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Department President
Lisa Cadwallader



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



Hello Ladies,

We had a great National Convention and I'm happy to say that West Virginia was mentioned during convention for the leadership training done during Mid-winter that Ann Buchanan had Rosemary conduct, items in the Department History Ann submitted, and Logan Unit #19 was mentioned for their outstanding Easter Activities for children and youth. Huntington Unit #16 won the Central Division Leadership award and Ceredo-Kenova Unit #93 won the Central Division Poppy award. Great job West Virginia!! Let's keep up the great work we do and make this year even bigger and better.

In addition to being mentioned during National Convention and having units win awards we have lots of information to share during our fall workshop on September 9th. I hope to see many of you there and hopefully several first timers. If you have something purple, please wear it, purple is the membership color this year. Don't forget about the table decoration contest and auction to add a little fun to our busy day and all monies raised go to the special project to place dedication stones in the national and state veteran's cemeteries. This workshop is where units get their plan of action for the year so come get information to take back with you to your units.

We still have several units without 1 paid member. It is very **IMPORTANT** this year that every unit have 10 paid members by the end of September. District Vices; please start calling those units that are less than 10 paid. Start with the ones that do not have 1 paid member first. Remember all units who have 10 paid members by the end of September will be entered for a chance to win \$50.

In closing and with all the recent activities that have occurred in the news and watching the protesters during National Convention when President Trump visited, I want to remind everyone, every individual has their rights and beliefs, but when you are out at campaigns, rally's, protests, writing any offices at any level do so as an individual person, not as an auxiliary member. This is one of the few times we do not want you to use the emblem or name of the auxiliary. We are a non-partisan organization.

Serve & Honor Veterans,
Lisa Cadwallader
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10th District-Linda Schlicht

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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, 2017. If you are attending Department Convention to be seated as a delegate, then it is 30 days before Convention.

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

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

Membership: National is honoring our "new" 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.

Any dues for 2017 dues are considered "back dues" starting with the 2018 year. Please put in the area designated for back dues on your transmittal. Please don't send in 2017 transmittals to pay 2018 dues.

Online Dues for new year has started. The membership chairman will receive an email from me giving your credit for your unit, and instructions how to process this credit.

The first renewal notice will be out September 15th. If you have any questions regarding the membership processing this year, please call or email this office. I am here to help.

Dates To Remember

September 4, 2017

Labor Day Office Closed

September 8-9 2017

Fall Meetings, Fall Workshop/Dept. Executive Board

September 23, 2017

10th District Fall Conference (Joint) Capon Bridge Post #137

September 30, 2017

Department Commander Frank Cooley's Homecoming Welch Post #8

October 7, 2017

5th District Fall Conference (Joint) Hamlin Post #111

October 8, 2017

4th District Fall Conference (Joint) Parkersburg Post #15

October 14th

Department President Lisa Cadwallader Homecoming Charles Town Post #71

October 28th

SAL Detachment Commander Randy M. Bland Homecoming New Martinsville Post #28

October 29th

1st District Auxiliary Fall Conference McMechen Unit #5 Hosting Moundsville VFW 114 Grant Street Moundsville

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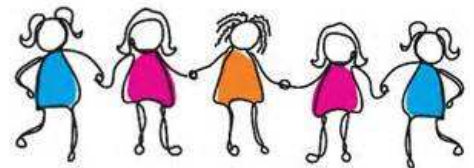
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Programs of The Month For September

Junior Activities

Music



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

Membership Chairman

Congratulations to Units 3, 7, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 28, 31, 33, 38, 60, 71, 86, 91, 93, 159, and 137 for their early recruiting and obtaining Target 1! Every Unit that meets Target 1 will have a chance to win money for their Unit so reach out to your members and get them to pay their membership now!! The Doves are soaring a little higher than the Eagles right now but it is early in the year and I hope to see all of us soaring very high soon.

Now is the time for your Unit to send out Early Bird Membership discounts. Another option to consider is doing a prize give away for members who renew or join by a certain date. Everyone likes to receive an extra goodie!!

Plans have been finalized for the Fall Workshop and I hope that many of you are planning to attend! There will be information presented about the membership program and opportunities for you to participate in using some of the resources that are being provided from National. Don't forget to bring an item for the auction and a creative centerpiece to add to the workshop! I look forward to seeing all of you!

Soaring High With You,
Heather Fauble
Membership Chairman

Department 1st Vice President

Hello Beautiful Doves,

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. It is now that “Back to School” time for our Juniors as well as the start of our bustling and soaring time of year.

In addition to these things comes numerous fairs, festivals, craft events, and other events in our areas. Keep in mind holding a membership drive at one of these places would reach out to a lot of potential new members as well as previous members that may consider rejoining. If any of you hold membership drives in your area, then forward that information on to me. It will help me add information as I receive it to go in my required reports.

As we continue to focus on the “Culture Of Good Will” let us continue to climb in Membership.

God Bless,
Rhonda Best
Dept. 1st Vice President



Department 2nd Vice President

Hello Eagles

We are Districts 1,4,6: Freedom, healing we represent the right to act speak, or think without hindrance or restraint.

Membership theme is SOARING HIGH with MEMBSHIP While Strengthening our Culture of Goodwill.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Bridgeport for Workshop. We have a lot of new information.

