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Department President
Lisa Cadwallader



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



Hello Ladies,

Help me welcome Rosemary Thomas to our team. Rosemary is our new Legislative chairman. She has many passions, legislative being one of them. I know she will do a wonderful job.

Teresa Rose made it home with her friends and is working on her health. We have many members we need to keep in our prayers at this time.

We had a wonderful Workshop, about 66 in attendance. Many approached saying they really enjoyed it, great information, fun and some even said best ever. I know we had more forms turned in this year and a lot of good comments and suggestions. The reflection form had 4 questions, below are the questions and responses summed up. And yes, we take the good and bad, this is how we all learn.

What you liked? Meeting stayed on time, very informative, fun mix in-between speeches, attendees interaction, group activities, involvement of District vices, exposure to the ALA Academy, preamble and mission statement handout (a BIG THANK YOU to Anne Quinn for doing these), and a first timer said everyone was friendly.

What did you not like? Set-up of room, pole in the way, registration needs closer to door, poor PA system, not all speakers using the mic, materials handed out being read, materials in packet not in the order of the agenda, not enough moving around for attendees, potty break in am and pm, others talking at tables and could not hear over them.

What would you like to see at Mid-Winter? Information to encourage membership and educational, more ALA Academy, what's coming from National, leadership, more information handed-out for units, new explanations, more interaction, more on ALA programs, More on Secretary and Treasurer and Presidents at District and Unit levels. The following one I would like more information on, so please contact me, a meeting for a change tied up with comfort drive from past few years.

Other comments or suggestions? Find a way to get others from different units to sit together, so more people can meet each other, Have new faces (I would say all) introduce themselves and where they are from, have time for members to share their experiences, children should not be allowed in sessions.

I like many of these and we will work on making adjustments and improvements where we can. I want to comment on a few things. I know there are mixed feeling about children in meetings, they should not be loud enough to disturb the meetings but remember this is a way for our juniors to learn.

As for the comment about chairman, I reached out asking for anyone interested to let me know. Those who responded received a chairman position. If I was not made aware you had an interest, I'm sorry

I was not trying to take away from anyone. If you have an interest, please let me know. There are still things throughout the year that will require appointments. And I was happy to read the one that read "It encouraged me to go back to my unit and district and work on membership", I am glad to hear that and good luck!!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the auction, donating and purchasing items!! This supports our special project!!

We still have several units without 1 paid member. It is very IMPORTANT this year that every unit get this in by the end of September. I look forward to seeing many old and hopefully some new faces at district conferences.

Serve & Honor Veterans,
Lisa Cadwallader
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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, 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.

Secretary Minutes if anyone would like a copy of the minutes I presented at the fall workshop, email me or call the office and I will gladly send a copy to you.

Winner of the Cash Drawing at Workshop was Sharon Kauffman in the amount of \$127.00

President Lisa's Auction brought in \$1,304.00 towards her Special Project. Thanks to all who participated.

Dates To Remember

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's Homecoming
Charles Town Post #71**

October 21st

**6th District Fall Conference
Beckly Unit #32 Post Home**

October 28th

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

October 29th

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

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Historian-Kelli Immel

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4th District-Cathy Post
5th District-Beth Kilgore
6th District-Peggy Swartz
10th District-Sharon Kauffman

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

Membership Chairman

The workshop was very informative and a lot of fun! It was a pleasure to see everyone and I am excited about the upcoming year. The membership team composed of the Department Vice-Presidents and District Vice-Presidents did a wonderful job with their presentations. Thank you to everyone who brought items for the Department President's Special Project auction. Also thank you to the members who made the beautiful centerpieces and congratulations to Shirley Davis for winning with her very meaningful centerpiece.

Congratulations to Units 3, 5, 7, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 23, 28, 31, 33, 38, 46, 48, 60, 71, 86, 91, 93, 102, 134, 137 and 159 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!! Don't forget that your Unit must attend the Fall and Spring District conferences to be eligible for the monetary prizes. Also great work District 5 for being the first District to have no units with 0 paid members and good job to District 4 for also having no units with 0 paid members! The Doves are soaring higher than the Eagles right now but there is still plenty of time to work hard and obtain members.

Please share the information about the membership awards and use the door hanger! These are great tools to recognize members while recruiting new members.

I have special treats to award for all units who have 31% or higher by October 31! Work hard to reach the challenge and a treat will arrive for you!

Soaring High With You,
Heather Fauble
Membership Chairman

Department 1st Vice President

Calling All Beautiful Doves,

This is a very busy and important time of year for our Department, Districts, and Units.

