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Department President  
Rhonda Best

*“Mending Fences While Building New Bridges  
To Better Serve and Support Our Veterans”*



Hello Ladies

I hope everyone’s New Year has started out with excitement for our second half of the year.

I encourage all members with a Facebook page on the internet to search and find the ALA National Facebook Group Pages. Auxiliary members share ideas, pictures, and information regularly. National chairmen posts updates and upcoming events on these pages as well.

I want to express to Unit Membership Chairmen to continue sending in your Membership as soon as you receive them. We recently received an update and we are very close to obtaining the number of members we had last year at this time.

Now I would like to “Thank” each of you for all of the work and service you do for all of our Veterans, Children, and Community. We accomplish so much more when working together as a team.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Mid-Winter Conference soon.

Be safe and God Bless!!!

Rhonda Best  
Dept. President



### Department Officers 2018-2019

President-Rhonda Best  
1st Vice President-Sharon Kauffman  
2nd Vice President-Cathy Post  
Secretary/Treasurer-Paulette Anderson  
Chaplain-Kelli Immel  
Historian-Savanna Kauffman

### District Presidents

1st District-Holly Adams  
3rd District-Roxie Nicholson  
4th District-Nancy Sundstrom  
5th District-Beth Kilgore  
6th District-Peggy Swartz  
10th District-Sharon Glassford

### District Vice Presidents

1st District-Stephanie Handley  
3rd District-Carla Wilfong  
4th District-Patricia Young-Greiner  
5th District-JoAnn Hastings  
6th District-Reba Honaker  
10th District-Debbie Michael



# 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, 2019**. 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.**

**Directory Update:** pages 15 and 16; Mary Waybright, National Security and Huntington VAMC and VAVS new information: 7 Parsons Street, Huntington WV 25705-3811, Phone # 304-638-7665. Email is the same. Page 27: Pt. Pleasant Unit #23; all mailings go to PO Box 573, Pt. Pleasant WV 25550. Page 28: Braxton county #33 President's address has changed; new address 1437 Harper Hill, Little Birch WV 26629. Phone # 304-644-3711. Page 27; St. Albans #73 all mailing goes to Jerry Eggleton PO Box 582 St. Albans WV 25177.

**Birthday Dinners:** If you wish the Department President to attend, please notify her so she can put it on her schedule. **Clarksburg Post 13** Birthday Dinner Friday March 8th  
**Shinnston Post 31** Birthday Dinner Sunday March 10th

**There will be a short business meeting at 2:30 on Thursday at Midwinter Conference in Ballroom 1-2 for Past Department Presidents. If you are checked in, please come to the meeting.**

**Susan Wade, PDP, will also have the tickets for you for the Cash Drawing.**

**Membership:** National is honoring our "new" female veterans again this year. Please remember to put "**Honor Our Female Veterans**" at top of application. If a member is rejoining, I don't need an application sent in. You may want one for your records to make sure she is still eligible. If you do send one in, write either "rejoin" or her ID number on the application so she won't be listed as a new member in the system.

***Please don't send me the DD214.*** They are for the unit files only. Post Officer signature is all I need on application to verify the eligibility. All applications sent to the Department Office needs to be the **original**. Copies are for you to keep.

*Future Dates To Remember*  
**\*\*Midwinter Conference**  
*Feb. 8-9, 2019*  
**Lakeview Resort Morgantown**

**\*\*Department Convention**  
*July 11-13, 2019*  
**The Doubletree Hotel Huntington**  
*(former Pullman Plaza)*

**\*\*National Convention**  
*August 23-29, 2019*  
**Marriott Downton**  
**Indianapolis Indiana**

*Spring Conferences*

**3rd District Joint Conference**  
**Clarksburg Post #13**  
*March 9th 9:00 Registration*

**1st District Auxiliary Conference**  
**Paden City Unit #86 Fire Hall**  
*Sat. March 30th 9:00 Registration*

**5th District Joint Conference**  
**Hamlin Post #111**  
*April 6th 9:00 Registration*

**4th District Joint Conference**  
**Pt. Pleasant Post #23**  
*April 7th 9:00 Registration*

**10th District Joint Conference**  
**Petersburg Post #78 8:30 Aux Reg.**

**6th District Auxiliary Conference**  
**Beckley Unit #32 Post Home**  
*April 27th*  
*9:00 Registration*

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**Rhododendron Girls State Website**  
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**American Legion Auxiliary**  
**National Website**  
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**2019-2020 Candidates for**  
**Department Officers**  
**President—Sharon Kauffman Unit #14**  
**1st Vice—**  
**2nd Vice—**  
**Sec./Treas.—**  
**Chaplain—**  
**Historian—**

**Candidates for District Officers**  
**1st Dist. Pres.—**  
**1st Dist. Vice—**  
**3rd Dist. Pres.—**  
**4th Dist. Vice—**  
**5th Dist. Pres.—**  
**5th Dist. Vice—**  
**6th Dist. Pres.—**  
**6th Dist. Vice—**  
**10th Dist. Pres.—**  
**10th Dist. Vice—**

### *Membership Chairman*

I am looking forward to Midwinter Conference!! I pray the weather is good to us!!

I want to Thank all Units that have been working Membership! We have 5 Units that have made Target #5 or above: Wheeling #1; Tyler County #48; Bluefield #6; Franklin #30; and Charles Town #102. Congratulations to these Units!! We have several Units that are close. Please remember that we need to Enhance our Membership!! As long as we continue to work it, we will see progress! Remember 1 member can make a big difference!!

Remember my Challenge for Midwinter of a special drawing for those Units that bring a summary of the Membership drive that their Unit held. This will be done at the Membership Luncheon. I hope we have a good turnout. Do not forget to send in your reservations for the luncheon as we need a count!!