Sharon Kauffman
Dept. 2nd Vice



Agenda for Friday, Sept. 8, 2017

- 1 pm Finance Meeting
- 3 pm Policy & Producers
- 5 pm Girls State Meeting
- 6:15 pm Goodwill activity Meeting (Dede & Heather)
- 7 pm Membership Team Meeting (Heather, Rhonda, Sharon K. & All District Vices)
- 7 pm Back to Basics Meeting (Dede, Linda Crumm & Savanna K)
- 8 pm Strategic Planning Committee (Paulette, Ann, Sharon G., Irene, Rhonda, Heather, & Dede)

THIS IS IN ADDITON TO AGENDA THAT WASN'T ABLE TO BE PRINTED FOR SPIRIT

1st District President

Ladies of 1st District,

The date for 1st District Fall Conference has been changed. Due to flooding of the McMechen fire hall, they have to find another location to hold conference. The change of date is October 29th at the Moundsville VFW, 114 Grant St. Registration and Credentials will be sent out by our District Secretary.

I hope everyone is planning to attend Fall Leadership Workshop in Bridgeport. It is always a wealth of information provided at this time for the upcoming year for what National expects from us. Please try to attend.

Looking forward to seeing the ladies of First District there. Let's make our leadership presence known!!!

God Bless,
Stephanie Handley
1st District President
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1st District Vice President

Hello Ladies,

As our summer dwindles down, it is time to focus on our membership for our 2017-2018 year. This year we will be working on 4 membership targets. Target 1 is 10 paid senior members by September 30, 2017. Target 2 is 50% by December 31, 2017. Target 3 is 75% by March 31, 2018 and Target 4 is 100% by June 12, 2018; 30 days prior to convention.

Again National has increased our goals by .56% from the current paid members as of May 31, 2017. Therefore we need to get out there and recruit members and promote what our organization is all about and how being a part of it to serve our "Veterans and Families" is so worth the time.

I will be calling on all units soon!

Hope to see you all at Leadership Conference in September.

Take care and God Bless
Holly Adams
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3rd District President

The new year has begun and with it an increase in Membership. I hope all Units are sending in dues for this year. Get out there and talk with members that have not been paying their dues, try to get more Juniors and more Senior members. I know it is hard at times to get those new and old members but we really need to try a little harder.

I would like to welcome the three Units from Ninth Unit that have become a part of Third District; Belington, Elkins, and Pickens.

Remember September 9th is Fall Workshop to be held at Days Inn in Bridgeport. Then on September 10th will be Fall Conference for the American Legion Auxiliary of Third District. Registration will be at 9:00. Hope to see all Units represented.

God Bless America
God Bless our Veterans
Carla Wilfong
3rd District President

4th District Vice President

Hello Ladies,

We have a big job ahead of us but that's okay we can handle anything right?

We are mothers, grandmothers, daughter's, granddaughters, wife's or sisters of the strongest and bravest men and women of our country. We are a team that that has been able to accomplish some pretty amazing things.

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

Now as we know the work of a member is never done, here we go again collecting membership for our 2018 year.

I will have more information on our membership program at our 4th District Fall Conference at Parkersburg Post 15 on October 8th. I will receive more on our membership program at the Fall Workshop in Bridgeport on September 9th. Hope to see you at both of these meetings.

For God and Country
Nancy Sundstrom
4th District Vice President

4th District President

Good Day Ladies,

Make your plans now for the 4th District Fall Conference, October 8th at Post 15 in Parkersburg. I am hoping to do a couple of different things this year. I'll be in touch with each unit with information.

I trust you are getting your ideas for the school children this fall. Your Americanism Chairmen should be planning for Heroes Day and Veterans Day. I know Unit 48 will be hosting a luncheon for Heroes Day for all first Responders in our town. Perhaps the children can color pictures to correspond with these events and your local businesses will allow you to display them. Let's get those ordered, it will be here before you know it.

Fall Workshop is September 9th in Bridgeport, lots of great information coming your way. Keep your eyes open for info from Department.

Enjoy the last few days of summer and hope you didn't miss the eclipse!!

Thank a Veteran! Support your local schools in their football programs; maybe feed the team!

IN the Spirit of Service not Self,
Cathy D. Post
4th District President



5th District President

The date of the Fall Conference is October 7th. It will be hosted by Hamlin Unit #111. Registration will be from 9:00 – 10:00 with the meeting starting promptly at 10:00. Make plans now to attend. Lots of information will be distributed.

I hope several of you are planning on attending the Leadership Conference in Bridgeport on September 9th.

Department chairmen will share important information with the units. Always a fun time. Check out the Spirit for additional information. Hope you are planning on attending.

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

I would like to take this time to congratulate Ann Buchanan, Huntington Unit #16, 2017 Leadership Chairman, for her program on Midwinter Conference being mentioned at the National Convention in Reno Nevada.

Looking forward to an exciting year.

Beth Kilgore, President
5th District

Somewhere today a soldier died for me. I pray I am worthy of their sacrifice. -Eleanor Roosevelt

5th District Vice President

Hello Ladies,

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer days.

The new membership year started August 1, 2017. You can pay the 2018 year dues now.