I hope to see many of you at District 10 and District 5 Fall Conferences, President Lisa Cadawallader's Homecoming, and possibly the Dept. Commander Frank Cooley's Homecoming. While at these events We can discuss/share ideas and suggestions about membership and reaching our goals throughout this year.

For the members I do not get to visit with please contact the District Vice President in your area with update information as well as concerns/suggestions.

District Vices- Please send/call, forward the updates to me as well as update Information for each District. I will return the communications back down too.

Be Safe and God Bless,
Rhonda Best
Dept. 1st Vice President



Department 2nd Vice President

Hello Ladies,

We had a great time at Fall Board. Learned a lot of things and had fun.

I have a challenge: for the highest percentage of New Members by Mid-Winter \$25.00 to President Lisa Special Project for National Cemetery monument. So let's go get some new members and remember our female veterans.

If districts 1,4,6 will keep me updated on your new members, so we know our numbers. And remember Purple is our color. Make sure to wear something, badge or shirts to show who we are.

Thank you
Sharon Kauffman
Dept. 2nd Vice



1st District President

Hello Ladies,

It was nice to see everyone at the Fall Workshop in Bridgeport. Wish more of you could have been in attendance. It was very informative and exciting.

1st District Conference Fall Conference will be on Sunday, October 29th. It will be held at the Moundsville VFW with McMechen hosting the conference. Credentials and registration will be out soon. So please submit your credentials and registration by the deadline.

Dues Renewal notices should be going out soon. Officers of each unit should be paid as soon as possible. This gives your unit a greater chance of meeting your first membership goal.

For those units not in attendance at Fall Workshop, I will have the Plan of Action from the committees for you to pick up at Fall Conference. So make sure someone from your unit picks them up.

God Bless,
Stephanie Handley
1st District President

1st District Vice President

Hello Ladies,

Well fall is fast approaching and we have to work on Membership vigorously now our first target is September 30, 2017 with 10 paid senior members.

I have made my calls for this month and enjoyed talking with most of you. I will be making my calls around the 12th or 13th of the month.

Let us all focus on getting the word out about our Veteran's Organization and what we can do for our Veterans and their families.

For those units that to this date have no paid members please keep working and encourage your officers to get transmitted also do not hold onto membership submit as soon as you get them.

1st District has made a challenge with 5th District to have the highest percentage by Mid- Winter in February: loser giving \$25.00 to President Lisa's special project.

Please remember I will assist in any way I can!!

God Bless
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3rd District President

Fall workshop was really informative, we learned a lot of things, and the Auction was much better divided up this year.

I want to thank President Lisa for attending Third District Fall Conference. also I want to thank Auxiliary Members from Grafton 12, Clarksburg 13, and Shinnston 31 for giving up their time on a busy weekend and attending Conference. Turn out may have been small but we accomplished several things. A change was made to our Constitution and By-Laws; (removing one Unit and adding 3 new ones from District 9.)

When I was contacting Units concerning our Conference I ran into phone numbers changed and different Officers. I am asking each of the twelve Units in District 3 to e-mail me or mail me correct numbers and officers.

Please write on your calendars the following date: Spring Conference, March 10th, 2018 Place Shinnston Post 31. The State Oratorical Contest will be on March 10th at 2:00 at Shinnston Post 31.

If you need my help on anything please call me at 304-592-0247 or you can e-mail me at

carlajwilfong@yahoo.com

My mailing address is 130 Wilfong Hollow Road, Enterprise, W.V. 26568.

We still have 4 Units in 3rd District that has not sent in any dues. Remember Officers Dues must be paid by November 1. I will be mailing the Plan of Action to the President listed in the Directory. If wrong please give them to the correct person. God Bless America and Our Veterans
Carla Wilfong
Third District President

3rd District Vice President

Well Hello Auxiliary Ladies,

A couple of our units still has no members as of yet. But we still have until Sept.30th to get our ten members.

Remember if we have no "O" units in Department, National will send \$1,000.00 to Departments.

Unit officers have to have theirs dues paid by November 1, 2017.

Challenges: 3rd vs.10th for the highest percentage of membership by Midwinter: the losing District making a donation to Department Presidents Special Project.

Michelle Dambaugh
3rd District Vice President
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4th District President

Hello Ladies,

First off, I do apologize for not being at workshop; I was on vacation that was planned back in November. I am so happy for the great attendance and a job well done by Madam President Lisa.

4th District officers are busy finalizing the plans for Fall Conference. I am challenging all units to donate whatever you can to AEF in light of all the country's devastation, I'm sure we have sisters that are going to need help. Please bring a check made out to Department Treasurer with AEF in the memo, and don't forget to report this for your end of year reports.