District Vices: I need you to stay in contact with your Department Vices. I understand that some are not responding. All I ask is that you keep trying. Working together is what we need to do!! If you have any questions, please let me know!!

Thank you to all that Remember Why we are in this Organization.

The Herd is still ahead of the Eers' by 50 members.

Our Department Goal is 9966. We are now at 4257 which is 42.2%.

I have Faith in our members that we will bring our numbers up!!!!

Thank you all again and see you at Midwinter!!! Safe travels to all!!!

God Bless You!!  
Susan Wade  
Membership Chairman



### *Department 1st Vice President*

Hello Herd,

Hope everyone had a nice Christmas and New Years. We are ahead of WVU by 38 members. We are at 2115, still a lot behind. We still have 3 units under 10. District Vices we need to work on them. I will try again to call them. We all need to work together and try to find ways to get our numbers up.

I am proud of you all for working so hard. Unit membership chairman please call the District Vices so they can get their reports in monthly, as I have to give the Dept. Membership Chairman a report as she has to report to National.

Hope to see everyone at Midwinter let me know if I can help with anything.

Go Herd  
Sharon Kauffman  
Department 1st Vice



### *Department 2nd Vice President*

Hello Lady Mountaineers,

Hope everyone is having a great New Year. We have some of our sisters who need our continued prayers, please don't forget them.

Midwinter is almost here, always exciting to get to see everyone. It's time to make sure you have all your ducks in a row for this.

I'm still not hearing a word from any District Vice Presidents on membership. As you can see from the target sheets we are still lolly-gagging around behind those "Herd" ladies. I'm proud to say that Tyler County Unit 48 is at 84.85%. Let's get ALL our totals up.

Tip of the Month: *Challenge each member to bring in at least one new member.* We all know someone at work, church or even the grocery store that has a veteran that they are proud of. Let them know that joining our Auxiliary is one of the very best ways to honor their service. If they can accomplish this, perhaps your unit can pay part of her dues next year, give your members incentive to do this.

Don't forget to bring something for Auction at Midwinter!!

See ya there!!  
In the Spirit of Service not Self,  
Cathy D Post



### *1st District Vice President*

I know everyone has been working hard on membership and at times it seems we have come to a standstill. Now that the holiday season has passed us, hopefully we can concentrate on getting the numbers up.

Have more time to plan a membership event and encourage new and old members to join, rejoin or just get their dues paid. Just keep your nose to the grindstone and don't give up.

Let's Go look Mountaineers!!!

God Bless

Stephanie Handley

1st District Vice President

### *3rd District Vice President*

Here it is February already, and it is Winter outside. I know this is a hard time to visit or to make our meetings and reach out to new members, but now is the time to do so. It may be cold and snowy outside, but sometimes you just need to make a phone call to someone you know who is eligible to be a member.

We have one unit in our District that has no members other than their Paid Up for Life member. Ladies we need to pay our dues as of now you are not a member of the Auxiliary and that makes me sad.

We have 3 Units that are over 50%, but not at 60% so ladies lets work harder. We have 5 Units that are over 40%, they need to just work a little harder. We all need to work harder in getting members to pay their dues and reach out to new members.

If you need my help, you can call me at 304-592-0247, or e-mail me at [carlajwilfong@yahoo.com](mailto:carlajwilfong@yahoo.com).

Carla Wilfong

Third District Vice President

### *4th District Vice President*

To All members of the 4th District

Thank you to Tyler County Unit 48! You not only achieved our target of 60%, you surpassed it by nearly 25%! Sistersville Unit 67 is right behind at 56.60%. By the time we go to print, you will probably be right on Target!

Following close behind are:

Parkersburg Unit 15 at 42.96%

New Haven Unit 140 at 42.27%

Williamstown Unit 159 at 39.07%

Pt. Pleasant Unit 23 at 35.74%

Spencer Unit 21 at 31.63%

Our goals are set high but I know we can all reach them. Please recruit, retain, re-instate. Remember any member who has not paid their dues before December 31st is no longer a member

I look forward to seeing you all at Midwinter Conference.

If you love your freedom,  
Thank A Veteran!

Loyally,  
Patsy Young-Greiner  
4th District Vice President

### *5th District Vice President*

Hello Ladies

It's a hard job getting in new members but as a team we can do it. We need to talk to people and tell them what all we do and stand for. Helping the veterans, families of the deployed, and the homeless is just a small portion of the things we do.

Thank you for talking to me when I called you about how membership was going. I hope to see you all at the Midwinter.

For God and our Country  
Joann Hastings  
Fifth District Vice President

### *10th District Vice President*

Hello Ladies!

I would like to begin by asking everyone to pray for our 10th District President, Sharon. I went with Irene to see her on Saturday and she was very happy to see us. Please continue with your prayers and cards.

It's a brand new year for membership. Not really, but maybe if we think of it as a new membership year, we can gain those new members. In my phone conversations, it seems as though most units are at a standstill with receiving dues. The only thing we can do is to keep trying.

Way to go Marshall! We are leading! Yay! Sure hope we can continue. Let's do it Thundering Herd! I want to thank the units in the 10th District for making our District # 1 in membership. It's only by a hair, but hopefully we can stay on top.

Congratulations to Franklin Unit 30 and Charles Town Unit 102 for reaching the 5th target. Great job, ladies.

If I can help you in any way, please contact me.

I am looking forward to seeing you at Mid-Winter. Until then, let's keep that membership coming!

