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Department President
Tammy Workman



Standing Strong For Our Veterans & Sewing a Better Tomorrow



Hello everyone,

I've enjoyed every minute of traveling around our beautiful state so far this year.

I attended Commander Baxa's Homecoming which was very nice.

I wish to extend a big thank you to 10th District, 4th District and 3rd District for their hospitality during their Fall Conferences. We've had a lot of fun trying to sing the song that our music chairman, Kitty wrote for us. I don't think we're going to get a spot on "the Voice" but we sure have shared a lot of laughter, and there is no better way to end a meeting than with a smile. I wish more members would attend their District meetings. I know everyone is busy but these District conferences are for you. They are informative, productive and a great way to get to know something about your neighboring units. This is a place to share ideas, to learn new things, and a way to get to know your Department Officers and Chairmen. You don't have to be a unit officer to attend. Every member with current membership is welcome. Just let your units know so you can be added to the registration and credentials forms.

I am so happy to see that we have 25 Buttons this month. Congratulations to all 25 units who have met or exceeded this target. Please remember that ALL officers need to have their Dues paid by or before November 1st.

Ladies we have to work very hard this year on membership and it's going to take team work. Our National comparison reports each week show that we are in the red compared to where we were last year. We still have zeros so remember that ALL officers need to have their dues paid by or before November 1st.

I'll be attending the 1st District Fall conference in Chester which is the day after my Homecoming. If I missed your Fall Conference I am planning to attend in the spring. Enjoy the remainder of this amazing Autumn season and remember to get out and Vote in November.

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

District Vice Presidents

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

Department Headquarters—Hope Chest



Mission Statement

In the spirit of service, not self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and 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. Please don't send in 2016 transmittals to pay 2016 dues. Remember that you must pay 2017 dues **first, before back dues.**

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

Dates To Remember

5th District Fall Conference Joint
October 22nd
Barboursville Post #177
Registration 9:00-10:00

1st District Fall Conference
October 23rd
Chester Unit #121
Registration 9:00-10:00

9th District Fall Conference Joint
October 29th
Belington Post #29
Registration 9:00-10:00
Auxiliary will meet at Senior
Citizens Center
Lunch at the Fellowship Hall
with the Legion

Clarksburg Gift Shop
Thursday December 8th
Set Up at 10:00 am
Friday December 9th 8:00 am
All Purpose Room

Huntington Gift Shop
Monday December 5th Set Up
Tuesday December 6th Gift Shop

Beckley Gift Shop

Martinsburg Gift Shop
Friday December 2nd All Day
Saturday December 3rd 9:00-12:00

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A pair of sunglasses was left at Commander Sherman Baxa Homecoming. They appear to be ladies. They will bring them Saturday to the District meeting at Barboursville and also will be attending Tammy's Homecoming in the evening.

If not picked up will be left at the Auxiliary office.



"Timeless Reflections We Can Do It"



Membership Chairman

Hello Members,

As of October 18, 2016 the Department of West Virginia is 196 members behind last year at the same time. Those of us that get this weekly report are saddened that this correspondence is the only information we're receiving from National.

Now that the renewals have been sent to your membership it's your turn to contact them. It takes a team to be successful when it comes to membership. So now is time to put your team in motion.

October 22, 2016 is "Make a Difference Day". Praise your members for making a difference. The national organizational is waiving the national portion of 2017 dues (\$9.00) for every new 2017 female veteran.

November of course is the month that we honor all veterans for their service. Especially those veterans through whom you are eligible.

Our Button report, #3 October 15th 35%, is looking much better. As October 15, 2016 we have 25 units and 2 districts with 35% or more membership. Also we have many units that only need a member or two for the 35%. Our report still has 10 units showing NO members. Your District Vice Presidents will be making calls to offer help.

It's seems a bit early to mention Mid-Year Reports but the year is passing us by quickly. Membership deadline is January 5, 2017. I have a few things that your units need to help me with.

- 1) How your unit encourage renewals
- 2) Did working ALA programs generate new members?
- 3) What innovative ideas did you unit use to increase renewals or new members?

For God and Country,
Membership Chairman
Debbie Fox AKA "Sewing Basket"



Department 1st Vice President

Hello Farmerttes,

Fall is a colorful time to harvest new members. As all the fall bazaars and activities occur, set up a booth, wear your Auxiliary apparel and let the community know who we are and what we do!! You might be surprised how many new members you might harvest.

Reminder, ALL officers dues are to be paid by November 1st. This is a national ruling. By that time none of the units should have zero members paid, in fact there should be at least 10 or more paid in each unit.

Now is a good time push to get renewals paid by the end of the year. Why? So there is plenty of time to have them processed in national and there is no chance of losing any benefits members may be receiving.

Congratulations to those units meeting the 35% button!!