You need to get your reservations into to Unit President Nancy Sundstrom (Host Unit) as soon as possible. The fee is \$15.00. Menu is Baked Steak and all the trimmings. Department President Lisa will have her raffle for her Special Project there. The rest of the information is in your letters along with your credentials. Don't forget your mileage!! See you at Post 15 Parkersburg October 8th, at 9:00am.

Prayers for safe travels to you all.

Service not Self,
Cathy D. Post
President 4th District

4th District Vice President

Hello Ladies

Hope this message finds all 4th District well and in good spirits while you are collecting your membership dues. Don't forget to mail them out as soon as possible to Department Secretary, please don't hold them.

Well Units it's time to get ready to raise your membership dues they will be going up. Now we are paying \$14.00 for Sr. and \$2.50 for Jr. for the year of 2018. In the year of 2019 we will be paying \$19.00 for Sr. and \$3.75 for Jr. We all knew dues raise was coming in Department and National.

Remember your Officers should be the first ones to pay their dues. That sets a good example for the other members. 4th District has no "O" Units now; thank you for all your hard work at membership and everything else your Unit does for our Veterans and your communities.

God Bless All
Nancy Sundstrom
Fourth District Vice President

5th District President

The date of the **Fall Conference** is October 7th and 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.

Several of you attended the **Leadership Conference** in Bridgeport on September 9th. Department chairmen shared important information with the units and that information will be distributed at the district conference.

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 their membership in timely. You do an excellent job with submitting membership and for that I thank you.

Keep working for our veterans.

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 went to the workshop in Bridgeport WV. The workshop gave us a lot of good advice on what we need to do, to get more members.

We need to create an internal culture of good will.

This year there will only be four membership targets. All units that reach target 1 will be entered to win a \$50.00 cash award. There are other awards that individual members and units will be able to earn.

I am very proud of the Fifth District. Thank you.

JoAnn Hastings
Fifth District Vice President

6th District President

Hi Everyone,

It was good to see so many people at the workshop on September 8th and 9th, 2017.

It was good to see that Mary Jennings and Teresa Rose was in attendance from Beckley Unit 32, and Reba Honaker and Peggy Swartz from Unit 8, and it was nice to meet Karen Jean Thomas from Cowen Unit 62 one of the new Units in Sixth District. So sorry that Teresa Rose became ill and had to be admitted to the hospital get well soon Teresa.

Our Sixth District meeting will be on Saturday, October 21, 2017 this will be hosted by Beckley Unit 32, at the Post Home at 1708 S Kanawha Street, Beckley, WV 25801. Registration will be from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM., Lunch will be served and will be DUTCH TREAT, the price will be approximately \$10.00. Hope to see members from our new Units present along with Units 8, 9, 32 and 38. Would like to invite any other Unit members that would like to attend.

The weather now is so nice, and I am not looking for those brr... months.

Hope everyone is working on membership lets try for all Units to be goal and lets make WV a GOAL State.

Lets continue to keep Texas and Florida in our prayers, hope the hurricane that is coming in doesn't do too much damage to the East Coast.

Let's keep all of our Veterans in our prayers the one serving and the one that aren't. Post 8 just lost one of their members Henry Paul a young 97 years may he rest in peace.

So until next time God Bless.
Peggy Swartz, President
Sixth District



10th District President

Hello Ladies

We had a good workshop at Bridgeport and learned a lot. Don't forget Fall Conference is September 23rd, at Capon Bridge Post #137. Registration will be 9-9:30. I am hoping to see a lot of you there

For those who didn't go to Fall Board I have paperwork for you. We will learn together as we work as a team.

Remember to get membership up. As we have challenges to do.

I would like to thank all of you for your cards.

Remember we are here for our Veterans and our communities.

For God And Country
Sharon Kauffman
President
10th District

10th District Vice President

Wow ! Tenth District we have been challenged!

District 3 challenges us to most paid members by Mid-Winter. The losing District will pay \$25 to the Department President's Special Project. We Can Do It Ladies.

Reminder First Target September 30, 2017, 10 paid members needed, to be entered in year end drawing.

You can submit your PUFIs and your officers to get started. Check Membership Packet for all the rules. Ladies if there are No Units with 0 paid members by end of Oct. the Department will receive \$1000 from National. That's right \$1000.

Thank you to all the Units returning my calls. Special thank you to Unit 14 for the invitation to visit.

Looking forward to seeing everyone Sept 23rd at Capon Bridge.

