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Department President
Lisa Cadwallader



Serve & Honor Those Who
Defend our Freedom While
Building Future Leaders



Hello Ladies,

Spring conferences are around the corner. Don't forget your unit reports with all the wonderful things your unit does and providing a list of deceased members for the memorial services. In fact I already attended the first one and drove in snow showers to get there. I also had the honor of attending Clarksburg and Shinnston's Birthday Dinners. I'm sorry the crowd was so small at Clarksburg, but it was nice. Shinnston did a very nice job and I give high credits to the American Legion Family at Shinnston. There Legion, S.A.L., Riders and Auxiliary truly work together as a true family. Well done Shinnston!! I plan to attend all Spring conferences and any Birthday Dinners that I know of that are around conferences.

Executive board members recently voted on two items. The first was for Beth Kilgore to finish out the year as Children and Youth Chairman. The second was to set a 100th Anniversary Committee. This committee will run until August 2020. The chairman will be the NEC each year, so the remainder of this year is Susan Wade. The other two committee members that will stay on the committee the whole time are Roxie Nicolson and Beth Kilgore. Congratulation's ladies and Thank you!!

Congratulations Bluefield and welcome to the new members!! Just a friendly reminder, yes we only have 4 targets this year, but we you still work our membership and communicate in our circle up and down. Units to District Vices, District Vices with Department Vices and Department membership and Department membership with Department and District Vices with Units. We want to keep this circle open. We still have a lot of work to do in membership, reach out to those who have not renewed. Are we going to be 100%, No we are not, Yes we would like to be but reality is we won't and that's ok. We have been joining members and that's wonderful. Where we are lacking is getting members to continue their membership and the big question is Why?

We preach a lot about Goodwill. Departments hear it from National and members across the Department hear it from Department leadership. Yes, I believe Goodwill is the backbone of keeping members. Yes, it needs to start at the top and work down but it also does not help to start at the bottom or in the middle and work out to other directions. Let's face it ladies, we are all females and have opinions but we need to remember we are not all going to agree and that's fine. We need to work together for the good of the organization and to keep it alive. We are approaching our 100 year mark, so we have done something right. But the trick now is to keep it going for the next 100 years or until there are no more wars and no more veterans. Are we going to be the generation that fails? I surly hope not.

The Special project is close to ordering its first dedication stone to put in the New portion of the National Cemetery. By the time I turn in the check I have in hand we will only be \$306 away from signing a contract on that first stone. I also have a grant request in but have not currently heard back.

Reports are not too far off, now is the time to start pulling together information for those reports. I know many of you do wonderful things and please share your wonderful work on these works.

Any member is welcome to call or Email me any time. Remember there is no dumb question, maybe only the one not asked.

Serve & Honor Veterans,
Lisa Cadwallader (304) - 707 - 1121
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Department Headquarters

Mission Statement

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

Mandatory Funds: to be a unit in good standing one of the obligations is paying your unit mandatory funds yearly, no later than July 31, 2018. If you are attending Department Convention to be seated as a delegate, then it is 30 days before Convention.

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

Spirit Articles: are due into Department the **15th of each month.** Spirit is emailed/mailed by the 20th of each month. If it falls on a weekend then it will be sent on Monday of the next week. **Please limit your article to 200 words or less.**

Membership: National is honoring our "new" female 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.

Please don't send me the DD214. They are for the unit files only. Post Officer signature is all I need on application to verify the eligibility.

All applications sent to the Dept. Office needs to be the original. Copies are for you to keep.

As of February 1st 2018 dues MUST be paid before any back dues.

If you send me back dues and they aren't paid for 2018, they will be marked for 2018 year.

Online Dues The unit membership chairman will receive an email from me giving you credit for your unit, and instructions how to process this credit. **Please do not staple checks to transmittals.**

Dates To Remember
10th District Spring Conference
March 24, 2018 (Joint)
Berkeley Springs Post #60

5th District Spring Conference
Saturday April 14, 2018 (Joint)
Huntington Post #16
1421 Sixth Avenue, Huntington, WV
25701

Registration 9:00
Meeting begins at 10:00
Registration fee is \$10.00 (includes lunch)

4th District Spring Conference
Sunday April 15, 2018 (Joint)
Williamstown Post #159

ALA 6th District Spring Conference
April 21, 2018
Cowen Unit #62
(See 6th District Article for info.)