Happy Thanksgiving
Lisa Cadwallader
Dept. 1st Vice
LisaC.ALA71@gmail.com



Department 2nd Vice President

Hello All Rosie Riveters,

We are the American Women standing behind our Veterans and their families, working out in our communities, and supporting The American Legionnaires with all of the Endeavors. Therefore, we continue to represent what our Ancestors did during WWII when we worked in factories and Shipyards while our men were at war. SO WE CAN DO IT!!!

Our Districts combined total membership is at 32.86% and we Have 14 Units who hit target. Keep up all of your hard work and we can possibly reach Goal at Button # 4 this next month.

With the Holidays coming up over the next couple of months each unit will be very busy with various activities as well as home duties. So let's get out our tool belts with tools in tow and succeed with all we are doing.

If any of you need some help or have questions, then please contact me. I am here to help in every way I can. If I do not know an answer, then I will find it for you.

Until next month I wish all of you a HAPPY THANKSGIVING.
Gobble, Gobble!!

God Bless and Service Not Self!!!
Rhonda Best
Department 2nd Vice President



1st District President

Hello ladies of 1st District,

Fall is here and the leaves are changing fast.

Looking forward to seeing all those who plan to attend 1st District Conference on October 23rd. Hope there is a good turnout.

Everyone, please continue to work diligently on membership and striving to reach your unit goals for membership. Remember to not hold memberships and get them in as soon as possible.

Stephanie Handley
1st District President

1st District Vice President

Hello Ladies,

Well it is officially autumn and I am unsure if I am happy with that! Although the changing tree leaves and the scenery are beautiful, having to warm the car in the morning is not my favored task.

I again am asking all the Unit Membership Chairman in District #1 (Rosie the Riveters) to please keep in touch. We need to get those membership numbers up so I can report to our Department 2nd Vice President Rhonda Best.

From my call this month it does appear that now that the renewal notices are out membership is picking up. Let's keep on working together so that we can build up our numbers and meet our buttons.

Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions or needs within your units.

Take Care and God Bless
Holly Adams
1st District Vice
Hollyadams847@gmail.com

3rd District President

Fall is here and the weather is beautiful.

Saturday, October 15th was a perfect day for all Units in Third District to have taken a drive to Jane Lew for Fall Conference. I was disappointed that only three Units were represented. That was Clarksburg 13, Shinnston 31, and Jane Lew 166. This time the Legionnaires out numbered the Auxiliary. This is really sad.

I want to thank the Jane Lew Unit for the wonderful meal they prepared for us. I think we all over ate. I want to thank State President Tammy Workman, 1st Vice President Lisa Caldwell, Secretary-Treasurer Paulette Anderson, NEC Susan Wade, and Junior Activity Chairman Kelli Immel for being there.

Copies of the Third District Constitution and By-laws were distributed to the Presidents and the Secretaries of the Units that attended. The Family Fund was discussed and a freeze was placed on it for the present time. Remember Ladies if you have a child in Ruby Memorial Hospital and you need to stay at the Ronald McDonald House funds are available to help you. This is for Legion/Auxiliary members only in this District.

Spring we will be electing a new District President and Vice-President Now is the time to start thinking who you want to represent you.

Remember now is the time to invite eligible members to join our organization, we need new members.

Carla Wilfong
Third District President.

4th District President

Hello my sisters,

4th District Conference was a good one. Many thanks go out to Unit #140 for hosting. I had a ball singing the new membership song with all of you. The video was sent to Kitty as per her request. Thank you so much for the beautiful mums, they are beautiful and doing well. Thank you Madam President Tammy for attending our conference. For any that didn't attend I have left your Plan of Works at your respective Posts on my way home that day and Unit # 104 yours was left at Post 15.

We look forward to up coming Poppy Days and I wish you the best for those. Keep working on your membership, Make Miss Nancy proud.

Don't forget to stress in the schools for safety during Trick or Treat.

Have a great Fall Y' all
For God and Country
Cathy D. Post

4th District Vice President

Hello Fourth District Members:

I hope this message finds all well. Sorry I was very sick and unable to attend Fall Conference. I have a important message for all Units you can no longer vote not to accept members that are transferring Into your unit. These members may come from Unit #200, Out of State Units or our Local Units. You don't vote on new members either.

Membership Chairman remember that all members transferring into your Units must be a current paid up member in the Unit that they are transferring from.

Membership is looking good we have Units that are receiving their Buttons Parkersburg #15, Spencer #21, Tyler County Unit #48, and New Haven #140 others are not far behind. So come on Units lets get busy collecting dues and getting them mailed into our Department Secretary/Treasurer Paulette. Lets work hard on making Fourth District a Goal District and make President Tammy proud of our District.

Please keep our Veterans in our thoughts and Prayers.

Until next time God Bless All
Nancy Sundstrom
Fourth District Vice President



5th District President

The 5th District Fall Conference is October 22nd at Barboursville Post #177. Registration is from 9:00 – 10:00, with the meeting starting promptly at 10:00. Registration is \$10.00, which includes a lunch of salad, roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls and dessert. There will be a lot of information distributed from the Membership Workshop. I hope every unit is planning on attending.

