



# The Auxiliary Spirit



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American Legion Auxiliary  
2018-2019  
Department President  
Rhonda Best

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



Hello Ladies,

It has been so good to see a lot of you during my District Conferences Visits and Legion Birthday Celebrations this past month. Everyone was very sweet, caring and generous to me as well as My Special Project, The Honor Flight Program. Thank You to all.

Ladies- be sure to get your Unit Total Participation in to Department. I want to show a complete picture of what has been accomplished throughout our beautiful state of WV.

**REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS ATTENDING SUMMER CONVENTION-** Please remember to bring your sun visors. The Membership Team will be having a little fun with you and your sun visors during our meeting. I hope to see many of our members in attendance.

Also, continue to work your Membership through Membership Drives, Events, and Rejoins. Your increased numbers will still count and make a difference for our Organization. Include this year’s Theme “Mending Fences While Building New Bridges” when planning and discussing Membership ideas.

Throughout the remainder of this year continue to work Our Mission Statement and remember what this Organization truly means to you personally.

Until next month Be Safe and God Bless

Thank you,  
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:** are Bonding (\$5.00), Education (Scholarship), Girls State Project, Veterans' 1st Fund, (any amount your unit can afford) and Poppy Order, 10% of Poppy Proceeds. They are due **30 days** before convention to be eligible for unit voting.

If you would like to receive the Spirit by email, please let me know so I can put you on the email listing. If you want Mail Call by email, I will need that also. You can have both, but if you want just one or other, let me know.

**Past Presidents' luncheon will be in the June Spirit due to the renovation of the old Pullman Plaza.**

2019 Convention Committees will be listed in June Spirit.

Credentials will be sent out **May 31st** to all units. Make sure your mandatory funds are paid 30 days before convention (**June 12th**) Credentials will be **emailed** to Units with email contacts, or **mailed** to units with no email. If you don't receive your credentials by email 1st of June, let me know. Please don't wait until the last minute to let me know.

Department President Rhonda and I are working on units getting your poppies. Please be patient and I will email you when we have more information.

**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***  
***\*\*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***

**4th District Joint Conference**  
***Pt. Pleasant Post #23***  
***April 20th 9:00 Registration***

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

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***2019-2020 Candidates for***  
***Department Officers***  
***President—Sharon Kauffman Unit #14***  
***1st Vice—Cathy Post Unit #48***  
***2nd Vice—Savanna Kauffman Unit #14***  
***Kelli Immel, Unit #71***  
***Sec./Treas.—Paulette Anderson Unit #28***  
***Chaplain—***  
***Historian—***

***Candidates for District Officers***  
***1st Dist. Pres.—Holly Adams, #121***  
***1st Dist. Vice—Stephanie Handley, #121***  
***3rd Dist. Pres.—Carla Wilfong, #31***  
***3rd Dist. Vice—Roxie Nicholson, #31***  
***4th Dist. Pres.—***  
***4th Dist. Vice—***  
***5th Dist. Pres.—Beth Kilgore, #16***  
***5th Dist. Vice—Jo Ann Hastings, #16***  
***6th Dist. Pres.—***  
***6th Dist. Vice—***  
***10th Dist. Pres.—Debbie Michael, #60***  
***10th Dist. Vice—Bonnie Wilcox, #91***

**Membership Chairman**

I hope all of you are enjoying this beautiful weather. This is a great time to get out and work Membership!! While you are out and about, I'm sure you will run into past members!! When they say "Hi, how are you doing?" you can always say "I have been busy working for our Veterans and programs for the American Legion Auxiliary. We sure do miss seeing you and would love to have you back as a member."

I want to Congratulate Tyler Co. Unit 48 for being the 1st Unit to reach Goal!! Great Job Ladies!!! I also want to Congratulate Wheeling Unit #1 for reaching Target #8 (90%) at 96.15%!! Great job ladies!!

We have a few Units that are close. Please do not give up hope that your Unit can't bring up your numbers!!! We have to Work Together to Enhance our Membership!!

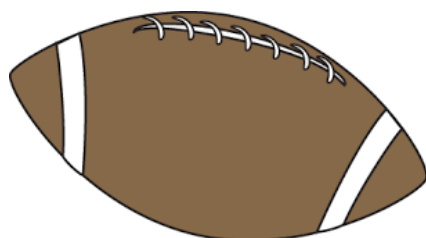
The Herd has taken the lead over the Eers by 53.63% to 52.06%. Lets get those numbers up!!

I can not stress enough that we need to Remember to be Kind to one another. A little kindness goes a long way.

Please Do Not Forget to bring your decorated visors to Department Convention!!! You need to bring them on Friday at the morning session! Thank You!!!

