President

5th District

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." -John Fitzgerald Kennedy



10th District President

Hello everyone from Tenth District:

Hope everybody is enjoying their summer. The people that like warm are very happy those that like cool not so much. But winter will be here before you know it.

Several things to go over to keep you updated.

Dept. Workshop. will be held on Sept. 10th. Lodging is at Bridgeport Days Inn. Room \$84.60 + tax.

Mail reservations to get your room.

There will be a lot of new information and going over areas. Some of the members will be bringing back information from National Convention. So I hope a lot will be able to attend so you can continue to review and to gain new knowledge.

Sept. 17th will be 10th District Fall Conference; at Capon Bridge Post #137. Mail back your sheets so that we know how many will be attending and Capon Bridge will be able to prepare our meal. Registration will be from 9:00 to 9:30.

Lisa Cadwallader, Dept. 1st Vice President is in charge of Districts 3,5,10. We are Farmeretts. Our icons are Aprons and Hats. Lisa and Sharon Kauffman will have more information for you at the Conference.

They will also have the challenge for year.

Lynda Lancaster had emergency surgery while at her Mother's. She is doing fine, will be resting for a while there before she goes to National Convention. Michelle Hart is going through Chemo, Leona Kidwell is recuperating after a fall. Please keep this ladies in your prayers.

Thank you for all that you do. We are all Volunteers.

"Timeless Reflection" and "Standing Strong for our Veterans and Sewing a Better Tomorrow."

Thank you!

See you at Fall Workshop

Sharon Glassford

Tenth District President

Chaplain

Sending out prayers for those who have health problems; to those who have lost homes and personnel things in the floods.

Pray for our veterans and those who still have not returned home yet.

If some one is ill let me know so I can send out cards .

Sharon Kauffman
Chaplain



Remembering Our Friends

Thanks to all units and auxiliary members for your beautiful cards, prayers, phone calls and concerns. I am doing better but please continue keeping me in your prayers. I hope to see you all soon.

Leona Kidwell

Please keep Past 8th District Vice President Rose Reese in your prayers, as she is fighting cancer at this time. She is doing strong chemo treatments every 3 weeks for 12 weeks.

Cards can be sent to:

*Rose Reese
Lot 56 Quail Ct.
Buffalo WV 25033*

4th District Secretary Alice Fought is having Chemo for Lung Cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.

Cards can be sent to:

*Alice Fought
714 Spring Valley Way
Elizabeth WV 26143*

Historian

Today we continue our history. We need to have a record for those that follow so they will learn from our mistakes and achieve greater things than we have. History is more than a book at the end of a year, it includes all the material that is passed on to other.

Do you know who was the first president of your unit?

Do you know the date your unit was chartered and the department president that presented your unit its charter?

Does your unit have a Cavalcade of Memories display?

We need to keep our history alive and to keep it current with our members.

The Juniors should be involved in this process since they are our future members. Create displays that are attractive, interesting, and relevant. Place the display in an area that members and visitors can view it.

Your history is more than just artifacts and pictures. It is in your meeting minutes, governing documents, newspaper articles, photos, etc. Make sure your unit has a system for keeping this.

If you are the Historian, keep a notebook in which you list all the unit's activities each month and if possible include a copy of the minutes. These will make the task of writing your unit history easy.

Ann Buchanan, Historian
AnnBuch@aol.com



Americanism



The Americanism Program promotes patriotism and responsible citizenship. What can we do??

**Be knowledgeable on flag history, etiquette and proper disposal methods; and promote the observation of patriotic holidays so your community will look to the ALA for information.

Some ideas for members:

**Publish flag etiquette tips in your newspapers and on social media.

**Practice respect for our flag at public events, ex. Sporting events.

**Educate others on how to respect the flag.

**Volunteer for a local patriotic event.

**Sign up to receive notifications on when to display your flag at half-staff at www.legion.org

If you have an idea about how to promote Americanism, let your Unit know.

Assemble pocket flags to be distributed by Units.

Some ideas for Units:

**Conduct a flag disposal ceremony.

**Host flag awareness events and communicate information:

In schools

At your Post Home

At public functions

**Participate in local patriotic holidays events.

**Organize a patriotic holiday event.

**Encourage local businesses to fly a flag, especially on patriotic holidays.

**Encourage members to fly a flag.

**Order pocket flag kits and distribute to members for assembly.

**Identify and distribute assembled pocket flags to active-duty military overseas.

Please start now by keeping track of all your Units do. It makes it so much easier to do End-of-the-Year Reports!