ALA 1st District Spring Conference
Sunday April 29, 2018
800 First Street
Moundsville Unit #3

2018-2019 Candidates for Office

Dept. President-Rhonda Best Unit #3
Dept. 1st VP-Sharon Kauffman Unit #14
Dept. 2nd Vice Pres.-Cathy Post #48
Dept. Sec/Treas.-Paulette Anderson #28
Dept. Chaplain- Kelly Immel #71
Dept. Historian-

District Candidates for Office

1st Dist. Pres.
VP
3rd Dis. Pres. Roxie Nicholson
VP Carla Wilfong
4th Dist. Pres.
VP
5th Dist. Pres. Beth Kilgore
VP JoAnn Hasitings
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2nd Vice President-Sharon Kauffman
Secretary/Treasurer-Paulette Anderson
Chaplain-Cathy Post
Historian-Kelli Immel

District Presidents

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

District Vice Presidents

1st District-Holly Adams
3rd District-Michelle Dambaugh
4th District-Nancy Sundstrom
5th District-JoAnn Hastings
6th District-Reba Honaker
10th District-Linda Schlicht

“Soaring High in Membership While Strengthening our Culture of Goodwill”

Membership Chairman

The Auxiliary year is going by quickly and it is time to start talking about deadlines. The Silver Brigade and the Recruit and Rejoin membership awards are due no later than May 1 to the National Headquarters. The Silver Brigade is awarded to those members who recruit 25 senior members and the Recruit and Rejoin is awarded for recruiting 5 junior or senior members. Please make sure to get your paperwork submitted.

It is also time to write your narrative membership year end report. Refer to the Awards Manual for details about what to include in your report for special recognition.

Finally, make sure that your Unit has submitted the mandatory fees.

Many Units are working hard on their membership. There are two goal Units – Franklin and Bluefield. Great job ladies! There will be an announcement coming in the May Spirit about how your Unit can obtain special recognition for increasing and enhancing your membership. Target 3 will be March 31st and some Units are really close to obtaining 75% in membership. Please submit your transmittals and do not hold any membership applications/renewals. For some Units, just one member will significantly increase the percentage. The doves are flying a bit higher than the eagles this time!

It is time to reach out to your Auxiliary sisters who have not renewed their membership and find out why. Please keep in contact with your District Vice-President if you have challenges and need assistance.

Together we are soaring high with Membership.

Heather Fauble
Membership Chairman

Department 1st Vice President

Hello Doves,

Spring is in the air and warmer is on the way.

I know this time of year is very busy for all of us due to activities, year-end reports, and upcoming Girls State Meetings. However we do need to continue to look at our membership and what we can do to jumpstart our numbers again. Each unit has received a letter regarding their numbers and were asked to give feedback to the District Vice-Presidents goals they came up with. If your unit has not done so, then please complete this task now. I am personally asking each unit to send a letter out to all current delinquent members. I want to take this time to express how thankful I am for the hard work each of you do for our Veterans, Veterans' Family, Children, the Community. Without all of our members we cannot accomplish the things we continually do.

I hope to see some of you at the upcoming Spring Conferences.

God Bless and Be Safe,
Rhonda Best



Department 2nd Vice President

Hello Eagles

First I would like to say thank you for allowing me to attend the 3rd District Conference and birthday dinner held at Shinnston. You ladies did a fantastic job as always. Also to Clarksburg for their birthday dinner.

Thanks to Holly Adams, Peggy Swartz, Nancy Sundstrom for all your hard work. You ladies work hard to get your units up; keep up the good work.

We are now trying to get everyone up to goal. Thanks to each unit in Districts 1,4,6. Keep up the good work. I

f you need me for anything just give me a call or an email.

Sharon Kauffman
Dept. 2nd Vice



From the Department Headquarters

There have been questions regarding former members wishing to come back in but their eligibility was no longer due to being divorced, or spouse dropped out of The American Legion. I contacted National Headquarters on this matter.

I have been informed by National that if a member drops out and wishes to come back in, but she is either divorced or her spouse is no longer a member of The American Legion, she may come back in **AS LONG AS SHE PAYS ALL PAST DUES AND CURRENT DUES AT THE SAME TIME.**

I hope this clarifies any questions that were asked.

The Unit membership chairman needs to contact this office, to make sure that the former member is still in the system. When the records were purged from The American Legion in 2010, if the member didn't pay dues for years, (1990's) then they didn't follow into the American Legion Auxiliary records.

If this is the case, THEN she will have to find new eligibility. That is why I will need the information from unit membership chairman. Any questions Please contact this office.

Paulette Anderson
Secretary/Treasurer

1st District Vice President

Hello ladies

Spring is on its way, yay !! I am so ready.

I have made my calls and have spoken to several units and also have received call back. I appreciate the efforts from all units!

I want to remind everyone about the upcoming March 31st target of 75% and encourage all to keep pushing membership!! Suggestions are to hold membership drives and remind everyone about the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary. It is an organization of women that have a desire to support and educate our communities about our veterans and their sacrifice for our country and our freedom!!

Please continue to promote and educate and contact me or our Department 2nd Vice President Sharon Kauffman if you need any assistance.

Thank you and God Bless

Holly Adams

1st District VP

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3rd District President

Well Spring Conference is over for the year, Next will be the Fall one. Third District Conference went pretty well.

We had 5 Units, Braxton County, Grafton, Buckhannon, Clarksburg, and Shinnston, in attendance. Twelve Auxiliary members from these Units, 4 State Officers, and 6 Past Department Presidents at our meeting.

Chaplain Roxie Nicholson preformed a Memorial Service for the deceased, we had 18 members to pass away this year.

We held elections for this coming year: to be announced later.