Debbie Michael  
10th District Vice President  
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304-258-2705

### *Remember Our Friends*

Sharon Glassford is coming along in Rehab. She would enjoy the Thinking of You cards. Please send to Sharon at:  
*Shenandoah Genesis*  
*Sharon Glassford Room #101*  
*50 Mulberry Tree Street*  
*Charles Town WV 25414*

Please keep Michelle Hart and her family in your prayers. Michelle is in Hospice.  
You can send Thinking of You cards to  
*Michelle Hart*  
*67 Augustine Ct.*  
*Kearneysville WV 25430*

Ann Buchanan is now recuperated from pneumonia and is doing better.

### 5th District President

With the holidays behind us and the winter weather in full force, you may feel it is time to slow down and relax for a month or so – nothing could be further from the truth. Now is the time to concentrate on our veterans and how we can possibly serve them on an individual basis if needed. Make plans for your spring activities and work to make your community one that is proud to honor the sacrifices of our veterans and their families. I am proud of each of you because you already do this on a daily basis and I am asking for you to go that extra mile for those who protect our freedoms each and every day.

Keep that membership coming in. There are many ladies out there who would love to be a part of serving our veterans as we do, they just need to be asked. When you are out and about in your communities, running errands, or going to dinner and you run into friends who are not a part of this wonderful organization, why not ask them if they are interested in joining. You just might be surprised by their answer.

Stay warm and I will see you at Mid-Winter Conference.

Beth Kilgore, President  
5th District



### 6th District President

Hello Everyone

Hope everyone has survived the snow. We really had a lot here in southern part of the state, I had around 12 to 13 inches.

The month of December has really flown by I didn't get anything in the Spirit last month because I have been really sick could not get rid of my flu.

Welch Unit 8 has been hard at work doing bingo on Monday nights and doing the 40/8 dinner monthly. We had approximately 49 people for the dinner on Veterans Day and on the 12th of November we helped with the parade.

Bluefield Unit 9 has been busy also during Veterans Day week, they participated with the American Legion to honor a Distinguished Citizen with a ceremony and reception. They prepared and served breakfast for Veterans and families and assisted the American Legion with a Christmas Party for members and guests.

Beckley Unit 32 Unit President Linda Day recruited first female veteran. Members help with the Legion bingo. After the Veterans Day Parade they served soup and sandwich to approximately 110 people.

Sorry, I have not heard from the other Units but I'm sure they have been busy.

Hoping everyone is getting in membership.

I'm so sorry I didn't get to attend the Gift Shop in Beckley this year as I was sick.

Until next time please keep up the good work,

God bless each and everyone and lets keep our troops in our prayers.

So until next time,

Peggy Swartz President  
Sixth District

### Chaplain

I hope everyone is enjoying our beautiful snow . Looking forward to seeing everyone in February for Midwinter. Prayers sent for safe travels . Remember our service personal in our daily prayers. Keep our American Legion Family members in our prayers only God knows their daily wishes.

Prayers for ... HEALING  
*But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. — Isaiah 40:31 (RSV)*

God Bless,  
Kelli A Immel



### Historian

Hello ladies,

Get tracking your history and your memories for your units' record.

Please email me you history records. I didn't get very many reports for December but hopefully I get more for end of year reports.

When you send your reports don't forget to send a narrative that's very important. My email again [skauf16@yahoo.com](mailto:skauf16@yahoo.com)

Let's make 2019 better than 2018!

For God And Country  
Savanna Kauffman  
Historian

### Leadership

Come One Come All!

\*\*\*If you are a leader please join us at Mid-Winter Conference.

\*\*\*If you want to grow as a leader please join us at Mid-Winter Conference.

\*\*\*If you want to help others grow as leaders please join us at Mid-Winter Conference.

\*\*\*If you want to find ways to make a difference please join us at Mid-Winter Conference.

An excerpt from the U.S. Army Leadership Handbook says:

“Leadership is the process of influencing people by providing purpose, direction and motivation while operating to accomplish the mission and improving the organization”.

Notice it is about the MISSION and that is what we will focus our time together next month. What is our mission statement and what does it mean to be a leader in support of that mission? How does the notion of supporting the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary shape our choices? What is it about living in a complaint-free world that is enticing and how many times have you moved your bracelet?

Come with questions instead of complaints! Come with an open mind as leaders! Come with a grateful heart for Veterans!  
Rosemary M. Thomas

## Americanism



Hello everyone,

I wish you all safe travels to the Mid-winter Conference. I'm sorry but I am not able to attend this year.

We just finished with the mid-year reporting. I have to say the reporting for Americanism was very disappointing. I received one report! I know there is amazing work being done by our members, in communities all over West Virginia. We have stressed the importance of reporting so many times that I'm at a total loss as to what to say.

I know that we are *Service Not Self* and that our members work hard for our Veterans and our communities and do not expect to gain any rewards. Reporting is a valuable and very important asset of our entire organization because it shows what we actually do that benefits so many. So think of reporting as another vital part of the programs you work so hard for.

Tammy Workman  
Chairman



## Auxiliary Emergency Fund

I hope everyone is having a fantastic start to their new year. Let's work together to make 2019 the year your unit is recognized as the best in the State!

February is the perfect time to get started on making plans to help our fellow members in need by donating to the American Legion Auxiliary Emergency Fund. You can show your love by giving \$50 or more to receive a special lapel pin. Please discuss different ways your members can help make contributions to the AEF fund. There are many fun ways to increase participation and raise funds for this worthy cause. Your generous donations help replenish the funds for temporary assistance to eligible members affected by a weather-related occurrence or a change in family or job status that has created a financial crisis in their life. The AEF also assists members with a need to obtain training or update skills necessary to enter or re-enter the workforce.

Here are a few fundraising ideas to get your Unit started: Sell "Fireball" candy at the cantina to freshen your patron's breath. Every purchase helps to "refresh" our funds to help our friends. Sell raffle fun baskets that have a theme of "Mudslide" and use plenty of chocolate or "Fireball" baskets that contain anything cinnamon or hot and spicy items. Try a "Hurricane" basket that has plenty of tropical treasures. If you have crafty members, they could make a patriotic wreath to auction or host a "Paint Night" event.