I am very concerned by the lack of membership being turned in (or not turned in) in the 5th District. We have way too many "0's". At this point in the year, we should not have any. Only three of eight units have turned any 2017 dues in 5th District still has the lowest percentage of membership in the entire Department. For those units submitting your dues timely – THANK YOU! Remember: All unit officers should all have their membership renewed no later than November 1st.

Veterans day is Friday, November 11th. Please drop me a quick email to let me know what your unit is doing to honor these many heroes who walk among us every day. I want to brag to the rest of the Department on the activities of the FABULEOUS FIFTH.

Service not Self!
Beth Kilgore
5th District President

5th District Vice President

Hello ladies

I know that these are trying times in membership but we have been working hard to get credit for our units. When the membership dues are in please send them out so the member can get their membership card. There have been some of the ladies not receiving their cards.

I hope to see you at the Fifth District Conference October 22nd at Barboursville Post 177. Registration is between 9:00 to 10:00.

Thank you and god bless
JoAnn Hastings
Fifth District Vice President

6th District President

Hello To All

The sun is shinning and it looks like its going to be a beautiful day and the foliage is so beautiful, but it wont be long until we will be into the *burrrr* months; I am not looking forward to this.

I would like to thank Gary Unit #38, for hosting our Fall Conference. We had a very good meeting. So sorry that we could not have anyone from the Department with us but hoping to see some at the Spring Conference, which will be hosted by Welch Unit #8. We had members from all Units except Bluefield #9, so sorry that no one could attend.

Hope everyone is getting ready to send in Mandatory Funds.

Kathy our District Vice President said their Unit was going to try and recruit members out of 200.

So sorry that I didn't get to attend our Department Commanders Homecoming, but due to illness of my husband I could not attend. Our District Vice President attended. I am sure that it was nice, probably will not get to attend our Department Presidents' Homecoming either. Hope that some from our District will get to attend.

So until next time keep all of our troops in our prayers, and God Bless each and everyone.

Peggy Swartz
6th District President

6th District Vice President

Hello Ladies,

Hope everyone is enjoying this blanket of color that fall is giving us. Letting us know that winter is just around the corner. Membership! Membership! Please try to call or send reminders out to the unpaid members before Dec. 1st. Unpaid dues sometimes are a oversight.

Beckley Unit #32 will be working the Unit #200 members to see if they would like to transfer. Membership is coming in, but need to get in touch with those who hasn't paid their dues yet. I am looking forward to the Department President's Homecoming this Saturday October 22nd. Hope to see everyone there.

Standing Strong For God and Country
Kathy M. Bailey, 6th District Vice Pres.

10th District Vice President

I would like to thank those who answered or called me on membership.

Remember to get your membership in as soon as you get them don't hold. They are coming in slow.

Remember our challenges. I will be emailing a couple of you that I have emails for. If you could those who didn't get a call please call me so I can get your email and membership persons name.

Thank You
Sharon Kauffman
10th District Vice President
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Junior Activities-Daughters of Liberty

Junior Activities

Would like to see our Juniors work with the National Juniors Advisors special program which is *Blessing socks for our homeless Veterans*. Please remember to do both men and women socks.

Work on your patch program.

Include Juniors in your unit activities. They are our future Auxiliary.

Daughter of Wisdom the Pearls
Juniors Activities Chairman
Kelli A Immel
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Chaplain

Hello ladies

Hope all is well with everyone. We pray for those who are ill and for the families of those who have passed.

If anyone needs a special prayer or card sent let me know.

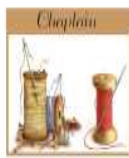
For Your Sacrifice

For Our Freedom

*To Those Who Courageously
Gave Their Lives*

*And Those Who Bravely Fight Today
THANK YOU*

Sharon Kauffman
Dept. Chaplain



Community Service

Hello ladies;

Here are some events coming up for November:

Veterans Day Nov. 11th

American Education Week Nov. 13th

National Volunteer Day Nov. 19th

Thanksgiving Nov. 24th

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Dec 7

Wreaths Across America Dec 17th

Martin Luther Kings Jr. Day of Service
Jan. 16, 2017

Some ideas for this year:

Participating in Stand Down

Collect and donate: Blankets, hats,
gloves, quilts, to homeless vets

Collect and donate emergency socks,
hats, sweatpants, gloves to local elementary schools

Participate in Parades

Support Hiring & Events for hiring
Veterans, Military, and Spouses

Remember to check out the ALA
Community Service FB page. You can
see what other Department and units are
doing; Share what your units are doing.

Everyone have a great Veterans Day
And Happy Thanksgiving

Sharon Kauffman
Community Service

Remembering Our Friends

Alice DeTore, Past Department President 2001-02, passed away on Saturday October 1st. Funeral was held at Tomblyn Funeral Home in Elkins on Wednesday the 5th. Cards of Condolences may be sent to the family at:

*The Family of Alice DeTore
714 1/2 Gorman Avenue
Elkins WV 26241*

Alice Fought, 4th District Secretary is not doing well at all. She is a member of Parkersburg Unit #15. She would appreciate a card.