All Units are encouraged to work on membership a little harder. We are slowing down. Remember if you need my help with anything please call me at 304-592-0247 or e-mail me at carlajwilfong@yahoo.com.

God Bless our Veterans

Carla Wilfong

Third District President

5th District President

YOU ARE INVITED!!

5th District would like to invite you to our Spring Conference on April 14th in Huntington at their Post home. Registration will begin 9 am. The cost is \$10.00, which includes lunch. We will begin with a joint session with the Legion and then break away into our individual meetings. Although we would love you to come to the conference, we need to know who is coming so we can give Huntington a count for lunch. You can either call or text me at 304-654-7750 or send me an email to MBKilgore@frontier.com. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Keep those memberships coming in. You are doing an excellent job and I know you are working hard on recruiting members. Keep up the good work.

I hope everyone has begun working on their year-end reports. I know several units who are just interested in helping the veterans in their local community and are not interested in the awards but keep in mind, these reports are combined with other reports and this compilation is then sent to the National Headquarters. When added to all the states, these numbers are then reported to Congress, who decided on veterans' benefits. So, when you submit your reports, YOU ARE helping your local veteran.

See you in at the 5th District Conference!

Beth Kilgore, President

5th District

6th District President

Hi Everyone

I don't know about anyone else but I'm ready for spring to get here, but then I hear we might get a little snow sure hope not.

I met with Bluefield Unit 9 on February 15th they had a very nice turn out for this meeting and they are doing great in getting new members. Thanks ladies for making Unit 9 a GOAL UNIT just keep up the good work.

I would like to let everyone know that Sixth District will be having their Spring Conference on Saturday, April 21, 2018. This will be hosted by Cowen Unit 62. The meeting will be held at the Post home located at 63 Erbacon Street in Cowen. They will have a dutch treat luncheon the price will be \$10.00 per person. Registration will be from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. Sure do hope to see a lot of members at this meeting. Registration will be \$1.00 per person.

I'm sure everyone is working on membership. Let's all deep our veteran in our thought and prayers, So until next time God Bless Each and Everyone.

Peggy Swartz

6th District President

4th District President

Hello,

I hope all of you got a chance to celebrate our 99th Birthday! Spring Conference is approaching fast. We will have ours at Post 159 in Williamstown on April 15th. Please attend with as many members as possible. We will have election of officers and our Memorial Service, make sure you have reported all members' passing for this. Please be advised that I will not be seeking the office of President, have your endorsements ready for this office. I look forward to seeing you there.

Unit reports will be due before long, have your chairman working on these.

If I can be of any help to you, do not hesitate to contact me at 304-758-5114 or by email at cathy_1@frontier.com I wish you safe travels to conference. Thank a Veteran!

In the spirit of service not self,

Cathy D. Post

4th District President

10th District President

Hello Doves

Hope everyone is feeling better. We have 10 units attending the 10th District Conference in Berkeley Springs on March 24th.

Easter is coming so don't forget your Veterans and your community. Remember to wear your badges, shirts, jackets, something to let people know who you are.

Here are some of the events coming up at the Martinsburg VAMC

**March 29th Vietnam Vet Day

**April 16-20th National Volunteer Week

**April 20th Earth Day

**April 22 ALA Mountain District Cookout

We still need some prayers for Unit 102; Hazel Hart has passed away.

I will have more for you next month.

For God and Country

Sharon Kauffman

District 10 President

3rd District Vice President

We had our District meeting with only 12 members that attend, that was only 5 units out of all of them in our District. We need more units and members to attend.

Let's work more on our membership and get up to our goals. Let's work with our Posts to get more members in.

Thanks
Michelle Dambaugh
Third District Vice President

4th District Vice President

Hello Ladies:

I hope that this message finds all well. I know that some Units don't have membership dues coming in so check back on those members who have not paid their dues for this year. Perhaps they just forgot to pay them, or perhaps they may need some help paying them. As you know, the cost of living is going up for everyone, and some of the former members just might need some help due to paying high prices for food, utilities and medicine. You might find yourself in that same predicament someday and your Auxiliary sisters in your unit will be there to help you.

Ladies I want you to know that I think you are doing a great job! I am so proud of you all for the awesome job you are doing.

If I can be of any help in any way I am only a phone call away 304-422-1263. I will do my best to help you.

GOD BLESS AMERICA
Nancy Sundstrom
4th District Vice President

5th District Vice President

Hello Ladies,

I hope the weather isn't getting you down but just think it won't be long till spring will be here.

I hope this will get people to come out and go to the meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary. We do so much for the veterans and their families.

We are low in membership 50.42%, so please if you are holding membership back please send it in. We need your help so we can help the veterans.

Thank you
JoAnn Hastings
Fifth District Vice President

10th District Vice President

Hello Doves,

The March 31st Target of 75% is close when you receive this newsletter. Thank you for your hard work and all of you are doing.

April starts our last quarter. Events in the Spring are a good time to tack on membership registration and reminding everyone one to renew. Put up a poster at event, list up coming events or pictures of past events showing your Unit working for our Veterans.