Susan Wade
Americanism Chairman

Children & Youth

Knowledge is power. A core element of the Auxiliary's mission, caring for our children and youth, is sharply focused on educating adults about the needs of our young people. We believe that the more people know and understand about the needs of the children in their communities, the more interest they will have in learning how they can help meet those needs.

I hope there is a good turnout for the Membership Workshop in Bridgeport on September 10th. I will be distributing information on various projects to benefit the children and youth in your community. Mark your calendar and I will see you there.

SPECIAL REQUEST: I will be reporting to the National Children & Youth chairman all the wonderful things the Department of West Virginia is doing with the children in your communities. But in order to do that, I need you to let me know what you are doing. Please drop me an email at MBKilgore@frontier.com and let me know what your unit is working on. It doesn't need to be a long email. Your Unit number, what you are working on and a brief description would be sufficient. If you could send this by the first of the month would be great.

Thank you for helping to get the word out about what your unit is doing.

April is Children & Youth Month and it is never too early to be thinking about what project your unit would like to do during April.

"A person's a person, no matter how small." — Dr. Seuss

Beth Kilgore
Chairman
Children & Youth

Community Service

Remember to help with our homeless Vets.

Help out with your community. There is a lot that we can help volunteer with: Library, hospitals, nursing homes. People love when you visit them in the nursing homes.

Sharon Kauffman
Community Service

Constitution & Bylaws

Good Morning to all Auxiliary Members!

The new year is now beginning. Unit Presidents are doing new committee chairman for their Unit. If you are the new Constitution and By-Laws Chairman, plan on reviewing your Units Constitution and By-laws.

They are the Law of the Organization and they should be reviewed, but not changed, every year. They prescribe how the organization is structured and functions. Remember if there are any changes being made they must be voted on by your Unit and then sent on to the State Constitution and By-Laws committee for approval.

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

God Bless America
Carla Wilfong
Chairman



Education

Hello Ladies,

I need to share information I received from Diane Rousseau, National Education Committee Member. The American Legion and Samsung have teamed up to establish the Samsung American Legion Alumni Association. They have organized this to engage previous Samsung American Legion Scholarship recipients. This is a brand new organization and they are growing as we speak. To learn more or if you know someone that is eligible and would like to join, then please go to the links I have listed below.

www.linkedin.com/groups/8466591 ,
www.facebook.com/groups/SamsungScholars

Also you can contact Brittany Yoder at byoder@legion.org or 317-630-1208. She is the Assistant Director.

Until next month "Keep Educating"
Rhonda Best
Education Chairman

Flag Alliance

Good Morning to all Auxiliary Members.

The new year has begun. It is now time to think about what we should all hold dear, The American Flag.

It is sad that a lot of our children do not Salute the Flag. I think we should let our State Officials know that we want it back in the Schools.

If you see a Flag that is disrepair, please ask that it be retired, even offer to replace it.

I will have more in Plan of Action at the Fall Workshop.

God Bless America
Carla Wilfong
Chairman



Junior Activities

Hope everyone is handling the heat!

The workshop is coming up next month and our Juniors will be working on Christmas items and cards for our VA center in the state. So if anyone has new or old Christmas cards they would like to give the Juniors for their plan of works that would be great.

If I could get a count of how many Juniors will be attending the workshop that would be great. Safe travels and please watch out for our kids starting school soon! Hope to see all of our Juniors next month.

God Bless,
Kelli Immel
Kitbasket@hotmail.com
Co-Chair Juniors

Legislative

Good Morning to all Auxiliary members.

It is a beautiful morning, the sun is shining.

I hope several Units have been in contact with our Representatives in Washington, DC, or Local, State and City Representatives.

Here are a few things your Unit can do: order copies of the ALA Legislative Advocacy Guide and distribute them. Let the local Representatives know what legislative priorities concerning our Veterans are.

You can subscribe to the Legion's Legislative Update to stay informed on veteran and military legislative issues.

I will have Plan of Works at the Fall Workshop in September, please come.

God Bless America
Carla Wilfong
Chairman

Leadership

Ladies, I hope that your new year is off to a great start. The next step will be to attend the Fall Workshop on September 10 at Bridgeport. The new officers and chairmen will be sharing their goals for the coming year and you will have the opportunity to ask questions and get answers as near to the beginning of the year as possible. I hope that many of you will take the time to attend and get more information for your unit.