*Alice Fought
414 Spring Valley Way
Elizabeth WV 26143*

Bev Kile, wife of TAL NEC Bill Kile, is having chemo and radiation treatments at this time. Bev is a member of Petersburg Unit #78. Cards of encouragement may be sent to Bev at this address:

*Bev Kile
PO Box 307
Petersburg WV 26847*

Sharon Glassford, Past Department President is home now and is doing fairly well after her bout with pneumonia.

Larry Mason, husband of Past Department President Nina Mason, is home from the hospital and recuperating after back surgery.



Historian

I hope that all the Unit Historians have gotten the first part of your Unit History completed at this time. We are entering a very busy part of our year and we want to keep all the facts accurate and straight. So, please do not wait until Spring to start. There is some supplementary items to be included in the front of the history, you can start complying them now.

Our history is intended to preserve your ALA unit's memories and help us define our core values through time. According to our national organization our history is part of Goal 2 Strengthen Departments and Units. We should use our history to see what has been done and if it was successful. We need to use the successes to bring more success in the future.

The juniors in your unit need to keep records as well. Train them now to keep good records of what they have done and what they plan on doing. Veterans History Project is an effort to preserve the personal accounts of American war veterans, we encourage our local units to support the Veterans History Project. Capturing the stories will ensure that future generations of Americans are afforded a firsthand look at the realities of war. May we always remember the sacrifices made to secure our freedom. This is a great program for our Juniors to get to meet and know our veterans. Visit Veterans History Project Website.

Ann Buchanan
Historian



Americanism

How does learning about our government and our America help you become a future guardian of the liberties of our country?"

That is the theme for this years Americanism Essay Contest. I encourage all Units to participate in this program. The guidelines are in your Americanism Plan of Action.

Type of award: Citation, \$50.00 prize and additional \$50.00 donation added to the Children of Warriors National Presidents Scholarship Fund.

Presented to: 30 students total, six from each division, one student for every class in each division. The six classes range from 3rd grade to 12th grade with word requirements for each class. There is also a class for students with special needs with word requirement corresponding with students grade level.

Entries must include a cover sheet which is at the end of the Plan of Action.

Unit winners are sent to me, following all guidelines. I will need these by **April 1st, 2017**. No exceptions!!!! Please contact your schools **NOW** or other organizations, ex. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, Young Marines. Tell your Jr. members and grandchildren. I hope to have a lot of Essays to read!!! Please contact me if you did not receive this Plan of Action!!!

I hope all of you are Going to Vote!!! No matter how crazy this election year is, we need to exercise our Right to Vote!!!

I hope all Units are doing something special for Veterans Day!! God Bless Our Veterans!!!

Susan Wade
Americanism Chairman



Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Hello Ladies,

Hope everyone is thinking of a fundraiser. Will try to have ideas in the next spirit.

Don't forget that I need your mid year reports by December 20th, so that I can get my report in by the first of January.

Thank You
Margaret Yost
AEF Chairman
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Education

Hello Ladies,

November offers so much opportunities to work your education program. Veterans in Community Schools could be planned around veterans and National Education week is November 14 -18th.

Units can apply for National Awards, the Most outstanding veterans in Community schools program and most outstanding unit education program, so if you haven't started now is the time to track what your unit is doing.

Here's a little history, The National Education Association was one of the creators and original sponsors of American Education Week. Distressed that 25 percent of the country's World War I draftees were illiterate and 9 percent were physically unfit, representatives of the NEA and the American Legion met in 1919 to seek ways to generate public support for education. Read the whole story at <http://www.nea.org/grants/61038.htm>

Happy Thanksgiving!
Lisa Cadwallader
Committee Member

Constitution & Bylaws

I know the weather outside is beautiful and you want to be outside in it. But please remember go over your Constitution and By-laws. If your Bylaws states you vote on transfers and new members, please have this taken out. National states we don't vote on them any longer.

I know this is short but have had a very busy month.

More next month,
Carla Wilfong
Constitution & Bylaws Chairman

Past President's Parley

Does your Unit have an active Past President's Parley? The purpose of this committee is to utilize the experience and knowledge of Past Auxiliary leaders for training and encouragement of future Auxiliary leaders. They will help ensure strong future leadership for our organization. I hope those that do are utilizing the knowledge that they can offer you!

All Units need to be working on Unit Member of the Year and The Timeless Award applicants. The PPP also recognizes our female Veterans through the "Salute to Servicewomen" awards. The qualifications will be in the Unit Awards Manuel.

We have so many wonderful ladies that deserve this recognition. Failure to submit is not doing them justice. This is your way of honoring them.

Please send me any information on your Past President's Parley by Dec. 15th for my Mid-Year Report.

We want West Virginia to Not be one of the states that fails to submit a report.