Remember everyone should help the membership chairman with renewals and new members. Check the target sheets, see where you are and think how you can help.

Congratulations to Franklin #30 on hitting 100%! Moorefield your very close to 75% for March 31st!

Thank you for all your are doing!!
Linda Schlicht
10th District Vice President
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Chaplain

Hello my sisters,

As we seek warmer weather and Spring approaches, we look forward to Easter and new beginnings. I have kept you all in my prayers through this difficult Winter. We have made it!

Please keep our troops in your prayers; we recently lost 7 soldiers in a helicopter crash. Remember their families as our most holy season is almost here.

Please send me your prayers, poems and devotions for President Lisa's prayer book. You can email them to me if you like, at cathy_1@frontier.com, but please put "Unit Prayers" in the subject line so I will know what they are for.

May you have a Blessed Easter; I leave you with this prayer:

"Lord we lift our hearts to you. As the dawn breaks, may we carry the unity we share into every moment knowing that we are one with the risen Christ.

Lord, we lift our eyes to you. As the sunrises, may this moment stay with us, reminding us to look for the beautiful colours of promise in your word.

Lord, we lift our prayers to you. As the dew air falls, may we breathe this morning in and know that like the earth, you sustain us, keep us and work within us always.

And so, we lift our voices to you. We celebrate the greatest day in history, when Jesus rose from death, defeated darkness and bathed the world in stunning resurrection light. May we ever live to praise you! Amen.

For God and Country
Cathy D. Post
Chaplain



Historian

Hope everyone is well and trying to enjoy our spring time with new beginnings.

As we do our spring conferences I would ask if I could get a copy of our Auxiliary sisters names that have gone on before us for the history book.

April 15 is end of year reports that are due. So please make sure we do our reports to make our great Department of West Virginia shine.

God Bless
Kelli A Immel
Historian

Meaning of our Preamble

When we gather for auxiliary functions, we recite the Preamble to the Constitution. Do you know what the meaning of the Preamble is and why it was written? During the coming year, I will offer you a breakdown of the Preamble and the next time you recite it, hopefully it will have more meaning for you.

Explanation of the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary

8th in a series of 11

To promote peace and goodwill on earth..."

The men and women of the Legion and the women of the Auxiliary know well the ghastly futility of war. We know that war brings only misery to any nation, which engages in it, to the victor as well as the vanquished. With the lessons of war constantly in mind, we pledge ourselves to promote peace and goodwill among nations. We have worked steadily in the cause in the face of forces, which have sought to sow enmity and war throughout the world.

Beth Kilgore, Chairman
Constitution & By-Laws Committee

Community Service

Hello Ladies

Oh my ladies how the winter's been cold, but soon it will be spring.

I have seen what the units have been doing in their community. The units have been having coat drives, food for the homeless. Children need our help on feeding and clothing them. Some children go to bed hungry. Please don't let this happen.

We visited the shut INS to see if they are warm. We visited the nursing homes, veteran's hospitals. Something small means a lot. We all do community service.

Thank you Auxiliary members!
JoAnn Hastings
Community Services Chairman

Constitution & Bylaws

We have received several Constitutions & By-Laws for the committee to review. The committee is reviewing these and we will be in touch soon. If your dues amount is listed in your Constitution & By-Laws, consider moving it to your Standing Rules so it can easily be updated when or if your due increase.

If you are updating your constitution & By-Laws, please email them to MBKilgore@frontier.com or mail them to 1562 Holderby Road, Huntington, WV 25701.

If you have any questions, give me a call at 304-654-7750.

Service not Self!
Beth Kilgore, Chairman
Linda Crumm, Member
Dede Kelly, Member

Public Relations

How are you spreading the word about the American Legion Auxiliary? What are you telling people when they ask who we are? Are you publishing photos and articles in the local paper? Or are you spreading the word through a form of social media? It is important that we let those around us see and hear about what we are doing. Give people something to talk about. It just might spark someone's interest to take the step and join our ranks, or to help by lending a hand in one of our many endeavors to support veterans and their families. So get the people talking about the things we do by showing and telling them what we do. Every little bit helps to spread the word.

God Bless,
Stephanie Handley
Public Relations Chairman
stephaniehandley@msn.com

Americanism

Let's not forget to get the unit reports into Department Headquarters by April 15th. Districts, send your report to me.

We are all doing something for Americanism almost everyday.

Don't forget to get out and vote on May 8th.

Michelle Dambaugh
Americanism Chairman

Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Hello Ladies,

Hopefully spring is around the corner. As of right now we're getting snow showers again. Spring will be welcomed when it finally gets here.

I don't have much to report except West Virginia had another member that was helped through the AEF program through National.

West Virginia has had several disasters this year, thankfully National was able to help our members financially. Thank You to the units and members who donated this to the AEF program.

Please remember to get your reports into Department on time, so I can get my report to National on time.

Have a great Easter Holiday and enjoy spring whenever it gets here.