Communication is the key to any good leadership. Our members need to know what you expect to do, how you plan to get it done, and how they can help. Do not wait for members to volunteer for projects or events, ask them to come and participate. Have them work beside an experienced member and learn how we do things. Ask members for donations of food or supplies if they are unable to attend the actual event. Remember to say "Thank you" at the next meeting mentioning people by name. Sending a "thank you" note is always a good thing too.

Steps to Being Successful

Be yourself. Do not try to be someone or something that you aren't. Being genuine will always be the best impression.

Listen. You need to know what others think because they may have good ideas and should be given the opportunity to share.

Be respectful. This includes the feelings of others, their time, and their physical space.

Practice kindness, generosity, gratitude, and nurture good relationships. Contact members that missed a meeting or are ill.

Keep your cool. React in a calm and kindly way to all situations.

Always say Thank You and SMILE.

As stated last month each I will give two question on the History of our organization in the hope that when members research the answers (if they do not already know) they will gain knowledge about our organization and feel free to talk to their friends about joining.

A1: Edith Hobart from Ohio

A2: Mrs. A. Booker from Bluefield

Q3: Our Division is the Central Division, how many states are in the Central Division?

Q4: How many Central Division Vice Presidents are from WV?

Even better can you name the states and vice presidents.

Ann Buchanan

Leadership Chairman

AnnBuch@aol.com

National Security

Hello Ladies

Hope everybody is finding cool place.

“The National Security Program this year along with the 2014-2019 Strategic Plan. Maintaining & promoting a strong national defense by supporting service members & families helps us build brand

Loyalty (GOAL 5) among a target membership population (GOAL 1) while keeping focused on our Mission.” This statement is from National Security.

What you can do to help can be a part of these also, FEMA COURSE: NATIONAL YOUTH PREPAREDNESS COUNCIL. So there is a part for everyone.

One of the most important ideas is support the emotional and social needs of all service members.

Those that have financial assistance can be referred to American Red Cross Armed Forces Call center @ 1-877-272-7337. Some of our service members when they come back our having trouble transitioning back into the family. Some of those would be PTSD, TBI, and domestic violence. So this gives you some ideas as to what part of National Security does.

Mid-Year reports that I will need is to reflect the program work of units. This report is due 12/31/16.

Hopefully, you are able to be a Fall Workshop in Sept., a lot of good information will be given out.

Tammy’s motto this year, “Standing Strong for our Veterans & Sewing a Better Tomorrow.”

God Bless our Veterans
Sharon Glassford
Chairman National Security

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Hello Ladies:

Where has the time gone -- we are already into the second month of our new membership year. It might be my age, maybe on how time flies!

The Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation program's mission is to enhance the lives of veterans, military and their families. We can do this many ways such as: volunteering or providing entertainment, comfort items, etc. for hospitalized veterans, veterans or their family members housed in nursing homes, active military or their families they leave behind. We can help eligible veterans attain their benefits through referrals, encourage veterans to take advantage of the VA health care systems and their services, assist homeless veterans and their families or facilities that provide services to those homeless veterans. More ideas will come later or more points of interest that our National organization wants us to emphasize this year in future articles in the Spirit.

Do not hesitate to contact me if I can help you with your VA&R program or assist you in any way. Look forward to seeing many of you at the Membership Workshop in Bridgeport with the 2016-2017 plan of works.

Mary Waybright
V A & R Chairman



Girls State Chairman

Thank you President Tammy for this appointment. I believe this is one of the best programs The American Legion Auxiliary offers our youth.

Now is the time to start asking for donations for registration fees from your local businesses since this is the beginning of their fiscal year.

More information will be forthcoming. There will be a Girls State Board of Directors Meeting on September 9, 2016 at 5 pm at the Days Inn in Bridgeport. Also, the National Girls State Leadership Conference will be held later in Indianapolis.

In the meantime please feel free to contact me at 304-676-3979 or email me at LancasterL@aol.com if you have any questions.

Lynda Lancaster
Girls State Chairman



Ways & Means

I will have the 2017 fundraiser tickets at the Department Workshop in September. They will be in books of 5, 10, and 20 this year.

I am asking each Unit to take either 5 or 10, if not more to sell. This is the only fundraiser our Department has.

Last year Units, and members sold 701 tickets. My challenge to every unit is that we sell more than that this year.

Again this year I will have a gift for the member, Unit, District, who sells the most 2017 tickets. This will be given at the State Convention in July.