Linda Schlicht
10th District Vice President
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Chaplain

Good day my sisters,

As today is Friday September 15th, it is POW MIA Recognition Day. Let us always remember them:

The table that stands before you is a place of honor. In setting this table, we acknowledge those missing from our celebration today. And we remember them. The table is small, and set for one -- Symbolizing the vulnerability of a lone prisoner against his captors. Remember! The tablecloth is white -- Symbolizing purity of intention in responding to the nation's call to arms. Remember! The chair is empty, for they are not here. Remember! The wine glass is inverted -- They cannot toast with us this night. Remember! The slices of lemon -- Reminding us of their bitter suffering. Remember! The grains of salt -- Representing the countless tears of the families. Remember! The single red rose -- Reminding us of loved ones who keep the faith awaiting their return. Remember! The burning candle and red ribbon -- Symbolizing everlasting hope of a reunion with the missing. Remember! ... Remember! -- All who have served alongside them; we who have donned the same proud uniform, being sworn to the same faith and allegiance -- We will never forget their sacrifice. Remember! ... Remember! -- Until the day they return home, or find eternal peace, we will remember.

We continue to pray for their return to waiting families.....Lord hear our prayer.

I would like to thank Roxie Nicholson and Linda Crum for executing my prayers during Workshop.

Cathy D. Post
Chaplain



Historian

I would like to thank President Lisa Cadwallader and all the helpers for a great Fall workshop. We always learn new information to bring back to our units.

The plan of action was handed out during the workshop with a lot of information for the up coming year.

I'm here to help each Historian of the units if needed: we can all learn together. We need to keep our history going in our units which means keeping notes of what we do in the units. Include the Junior members in this history so when they are older they can look back and say I remember doing this.

God Bless

Kelli A Immel

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Community Service

Hello Ladies,

The community service program promotes the American Legion Auxiliary visibility within our areas through our commitment to our communities.

Always wear your American Legion Auxiliary apparel or pin while volunteering in the community. It tells people who we are and why we matter. Get involved with your neighbors and those outside of The American Legion. This gives you an opportunity to get new members.

Thank you.

JoAnn Hastings

Community Service Chairman

Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Hello Ladies,

Well I think Fall is here. It was great to see all of you at the Fall Board meeting. At that time we were having some bad storms around the country. I hope those that had family in Florida are all OK.

At Fall Board meeting I put information for your unit about the Auxiliary Emergency Fund in the folders for someone to take back to your unit. If you need any more information please let me know. I'll try and help if I can. My phone number is 304-822-4756.

Connie Pyles

Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Constitution & Bylaws

When was the last time you updated your Constitution and By-Laws? If your dues is listed in either the constitution or by-laws, then you will need to revise it. If your constitution & by-laws were not passed down with the change of administration and you need a copy, get in touch with me and I will see if we can locate a copy. This includes District Constitution & By-Laws. I have a copy of one District Constitution & By-Laws that hasn't been updated in many years. That needs to change and it will.

Let me know if I can assist you in any way. Just give me a call at 304-654-7750 or email me at MBKilgore@fronter.com. Committee members Dede Kelly and Linda Crumm are here to help you also.

Beth Kilgore

Chairman

Constitution & By-Laws



Education

Hello Ladies,

I hope everyone is enjoying the fall-like weather. I would "personally" like my hot weather back. However, we need to put our focus on the schools and getting all scholarship information to each one in our area.

I would like to remind you all about "American Education Week" which is November 13-17. If you need additional ideas or suggestions, then you can go to the following website for help: www.nea.org This is the National Education Association Website.

Please document all events and activities held and forward your information to Holly Adams, Education Chairman. She can include this in her Mid-Year Report.

Be Safe and God Bless
Rhonda Best
Education Committee

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

2nd in a series of 11

"To maintain law and order..."

Law and order must be maintained if freedom is to be maintained. Liberty is not license. Good government means that all citizens are secure in their lives and property. To this, the Legion and Auxiliary are pledged by the second principle stated in the Preamble.

Beth Kilgore, Chairman
Constitution & By-Laws Committee

Poppy

Hello Poppy Chairmen,

What a great Fall meeting.

Hope everyone's Family affected by the hurricanes are safe. Our prayers are with them.

Please check your Poppy Plan of Action for details on following :
**Poppy Day - Where, When and order Poppies in plenty of time.

Now is a good time to work on your connection with schools concerning the Poppy Poster contest. Bring the posters to Midwinter to be judged.

If you are thinking about a Little Miss Poppy for your Unit, spread the word to them so Unit can set guidelines.

Be creative with your Poppies. Shirley Davis made a beautiful centerpiece for the President's auction at Bridgeport.

I would like to receive chairman's email address in case we have information to send.

Please email Mid-Year reports on your Poppy program to me by December 15, 2017.

Thank you for all your work. The donations you collect during the year helps support our Veterans.