Connie Pyles
Auxiliary Emergency Fund
Chairman

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Children & Youth

APRIL IS CHILDREN & YOUTH MONTH!!

I hope every unit is planning a special event to honor the children and youth of your community. They are our future and we need to care for and nurture each and everyone of them. Any type of event where the children are the main focus will do. This could be collecting movies, videos, or games for the local hospital, hosting a party at school for the kids, an Easter Egg hunt or an outdoor event where physical exercise is the main key. The list is endless. Let me know what your unit has planned or if you need some ideas, either call (304-654-7750) or email me at MBKilgore@frontier.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

I would like everyone to consider wearing purple t-shirt on April 15th for **Purple Up**, honoring the military child.



If anyone asks why you are wearing the purple t-shirt, please explain the significance of wearing it on that particular day.

I am looking forward to receiving everyone's year end reports. You do so much and I am anxious to read all the details of your projects.

Beth Kilgore, Chairman
Children & Youth

Education

The deadline for receiving Scholarships has past. We received only 3 Children of Warrior Scholarship entries. One of these 3 will be chosen to be sent onto our Central Division for judging at the National Level.

We did NOT receive any entries for our Department Scholarship. We do not have a winner for the year 2017-2018.

I want to REMIND each unit to send in their Year-End Reports by April 15th 2018 to ensure Holly Adams, Depart. Chairman can get her report to the National Chairman by her deadline. Please answer all questions on the form and include a narrative report. This will make you eligible to possibly win a Department Award at Summer Convention.

I hope to see some of our members Soon.

God Bless and Be safe,
Rhonda Best



Junior Activities

Happy Easter to everyone...

It's been a couple of crazy months at my house.. I hope everyone enjoyed to the Mid winter Conference.

I don't have anything to report on at this time. I've been either sick with the flu or in Florida for the birth of my first grandchild, so i will be spending this coming weekend catching up on all my junior information. So keep working hard on new members and activities, and don't forget you can send me anything you've been doing at anytime.

Don't forget your end of year reports on what your juniors have been doing!!

Thank you
Michelle Ryan
Junior Activities Chairman

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Spring has sprung but someone forgot to tell old man winter. Even though it is getting warm weather, please do not forget our Veterans. They need help during the spring and summer just like they do during the winter time.

Check with your Hospitals and Nursing Homes to see what out Veterans need for warm weather. Offer to take them fishing if you can. Plan a cook out for them. The list just keeps rolling on.

Please remember to do your year end reports. Make sure to list each Auxiliary member separate when giving your hours, even if it is just one or two give her credit. Don't forget your Junior members when reporting also.

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

God Bless our Veterans
Carla Wilfong
VA&R Chairman

Results from Executive Board Special Voting To Finish Out The Year Ballots Cast 41 1 Spoiled

Children & Youth Beth Kilgore
26 Votes For 0 Against

New Committee Through 2018-2020
American Legion Auxiliary
100th Anniversary Committee
NEC (Changes Each Year)
Roxie Nicholson
Beth Kilgore
24 Votes For 2 Against



National Security

Hello Ladies,

There are some important things that you need to know that are coming up. It got passed down to me that The American Legion is supporting Bill S.2379 (Military Spouses Employment Act of 2018.) This act is when military employment cost a spouse their job! I encourage you to share this with your units and ask them to also support this bill.

If you didn't know: The American Legion Birthday – March 15-17, 2018
April 1, 2018 – Happy Early Easter

God Bless
You
Savanna Kauffman
National Security

100 Years of Celebration 1919-2019

As our American Legion Auxiliary 100th Anniversary approaches, we all need to utilize all avenues of Public Relations, including social media.

A Facebook group was created specifically for the 100th Anniversary, www.facebook.com/groups/ALAcenntennial. This group will be used as a place to share ideas for a committee, Department, Unit, and also individual members. Please utilize this group to share your ideas and your plans so we can have a very successful Celebration!!!

Let's raise awareness and Excite people about the value of belonging to the American Legion Auxiliary as we move forward with our vision!!

Susan Wade, NEC
Chairman
100th Anniversary Committee

National Executive Committeewoman

We had a great NEC meeting in Indianapolis!! A lot of information in a days time!!! I will highlight some of the agenda.

The National Chairman of all committees gave great Mid-Year reports. There were 69 Charter Cancellations...thankfully none from WV. ALA Centennial Strategic Plan update-when this was implemented, there was a 15% drop in membership. In the last 4 yrs. there was a 10% drop. Now it is down to 6%!!! So it is working!!!!

The goal is for the Member Conduct Guide to be done by National Convention. It will be 30 pages long.

New business- Resolution: Online-printed Membership cards are Valid Membership Identification. Motion carried. The Audit and Finance Committees gave excellent presentations. Very easy to follow and understand. The audit was perfect again this year. The breakdown of how our dues monies are spent: 87% is spent on our mission; 9% on management; and 4% on growing back.

Susan Wade
NEC

Poppy

Sorry Ladies for not having my article in last month.

Now is the season our Poppy Events spring forward.