Your Unit's contribution is greatly appreciated. Contributions must be reported on End Of Year Report. Donations need to be made into Department Headquarters by May 1, 2019 to be counted.

If you know anyone eligible for assistance, please have them complete an application at Applications for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund are available on line at [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org) or [www.wvaux.org](http://www.wvaux.org). Applicants must have maintained their Auxiliary membership for the immediate past two consecutive years and have their current dues paid (TOTAL OF 3 YEARS). They must have exhausted all other sources of financial assistance including funds and/or services available through the local Post and/or Unit and appropriate community welfare agencies. The maximum grant amount is \$2,400.

I would like to personally thank the following members and Units for their recent report submissions: Linda Richmond-Unit 3, Sharon and Savanna Kauffman-Unit 14, Dianne McClung-Unit 15 and, Diana Teter- Unit 137. Ladies, thank you for all you do. I hope all our wonderful Units will consider planning a brainstorming session, holding a fundraiser or, hosting an event to help support the AEF fund this February.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Mid-winter Conference. If you have any questions or, concerns please email me at [hknauffsmith@k12.wv.us](mailto:hknauffsmith@k12.wv.us). Holly Knapp-Smith

## Strategic Planning Committee

### Goal 1 Enhance Membership Strength "Embrace Change"

Hello Ladies

Here are some ways that might help with membership to attract, engage, retain members:

\*\*Be open to new ideas

\*\*Make sure you recognize everyone who contributes

\*\*Offer volunteer opportunities to everyone

\*\*Try to hold to membership drives, hand out applications when doing bake sales or any event you are doing. Recognize all ages or backgrounds

\*\*Try calling to get ladies to rejoin, send a card, email them, or just stop by for a visit

\*\*Remember always wear you badge, sweater, shirt, something to show you are with the ALA Auxiliary

Sharon Kauffman  
Committee Member

## Rhododendron Girls State

**COUNTDOWN:** Four months to go before we start our 77th Annual Rhododendron Girls State session which will be held June 9 -June 14, 2019 at Davis & Elkins College in Elkins, WV.

**WANTED:** If you know of a female veteran you would like to be honored please notify our Director Michelle Sirbaugh at [michelle.girlsstate@yahoo.com](mailto:michelle.girlsstate@yahoo.com)

Once again the cost is \$250 per citizen and this includes the cost of the parade T-shirt. Please be in contact with your schools personnel. Please feel free to contact me or your district representative if you have any questions.

Lynda Lancaster  
Girls State Chairman

## Constitution & Bylaws

I am pleased with what I have received so far but would like to have more submitted. When was the last time your constitution was updated? I have a list of all units and the date of their most recent revision. Get in touch with me if you need to know or get with me at Mid-Winter.

Remember a by-law revision is a major overhaul of the by-laws of your Unit. Your constitution and by-laws ensure you are operating according to your agreed-upon rules. It is the best environment in which to accomplish your goals and objectives.

If you have any questions or I can help you in any way, feel free to call me at 304-654-7750 or email me at [MBKilgore@frontier.com](mailto:MBKilgore@frontier.com)

Beth Kilgore, Chairman  
Linda Crum, Member  
Dede Kelley, Member

## Children & Youth

Hello To All,

Hope everyone had enjoyable holidays with family and friends.

As winter progresses the temperatures lower and the snow piles rise, remember that not all children have nice warm home and beds. Several units are collecting gently worn coats and donating hats and gloves to local shelters and schools.

I truly hoping this next subject doesn't offend anyone and please understand I'm not being political in any form what so ever. With all that has been going in Washington, DC and around the country I honestly think that there could be more children in our communities that need our help. Children that maybe we haven't thought of before. Families that might be having a little trouble putting meals on the table. Local foodbanks are always looking for help and donations. This issue may affect our children for months and months. Also many West Virginia county school systems participant in the "Backpack Program".

I want to remind everyone that April is Children and Youth month. Now is the time to plan your special events; such as "Purple Up" or do the "Military Child's Table" event. Anything that falls in with your Children and Youth Program.

Hope to see everyone at Midwinter. Stay warm.

For God and Country,  
Debbie Fox -Children & Youth Chairman

## Education

Earlier this month, National Education Chairman Lisa Williamson sent to me samples of AL/ALA branded service-learning materials that Units can distribute to teachers, parents and students. They are in comic book style and are available from the Legion's Emblem Sales: "Bridging the Gap—How to Prevent and Stop Bullying", "I Pledge Allegiance" and "Our Country's Veterans". (75 cents each or special pricing for packs of 100.)

Another booklet available is "Let's Be Right on Flag Etiquette" and a Flag Education DVD, a 20 minute video and learning activities along with a teacher's guide.

My thanks to the following who sent me a mid-year report: Susan Brown, Moundsville 3; Dawn Lutes, Parkersburg 15; Mary Waybright, Huntington 16; Linda Crumm, Benwood 46; Nicole Shepherd, Berkeley Springs 60; Shirley Davis, Ceredo-Kenova 93; and Holly Adams, Chester 121. I was able to send in a great report for West Virginia; in turn, that made Central Division 100% reporting for our Education Program. **LOOKING AHEAD:** Scholarships are due to Units by March 1 and to Department Chairman by March 15. Check with your schools and remind them of the deadlines. Review the Plans of Action. Deadline for year-end reports--April 30.

Dianne McClung  
Department Education Chairman



## Junior Activities

Hi Ladies!

Here's hoping everyone had a wonderful Christmas holiday. Now let's look forward to making 2019 a great year with lots of love and kindness.