Susan Wade
Chairman

Leadership

Our Fall season is starting to send to us now some of the most beautiful colors ever seen. As we enjoy the Fall weather and the Fall colors, I hope that we are helping our members, our units, our districts, and our department to show our colors as well. We are responsible for getting our information to our citizens and our communities. Show and share our colors, our emblem, and our programs to our youth, our schools, and our communities.

Do we have barriers that prevent our organization on all levels of having the best leaders? If so, what are some of these barriers? Here are just a few that have been shared with our national organization by Jeri Brooks Greenwell, National Leadership Chairman in the October E-Bulletin.

**Members feel intimidated by our leaders and are reluctant to share their ideas for fear of ridicule. If you have a suggestion box, do the suggestions get attention? Are we stuck in “the good old days” instead of looking to the future? Do we think outside of the box? Do we work to have a positive attitude? Do we have fun and show our members that we care?

**Leaders need to listen and communicate with our members. There is no “power” unless it is shared. Personal biases, beliefs, attitudes, and values of our leaders should not dominate our units or our members. We need to promote an atmosphere of care for and valuing of our members for what they offer to our organization.

**Some leaders have a fear of change and therefore, refuse to accept changes that will better our organization. We all have a fear of the unknown, but as a group we can face it together and gain strength from each other.

“Negativity can thwart what could be a great idea.” How do we accept new ideas?

Are we willing to work as a “team” on new programs or projects?

Do we welcome all ages? Do we accept our “seasoned” members, our new members, our junior members, and our unique members? We all have worth and have good ideas that need to be shared.

Do we retain our members by keeping our units involved with our programs and projects? Are our members motivated to rejoin to help us achieve our goals?

Many of these are questions that we must ask ourselves to be better leaders.

Here are questions and answers for November:

Q5: How many ALA Districts does WV have? Name them.

West Virginia has 7 Districts. The districts are District 1, District 3, District 4, District 5 (recently merged with 8), District 6, District 9, and District 10.

Q6: Who is eligible to run for District Vice President?

Any member in good standing from a unit in the District is eligible to run for District Vice President or District President.

Q7: There are 10 areas in our Mission Outreach Programs. What are they?

Q8: There are 7 areas in our Member Support Committees. What are they?

Ann Buchanan
Leadership Chairman



Strategic Planning Committee

Music

I have received some “videos” of our Membership Song, from District meetings.

Great so far!! I am including the “Membership Song” once more in this Spirit. So copy it off and make sure you do the video and send to me.

Remember there are 2 songs to this sheet. Left side is “Yankee Doodle Came To Town” and right side is “I’m a Yankee Doodle Dandy”

Good Luck!!
Kitty Kelly-Smoot
Music Chairman

Strategic Planning Committee

The Strategic Planning Committee will be doing short articles in this space to help our Department Reach their Goal this year.

This month is Goal 4: Strengthen Department and Units. A few questions I am asking you to think about: Is the unit working as a “team”? Does the Unit Officers bring up Activities that are planned to the members at a meeting and vote on it?

In the Spirit there is a Secretary page directed to Unit members, Unit Officers, Unit Membership Chairman. It also has “Dates To Remember” for All to see. Do you read this page?

Do the officers take the Spirit to the meetings and discuss any pertinent information that may pertain to the Unit?

We need to mentor our members, improve our meetings, involve our whole membership in decisions.

The Department Office is always here to help, give advice, get involved when it is necessary. But remember “chain of command” .

Paulette Anderson
Strategic Committee Goal 4

Children & Youth

Recognize Kids of Active Military Kids of Deployed are Heroes 2 (KDH2) is an initiative honoring military children who may be experiencing a separation from one or both parents, whether deployed to a war zone, having a short tour or on an extended temporary duty assignment. Recognition buttons or stickers with "I'm a Hero 2" can be distributed to these kids to recognize their sacrifices.

What can you do?

**Host an event to recognize these military children. Be sure to include the Legion family, especially your Juniors. **Have a supply of the "I'm a Hero 2" buttons or stickers ready to hand out. You might also want to have on-hand the "Proud Parent/ Grandparent of a Military Child" button.

Consider these ideas:

*Coordinate with Family Readiness Groups for button distribution during family days.

*Coordinate with Legion Family members on local community days/fairs etc.

*Have an activity day/dinner for military families at your post home.

KDH2 buttons may be ordered through a commercial vendor or made yourself.

Remember these kids sometimes make the biggest Sacrifices.

Beth Kilgore
Chairman

Child Welfare Foundation



I want to thank everyone who has been feeding me. I can feel myself getting fatter and your coins are helping tremendously. Please keep them coming. I have an idea....

Veterans day is fast approaching, I challenge you to pledge a penny, nickel, or dime for every veteran you encounter on November 11th. Not only is it a way to honor our veterans, it also honors those children in need.

Next collection: Mid-Winter Conference. **PLEASE** have your coins already wrapped, as if YOU don't, Treasurer Paulette will **have** to, to take them to the bank.