Thank you in Fifth District for working hard on membership, it is a hard job. We didn't reach goal but we have next year and we can do it.

There will be a workshop September 9th in Bridgeport. I hope to see you there.

I will be calling you to see how you are doing on membership.

Thank you.

JoAnn Hastings

Fifth District Vice President

6th District President

Hello Everyone,

First of all I want to welcome three new Units to Sixth District: they are Cowan, Lewisburg and Richwood. Looking forward to seeing them at our District Meeting that will be hosted by Beckley Unit #32. The meeting will be at the Post Home. This meeting will be on Saturday, October 21st. Registration is from 9:00-10:00 am. The luncheon is always DUTCH TREAT. Other information will follow or mailed to the Unit President or Secretary.

It looks like Fall is just around the corner I am not looking forward to it. Doesn't seem like we have had much summer, but I do love to see the beautiful foliage.

I hope to see some members from our District at the work shop on the 9th of September.

I hope that all Units are working on membership.

I have not been in touch with some of the Units to see what they are doing but hope to do so after the workshop.

Lets keep everyone in Texas in our prayers.

So until next time God Bless
Peggy Swartz
President Sixth District



GULLS

OUR MEMBERS

10th District President

Hello Ladies,

We are Doves: Peace: for freedom and from disturbance or violence.

Our membership theme is : Soaring High with Membership While Strengthening our Culture of Goodwill.

Workshop is Sept. 9th at Bridgeport. I hope to see you there.

Fall conference is September 23rd at Capon Bridge Post 137. Make sure to mail in your paperwork so they will know how many are coming and how much food to prepare mail it back to Unit 137. Looking forward to seeing you.

Please keep our soldiers and their families in your prayers.

Sharon Kauffman
District President
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10th District Vice President

Hello Doves,

It was great talking to some of you this month.

Congratulations to the units submitting membership already. We all know they will start flowing in when the invoices are received.

For those of you I was unable to reach, please check the Spirit for your new goals this year. If I can be of assistance, please contact me. Working together we can make it happen.

Looking forward to meeting you at Fall Workshop!

Linda Schlicht
10th District Vice President
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Chaplain

As we near the end of summer, vacations are over and children are back in school. We begin our new year working for and with these children and veterans in our communities. We should ask for God's guidance in everything we venture to do.

Labor Day will soon be here with our final celebrations of the summer.

Father,

On this upcoming weekend, when we rest from our usual labors, we pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor—in the marketplace, in factories and offices, in the professions, and in family living.

We thank you, Lord, for the gift and opportunity of work; may our efforts always be pure of heart, for the good of others and the glory of your name.

We lift up to you all who long for just employment and those in our military who work to defend the rights and needs of workers everywhere.

May those of us who are now retired always remember that we still make a valuable contribution to our world by our prayers and deeds of charity.

May our working and our resting all give praise to you until the day we share together in eternal rest with all our departed in your Kingdom

In Christ's name, Amen

For God and Country

Cathy D. Post

Chaplain

Remembering Our Friends

Miles Epling, The American Legion Department WV Adjutant underwent major surgery on a valve replacement right before National Convention. Surgery went well. He was missed at the National Convention in Reno Nevada.

Cards may be sent to Miles at:

Miles Epling, PNC, Dept. Adj.

6194 Ohio River Rd.

Pt. Pleasant WV 25550

We wish Miles a speedy recovery and hope to see him soon.



Historian

I would like to ask each unit to keep me up to date with all that is going on in your unit so we can add this to our Department history book. We all know that each unit is busy doing things for our Veterans. I just want to make sure we keep our history for years to come so our kids and their kids will know that we were busy helping in our community.

If your unit has a newsletter please include me in the mailing.

251 Mimosa Drive
Martinsburg WV 25404

My email is kitbasket@hotmail.com

God Bless

Kelli A Immel

Community Service

Hello Ladies.

The weather is warm and we can get out and help the veterans and the homeless in our communities.

We have children in our communities that are in need of school supplies. Please help them. There are many children that go to bed hungry please help them as well.

Please wear your badge and shirt to let them know you are the American Legion Auxiliary.

Thank you

JoAnn Hastings

Community Service

Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Hello Ladies,

I hope all you are enjoying this short relief of hot weather. At this time I haven't received anything from National and probably won't until after National Convention.

As we all know the Auxiliary Emergency Fund is the last resort for our members. As a member I think it's wrong, it should be our first place we can go to seek help if there is an emergency with our members, but needless to say we can't change it without a change from National. So we have to make the best of it.

I have permission from our President Lisa to do a raffle throughout the year to raise money for this committee, to send to national from our state. I hope with your help we can accomplish this project. I'll have raffle tickets at the Board Meeting in September. The raffle will go through the year and will be drawn at State Convention. If the winner is not there, I will send the raffle to them. This raffle is my personal donation for my committee.

Hope to see you at Board meeting.

Connie Pyles

Chairman

American Emergency Fund (AEF)

Scrapbook

I started this year's scrapbook. Anything anyone would like to see included in the scrap book this year please forward to me at Joysjunk72@gmail.com or friend and tag me on Facebook Joy Doak Jenkins.

You can also tag Lisa Downes Cadwallader and I can grab it.