I will have them with me at Fall Conferences if you wish to get them there, Midwinter Conference as well as the Homecomings.

“We Can Do It”!! I know we can. We did it before and we will do it again!

Paulette Anderson
Ways & Means Chairman
pauletteanderson2848@yahoo.com

July Ways and Means Winners

Winner	Number	City	State	Date	Amount
Debbie Fox	551	Berkeley Springs	WV	7/1/2016	\$25.00
	627			7/2/2016	
	181			7/4/2016	
Holly Shapiro	641	Springfield	WV	7/5/2016	\$25.00
	766			7/6/2016	
	653			7/7/2016	
	622			7/8/2016	
Barb Jones	054	Wind Ridge	PA	7/9/2016	\$25.00
Kim Mayhew	055	Romney	WV	7/11/2016	\$25.00
Jennifer Hill	568	Moundsville	WV	7/12/2016	\$25.00
Sharon Kuykendell	902	Romney	WV	7/13/2016	\$25.00
Aaron Chapman	348	Princeton	WV	7/14/2016	\$25.00
	427			7/15/2016	
Jean Pyle	634	McMechen	WV	7/16/2016	\$25.00
	335			7/18/2016	
	240			7/19/2016	
Melinda Cross	956	Shadyside	OH	7/20/2016	\$200.00
	948			7/21/2016	
Betty White	719	Romney	WV	7/22/2016	\$25.00
Shirley Davis	749	Kenova	WV	7/25/2016	\$25.00
Bonnie Bates	987	Webster Springs	WV	7/26/2016	\$25.00
Tara Swartz	583	Bluefield	VA	7/27/2016	\$25.00
Carl Childress	051	St. Albans	WV	7/28/2016	\$25.00
Theresa Rumer	569	Belpre	OH	7/29/2016	\$25.00
Harold Bowman	228	N. Tazewell	VA	7/30/2016	\$25.00

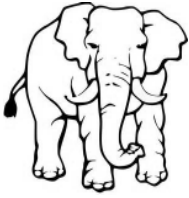


Membership 2015-2016 *Filling The Big Top With Members*

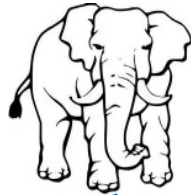
July 31st Final Report

National Goal—8487

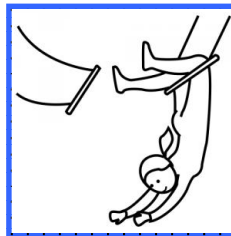
Membership To Date—6514 (76.75 %)



District 1			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	26	17	65.39%
Moundsville #3	365	282	77.26%
McMechen #5	68	39	57.35%
Weirton #10	77	60	77.92%
Cameron #18	230	177	77.00%
New Martinsville #28	163	141	86.50%
Wellsburg #34	32	27	84.38%
Follansbee #45	51	42	82.35%
Benwood #46	117	86	73.50%
Pine Grove #81	111	78	70.27%
Paden City #86	146	109	74.66%
Wheeling #89	40	34	85.00%
Newell #114	50	42	84.00%
Hundred #120	107	64	59.81%
Chester #121	192	153	79.69%
TOTALS	1775	1351	76.11%



Elephant Keeper
Goal—4520
To Date—3472
(76.81%)



District 4			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	1011	797	78.83%
Spencer #21	66	46	69.70%
Pt. Pleasant #23	423	335	79.20%
Sistersville #67	159	96	60.38%
Parkersburg #104	14	10	71.43%
New Haven #140	174	150	86.21%
Williamstown #159	202	161	79.70%
TOTALS	2049	1595	77.84%

District 6			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Welch #8	87	67	77.01%
Bluefield #9	34	22	64.71%
Beckley #32	50	31	62.00%
Gary #38	90	78	86.87%
TOTALS	261	198	75.86%



Lion Keeper
Goal—3824
To Date—2960
(77.41 %)

District 9			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Elkins #29	215	165	76.74%
Cowen #62	54	38	70.37%
Lewisburg #69	76	51	67.11%
Belington #96	42	30	71.43%
Richwood #97	22	23	104.55%
Pickens #122	26	21	80.71%
TOTALS	435	328	75.40%

District 3			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	66	51	77/27%
Grafton #12	26	15	57.69%
Clarksburg #13	180	139	77.22%
Shinnston #31	358	271	75.70%
Braxton Co. #33	32	25	78.13%
Mannington #40	22	12	54.55%
Philippi #44	39	25	64.10%
Bridgeport #68	56	52	92.86%
Jane Lew #166	46	40	86.96%
Morgantown #174	35	18	51.43%
TOTALS	860	653	75.93%