Linda Schlicht
Poppy Chairman
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2017 Convention Chairman

2017 Convention Report Department of WV American Legion Auxiliary Pullman Plaza, Huntington, WV

Registration of Delegates, Alternates and Guest:

Most pre-registered. 7 Guest registered on Friday and Saturday.
A total of 84 were checked in.

Startup money of \$175.00 and 7 guest registration of \$175.00 was reported and turned into the Department Secretary last day of Convention.

50/50 Tickets were sold for the Department American Legion Auxiliary
Total of \$302.00 was received. The winner of \$151.00 was Roxie Nicholson PDP, Shinnston, WV. \$151.00 was turned into the Dept. Secretary.

All monies and Convention Materials were given to Paulette Anderson Department Secretary.

This concludes my report of American Legion Auxiliary Convention 2017.

Thanks,
Vickie Luttrell
Convention Chairman 2017

Poppy Shop

Veteran's Day will be here before you know it. Will your Unit be needing Poppies?

Please place your orders by the end of October so there is time for them to be mailed and received.

Joy Jenkins
Poppy Shop

Legislative

Thank you to President Lisa for inviting me to be part of her leadership team and entrusting me to serve as your Legislative Chairman for the American Legion Auxiliary Department of West Virginia. I will have the honor of working with our Central Division Legislative Chairman, Sue Verville of Michigan.

In recent correspondence from Sue, she shared the following items of concern and as legislation we would want to keep an eye on as Auxiliary members.

As many of you already know, President Trump signed legislation Wednesday at The American Legion's National Convention that will go a long way toward fixing the beleaguered VA appeals process. President Trump said "To fulfill our patriotic duties, we must take care of our great veterans." "One year ago at this gathering, I promised you that I would make it my priority to fix the broken VA system and deliver to our veterans the care they so richly deserve."

The Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017 creates three appeals "lanes." Veterans would choose the one that best suits his or her needs. The three lanes will be:

- Local Higher Level Review Lane in which an adjudicator reviews the same evidence considered by the original claims processor.
 - New Evidence Lane in which the veteran could submit new evidence for review and have a hearing.
 - Board Lane in which jurisdiction for the appeal would transfer immediately to the Board of Veterans Appeals.
- The law's impact will be felt for a long time. "No longer will veterans be waiting to get their appeals heard," Trump said. "And they will get decisions much more quickly in a fraction of the time." The bipartisan bill, H.R. 2288, was crafted with much input from The American Legion. It is expected to shorten the average wait time for final appeal decisions from five years to 125 days.
- Newly signed Harry Colmery GI Bill: "Under this legislation, veterans can use their GI Bill at any point in their lifetimes."

The next item of concern is the Commemorative Coin Act (H.R. 2519). The American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act, which passed the U.S. Senate on Aug. 3, is picking up momentum in the House of Representatives. The legislation, H.R. 2519 had 322 co-sponsors on Sept 6. Congress only authorizes the minting of two commemorative coins per year, an honor that the nation's largest Veterans organization deserves. . We salute the United States Senate for passing The American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act. We call on the House of Representatives to do the same. We are asking all members of The American Legion Family and friends of The American Legion to ask their representatives to co-sponsor H.R. 2519 and pass this act now."

Once it passes the House, it would advance to the White House for the president's signature. Sue shared a list of House members who had not yet signed on but I saw none of our WV delegation on the list – which leads me to believe they are already on board and will work hard to advance this item.

I will continue to share information as it is received and as we move into the state legislative season and session – we will take a closer look at what is happening here at home as well as in DC.

Rosemary M. Thomas, EdD
Legislative Chairman

National Security

Hello Ladies,

Hope everyone had safe travels heading home from workshop.

We all can support the families of service members and check and see if they have a Blue or Gold Banner to display for recognition of a service member's service.

There is a financial assistance should they inquire. They support American Red Cross Armed Forces, need help call 1 (877)272-7337.

Our National Security accommodates many featured areas for the United States.

**The Community Emergency Response Training; known as CERT.

**Remember our emergency kit and plans are affected in your area. Just help with updating them all.

**Donate blood – if able

**Always get your juniors involved!

Have them start a youth preparedness program in their community. Will help them in the future.

There are several more ideas that can be done as a member and/or unit These need to be included in your reports:

**Should you have a welcome/home event? How did you present the service member (s)? If so how many?

**How to support troops/families? How many?

**How the Blue/Gold Star Banner was presented? How many were there?

**When/Where should you prepare for disaster preparedness and response for your own post/unit?

National Security doesn't only mean war; it's involved with defense/foreign relations of a country.