Upcoming suggestions to think about Spring Conferences, Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Poppy Day, Fairs and Flower Marts.

Reminders: Poppy Day, have you made arrangements for Event?

Year End Reports coming up, Ladies we only received 2 Mid Year Reports.

Need help with suggestions look up; The new Service Not Self Tool Kit <http://alafserviceforveterans.org/ALA-Service-Not-Self-Volunteering-Toolkit/>

Special Shot Out to Charli Michael, Junior Chaplain Dept. of West Virginia for submitting a Poppy Poster at Mid Winter. Great Job !!

Looking forward to receiving Year End Reports. Hope everyone is looking forward to Spring. Please help keep the Legacy going, let the Poppy Events help.

Remember May 25th is "National Poppy Day" Wear or Display a Poppy.

Thank you for all you are doing, stay safe and well.

God Bless
Linda Schlicht
Poppy Chairman
304 258 6869



Strategic Planning Committee

Communication is the key to **SUCCESS!** Goal 4 is “Strengthen Department and Units”

It is the time of year for the units and districts to report to the department about all their activities and successes this year and we can also include any new learnings. We need to communicate what we do to others, because they may want to join us and be a part of our success. Share with others what you are doing, how you do it, and how successful the project or program was for the unit, the community, the youth, and did it present a positive image for the American Legion Auxiliary.

UNIT MEMBERS, CHAIRMEN, AND OFFICERS

**Unit chairmen need to submit Awards Forms.

**Unit Presidents need to submit their Year-End Report to District President and the Department President. Districts may ask for an oral report of some of your activities at the District Meeting. Information from your reports is used for the District President to report to the Department Historian.

**Units submit nominations for Unit Member of the Year and Timeless Awards.

**Units need to submit their Credentials for voting for the Spring Conference.

**Units will elect District officers who will communicate the happenings in the District to others. We can learn from other, but we need to be willing to share.

**Unit Chaplains need to send a list of deceased members to the District Chaplain.

**Unit President/Secretary should submit a list of new officers to the Department Secretary as soon as they are elected.

DISTRICT

**District Presidents need to submit a report to the Department Historian about what has happened in her district during the 2017-2018 year.

**District Presidents need to allow time for the Unit Presidents to report on at least one program or project her unit has successfully completed during the year.

**District meetings should have a written agenda for those attending.

**District secretary should read the minutes unless they are sent to each units prior to the meeting and extra copies given out prior to the opening of the meeting.

**District Chaplain should submit a list of deceased district members to the Department Secretary and the Department Chaplain as soon as possible.

**District President should submit a list of new officers and chairmen to the Department Secretary as soon as possible following the District Meeting.

**District President should send the date of the Fall District Meeting to the Department Secretary as soon as possible.

Ann Buchanan, Goal 4

Centennial Strategic Planning Committee

February Ways and Means Winners

	684			2/1/2018	
Rick Goudy	431	Parkersburg	WV	2/2/2018	\$25.00
Betty Myers	183	Romney	WV	2/3/2018	\$25.00
James Sabo	121	Delray	WV	2/5/2018	\$25.00
James Childress	094	Romney	WV	2/6/2018	\$25.00
Joe Gilfilen	143	Hamlin	WV	2/7/2018	\$25.00
	563			2/8/2018	
Madelon Robinson	297	Cameron	WV	2/9/2018	\$25.00
Linda Schlicht	475	Berkeley Springs	WV	2/10/2018	\$25.00
Robin Wolford	025	Romney	WV	2/12/2018	\$25.00
Sally Reid	339	Capon Bridge	WV	2/13/2018	\$25.00
	318			2/14/2018	
	400			2/15/2018	
	964			2/16/2018	
Andy Smith	280	Romney	WV	2/17/2018	\$25.00
	266			2/19/2018	
Terry Baker	203	Mt. Airy	MD	2/20/2018	\$25.00
	319			2/21/2018	
Donna Koppler	193	New Milton	WV	2/22/2018	\$25.00
ALA Pt. Pleasant #23	618	Pt. Pleasant	WV	2/23/2018	\$25.00
	894			2/24/2018	
Derrick King	616	Culloden	WV	2/26/2018	\$25.00
Patricia Cash	961	Cross Lanes	WV	2/27/2018	\$25.00
	783			2/28/2018	



Membership 2017-2018 "Soaring High with Membership While Strengthening our Culture of Goodwill"



Membership Target
March 31 2018—75% Updated 3/22/18
Department Goal 9446
Unit #200 Goal 88 To Date: 74
Membership to Date: 5272 (55.81` %)



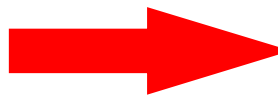
District 1			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	20	12	60.00%
Moundsville #3	423	234	55.32%
McMechen #5	67	39	58.21%
Weirton #10	106	54	50.94%
Cameron #18	257	145	56.42%
New Martinsville #28	211	127	60.19%
Wellsburg #34	42	26	61.90%
Follansbee #45	59	36	61.02%
Benwood #46	125	77	61.60%
Pine Grove #81	106	57	53.77%
Paden City #86	172	102	59.30%
Wheeling #89	33	24	72.73%
Newell #114	51	26	50.98%
Hundred #120	109	50	45.87%
Chester #121	264	140	53.03%
TOTALS	2045	1149	56.09%