Beth Kilgore, Chairman
Child Welfare Foundation

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

I attended our monthly party at the WV Veterans Home this past Wednesday, and their Recreational Director Mike Stephens gave me a new updated list of wants and needs for those residents who reside in the veterans home. I will send the new list to Paulette to put in the Spirit for the Comfort Item Drive. He did show as needs: disposable razors - triple blade and above, denture adhesive, shampoo/conditioner, body wash, 2 in 1 hair/body wash, any type lotion, body powder, foot powder, laundry soap (pods or powder), dryer sheets, pocket t-shirts (sizes large to 5X) and socks (more of the larger sizes). Mike indicated they have an excess of tooth brushes, tooth paste, bar soap, shaving cream and combs.

Mike also gave me a list of the Residents Want List for Christmas by age and whether male or female by age. If you would be interested in your unit "adopting a veteran" for Christmas, please let me know and I will send to you. Ages range from 35 to 95 years old. There are two women veterans, but they are being taken care of at the present time with their clothing needs.

Please remember to give thanks for your many blessings this Thanksgiving, and continue to remember those less fortunate than yourself.

Mary Waybright
V A & R Chairman

Public Relations

Hello Ladies

Please send me new paper clippings that tell what you do for the units and the post. It has to have the heading on the paper of the Aux or the post. Create and maintain any active social media presence for your unit on one or more platform. When you promote Auxiliary events on your personal social media.

JoAnn Hastings
Public Relations



Ladies,

If I am elected Department President in July, I will need chairman for our wonderful programs. Even though election is not until July, I need a rough draft of chairman by early February. This is a chance for you to shine and grow. If you are interested in being a Department Chairman please contact me with a little bit about yourself.

As a chairman, just to name a few things, you write a monthly article for the Department newsletter, review unit reports and select the winner to award during convention, write a report to national from what the units reported, and as a chairman you are a part of the executive board and receive a vote in those meetings.

Let me what programs you enjoy and why. I need this no later than January 21, 2017, so I can get my draft together by the end of the month.

Please don't be afraid. If you are nervous, I can assign a mentor to help you. Want more information, contact me, I am more than willing to talk with you.

Please consider this offer. I'd like to give opportunity to ANYONE who has an interest.

Lisa Cadwallader
(304) 707-1121
Lisac.ala71@gmail.com



Ways & Means

I hope Units are trying to sell the 2017 Ways and Means tickets I sent them. I have received some ticket stubs back already. I plan to deposit the funds into the 2017 account. If anyone is asking about their check not back yet on their statement, please inform them it will be this month.

Congratulations to the September winners!! We are still having multiple winners on the same number drawn!!

I will have tickets with me at 1st District Conference, and 9th District Conference. You can contact me at 304-771-0984 if you need more sent to you. Right now I have one envelope left and a few single tickets. Thanks to all who are trying to sell them!!

They make great Christmas gifts!!
They make great Birthday gifts!!

Remember: *If you don't pay you can't play!!*

Paulette Anderson
Chairman

September Ways and Means Winners

Winner	Number	City	State	Date	Amount
Rhona Setliff	256	Huntington	WV	9/1/16	\$25.00
Kay Watson	798	Reedsville	OH	9/2/16	\$25.00
Bruce Wendel	212	Glen Dale	WV	9/3/16	\$25.00
	255			9/5/16	
Sonny Castle	888	Anawalt	WV	9/6/17	\$25.00
Judy Frye	027	Cameron	WV	9/7/16	\$25.00
Carla Wilfong	553	Enterprise	WV	9/8/16	\$25.00
	636			9/9/16	
Yvonne Redman	267	Keyser	WV	9/10/16	\$25.00
Rhona Setliff	256	Huntington	WV	9/12/16	\$25.00
Aniela Lee	510	Berkeley Springs	WV	9/13/16	\$25.00
Kitty Kelly-Smoot	333	Huntington	WV	9/14/16	\$25.00
Barbara Ludwig	093	High View	WV	9/15/16	\$25.00
Shirley Davis	542	Kenova	WV	9/16/17	\$25.00
Robert Kidwell	789	Romney	WV	9/17/16	\$25.00
David Rose	678	Berkeley Springs	WV	9/19/16	\$25.00
Sandy Smith	260	Augusta	WV	9/20/16	\$25.00
	202			9/21/16	
	698			9/22/16	
	801			9/23/16	
	106			9/24/16	
Greg Haines	617	Shanks	WV	9/26/16	\$25.00
Jessica Judy	063	Shanks	WV	9/27/16	\$25.00
Roger Michael	234	Berkeley Springs	WV	9/28/16	\$25.00
Mary Jane Hall	887	Hacker Valley	WV	9/29/16	\$25.00
Monica Cline	541	East Liverpool	OH	9/30/16	\$25.00