Scrapbook,

Joy Jenkins

**BUILDING
LEADERSHIP**

Education

Watch out for our young people that are getting on school busses and in the cross walks.

Please support the "Give 10 to Education" program.

Get your information into the school for the American Legion Auxiliary scholarships. and awards local and department levels.

Provide your local school with a copy of the Educator's Guide to the Military Child During Deployment :www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oshomefront/homefront.pdf

Make sure we keep track of all information that were doing for our mid year & end of year reports.

God Bless
Kelli A Immel
Committee Member

*The scholarships' applications will be on the Department website
www.wvau.org
the week of September 4th.*

Poppy Shop

Poppy shop is getting set up to fill orders this year. I do have some poppies ready to ship. Please remember to get your Veteran's Day poppy orders in so I have time to ship them out. Mail your poppy form to the Dept. Headquarters.

Poppy shop
Joy Jenkins



Constitution & Bylaws

The Constitution of a Unit must conform to the Constitution of the Department and National. The Constitution & Bylaws should make provisions for government of the Unit which are not already determined by the Department or National Constitution, usually including the following: amount for Unit dues, frequency of Unit meetings, what constitutes a quorum at meetings, how vacancies of offices shall be filled, the procedure for admittance of applicants for membership, the method of amending the Constitution & Bylaws, discipline of members and similar matters.

The National Constitution, the acts of the National Convention and the National Executive Committee constitute the fundamental law of the Auxiliary. Just as the acts of the Department Convention and the Department Executive Committee must conform to National Constitution or be rendered null and void. The Unit Constitution must conform to both National and Department Constitution or is invalid and without effect.

I am encouraging all Units to review their Constitution & By-Laws to see if a revision is necessary. If you have not looked at you Constitution in the last five (5) years, now is the time to do so.

If you have any questions or need my help, please give me a call at 304-654-7750.

Beth Kilgore, Chairman
Constitution & By-Laws Committee

Martinsburg Gift Shop

This year's VA gift shop planning has started. Anyone interested in helping please contact me at Joyjunk72@gmail.com

Joy Jenkins
Gift Shop Chairman

Girls State Chairman

Hello Ladies:

Now is the time to start asking for donations for registration fees from your local business since this is the beginning of their fiscal year. I hope that you remember that the fee for Girls State goes up to \$250.00 in 2018. So please don't forget when you ask your sponsors this year. Also the girls will receive their Girls State shirt for the next 3 years included in the fee. More information will be forthcoming.

There will be a Girls State Board of Directors Meeting on September 8th, at 5pm at the Days Inn in Bridgeport. The National Girls State Leadership Conference will be held later in October.

In the meantime please feel free to contact me at 304-422-1263 or email me at nancy.sundstrom15@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Nancy Sundstrom
Girls State Chairman

Poppy

Hello Ladies,

Hope everyone has had a safe summer. As you plan your activities, for Poppies, keep in mind the word OUT-REACH. We should be reaching out to Schools, Businesses, our Political Leaders and the Community.

Share stories about Veterans in your family and how the revenue from Poppy Donations helps our Veterans. Plan ahead for your outreach. Arrange dates, speakers, members participating and supplies needed. Encourage everyone to wear a Poppy and ALA branding at all activities. Remember to take pictures and submit to your local paper.

Looking forward to working with each chairman and seeing you at Fall Board.

Be safe in all your travels.
Linda Schlicht
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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 is 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

1st in a series of 11

“For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America...”

The first of the 10 principles of The American Legion and Auxiliary is a sacred pledge of allegiance to the Constitution of the United States. It is most appropriate that the first ideas presented in the Preamble be dedicated to the continued defense of our nation by those very persons who have either served in wartime or had a close relative who served. The pledge to uphold and defend America is the first obligation of every Legionnaire and Auxiliary member.

Beth Kilgore, Chairman
Constitution & By-Laws Committee



Junior Activities

Good luck to all our Juniors returning to school. National has come out with 4 new Patches this year, so check them out at ALA website.

It's not too early to start thinking about Veteran's Day. This is a great opportunity for your Juniors to get involved with area Veterans. I would like to ask all Units if they could take pictures of your Juniors in action doing patches, volunteering, etc.. and send them to me. I would like to put together an end of year picture cd collage for each Unit.

Until next month I want to wish everyone a great September.

Michelle Ryan
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Juniors Agenda

8 – 9 am	Registration
9am	Junior Meeting
	Opening Session
	Prayer
	Moment of Silence
	Pledge of Allegiance
	Roll call of officers
	Reading of Minutes
	Officer reports
	Old Business
	New Business
	Special Project – Discuss
11:30-1:00	Lunch on own with Parent
1:00	Patch Program
	Activity
2:00	Report to seniors
2:15	Help with Auction
4:00	Closing
	Prayer

National Executive Committeewoman

I had a great time in Reno!!!
Another National Convention in the books!!!

I will highlight the most important items at our NEC meetings.

**There were 157 Unit Charters cancelled...thankfully only 1 from WV.

**A resolution to support establishing a Gold Star Mothers National Monument in Washington D.C.

**There will be a dues increase of \$3.00 for Senior members and \$2.50 for Junior members beginning the 2019 year. This is National, so your Unit may want to discuss an increase of your Units dues. Membership will go into this further.