I hope you are making plans to bring your Juniors to Mid-Winter at Lakeview Resort in Morgantown, February 8-9. I know I am looking forward to seeing them. We have many fun and productive things planned that I believe they will enjoy. They will be helping Debbie Fox, Department Children and Youth Chairman, with the Military Child's Ceremony.

We are having a "**box lunch with lots of choices**". Also, for those of you that love that indoor pool, **bring your bathing suits**.

Don't forget about our "We Care" project. There is always someone who needs to feel special. Dinner/snacks/candy/cookies etc. along with a hug and smile will definitely brighten their day.

I only have 2 Unit Junior Activities chairmen on my list. I would love to hear from more. If you are/have a Junior chairman, PLEASE let me know. The more we work together, the better and more informed these girls will be.

Reminders: Sign those girls up as Junior members. We need the members! And...have those girls make **poppy posters** to enter in the Poppy Poster Contest. They will enjoy making them. When they're finished be sure to pack them to bring with you! Please email or call me with the number of Juniors that you are bringing.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in Morgantown!

Juniors are Such a Joy!  
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## 100 Years of Celebration 1919-2019



### ALA entities can use the ALA 100th anniversary logo for apparel, etc.

Celebrate the American Legion Auxiliary's centennial this year dressed in clothing that features the ALA 100th anniversary logo.

You can also showcase the ALA's big birthday on shirts, banners, posters, and more! ALA units, districts, and departments can create customized and branded apparel, products, and other items with this logo in preparation for our landmark year. Emblem usage approval is required and is the same as filing to use the ALA emblem and ALA Girls State logos. Simply fill out the ALA Emblem Use Approval Request form.

Check out the centennial items currently available from Emblem Sales at <https://emblem.legion.org/Auxiliary/departments/35/>

Beth Kilgore  
Committee Member

## National Security

I have moved and my new address is 7 Parsons St., Huntington, WV 25705-3811. I will have a new phone number but in the meantime contact my cell number at (304) 638-7665.

I was given an inexpensive way for your unit to help military families overseas by collecting and sending coupons for these families to use in their commissary. The best way to get the coupons to them is send to: Support Our Troops, P. O. Box 78, Daytona Beach, Florida 32115-0070 and they will mail for you. The Central Division National Security Chairman suggests you check their website before you mail to see if there are any special instructions. It might not be a bad idea to send a small stipend to cover cost of mailing.

I want to thank those four units that sent me a mid-year report. Hoped for a little more info but will send what I got. Until next month  
Mary Waybright

## Legislative

Greetings Ladies,

Thanks to those of you that submitted mid-year reports. I was able to combine and report to the ALA Central Division Chair!

An important job for us is to encourage all members to understand the Legislative process and how we, the members of the American Legion Auxiliary can advocate for veterans and active military by using the agenda set forth by The American Legion.

In addition to Federal Legislation, it is also time to pay attention to the West Virginia Legislative session, January 9-March 9 2019. This is the perfect time to introduce yourself to new members, and to reconnect with your incumbent members on any issues concerning veterans and/or active duty military. You can log on to [www.wvlegislature.gov](http://www.wvlegislature.gov) to know what's happening in Charleston.

Continue to stay informed of the Legions Legislative Updates and the digital version of the Dispatch at [www.legion.org/dispatch](http://www.legion.org/dispatch). The best way to receive notification is by signing up for TAL Legislative Action Alerts at [www.legion.org/takeaction](http://www.legion.org/takeaction)

Always remember, Our voices do make a difference...let's all **Become an advocate for our Veterans...Stay Connected by logging-on and logging-in.**

Susan Yoho  
Chairman

## Public Relations

Well ladies, we have reached the half way point in the year.

I want to thank everyone who sent me in mid-year reports. It was nice to see what everyone has done so far for the year and we have been busy. There were many different events that we used to get the word out about what the American Legion Auxiliary does.

Keep up the hard work and continue spreading the word about what we do. Continue to log and track what you are doing in how we inform the public of our programs and events.

Stephanie Handley  
Public Relations Chairman

## Past President's Parley

Calling all Past Department Presidents, please send me a little information about your year. I am looking for the years you served as Department President, your theme, special project, colors, and flowers, etc. I am also wanting some information from your year you might like to share or not want forgotten, something you might want others to remember you for, or if something was done for the first time your year. Also if possible a picture of your pin and the picture of you, you used your year.

Anyone who can provide that same kind of information on a Past Department President who is deceased or ill and can not provide for their selves. I will need to reach out more in this area I'm sure.

You can email it, mail it, or hand it to me at Midwinter. Please have to me by February 11th.

I am starting to think a little about the luncheon at Department Convention. I am open to ideas that Past Department Presidents may have and to those who are not a Past Department President as to what you might want to hear or see from our Past Department Presidents. Remember we do not have a lot of time.

Lisa Cadwallader  
[Lisac.ala71@gmail.com](mailto:Lisac.ala71@gmail.com)  
304-707-1121

## Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Good day Auxiliary Members.

I hope everyone is enjoying the nice Winter we are having. I do not like the cold and snow, give me the summer time.

Remember on February 8 and 9 is Midwinter and what goes on at this time COMFORT ITEM DRIVE. I hope all Units are thinking ahead to what they are bringing. Those that have a local Hospital check to see what they need and you can take it directly to them. Just remember to bring a Comfort Item form that was in last months Spirit with you so you can get credit for them.

Please let me know who is going to take items back to the hospital and nursing homes for you. Lets make it a good year, bring in lots of items for our Veterans. The Comfort Room will be open at 8:00 on Friday.