Membership: 4704
To Date: 2614
(55.57 %)

District 3			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	76	43	56.58%
Grafton #12	25	10	40.00%
Clarksburg #13	222	103	46.40%
Elkins #29	245	147	60.00%
Shinnston #31	404	257	63.61%
Braxton County #33	41	26	63.41%
Philippi #44	34	15	44.12%
Bridgeport #68	86	44	51.16%
Belington #96	36	15	41.67%
Pickens #122	34	23	67.65%
Jane Lews #166	58	38	65.52%
Morgantown #174	23	14	60.87%
TOTALS	1284	735	57.24%

District 4			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	1067	558	52.30%
Spencer #21	84	40	47.62%
Pt. Pleasant #23	470	248	52.77%
Tyler County #48	29	23	79.31%
Sistersville #67	92	51	55.43%
New Haven #140	206	128	62.14%
Williamstown #159	201	122	60.70%
TOTALS	2149	1170	54.44%



Membership: 4654
To Date: 2584
(55.52 %)

District 5			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Huntington #16	335	177	52.84%
Logan #19	20	10	50.00%
St. Albans #73	55	25	45.45%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	476	232	48.74%
South Charleston #94	16	9	56.25%
Hamlin #111	89	43	48.32%
Milton #139	103	56	54.37%
Barboursville #177	231	121	52.38%
TOTALS	1325	673	50.79%

District 6			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Welch #8	89	65	73.03%
Bluefield #9	16	17	106.25%
Beckley #32	87	29	33.33%
Gary #38	148	88	59.45%
Cowen #62	48	27	56.25%
Lewisburg #69	86	48	55.82%
Richwood #97	36	21	58.33%
TOTALS	510	295	57.84%

District 10			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	144	74	51.39%
Franklin #30	16	17	106.25%
Piedmont #52	65	14	21.54%
Berkeley Springs #60	334	193	57.78%
Moorefield #64	129	95	73.64%
Charles Town #71	320	189	59.06%
Petersburg #78	119	64	53.78%
Romney #91	349	202	57.88%
Charles Town #102	38	22	57.89%
Paw Paw #128	61	40	65.57%
Kirby #134	64	38	59.38%
Ridgeley #136	129	77	59.68%
Capon Bridge #137	207	107	51.70%
Keyser #152	70	44	62.86%
TOTALS	2045	1176	57.51%



American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

Rhododendron Girls State

Hello Ladies,

We are busy preparing for the 76th session of Rhododendron Girls State. Key information for our 2018 session is as follows:
DATE: Sunday, June 10th through Friday morning June 15th.
WHERE: DAVIS & ELKINS COLLEGE, in Elkins, WV
SPONSORSHIP FEE: \$250 – T-shirt is included
APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 1, 2018
APPLICATION DATE FOR REFUND: May 15, 2018

Our special project is HONOR FLIGHT. All donations collected will go to the Huntington, WV Honor Flight Hub to provide our Senior Veterans a no-cost, escorted trip to see their memorial in Washington, DC.

Davis & Elkins College is offering a cumulative 4-year scholarship of \$20,000 to each Girls State Citizen who successfully completes Girls State and graduates with at least a 2.5 High School GPA. In addition to this scholarship, girls may receive up to \$76,000 in additional scholarships through Davis & Elkins College.

Two new classes offered during RGS this year include “Arts in our Lives” presented by Girls State Alum Missy Armentrout McCollam. She will provide insight about how young women can get involved and engaged in the arts community...developing networks that will last a lifetime. Financial Literacy for Young People will also be taught to share insight about basic money management, planning for college, and achieving financial independence every day. Angie Scott, also a Girls State Alum, will be one of the instructors.

It is very important for Units to stay in contact with your girls chosen to attend Girls State. If for any reason a selected girl cannot attend, please contact Registrar Ann Buchanan so an alternate may be chosen. Your District Representatives are available to assist you if needed.

Orientations provide key information so these young ladies know what to expect and come prepared for an amazing week of learning focused on responsible citizenship and love for God and Country, in addition to learning about the American Legion Auxiliary. The week can truly be life changing for these girls and the friendships they formed will last a lifetime.

Encourage your girls to apply for the Samsung Scholarship. The application must be completed online by Sunday, June 10, 2018 by 10:00 p.m. Girls are requested to bring a hard copy of their application with them to Girls State.

Stayed tuned for more exciting news next month!