**The Washington DC Conference will no longer be held starting in February 2018. It is too cost efficient and decline in attendance.

**Our next NEC meeting will be held in Indianapolis in February.

Susan Wade
NEC

National Security

Hello Ladies,

Hope everyone is finding a cool place when it gets hot out there!!

The National Security Program this year goes along with the Strategic Plan. Three years into the ALA's 5-Year Centennial Strategic Plan, the benefits of this investment in our future continue to grow.

The Strategic Plan's five goals focus on strategies resourced each year by the ALA national governing board so that the ALA has the ability to fulfill our mission and make a difference for veterans and their families. Investing in ourselves as a vital service organization means making sure the funds we generate are sufficient to meet our mission needs and are wisely used to strengthen the ALA as an organization and maximize the ALA's impact.

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

Hopefully, you are able to attend Fall Workshop in September; a lot of new information will be given out.

Savanna Kauffman
National Security
God Bless

Public Relations

Hello Members,

We just received information from National on the plan of works for all the committees.

Public relations is important for getting out information to our communities, district and national on what we have been up to and what we are doing. As times change so have the ways that we can get the word out. Not only do we have the use of the local papers but now we have social media. Social media gives an almost instant means of letting people know what is happening. There are few different ways of social media that can be used. Since the use of social media has become the more popular way to get the word out, this also makes the use of branding all the more important. You never know when an opportunity will arise.

Hope you plan on attending Fall Workshop to get the completed plan of works for this upcoming year.

For service not self
Stephanie Handley
Public Relations chairman

Strategic Planning Committee

Goal 2: Create an Internal Culture of Goodwill

Culture: Characteristics of a person or group of people or any organization. In saying; there is no person, group, and/or organization that doesn't have problems.

Goodwill: Friendly, helpful, cooperative, feelings and/or attitude. Let's start working on West Virginia. Internal culture of Goodwill: This will not happen quickly, but we have to begin with construction. So let's begin with working in our units. No matter whether a senior or junior member enters the event and or meeting, have another member greet them. Get that role started and that person will start "The Culture of Goodwill" in your unit. Meetings. Construction begins, foundations laid. First step is completed. Congratulations!

Remember this will take work on process. It may not work right away, but at least the atmosphere has been set.

Think of other ways that you can do to begin your "Culture of Goodwill". I will ask for these at workshop.

Sharon Glassford
Committee Member

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation



I hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather we have had this past week.

It is never too early to start thinking of the Comfort Item Drive in February. If you are near one of our Veterans Hospital, please check with them to see what they really need. Sometimes they get an over abundance of items.

Please remember to send me your VA&R hours at the end of the month. Remember on reporting your hours that if a Veteran is living that is Hospital hours or home/field service, but if a member is deceased and your are having a Bereavement Dinner that is Community Service.

I have been working on the Plan of Works for VA&R Program this past week and will have it ready for the Fall Workshop in September.

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

God Bless America
God Bless our Veterans
Carla Wilfong

Greetings,

Some of the parents and applicants of the Samsung American Legion Scholarship are becoming very antsy. I think we all understand why, it does take a long time to finalize this scholarship process. When they contact you, please let them know the results will not be out till after FALL Meetings in October (7-12).

The Committee on Youth Education has to meet to evaluate ALL of the applications. The parents and the applicants do not have to do anything. They will be notified by us on what the final amount was.

Award Amounts:

Ten National Scholars receive \$10,000 each (two from each region)

Ten National Runners-Up receive \$5,000 each (two from each region)

Remaining Department Finalists receive \$1,250 each guaranteed

As always, you can contact me if you need any assistance.

Thank you,
Tyler G. Mitchell
Assistant Director, Education and Scholarships



Ways & Means

Congratulations to the July winners!! Department Fundraiser Tickets for 2018 will be given out at the workshop September 9th before workshop starts, during lunch, after workshop.

They will be in envelopes of 10 or 20. If you need other amounts, you will have to pick them yourself. There will be a sign out sheet for signatures and unit #. Please make sure you put both down.

Again I am asking you to make sure the tickets are **clearly** printed with the zip code. I have had some problems with the spelling of last names, no cities and state, and zip codes. You may know them, but I don't and it is hard to figure it out to send their check to them at times.

I would like to encourage you to increase your sales this year. We are down in sales for 2017. Remember we still are in the 2017 year so if you have tickets please sell them.

Paulette Anderson
Ways and Means



July Ways and Means Winners

	898			7/1/17	
	805			7/3/17	
Tom McFadden	997	Beech Bottom	WV	7/4/17	\$25.00
	303			7/5/17	
	503			7/6/17	
Theresia Gray	305	Wall	PA	7/7/17	\$25.00
Vernan Harvaeth	810	Lumberport	WV	7/8/17	\$25.00
	492			7/10/17	
	996			7/11/17	
	319			7/12/17	
Judy Cecil	310	New Martinsville	WV	7/13/17	\$25.00
	335			7/14/17	
Nichole Shepherd	777	Berkeley Springs	WV	7/15/17	\$25.00
Todd Jarrett	524	Santa Margarita	CA	7/17/17	\$25.00
Becky Benda	227	Romney	WV	7/18/17	\$25.00
Richard Kins	671	Wellsburg	WV	7/19/17	\$200.00
	941			7/20/17	
	196			7/21/17	
Mark Wendel	486	Glen Dale	WV	7/22/17	\$25.00
Donna Henry	791	Capon Bridge	WV	7/24/17	\$25.00
Cindy Stewart	357	Clarksburg	WV	7/25/17	\$25.00
Marsha Viglianco	531	Clarksburg	WV	7/26/17	\$25.00
Peggy Swartz	668	Gary	WV	7/27/17	\$25.00
Karen Rolls	588	Keyser	WV	7/28/17	\$25.00
Don Vayzey	535	Charles Town	WV	7/29/17	\$25.00
George White	648	Belington	WV	7/31/17	\$25.00