If you need my help, you can call me at 304-592-0247 or e-mail me at [carlajwilfong@yahoo.com](mailto:carlajwilfong@yahoo.com)  
God Bless our Veterans  
Carla Wilfong  
VA&R Chairman



## December Ways and Means Winners

**Congratulations to the December 2018 winners!**

**There are plenty of 2019 tickets still available in the Dept. Headquarters.**

**If your unit hasn't received any or anyone wishes to purchase for themselves, contact this office. I will also have tickets at Midwinter.**

**The tickets are WV only fundraiser and 75% goes to our VETERANS programs.**

**Remember: Check the stubs and make sure everything is filled out, including zip codes.**

**Thank you in advance.  
Paulette Anderson**



Name	Number	City	State	Date	Amount
	990			12/1/2018	
	435			12/3/2018	
	741			12/4/2018	
Savanna Kauffman	250	Martinsburg	WV	12/5/2018	\$25.00
	379			12/6/2018	
Bonnie Wilcox	866	Romney	WV	12/7/2018	\$25.00
	501			12/8/2018	
Sandra Riggelman	569	Moorefield	WV	12/10/2018	\$25.00
Rich Crumm	604	Moundsville	WV	12/11/2018	\$25.00
	176			12/12/2018	
	469			12/13/2018	
Ashlee Weatherman	414	Statesville	NC	12/14/2018	\$25.00
Charles McAllister	539	Wellsburg	WV	12/15/2018	\$25.00
Roger Michael	342	Berkeley Springs	WV	12/17/2018	\$25.00
Mary Ann Myers	118	Glen Dale	WV	12/18/2018	\$25.00
	282			12/19/2018	
Jamie Pratt	819	Augusta	WV	12/20/2018	\$25.00
Merri Roush	261	New Haven	WV	12/21/2018	\$25.00
	534			12/22/2018	
Brenda McLanahan	910	Romney	WV	12/24/2018	\$25.00
	069			12/25/2018	
	396			12/26/2018	
Carl Mielke Jr	243	Mt. Airy	MD	12/27/2018	\$25.00
Savanna Kauffman	250	Martinsburg	WV	12/28/2018	\$25.00
Jessica Ludwick	105	Augusta	WV	12/29/2018	\$25.00
Judy Chapman	998	Thorpe	WV	12/31/2018	\$25.00

# Enhancing and Strengthening Our Membership Through Teamwork, Good Communication, and Our Mission

*Target #5—January 15th—60%*  
*Department Goal—9966 Membership to Date—4257 ( 42.72 %)*  
*Department Unit Goal—86 Membership to Date—65*

District 1			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	26	16	61.54%
Moundsville #3	428	181	42.30%
McMechen #5	73	30	41.10%
Weirton #10	112	40	35.71%
Cameron #18	262	112	42.75%
New Martinsville #28	217	117	53.92%
Wellsburg #34	48	15	31.25%
Follansbee #45	65	32	49.23%
Benwood #46	131	52	39.69%
Pine Grove #81	112	49	44.00%
Paden City #86	178	80	44.94%
Wheeling #89	39	14	35.90%
Newell #114	57	19	33.33%
Hundred #120	115	42	36.52%
Chester #121	269	103	38.29%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2132</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>42.31%</b>



*Special Teams  
Coach  
Goal—4915  
To Date—2115  
43.03 %*

*Membership  
Chairman  
Special Teams  
Coach*



*Special Teams  
Coach  
Goal—4965  
To Date—2077  
41.83 %*



District 3			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	83	36	43.37%
Grafton #12	32	1	3.13%
Clarksburg #13	230	63	27.39%
Elkins #29	253	124	49.01%
Shinnston #31	412	224	54.37%
Braxton County #33	48	24	50.00%
Philippi #44	41	10	24.39%
Bridgeport #68	93	47	50.54%
Belington #96	43	16	37.21%
Pickens #122	41	17	41.46%
Jane Lew #166	65	31	47.69%
Morgantown #174	30	13	43.33%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1371</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>44.20%</b>

District 5			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Huntington #16	347	130	37.46%
Logan #19	30	8	26.67%
St. Albans #73	65	28	43.08%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	489	197	40.29%
South Charleston #94	26	8	30.77%
Hamlin #111	99	36	36.36%
Milton #139	113	57	50.44%
Barboursville #177	243	96	39.51%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1412</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>39.66%</b>

District 10			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	151	79	52.32%
Franklin #30	19	15	78.95%
Piedmont #52	72	13	18.06%
Berkeley Springs #60	338	144	42.60%
Moorefield #64	136	76	55.88%
Charles Town #71	326	144	44.17%
Petersburg #78	126	45	35.71%
Romney #91	353	177	50.14%
Charles Town #102	45	27	60.00%
Paw Paw #128	68	22	32.35%
Kirby #134	71	33	46.48%
Ridgeley #136	136	61	44.85%
Capon Bridge #137	214	77	35.98%
Keyser #152	77	36	46.75%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2132</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>44.51%</b>

District 4			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	1080	464	42.96%
Spencer #21	98	31	31.63%
Pt. Pleasant #23	484	173	35.74%
Tyler County #48	33	28	84.85%
Sistersville #67	106	60	56.60%
New Haven #140	220	93	42.27%
Williamstown #159	215	84	39.07%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2236</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>41.73%</b>

District 6			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Welch #8	100	49	49.00%
Bluefield #9	28	22	78.57%
Beckley #32	98	32	32.65%
Gary #38	159	62	38.99%
Cowen #62	62	22	35.48%
Lewisburg #69	100	33	33.00%
Richwood #97	50	22	44.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>40.54%</b>

# February 2019

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	<i>Programs of Month Americanism Chapel-4-Chaplains</i>					
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <i>Office Closed Leave for Midwinter</i>	<b>8</b> <i>Midwinter Conference</i>	<b>9</b>
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<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>12</b> <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> <b>HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY</b> </div>	<b>15</b> <i>Target #6 70%</i>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <i>Presidents Day Washington's B-Day Office Closed</i>	<b>19</b> <i>Articles Due for Spirit</i>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <i>Spirit Out VA Checks</i>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>		



Mid-Winter Conference  
Junior Agenda

8:00-8:30	Registration	Chestnut Room 1
8:30	Opening session with Auxiliary	Ball Room 1-2
	Tentative with no specific times...	Chestnut Room 1
	“Who Am I” Making crafts “History of the Poppy” Signing cards Hand out cards	
	Helping with Comfort Items	Ballroom 3
12:00	<b>Box Lunch</b>	
1:00	Finish crafts	
2:00	Adjournment	

I know that some of you like the indoor pool, don't forget your bathing suits!!