History: The National Security Council History – July, 1947 (PL 235-61 Stat. 496; U. S. C. 402) established the National Security.

This act is here to assist and advise the President on domestic, foreign and military policies. President Truman created the NSC.

God Bless You
Savanna Kauffman
National Security

Flag Alliance



The time and occasion for flying your flag and displaying it

- A. It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on building and on stationary flagstaves in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed 24 hrs. a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.
- B. The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
- C. The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all weather flag is displayed.
- D. The flag should be displayed daily on or near the main administration building of every public institution.
- E. The flag should be displayed in or near every polling place on election days .
- F. The flag should be displayed during school days in or near every schoolhouse.
- G. The flag should be displayed on all days, especially on New year's day, January 1; inauguration day, January 20; Martin Luther King , Jr's birthday the third Monday in January ; Lincoln's birthday, February 12; Washington's birthday ,third Monday in February ; Easter Sunday (variable); mother's day, second Sunday in May; Armed force Day, third Saturday in in May;;Memorial Day (half staff until noon), the last Monday in May; Flag day, June 14; Father's day, third Sunday in June ; Independence day, July 4; National Korean War Veterans armistice Day July 27; Labor day first Monday in September ; Constitution Day, September 17; Columbus Day, second Monday in October; Navy Day Oct.27; Veterans Day, November 11; Thanksgiving day, fourth Thursday in November; Christmas Day, December 25; and such other days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States,; the birthdays of States (Dates of admission); and on United States holidays.

Michelle Dambaugh
Flag Alliance
Mmichelle310@yahoo.com
304-612-5643

Past President's Parley

It is not too early for each Unit to be working on The Unit Member of the Year. This Auxiliary Member can not have served any office higher than the Unit level. It is not necessary to have been a Unit President. Nominations are limited to Senior members and she can also be a new member.

The Timeless Award is an award of any member of the Department with the exception of current officers. She must be a member for the past three (3) years with current 2018 dues paid.

Both nominees entries must be signed by the Unit President and the Unit Secretary unless one of these officers is nominated, then another officer may sign.

These entries must be submitted to me by June 1, 2018.

For God & Country
Susan Wade
PDP Parley Chairman

Remembering Our Friends

Sharon Glassford, PDP, is not doing well at all.

*Cards may be sent to Sharon at:
Sharon Glassford, PDP
90 Westfall Drive*

Charles Town WV 25414

Beth Kilgore, 5th District President, was having problems again with her foot. Am on medicine for this.

*Cards may be sent to Beth at:
Beth Kilgore, 5th Dist. President
1562 Holderby Road
Huntington WV 25701*

Betty Rea, PCDNVP, was hospitalized recently due to medical problems.

*Cards may be sent to Betty at:
Betty Rea, PCDNVP
1115 Main Street
Follansbee WV 26037*

Nina Mason, PDP, was hospitalized recently and had 2 units of blood.

*Cards may be sent to Nina:
Nina Mason, PDP
50 Mountain Drive
Rio WV 26755*

Debbie Fox, PDP, father had surgery recently for appendicitis. He is recuperating at home.

Department Commander Frank Cooley's wife, Ann, had a heart attack and was taken to Charleston (CAMC) for treatment. She is doing fine. Secretary of The American Legion Lois Moles will be giving further information out in an email.

Let's keep these and others in our thoughts and prayers.



Public Relations

Hello,

Public Relations is a very important tool for the Auxiliary. It gets the word out about who we are, what we do and the importance of the programs we do.

As a member, you are a very important part of public relations by building brand loyalty. Remember to promote a positive image when out in public, especially at special events, by wearing ALA-branded apparel and/or buttons. Take pictures to document the events. Post events on Facebook and Twitter. As a member you should be able to answer who the Auxiliary is, what your unit does in your community and why the ALA matters when asked.

For Service, not Self
Stephanie Handley
Public Relations Chairman

Americanism



Ok ladies our summer is starting to fade away into fall but just remember our veterans needing shelter.

October 9th, is Columbus day, a day that we can be working with the children in the schools.

We can do Halloween which has become an important day for our children, work with our schools and local law enforcement to encourage safety programs. If your unit does "trick or treat", add a little toy soldier to your pack of candy with the tag saying "compliments of Unit and number." That will let your community know we're branding ourselves so we can put an impact on the community.

Please don't forget November 11, 2017, is Veterans Day so work with your community also on this.

Michelle Dambaugh
Americanism Chairman
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Strategic Planning Committee

Goal 4: Strengthen Department and Units

The key to success in the American Legion Auxiliary organization is two-way communication. When we communicate with others we share our information and listen to the response before giving informative feedback. The ability to speak well is a minimum requirement for success in any organization, but the ability to listen and respond positively is just as important.