Timeless Reflections



Final Report July 31, 2017
Membership To Date—6150 (68.68 %)
Dept. Unit #200—89
Department Goal—8954



District 1			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	34	13	38.24%
Moundsville #3	373	272	72.92%
McMechen #5	76	43	56.58%
Weirton #10	85	68	44.71%
Cameron #18	238	165	69.33%
New Martinsville #28	171	135	78.95%
Wellsburg #34	40	27	67.50%
Follansbee #45	59	43	72.88%
Benwood #46	125	83	66.40%
Pine Grove #81	119	68	57.14%
Paden City #86	154	110	71.42%
Wheeling #89	48	21	43.75%
Newell #114	58	33	56.90%
Hundred #120	115	70	60.87%
Chester #121	200	169	84.50%
TOTALS	1895	1320	69.66%



WWI
Farmettes
Goal—4055
To Date—2830
(69.79 %)



WWII
Rosie The Riveters
Goal—4812
To Date—3231
(67.14 %)

District 3			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	73	49	67.12%
Grafton #12	33	16	48.48%
Clarksburg #13	187	142	75.94%
Shinnston #31	365	266	72.88%
Braxton Co. #33	41	26	63.41%
Philippi #44	46	22	47.83%
Bridgeport #68	63	58	92.06%
Jane Lew #166	52	37	71.15%
Morgantown #174	43	15	34.88%
TOTALS	903	631	69.88%

District 5			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Huntington #16	312	214	68.59%
Logan #19	29	14	48.28%
St. Albans #73	87	35	40.23%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	461	317	68.76%
South Charleston #94	34	17	50.00%
Hamlin #111	71	57	80.28%
Milton #139	92	66	71.74%
Barboursville #177	178	150	84.27%
TOTALS	1264	870	68.83%

District 10			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	155	92	59.36%
Franklin #30	31	10	32.26%
Piedmont #52	41	41	100.00%
Berkeley Springs #60	260	216	83.08%
Moorefield #64	140	83	59.29%
Charles Town #71	314	209	66.56%
Petersburg #78	117	78	66.67%
Romney #91	319	231	72.41%
Charles Town #102	24	24	100.00%
Paw Paw #128	79	39	49.37%
Kirby #134	63	41	65.08%
Ridgeley #136	127	87	68.50%
Capon Bridge #137	153	133	86.93%
Keyser #152	67	45	67.16%
TOTALS	1890	1329	70.32%

District 4			
Unit	2017 Goal	2017	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	1027	684	66.60%
Spencer #21	82	54	65.85%
Pt. Pleasant #23	439	305	69.48%
Tyler County #48	17	18	105.88%
Sistersville #67	175	59	33.71%
Parkersburg #104	30	Turning	Charter In
New Haven #140	190	135	71.05%
Williamstown #159	218	132	60.55%
TOTALS	2178	1387	63.68%

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

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

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



Membership Target
September 30, 2017 10—Paid Senior Members
Department Goal 9446
Unit #200 Goal 88 To Date: 15
Membership to Date: 681 (07.21%)



District 1	Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
	Wheeling #1	20		
	Moundsville #3	423	32	07.57%
	McMechen #5	67		
	Weirton #10	106	1	00.94%
	Cameron #18	257	17	06.61%
	New Martinsville #28	211	49	23.22%
	Wellsburg #34	42	2	04.76%
	Follansbee #45	59	7	11.86%
	Benwood #46	125	1	00.08%
	Pine Grove #81	106		
	Paden City #86	172	14	08.14%
	Wheeling #89	33	2	06.06%
	Newell #114	51	3	05.88%
	Hundred #120	109	2	01.83%
	Chester #121	264	4	01.52%
	TOTALS	2045	134	06.55%



Membership: 4704
To Date: 321
(06.82%)

District 3	Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
	Buckhannon #7	76	19	25.00%
	Grafton #12	25	1	04.00%
	Clarksburg #13	222	56	25.23%
	Elkins #29	245	3	01.22%
	Shinnston #31	404	59	14.60%
	Braxton Co. #33	41	13	31.71%
	Philippi #44	34	4	11.76%
	Bridgeport #68	86	2	02.33%
	Belington #96	36		
	Pickens #122	34		
	Jane Lews #166	58		
	Morgantown #174	23		
	TOTALS	1284	157	12.23%

District 4	Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
	Parkersburg #15	1067	93	08.72%
	Spencer #21	84	16	19.05%
	Pt. Pleasant #23	470	2	00.43%
	Tyler County #48	29		
	Sistersville #67	92	1	01.07%
	New Haven #140	206	4	01.94%
	Williamstown #159	201	13	06.47%
	TOTALS	2149	129	06.00%