**2019 DEPARTMENT MID-WINTER CONFERENCE  
RESERVATION FORM**

February 8-9, 2019  
Lakeview Resort  
One Lakeview Drive  
Morgantown, West Virginia 26508

**\$79.00** per night room rate (plus 12% tax)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ AM PM Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

Room Type: (circle one)    Doubles    King (Additional charge of \$10 for a King)

Non-Smoking Facility \_\_\_\_\_

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

\*Members with wheelchair disabilities will receive first priority.

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

Enclosed, please find one night's room deposit of **\$79.00** (plus 12% tax) = \$88.48 per night

(circle one)

check                      cash                      credit card  
# \_\_\_\_\_                      credit card # \_\_\_\_\_  
type \_\_\_\_\_  
expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Mail to:    Lakeview Resort  
              ATTN: Kim Lapana  
              One Lakeview Drive  
              Morgantown, West Virginia 26508**

**Cancellation, at least 48 hours in advance**

**This form must be mailed to reserve a room at Lakeview  
Resort. (No phone calls for rooms will be accepted.)**

**PLEASE PRE-REGISTER EARLY- THANKS!**

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

YOU ARE INVITED  
TO THE 38<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 8-9, 2019

LAKEVIEW RESORT  
MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA

ADVANCED REGISTRATION - \$20.00  
AT DOOR REGISTRATION - \$25.00

RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

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I AM SENDING \$ \_\_\_\_\_ FOR \_\_\_\_\_ ADVANCED REGISTRATION(S).  
**PLEASE ATTACH A LIST OF INDIVIDUALS FOR WHICH YOU PAYING.**  
SPELL NAME AS IT IS TO APPEAR ON NAME BADGE DURING CONFERENCE

NAME (S) \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

POST/UNIT/SAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL TO: THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA  
PO BOX 3191  
CHARLESTON WV 25332

**DEADLINE DATE: JANUARY 31, 2019**

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38th Annual Mid-Winter Conference  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Conference Program  
Lakeview Resorts, Morgantown WV

**Friday, February 8, 2019**

8:00 am	Comfort Items Open	Ballroom 3
12:00- 7 pm	Registration	Main Foyer
2:00-2:30pm	Policy & Procedures	Ballroom 1 & 2
3:00-4:00pm	Girls State Executive Board Meeting	Ballroom 1 & 2
4:15-4:45pm	Centennial Strategic Planning Committee Meeting	Ballroom 1 & 2
	Back to Basics Meeting	Ballroom 1 & 2
6:00-6:45pm	Membership Team	Ballroom 1 & 2
7:00-9:00pm	Opening Joint Session	Ballrooms 4-5-6

**Saturday, February 9, 2019**

8:00am -12:00 pm	Registration	Main Foyer
8:00am -2:00 pm	Silent Auction	Main Foyer
8:30am	Opening Session	Chestnut Room
	Call to Order	Rhonda Best, President
	Prayer	Kelli Immel, Chaplain
	Moment of Silence	
	Pledge of Allegiance	Tammy Workman, Americanism Chairman
	National Anthem	Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Music Chairman
	Preamble of Constitution	Beth Kilgore, Constitution & Bylaws Chairman
	Mission Statement	Rosemary Thomas Leadership Chairman
8:40am	Welcome	Rhonda Best, President
8:45am	Chapel-4-Chaplains	Kelli Immel Chaplain
9:00 am	Juniors Session	Chestnut Room 1
9:00am	Military Child Table	Debbie Fox, Children & Youth Chairman
9:30am	Membership (Introductions and Certificates)	Susan Wade, Membership Chairman
10:00am	Committee Chairmen (Reports/Year End Reporting)	Department Committee Chairmen
10:30am	Girls State	Michelle Sirbaugh, Director
10:45am		2018 Rhododendron Girls State Governor Nataya Bartlett Wheeling WV
11:00am	Family Feud Game	Membership Team
11:30am	Headquarters (Forms & Information)	Paulette Anderson, Secretary
11:45am	Membership Luncheon	Hotel Restaurant
		Susan Wade and Membership Team "WVU & Marshall Huddle Up"

1:00pm	Reconvene	
	Centennial Strategic Planning Committee	
1:30pm	Complaint Free World (Will Bowen)	Dr. Rosemary Thomas, Leadership
	Our Mission Statement and What It Means To Us	Dr. Rosemary Thomas, Leadership

***Silent Auction Closes at 2:00 pm***

***Please pick up your items and pay for them right after Adjournment***

2:45pm	Poppy Poster & Poppy Arrangements	Nancy Sundstrom, Poppy Chairman
	Comfort Items Report	Carla Wilfong, V A & R Chairman
	Silent Auction Raffle Basket Drawing	Roxie Nicholson
	Ways and Means Report	Paulette Anderson, Treasurer
3:00pm	Updates & Announcements	Paulette Anderson, Secretary
	Adjournment	
4:00pm	Post Everlasting	Ballroom 4-5-6
6:00pm	Commander's and President's Reception	Ballroom 4-5-6