Sincerely,
Michelle Sirbaugh, RGS Director

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2172 Grandview Rd.
Moundsville WV 26041
304-845-5122

3rd Dist. — Mary Jo Thomas
279 Rock Lake Road
Fairmont WV 26554
304-366-2912

4th Dist. — Nancy Sundstrom
1307 23rd Street
Parkersburg WV 26101
304-422-1263

5th Dist.— Beth Kilgore
1562 Holderby Road
Huntington WV 25701
304-654-7750

6th Dist. — Peggy Swartz
P O Box 124
Gary WV 24836
304-448-2394

10th Dist.— Lynda Lancaster
PO Box 1037
Ranson WV 25438
304-676-3979



April 2018

Sun

Mon





Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1 <i>Easter</i>	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 <i>Orthodox Easter</i>	9	10	11	12	13 <i>Office Closed</i>	14 <i>5th Dis- trict Joint Spring Conference Huntington Post #16</i> 
15 <i>4th Dist. Joint Spring Con- ference Williamstown Post #159</i>	16	17 <i>Target Sheet</i> <i>Articles Due</i> 	18	19	20 <i>Spirit Out Office Closed</i> 	21 <i>6th District Spring Conf. Cowen #62</i> 
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 <i>1st District Spring Conf. Moundsville Unit #3</i>	30					

**2018 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
RESERVATION FORM**

July 12-14, 2018
Pullman Plaza Hotel
1001 3rd Avenue
Huntington, West Virginia 25701

\$78.00 per night room rate (plus 13% tax)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

Arrival Date _____ AM PM Departure Date _____

Room Type: (circle one) Doubles King

Non-Smoking Facility

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

*Members with wheelchair disabilities will receive first priority.

One night's deposit must accompany this request to reserve a room. Any form, without a deposit will be returned.

Enclosed, please find one night's room deposit of **\$78.00** (plus 13% tax) = \$88.14 per night

(circle one)

check cash credit card
_____ credit card # _____
type _____
expiration date _____

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

**Mail to: Pullman Plaza Hotel
 ATTN: Eugene Robinson
 1001 3rd Avenue
 Huntington, West Virginia 25701**

**This form must be mailed to reserve a room at Pullman Plaza Hotel. (No phone calls for rooms will be accepted.)
PLEASE PRE-REGISTER EARLY- THANKS!**

100TH Annual State Convention
2018
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 100th Annual State Convention of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia, Inc., scheduled July 12-14, 2018, at The Pullman Plaza Hotel, Huntington, West Virginia.

Date: _____, 2018
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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:

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

Ad and Payment Deadline is June 1, 2018.
No Deviation

FIFTH DISTRICT: Beth Kilgore President, JoAnn Hastings Vice President

Unit/Number	Bonding	Scholarship	Veterans Fund	Girls State	Poppies	10%	Membership
#16 Huntington	X	X	X	X	X	X	177
#19 Logan							10
#73 St. Albans							25
#93 Ceredo Kenova	X	X	X	X	X		232
#94 South Charleston							9
#111 Hamlin							43
#139 Milton	X	X	X	X	X	X	56
#177 Barboursville	X	X	X	X	X	X	117

SIXTH DISTRICT - Peggy Swartz President, Reba Honaker Vice President

Unit/Number	Bonding	Scholarship	Veterans Fund	Girls State	Poppies	10%	Membership
#8 Welch	X	X	X	X	X	X	63
#9 Bluefield	X	X		X	X		17
#32 Beckley							29
#38 Gary	X	X	X	X	X	X	88
#62 Cowen							27
#69 Lewisburg							48
#97 Richwood							21

TENTH DISTRICT - Sharon Kauffman President, Linda Schlicht Vice President

Unit/Number	Bonding	Scholarship	Veterans Fund	Girls State	Poppies	10%	Membership
#14 Martinsburg	X	X	X	X	X	X	74
#30 Franklin							17
#52 Piedmont							14
#60 Berkeley Springs	X	X	X	X	X	X	187
#64 Moorefield					X		95
#71 Charles Town		X	X	X		X	189
#78 Petersburg							59
#91 Romney	X	X	X	X	X	X	202
#102 Charles Town							22
#128 Paw Paw	X	X	X	X	X	X	40
#134 Kirby	X	X	X	X	X	X	38
#136 Ridgeley							77
#137 Capon Bridge	X	X	X	X	X	X	107
#152 Keyser	X	X	X	X			44

*Pictures of Midwinter 2018
Lakeview Resort Morgantown WV*



*National President
Diane Duscheck
Speaking at
Auxiliary Session*



*Commander Frank Cooley
with President Lisa
Cadwallader*



*National Commander
Denise Rohan
Department President
Lisa Cadwallader
National President
Diane Duscheck*



*Michelle Sirbaugh,
Girls State Director
Sydney West,
Girls State Governor
President Lisa Cadwallader*



*Chapel 4 Chaplains Table
Leadership Presentation*



*Juniors with National
President Diane*



*Silent Auction Table Comfort Items Room
Past Presidents at Reception*

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.

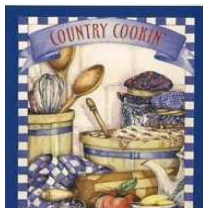
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MAIL TO:
**The American Legion Auxiliary
Department of West Virginia
1251 Doolin Run Road
New Martinsville WV 26155**

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! There are **32** cookbooks left!!

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