Timeless Reflections



**Button #3-- October 15th—35%
Membership To Date—3053 (34.10 %)
Dept. Unit #200—64
Department Goal—8954**



District 1			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	34		
Moundsville #3	373	133	35.66%
McMechen #5	76	33	43.42%
Weirton #10	85	32	37.65%
Cameron #18	238	76	31.92%
New Martinsville #28	171	86	50.29%
Wellsburg #34	40	23	57.50%
Follansbee #45	59	10	16.95%
Benwood #46	125	47	37.60%
Pine Grove #81	119	33	27.73%
Paden City #86	154	57	37.01%
Wheeling #89	48	2	4.17%
Newell #114	58	13	22.41%
Hundred #120	115	31	26.96%
Chester #121	200	49	24.50%
TOTALS	1895	625	32.98%

District 4			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	1027	457	44.76%
Spencer #21	82	45	54.88%
Pt. Pleasant #23	439	94	21.42%
Tyler County #48	17	9	52.94%
Sistersville #67	175	6	29.17%
Parkersburg #104	30		
New Haven #140	190	74	38.95%
Williamstown #159	218	50	22.94%
TOTALS	2178	735	33.75%

District 6			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Welch #8	91	28	30.77%
Bluefield #9	38		
Beckley #32	54	22	40.74%
Gary #38	94	46	48.94%
TOTALS	277	96	34.66%

District 9			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Elkins #29	220	84	38.18%
Cowen #62	59	21	35.59%
Lewisburg #69	81	35	43.21%
Belington #96	47	22	46.81%
Richwood #97	24		
Pickens #122	31	19	61.29%
TOTALS	462	181	39.18%



**WWI
Farmetts
Goal—4055
To Date—1352
(33.34 %)**



**WWII
Rosie The Riveters
Goal—4812
To Date—1637
(34.02 %)**

District 3			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	73	34	46.58%
Grafton #12	33	1	3.03%
Clarksburg #13	187	125	66.84%
Shinnston #31	365	265	72.60%
Braxton Co. #33	41	19	46.34%
Philippi #44	46	14	30.43%
Bridgeport #68	63	16	25.40%
Jane Lew #166	52	11	21.15%
Morgantown #174	43		
TOTALS	903	485	53.71%

District 5			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Huntington #16	312	126	40.39%
Logan #19	29		
St. Albans #73	87		
Ceredo-Kenova #93	461	91	19.49%
South Charleston #94	34	1	2.94%
Hamlin #111	71	15	21.13%
Milton #139	92	36	39.13%
Barboursville #177	178	71	39.89%
TOTALS	1264	340	26.90%

District 10			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	155	58	35.48%
Franklin #30	31		
Piedmont #52	41		
Berkeley Springs #60	260	33	12.69%
Moorefield #64	140	38	27.14%
Charles Town #71	314	124	39.49%
Petersburg #78	117	32	27.35%
Romney #91	319	120	37.62%
Charles Town #102	24	15	62.50%
Paw Paw #128	79		
Kirby #134	63	23	36.51%
Ridgeley #136	127	21	16.54%
Capon Bridge #137	153	20	7.65%
Keyser #152	67	43	64.18%
TOTALS	1890	527	27.88%

Poppy

Poppy@ALAforVeterans.org

Remember this e-mail, you can use it. The Poppy Program, using the image and the story of Flanders Field poppy helps us raise awareness of The Legion Family and link us to our mission in the eyes of the public.

You can use this e-mail to view the winners of last year's Poppy Poster and make this year's better. You can help your child, grandchild or school learn what to put on a Poppy Poster. You can actually see the Poster's that won.

We are going to do the Poppy Poster Contest. Please, give me more than last year. The rules are basically the same, I will go over them.

Each unit can sponsor contest in local schools, youth groups and all Junior members, however the contestant doesn't have to be a member to enter.

- Poster board size; 11 x 14
- Class I; Grades 2 and 3
- Class II; Grades 4 and 5
- Class III; Grades 6 and 7
- Class IV; Grades 8 and 9
- Class V; Grades 10 and 11
- Class VI; Grades 12
- Class VII; Student with special needs

Poster Requirements;

I Each poster shall have a fitting slogan not to exceed 10 words – 'a', 'and', 'an', 'the', are not to counted as words. The word "buddy" and "buy" cannot be used.

II The words "American Legion Auxiliary must be used and will not be counted in the 10 word count.

III Each poster must include a picture of the red Flanders Field poppy.

Closing date for the Poppy Poster Contest shall be January before the units meeting, so winning poster may be brought to Mid-Winter. Unit may offer a cash prize if you want to, it may get more students to enter contest. I will personally give each entrant brought to Mid-Winter a \$10.00 cash prize. Written in ink on the back of poster shall be the class, name address, age and grade of contestant and the name of the Department.

Any questions, please call me at 304-657-5740.