*2019 Midwinter "Huddle Up" Membership Luncheon*

*Saturday February 9, 2019*

*Lakeview Resort Morgantown*

*"Hot Sandwich Buffet"*

*MENU*

*Soup du jour*

*Homemade Pasta Salad*

*Choices of Sandwiches Include:*

*Grilled Chicken Breast, Traditional New York Style Reuben*

*Lakeview's Signature Crab Cakes*

*Seasoned French Fries*

*Condiment Display*

*Coffee, Tea, Water*

*Price \$23.00 each person*

*Advance Registration with Payment Needed by January 31, 2019*

***NO DEVIATION Attendance Need To Be at Least 40***

*List of Names Attending:*

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*Since This Is a Buffet You Don't Have to List Allergies*

*Send Form and Payment to: ALA Dept. Treasurer  
1251 Doolin Run Road  
New Martinsville WV 26155*



# ***SILENT AUCTION***

***SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2019***

***MIDWINTER CONFERENCE***

***LAKEVIEW RESORTS MORGANTOWN WV***

***Roxie Nicholson and Susan Brown will be Handling the Silent Auction***

***ITEMS May BE SPECIAL BASKETS—***

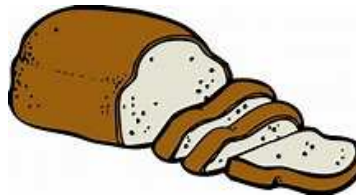
***VALENTINES, ST. PATRICK DAY, FOOTBALL, MOVIE THEME, ETC.***

***WREATHS, FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS, QUILTS,***

***GIFT CARDS, BAKED GOODS, AFGHANS***

***BRING ON SATURDAY BY 8:00AM***

***IF WRAPPED, INCLUDE LISTING OF WHAT IS INSIDE***



***A SPECIAL THEME BASKET WILL BE RAFFLED OFF AT THIS AUCTION***

***ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE DEPARTMENT WELFARE FUND***

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

**Comfort Item Drive**

UNIT/POST/SQUADRON # \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

PERSON IN CHARGE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ITEMS DONATED \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

VALUE OF DONATION \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*\* turn this form in with your donation or tape to your box  
(s) of donations. Make sure your name is on box so can be  
given credit of donation.**

THANK YOU,

*Carla Wilfong*

Department VA & R Chairman

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## West Virginia Veterans Home Donation List

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While we always appreciate ALL donations, there are some things our Veterans need more than others...

If you have questions, please call 304-736-1027.

### For the Recreation Dept.

Cash/Check Donations  
TTA Bus Tickets (\$5 increments)  
Tickets to Sporting Events  
NFL/NASCAR/Baseball Items  
Gift Cards (ex. Wal-Mart)  
International Phone Cards  
Movie Passes  
Camping & Fishing Equipment  
Sporting & Exercise Equipment  
Archery Arrows & Pool Cues  
Remote control cars & planes  
Bookshelves  
Oil/ Acrylic Paints & Brushes  
Hand Tools & Craft Supplies  
Darts and Dart Supplies  
Small Folding Tables  
Digital Picture Frames  
DVD Players  
Metal Detectors  
Movies & Music  
Surge Protectors  
Individually Wrapped Snacks  
Individual Microwave Popcorn  
Individual Hot Chocolate  
Coffee, Creamer, & Tea Bags  
Garden Items (Pots & Plants)  
Holiday Decorations  
Shuffle Board Table  
Magazine Subscriptions  
Bottled water & Gatorade  
Pin Ball Table  
Snack, crackers, chips  
Chocolates

### For the Veterans

Washers  
Dryers  
Chocolates - individual  
Cologne  
Bandoliers  
Bar Soap Cases  
Hand Sanitizer  
Shoelaces  
Hats, Gloves, & Jackets  
Liquid Fabric softener  
Hand & Body Lotion  
Sewing & Eyeglass Repair Kits  
Wallets & Watches  
Batteries (AA, AAA, c, & d)  
Triple and Quad Blade Razors  
Dryer Sheets  
Denture Adhesive/cleaner  
Radios/ CD Players  
TVSets(flatscreen)& DVD Players  
Clock Radios/ Alarm Clocks  
Bedside Lamps  
Laundry Bags  
Men's Pocket T-Shirts, esp. XXL/  
XXXL sizes - *6X as well*  
Diabetic Socks  
Men's Underwear, Pajamas  
Sweat Pants & Shirts  
Plants (indoor)  
Pillows & Twin Sheets WHITE  
Musical Instruments  
Guitar Strings & Music  
Coffee Mugs  
Keychains  
Cards & Board Games  
Shower/Pool Shoes

We are seeking sponsors for future field trips.

Revised on October 10, 2018

## **Martinsburg VA Medical Center Donation Listing**

Triple Blade Razors	Chap Stick
Shaving Cream	Postage Stamps
Shampoo for Sensitive Skin	Tampons
Conditioner for Sensitive Skin	Adult Coloring Books & Pencil Sharpeners
Deodorant	Notebooks or Journals
Jogging Pants	Gas Cards
Liquid Bath Soap	NO HAND SANITIZER
Socks—Men	Lotion—Bottle
Underwear—Men	
T-Shirts—Men	
Hair Brushes— Men and Women	
Combs— Men and Women	

## **Clarksburg VA Medical Center Donation Listing**

Sweatshirts All Sizes  
Sweatpants All Sizes  
T-Shirts Medium—2XX  
Underwear Medium-2XX  
Body Wash  
Stick Deodorant for Men  
Dish Liquid  
Laundry Detergent Pods Only **No Hand Sanitizer**

## **Hershel “Woody” Williams VA Center Listing**

In addition to list please add: Travel Size Shaving Cream, Deodorant, tooth past and tooth brushes (kits)  
**(Not Motel Size)**