We have added an additional step to our plan for Goal 4.

4. To support and enable two-way communication between our department, our six districts, and our units.

We must have working lines of communication from the department to the districts and the districts to the department, the department to the units and the units to the department, the districts to the units and the units to the district.

We are attempting to invest in training at all levels. We need the help of the districts and units. Districts need to offer training workshops at their District Conferences. We need to identify specific training needs for the districts and units and input it needed from the districts and units. What is needed to develop and plan of instruction to meet your needs? Help us to help you.

We urge the districts and the units to respond to requests from your department officers and chairmen. Department officers and chairmen should always respond to communications from districts and units. Respect for each other and their requests will enable better communication and lead to a successful year for our organization. Please be positive but share information with all members.

Ann Buchanan
Committee Member

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation



I hope everyone is enjoying the current good weather. We had a really nice Fall Workshop, very enjoyable.

All Units should have members volunteering at a VA Facility, if you have one in your area. Please turn in your hours at the hospital to your Volunteer Services, so they can give you credit. If you are not volunteering in a VA Facility, keep track of your hours and turn them in to your Unit VA&R Chairman, so she can turn them in to the state chairman.

Please turn in your hours to me at least every two months, preferably once a month. This will make it much easier when Mid Year and End of Year Reports are due.

Cold weather will be starting soon, so start thinking about making scarves, hats, and Mittens for our homeless Veterans.

More ideas next month. Remember 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 and our Veterans

Carla Wilfong
Chairman





American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

Girls State Chairman

Hello Ladies,

Just a reminder that Sponsorship fee increases to \$250.00, this year. Also the T Shirt will be included for at least the next 3 years.

This year we have a new location: DAVIS and ELKINS COLLEGE in Elkins, WV. Dates are Sunday June 10-Friday June 15, 2018.

Ladies please remember that if you have a person wanting to sponsor their daughter or another girl, they must make the check payable to the American Legion Auxiliary **Unit** not the Rhododendron Girls State. Department can not accept a personal check for a girl attending Girls State.

Let your girls that are wanting to attend Girls State that Davis and Elkins offer College Scholarships to all West Virginia Counties w/a 2.5 GPA

56K-4 years Residential Students
44K-4 years Commuting Students

Seven West Virginia Counties:

Randolph, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Webster, Upshur, Barbour and Tucker:

76K-4 years Residential Students
64K-4 years Residential Students

All girls attending RGS will receive an additional 20K over a 4 year period **if** they attend Davis-Elkins.

Don't forget to tell the girls about this wonderful opportunity from the Davis and Elkins College.

Nancy Sundstrom
Girls State Chairman
nancy.sundstrom15@yahoo.com



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

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279 Rock Lake Road
Fairmont WV 26554
304-366-2912

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1307 23rd Street
Parkersburg WV 26101
304-422-1263

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1562 Holderby Road
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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

Ways & Means

Congratulations to August Winners!

On January 1st the Ways and Means Committee will be no longer. It will be under the Department Secretary/Treasurer. Just the **committee name**.

Whomever is the Department Secretary/Treasurer and Office Assistant, they will sign the checks from then on.

The Department Fundraiser will still be called Ways & Means, and the checks will still be from the same account. It just won't be a committee.

I have sent out the 2018 Ways & Means tickets to units who weren't at the Fall Workshop. Remember they must be into the Department on later than December 31st to be eligible for the January 1st drawing. I included a letter to the unit regarding the tickets and information.

You still have time to sell the 2017 tickets. They are good until December 31st. I do have a few in the office if you need them.

I challenge the units to sell all the 2018 tickets they received this coming year.