District 5			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Huntington #16	302	235	77.81%
Logan #19	19	12	63.16%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	451	324	71.84%
Hamlin #111	61	49	80.33%
Milton #139	82	62	75.61%
Barboursville #177	168	134	79.76%
TOTALS	1083	816	75.35%

District 8			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
St. Albans #73	77	46	59.74%
South Charleston #94	24	20	83.33%
TOTALS	101	66	65.34%

District 10			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	153	154	100.65%
Franklin #30	22	10	45.45%
Piedmont #52	34	38	111.76%
Berkeley Springs #60	251	218	86.85%
Moorefield #64	131	97	74.05%
Charles Town #71	305	230	75.41%
Petersburg #78	108	74	68.52/7
Romney #91	310	225	72.58%
Charles Town #102	22	23	104.55%
Paw Paw #128	70	55	78.57%
Kirby #134	54	41	75.93%
Ridgeley #136	118	88	74.58%
Capon Bridge #137	144	128	88.89%
Keyser #152	58	44	75.86%
TOTALS	1780	1425	80.06%



Timeless Reflections "We Can Do It"



**Button #1--August 15th—25%
Membership To Date—384 (4.29%)
Dept. Unit #200—85
Department Goal—8954**



District 1	Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Wheeling #1		34		
Moundsville #3		373		
McMechen #5		76		
Weirton #10		85		
Cameron #18		238		
New Martinsville #28		171	17	9.94%
Wellsburg #34		40		
Follansbee #45		59		
Benwood #46		125		
Pine Grove #81		119		
Paden City #86		154		
Wheeling #89		48		
Newell #114		58		
Hundred #120		115		
Chester #121		200		
TOTALS		1895	17	.90%

District 4	Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15		1027	101	9.83%
Spencer #21		82	12	14.63%
Pt. Pleasant #23		439		
Tyler County #48		17		
Sistersville #67		175		
Parkersburg #104		30		
New Haven #140		190	21	11.05%
Williamstown #159		218		
TOTALS		2178	134	6.15%

District 6	Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Welch #8		91		
Bluefield #9		38		
Beckley #32		54		
Gary #38		94		
TOTALS		277		

District 9	Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Elkins #29		220		
Cowen #62		59		
Lewisburg #69		81		
Belington #96		47		
Richwood #97		24		
Pickens #122		31		
TOTALS		462		



**WWI
Farmettes
Goal—4055
To Date—233
(5.75%)**



**WWII
Rosie The Riveters
Goal—4812
To Date—151
(3.14%)**

District 3	Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7		73		
Grafton #12		33		
Clarksburg #13		187	55	29.41%
Shinnston #31		365	94	25.75%
Braxton Co. #33		41		
Philippi #44		46		
Bridgeport #68		63		
Jane Lew #166		52		
Morgantown #174		43		
TOTALS		903	149	16.50%

District 5	Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Huntington #16		312	32	10.26%
Logan #19		29		
St. Albans #73		87		
Ceredo-Kenova #93		461		
South Charleston #94		34		
Hamlin #111		71	2	2.82%
Milton #139		92		
Barboursville #177		178		
TOTALS		1264	34	2.69%

District 10	Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14		155	5	1.57%
Franklin #30		31		
Piedmont #52		41		
Berkeley Springs #60		260		
Moorefield #64		140		
Charles Town #71		314		
Petersburg #78		117		
Romney #91		319	45	28.53%
Charles Town #102		24		
Paw Paw #128		79		
Kirby #134		63		
Ridgeley #136		127		
Capon Bridge #137		153		
Keyser #152		67		
TOTALS		1890	50	2.65%



Department of West Virginia

2016-2017 Commander's Homecoming

October 15, 2016

The Homecoming Dinner for the 2016-2017 Department Commander Sherman W. BAXA, Jr. will be held on October 15, 2016 at Buckhannon Moose Lodge, 25 N. Kanawha Street, Buckhannon, WV .

Social Hour at 5:30 PM with dinner at 6:30 PM. Program to follow dinner.

Menu

**Roast Beef or Lasagna
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy
Green Beans/Corn
Salad
Hot Rolls/Garlic Bread
Dessert
Coffee, Tea, Water**

Tickets will cost \$20 (1 free bar drink will be included with ticket/cash bar will be available). Tickets will be available by August 8th.