Roxie Nicholson, Poppy Chairman

November 2016

Sun

Mon




Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p><i>Programs of The Month</i> <i>Membership</i> <i>Public Relations</i></p>		1	2	3	4	5
<p>6 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i></p>	7	<p>8  <i>Election Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i></p>	9	10	<p>11  <i>Veterans Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i></p>	12
13	<p>14 <i>National Education Week Begins</i></p>	<p>15 <i>Button #4 40%</i></p>	<p>16 <i>Spirit Articles Due</i></p>	17	18	19
20	<p>21 <i>Spirit Out VA Checks Out</i></p>	22	23	<p>24  <i>Office Closed</i></p>	25	26
27	<p>28 <i>Office Closed Secretaries Training in Indianapolis</i></p>	29	30	<p><i>Office Closed December 1st</i></p>		

**2017 AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION
RESERVATION INVOICE**

AUGUST 18 - AUGUST 24, 2017

CIRCUS CIRCUS RENO

500 NORTH SIERRA STREET

RENO, NEVADA 89503

NAME(S) OF ATTENDEE(S)

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-MAIL:

(\$99.00 per night plus 13.5 % hotel tax) One Night's Room Deposit \$115.36

Plus 3.00 per night city tax---- Complimentary Self parking & Valet Parking

PLEASE MAIL PAYMENT BY MAY 1, 2017

ARRIVAL DATE TO HOTEL	
DEPARTURE DATE FROM HOTEL	
KING OR DOUBLE (two queen beds)	

		Quantity	Amount
ONE NIGHT'S ROOM DEPOSIT @	\$115.36		\$0.00
ADDITIONAL OCCUPANT @	\$10.00		\$0.00
REGISTRATION FEE @	\$25.00		\$0.00
NATIONAL COMMANDER'S BANQUET @	\$46.00		\$0.00
SOUTHERN BLOC BREAKFAST @	\$32.00		\$0.00
HOSPITALITY ROOM FEE @	\$25.00		\$0.00
NATIONAL CONVENTION SHIRT@ Name: _____ Size: _____	\$25.00		\$0.00
TOTAL			\$0.00

FIRST NIGHT'S DEPOSIT REQUIRED.

WE WILL BILL YOU FOR OTHER CHARGES

PLEASE ORDER YOU NATIONAL CONVENTION SHIRT ON THIS FORM

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE AND MAIL TO:

Check

Total

\$0.00

THE AMERICAN LEGION

PO BOX 3191

CHARLESTON WV 25332

If you have any questions, please contact Department Headquarters at 1-888-534-4667

First Night Deposit Required

PLEASE RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE"

THANK YOU

*You will not be charged for the Delegate fee. If you are not elected as a delegate at your District Convention or on the floor at the State Convention, Department Headquarters will bill you for the \$25.00 registration fee after State Convention.

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

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

FEBRUARY 3-4, 2017

HOLIDAY INN/DAYS INN
MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

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

RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

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

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

NAME (S) _____

ADDRESS _____

POST/UNIT/SAL NO. _____

TITLE/OFFICE HELD _____

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

DEADLINE DATE: JANUARY 27, 2017

36TH Annual Mid-Winter Conference
2017
ADVERTISING FORM

The American Legion
Department of West Virginia, Inc.

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

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

Please specify exactly how your ad should read. Only the information you supply will be published. An attached copy of your ad is very helpful. Be sure to state if Legion, Auxiliary, or SAL Emblem is requested.

Ad should read as follows:

Authorized Signature: _____

Price List:	Full Page	\$100	Full Page (Color)	\$160
	Half Page	\$60	Half Page (Color)	\$100
	Quarter Page	\$35	Quarter Page (Color)	\$70
	Eighth Page	\$25	Eighth Page (Color)	\$ 50

Please send your ad along with a check made payable to: **The American Legion**
P.O. Box 3191
Charleston, WV 25332

Ad and Payment Deadline is January 16, 2017.
No Deviation

Send me a video of your unit singing our membership song before Mid-Winter Conference and I will have
a gift for you at Mid-Winter!!

Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Music Chair

Email: kittyks2@comcast.net

Home: 304-525-4242 or Cell: 304-412-3649

Membership Song

(With apologies to our founding fathers!!)

This part is sung to the tune of “Yankee Doodle Went to Town”

We Ladies Aid Societies
Will keep our Hope Chest loaded,
Help our Seamstress work real hard
To show that WE CAN DO IT!!

We Rosies shall roll up our sleeves
And search to find new members.
We want our Quilt to be our pride
So more will want to join us!

We Farmerettes will work real hard
To keep our Units growing.
With our Lady Patriots
We’ll guide our members serving!

Our Daughters of Liberty learn right
To be good future leaders.
Help us grow up to be smart
Then we can be the teachers!

This part is sung to the tune of “I’m a Yankee Doodle Dandy”

**We are proud Auxiliary members,
Membership is do or die!!
We work to serve our vet’rans every day,
Grateful for what they have done!
They served our country with great honor
Risking lives along the way.
Our Farmerettes and Rosies join
The pieces of our quilt.
We are the Auxiliary!!

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.

Purchase/Renew Your Subscription!

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MAIL TO:

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

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

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

Mail to: ALA Department of West Virginia

1251 Doolin Run Road

New Martinsville WV 26155 –7808