Paulette Anderson
Department Ways & Means



August Ways and Means Winners

	630			8/1/17	
Kandia Cosnoz	104	Ft. Ashby	WV	8/2/17	\$25.00
Connie White	529	Belington	WV	8/3/17	\$25.00
Terry Baker	450	Mt. Airy	MD	8/4/17	\$25.00
Gary Wolfe	949	McMechen	WV	8/5/17	\$25.00
Judy Cecil	310	New Martinsville	WV	8/7/17	\$25.00
Robin Taylor	488	Cowen	WV	8/8/17	\$25.00
Don Wood	299	New Haven	WV	8/9/17	\$25.00
	714			8/10/17	\$25.00
Karen Bell	647	Keyser	WV	8/11/17	\$25.00
Mary Yost	904	Gypsy	WV	8/12/17	\$25.00
Brian Tolstyla	717	Falling Waters	WV	8/14/17	\$25.00
Shirley Baker	149	Romney	WV	8/15/17	\$25.00
Lester Hollingsworth	201	Clinton	MD	8/16/17	\$200.00
Dortha Parsons	711	Clarksburg	WV	8/17/17	\$25.00
	586			8/18/17	
Gary Rayl	055	Reedsville	WV	8/19/17	\$25.00
Susan Brown	615	Moundsville	WV	8/21/17	\$25.00
Debbie Veach	391	Augusta	WV	8/22/17	\$25.00
	266			8/23/17	
	292			8/24/17	
Carla Wilfong	598	Enterprise	WV	8/25/17	\$25.00
Susie Alpaugh	511	Romney	WV	8/26/17	\$25.00
Helen Schuler	106	Princeton	WV	8/28/17	\$25.00
Missy McDonald	349	Shanks	WV	8/29/17	\$25.00
Sarah Morgret	436	Hilton Head Is.	SC	8/30/17	\$25.00
	751			8/31/17	



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: 1045 (11.06%) Updated 9/19/17



District 1			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	20		
Moundsville #3	423	33	07.81%
McMechen #5	67	37	55.22%
Weirton #10	106	2	01.89%
Cameron #18	257	17	06.61%
New Martinsville #28	211	69	32.70%
Wellsburg #34	42	2	04.76%
Follansbee #45	59	7	11.86%
Benwood #46	125	10	0.08%
Pine Grove #81	106		
Paden City #86	172	24	13.95%
Wheeling #89	33	2	06.06%
Newell #114	51	3	05.88%
Hundred #120	109		
Chester #121	264	4	01.52%
TOTALS	2045	209	10.22%



Membership: 4704
To Date: 474
(10.08%)

District 3			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	76	17	22.37%
Grafton #12	25	1	04.00%
Clarksburg #13	222	60	27.03%
Elkins #29	245	9	03.67%
Shinnston #31	404	119	29.46%
Braxton Co. #33	41	14	34.17%
Philippi #44	34	1	02.94%
Bridgeport #68	86	2	02.33%
Belington #96	36		
Pickens #122	34		
Jane Lews #166	58		
Morgantown #174	23	1	04.35%
TOTALS	1284	224	17.46%

District 4			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	1067	109	10.22%
Spencer #21	84	19	22.62%
Pt. Pleasant #23	470	35	07.45%
Tyler County #48	29	10	34.49%
Sistersville #67	92	1	01.07%
New Haven #140	206	4	01.94%
Williamstown #159	201	13	06.47%
TOTALS	2149	191	08.89%



Membership: 4654
To Date: 556
(11.95%)

District 5			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Huntington #16	335	45	13.43%
Logan #19	20	10	50.00%
St. Albans #73	55	5	09.09%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	476	12	02.52%
South Charleston #94	16	1	06.25%
Hamlin #111	89	11	12.36%
Milton #139	103	9	08.74%
Barboursville #177	231	6	02.60%
TOTALS	1325	94	07.09%

District 6			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Welch #8	89		
Bluefield #9	16		
Beckley #32	87	1	01.15%
Gary #38	148	67	45.27%
Cowen #62	48	3	06.25%
Lewisburg #69	86	2	02.33%
Richwood #97	36		
TOTALS	510	73	14.31%

District 10			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	144	20	13.89%
Franklin #30	16		
Piedmont #52	65	1	01.54%
Berkeley Springs #60	334	37	11.08%
Moorefield #64	129	7	05.43%
Charles Town #71	320	75	23.44%
Petersburg #78	119	3	02.52%
Romney #91	349	54	15.47%
Charles Town #102	38	12	31.58%
Paw Paw #128	61	8	13.11%
Kirby #134	64	12	18.75%
Ridgeley #136	129	2	01.55%
Capon Bridge #137	207	11	05.31%
Keyser #152	70	3	04.29%
TOTALS	2045	238	11.64%

October 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3	4	5	6	7 <i>5th District Conference Hamlin #111</i>
8 <i>4th District Conference Parkersburg #15</i>	9 <i>Columbus Day</i>	10	11	12	13	14 <i>President's Homecoming Charles Town Post #71</i>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 <i>6th District Conference Beckley #32 Post Home</i>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 <i>Detach. Com- manders Homecoming New Martins- ville Post #28</i>
29 <i>1st District Conference McMechen #5 VFW Moundsville</i>	30	31 				



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

HOMECOMING

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

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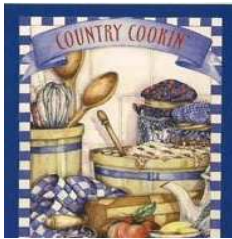
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CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____



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 about 50 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