Send reservation requests to:
Evelyn Murphy
81 Norvell Drive
Buckhannon, WV 26201
304-472-4837 or 304-614-8326
email: EvelynMurphy1796@msn.com

Hotel Rooms have been blocked at:

**Microtel Inn & Suites, 40 Clarksburg Road, Buckhannon, WV
(WV Rt 20 North Exit off Corridor H)
The rate is \$89.00 + tax and includes a hot breakfast**

Call 304-460-2525 for reservation – (Note for American Legion Homecoming)
Rooms will be released to public on October 8, 2016



Department President
 Tammy Workman
 2016-2017



Detachment Commander
 Steve Wright
 2015-2017



Homecoming Celebration

Saturday, October 22nd, 2016



Location: American Legion Post 28 New Martinsville, WV

Social Hour 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Dinner at 7:00 pm

Menu:

Choice of Pot Roast / or/ Baked Ham
 Salad, Baked pota to, green beans, hot roll,
 coffee, iced tea, and cake

Tickets \$20.00



Entertainment by: The Backwoods Boogie Grass Band

from 8:00 - 11:00 pm

For Tickets contact,

Tammy Workman
 P.O.Box 63,
 Reader, WV. 26167
 Phone: 304-815-2308

Lodging in New Martinsville

Holiday Inn - \$89.00 + tax phone, 304-455-0033

(Rooms released October 1st)

Microtel Inn - \$99.00 + tax phone, 304-455-6223

(Rooms released on October 7th)

Mention ALA President,, Tammy Workman



Call To Department Fall Meetings

September 11-12, 2015

Days Inn Bridgeport WV

This is a notice to all concerned about the Finance Committee Meeting and the Department Fall Executive Board Meeting. The purpose of these meetings are to set up the administrative year for our Department for 2016-2017.

September 9, 2016—Friday West Virginia Room

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

Department President—ex-officio member without vote

Department Secretary/Treasurer—ex-officio without vote

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

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

7:00 pm—Membership Committee—Department President, Department Membership Chairman

Department Vice Presidents, District Vice Presidents

September 10, 2016—Saturday West Virginia Room

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

According to Department Constitution: Article VII, Executive Committee:

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

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

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

September 10, 2016—Saturday Workshop West Virginia Room

Registration—8:00 am to 9:00 am (\$15.00) each Session: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Purpose of this session is for instruction to Units/members/Officers and to announce the membership program for 2015-2016 year. There will be some different things for all to enjoy. **ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THIS WORKSHOP.** Good tool for learning if you want to help with leadership in your Unit, in your District and on Department level. **Juniors will have meeting and activities planned for them also. Registration \$10.00 each held in Nathan Goff room next to West Virginia Room.**



***Fall Workshop/Leadership
2016 Agenda
Bridgeport Days Inn***

8:00 Registration For All

WV Meeting Room

***9:00 Junior Meeting
Opening Session***

***Nathan Goff Room
WV Meeting Room***

9:15 Rhododendron Girls State

Michelle Sirbaugh, Director

***9:30 Department Presidents Special Project
"Mountaineer ChallenGe Academy Camp Dawson"***

10:00 Membership Team

***Debbie Fox
Lisa Cadwallader
Rhonda Best
District Vices***

10:30 Strategic Committee Update

10:50 Constitution & Bylaws

Carla Wilfong

***11:00 Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
Chaplain
Historian***

***Mary Waybright
Sharon Kauffman
Ann Buchanan***

1:30-1:00 Lunch on Own

1:00 Presentation of Department Programs

Chairman

3:00 Purse Auction

4:00 Announcements

***4:15 Closing Prayer
Adjournment***

6:00 Fall Executive Board

WV Meeting Room

Have a Safe Trip Home

RESERVATION FORM
American Legion Auxiliary
Fall Meetings
Officers Training
Department Fall Executive Board

Date: September 10, 2016

Place: Bridgeport Days Inn

Cost: \$84.60 plus tax

Deadline for Housing: September 1, 2016

Name_____

Address_____

Phone Number_____ Unit Name & #_____

Room Type: Single (King Size Bed) Double: (2 Full Size Beds) Handicap_____

Smoking_____ Non Smoking_____

(Can't guarantee rooms will be adjoining)

Please list names of persons rooming with you:

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

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1251 Doolin Run Road
New Martinsville WV 26155**

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!!

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

Mail to: ALA Department of West Virginia

1251 Doolin Run Road

New Martinsville WV 26155 –7808