Membership: 4654
To Date: 345
(07.41%)

District 6	Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
	Welch #8	89		
	Bluefield #9	16		
	Beckley #32	87	1	01.15%
	Gary #38	148	53	35.81%
	Cowen #62	48	2	04.67%
	Lewisburg #69	86	2	02.33%
	Richwood #97	36		
	TOTALS	510	58	11.37%

District 5	Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
	Huntington #16	335	29	08.66%
	Logan #19	20	10	50.00%
	St. Albans #73	55	5	09.09%
	Ceredo-Kenova #93	476	13	02.73%
	South Charleston #94	16	1	06.25%
	Hamlin #111	89	9	10.11%
	Milton #139	103	9	08.74%
	Barboursville #177	231	7	01.73%
	TOTALS	1325	83	06.26%

District 10	Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
	Martinsburg #14	144	20	13.89%
	Franklin #30	16		
	Piedmont #52	65		
	Berkeley Springs #60	334	19	05.69%
	Moorefield #64	129	7	05.43%
	Charles Town #71	320	17	05.31%
	Petersburg #78	119	1	00.84%
	Romney #91	349	21	06.02%
	Charles Town #102	38		
	Paw Paw #128	61		
	Kirby #134	64	6	09.38%
	Ridgeley #136	129	2	01.55%
	Capon Bridge #137	207	10	04.83%
	Keyser #152	70	2	02.86%
	TOTALS	2045	105	05.13%

September 2017

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3	4 <i>Labor Day Office Closed</i>	5	6	7	8 <i>Fall Meetings</i>	9 <i>Workshop and E Board Meeting</i>
10 <i>3rd District Conf. Shinnston Grandparents Day</i>	11 <i>Patriots Day</i>	12	13	14	15 <i>Spirit Articles Due</i>	16
17	18	19	20 <i>Spirit out VA Checks</i>	21	22	23 <i>10th Dist. Conf. Capon Bridge</i>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 <i>Commanders Homecoming Welch</i>

Call To Department Fall Meetings

September 8-9, 2017

Days Inn Bridgeport WV

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

September 8, 2017—Friday West Virginia Room

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

Department President—ex-officio member without vote

Department Secretary/Treasurer—ex-officio without vote

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

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

**7:00 pm—Membership Committee—Department President, Department Membership Chairman
Department Vice Presidents, District Vice Presidents**

September 9, 2017—Saturday West Virginia Room

5:00 pm—American Legion Auxiliary, Department of West Virginia, Inc. Executive Board Meeting

According to Department Constitution: Article VII, Executive Committee:

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

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

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

September 9, 2017—Saturday Workshop West Virginia Room

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

Purpose of this session is for instruction to Units/members/Officers and to announce the membership program for 2017-2018 year. There will be some different items for all to enjoy. **ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THIS WORKSHOP.** Good tool for learning if you want to help with leadership in your Unit, in your District and on Department level. **Juniors will have meeting and activities planned for them also. Registration \$10.00 each at Senior Registration Table. Meeting held in Nathan Goff room next to West Virginia Room.**

Travel Allowances: Travel allowances will be paid by Department to **all Department Officers, District Presidents,**



*Fall Workshop/Leadership
2018 Agenda
Bridgeport Days Inn*

REQUEST TO WEAR PURPLE SHIRT FOR MEMBERSHIP COLOR 2018 YEAR

<i>8:00 –9:00 Registration For All</i>	<i>WV Meeting Room</i>
<i>9:00 Junior Meeting Opening Session</i>	<i>Nathan Goff Room WV Meeting Room</i>
<i>9:15 Guest Speaker</i>	<i>Keith Barnes, WV National Cemetery</i>
<i>9:30 Membership Team</i>	<i>Heather Fauble, Chairman Rhonda Best, Dept. 1st Vice Sharon Kauffman, Dept. 2nd Vice District Vice Presidents</i>
<i>10:15 Auction</i>	<i>Beth Kilgore</i>
<i>10:30 Strategic Planning Committee</i>	<i>Paulette Anderson, Ann Buchanan Irene Weber, Sharon Glassford Heather Fauble, Dede Kelly, Rhonda Best “Goal 1—Enhance Membership Strength and Embrace Change”</i>
<i>11:00 Girls State</i>	<i>Michelle Sirbaugh, Director</i>
<i>11:15 Auction</i>	<i>Heather Fauble</i>
<i>11:30-1:00 Lunch on Own</i>	
<i>1:00 Officers Responsibilities</i>	
<i>** Secretary (Proper Minute Taking, Reading, Duties)</i>	<i>Paulette Anderson</i>
<i>** Chaplain (Conducting a Memorial Service, Duties)</i>	<i>Cathy Post</i>
<i>1:15 Chairmen Reports (New/Highlights)</i>	<i>All Chairmen</i>
<i>2:15 Auction</i>	<i>Beth Kilgore</i>
<i>2:30 ALA Academy</i>	<i>Heather Fauble</i>
<i>2:45 Auction</i>	<i>Heather Fauble</i>
<i>3:00 Culture of Goodwill Activity</i>	<i>Dede Kelly and Heather Fauble</i>
<i>3:30 Q & A Reflection Form</i>	<i>Lisa Cadwallader</i>
<i>5:00 Fall Executive Board</i>	<i>WV Meeting Room</i>

Fall Workshop

Auction



The auction is always a lot of fun, so this year we are making a few changes and hopefully everyone will find an item they can't live without. Instead of the auction being purses only, it will be a variety auction. Suggested items include theme baskets, totes or purses like gardening, wine, bath, holiday, movie and chocolate; homemade goodies such as breads, cakes, pies, blankets, ornaments, and wreaths; figurines, jewelry; and gift cards. Remember to have fun but only new items and no pranks!



Centerpieces for Table



Please include in your design, items related to the department or membership themes, icons (doves, eagles, owls, robins, etc), colors, flowers (white roses, red poppies), and things related to culture of good will. These will be judged and the winner will receive a prize.

RESERVATION FORM

American Legion Auxiliary
Fall Meetings
Officers Training
Department Fall Executive Board

Date: September 8-9, 2017

Place: Bridgeport Days Inn

Cost: \$84.60 plus tax

Deadline for Housing: September 1, 2017

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Unit Name & # _____

Room Type: Single (King Size Bed) Double: (2 Full Size Beds) Handicap _____
Smoking _____ Non Smoking _____
(Can't guarantee rooms will be adjoining)

Please list names of persons rooming with you:

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Check # _____ Amount of Check _____

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date _____

(One Nights Deposit Required for each room)

Mail Reservations To:

Days Inn
ATTN: Cindy Gibson
112 Tolley Street
Bridgeport WV 26330



2017-2018 Department President

Lisa Cadwallader

Homecoming

Saturday, October 14, 2017

American Legion Post 71

225 W. Washington St., Charles Town, WV 25414

Program: Social-4 PM; Program-5 PM; Dinner-5:30 PM; Patriotic Music-6:45 PM

Entertainment in the Canteen (Downstairs) by Teresa Eden-7 PM

Tickets: \$20.00 per Person

Dinner includes: Roast Beef, Chicken Marsala, Crab Cake, Angel Hair Pasta,
Salad, Baked Potato, Vegetable Medley, Rolls and Dessert.

For Tickets Contact:

Lisa Cadwalladar, 42 Trout Circle, Kearneysville, WV, 25430,

(304) 707-1121, LisaC.ALA71@gmail.com

LODGING: Special Rates have been arranged at these area hotels—Mention "American Legion" when making reservation—Rates good for 10/13 & 10/14 [Rooms released—September 13, 2017]

Rodeway Inn & Suites (Old Turf Motel)—\$140 (1/2 mile)
741 E. Washington St. Charles Town, WV 25414,
(304) 725-2081

Holiday Inn Express—\$120 (2 miles from post)
681 Flowing Springs Rd. Ranson, WV 25438,
(304) 725-1330

Quality Suites—\$75 (12 miles from post, near VAMC)
1937 Short Rd. Kearneysville, WV 25430,
(304) 263-8888

Holiday Inn—\$99 (18 mile from post) (Where mid-winter was held)
301 Foxcroft Ave. Martinsburg, WV 25401,
(304) 267-5500



Department Commander's Homecoming

Frank Cooley 2017-2018 Department Commander

Saturday, September 30, 2017

American Legion Welch Post 8

150 McDowell Street Welch, West Virginia

Phone: 304-436-2465, or 304-887-4381 Email - fcooley1@frontiernet.net

Social Hour: 6:00 p.m.

Adult beverages and Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Program will take place, after dinner.

Ticket Cost is \$20 Make check payable and mail to:

Frank Cooley, P.O. Box 792, Welch, WV 24801

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Number Attending _____

Please make your reservation by September 20, 2017

Menu Choices include:

Roast Beef, Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Corn, Salad,

Assorted Deserts, Water, Coffee, Soda and Tea

Hotels in Welch

Pocahontas Motel 304-436-2250

Count Gilu Motel 304-436-3041

2017-2019 Detachment



Commander



Matt Bland

HOME COMING

Saturday October 28, 2017

Program

Social: 4:30-5:30PM

Program: 5:30PM

Dinner: 6:30PM

***Entertainment following
dinner in the Canteen***

Dinner \$15.00 Single \$25.00 Couple

- ◆ Ham/Fried Chicken
- ◆ Green Beans/Vegetable Medley/Salad
- ◆ Mashed Potatoes/Scalloped Potatoes
- ◆ Various Desserts
- ◆ Rolls & Butter

**For Tickets: Christy Bland, American Legion Post 28, 340 Main St.,
New Martinsville, WV**

304.455.6321 SALSquadron28@gmail.com

Lodging

Microtel Inn & Suites

Address: 410 N State Route 2, New Martinsville, WV
Phone: (304) 455-6223
\$139 + tax

New Martinsville Inn

Address: 166 WV-2, New Martinsville, WV
Phone: (304) 455-6100
\$70.95 + tax



Holiday Inn Express & Suites

Address: 1202 WV-2, New Martinsville, WV
Phone: (304) 455-0033
\$109 + tax (with Military Discount)

Travelers Inn

Address: 519 Co Rd 2/9, New Martinsville, WV
Phone: (304) 455-3355
One Bed: \$64
Double: \$71