I hope you all have a Blessed Easter!!

God Bless You All!  
Susan Wade  
Membership Chairman



**Department 1st Vice President**

Hello Herd

First I would like to thank Petersburg for having us. They did a great job. Debbie Michael, you did a great job.

It was great seeing the ladies from Franklin Unit #30 at the 10th District Conference.

Everyone please keep up the good job. We are ahead of WVU but not by much. So try the phone calls, send a card, or go visit so we can get members back. This really works. Please make sure to contact you District Vices so they can get their report to the Dept. Vices. We need to give our reports to the membership chairman.

Thank you for all you do for our members and our Veterans.

Go Herd  
Sharon Kauffman  
Dept. 1st Vice  
304-582-2973  
For God and Country



**Department 2nd Vice President**

Hello Ladies,

As we Spring into better weather, it's time to think about Memorial Day. I know my unit will be helping flag our heroes' graves with the post and preparing for our services.

Most of the conferences are over, don't forget to decorate your visors for convention...make em' purdy girls!!!

Congratulations to Unit 48 for making Goal. Wheeling Unit 1 is not far behind. Time to give membership another big push. As we get closer to the end of our year, my tip this month is: Give NEW members a little cost break on dues! I just got a new member and all she is paying is what we send forward \$19.00. They will thank you when dues come out again after convention.

Speaking of convention.....got your room yet????

If you are looking for Memorial Day services to attend, I welcome you to Middlebourne as we honor our seven men KIA in Vietnam. Gold Star mother and President of West Virginia Gold Star Mothers, Shirley White will be one of our guest speaker; with the likely possibility of POW Pvt. Jessica Lynch. Service start at 1:00pm.

Until next month, Thank a veteran every chance you get.

In the spirit of service not self,  
Cathy D. Post  
2nd Vice President.



### *3rd District Vice President*

I hope everyone has had a nice Easter, had fun with the kids, and enjoyed a nice meal.

Membership is slow in our District. Please do not hold any renewal or new membership. We have Morgantown Unit 174 that needs only 5 more members to make goal. I know this Unit can get these 5 members. If anyone has a little one that is eligible sign them up. This can be done at birth.

All Units in our District we need to work a little harder to get these members. If you need my help, please contact [carlajwilfong@yahoo.com](mailto:carlajwilfong@yahoo.com).

God Bless American and our Veterans  
Carla Wilfong

### *6th District President*

Hi Everyone,

Hope this find each and everyone in good health and good spirit. Looks like we are going to have nice weather for the next few day.

I want to invite each and everyone to 6th District spring meeting which will be hosted by Beckley Unit 32, 1708 S. Kanawha Street, Beckley, WV. This meeting will be Saturday, April 27, 2019 Registration is from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. The cost of the luncheon is \$10.00 per person and registration is \$1.00. Luncheon and registration will be paid at the door.

Guess everyone is working on Girl State at this time as you know price is \$250.00 per girl. I think all units could work on membership a little more, I think we are all behind in membership.

I put an article from Bluefield Unit 9, and did not get to Paulette to put in the Spirit so sorry Bluefield.

This is going to be a short message this time, but did want to let everyone know about our District meeting.

Lets all say a prayer for all our soldiers now and in the past.

So until next time God Bless each and everyone.

Peggy Swartz, President  
6th District

### *4th District Vice President*

Greetings to Members of the 4th District, CONGRATULATIONS to Tyler County Unit #48 for being the First Goal Unit in the Department to reach 100% in Membership! You make District 4 Proud!

The 4th District Spring Conference was held on April 20, 2019. Attendance was down due to the Easter Holiday Celebrations Posts and Auxiliaries previously scheduled.

The April 15th Target goal was 90%. District 4 was at 51.57% in membership. Ladies we have a long way to go so we need to roll up our sleeves, get out those membership rosters and get busy! We hope Tyler County #48 has set the example for Units all over the Department of West Virginia. We can do it!!

District 4 statistics are currently reported as Sistersville #67 with 74.53%; Williamstown #159 is at 55.35%. New Haven #140 is at 55.00%. The race is on for these two Units! Parkersburg #15 is at 49.07%. Following closely behind is Point Pleasant #23 with 47.93%. Spencer #21 is at 39.80%.

Auxiliary Units work hard on programs, projects and fundraising. We appreciate your efforts. If you have elderly auxiliary members, please consider paying their dues. Paying dues for friends and family is just one way we can show our appreciation for loyalty and love for their service to our Veterans.

Auxiliary Membership Chairmen, please don't hold dues. Process them as soon as possible.

Remember: Carry ALA Membership applications with you. Invite potential members to join our great organization. "Enhancing and Strengthening Our Membership Through Teamwork, Good Communication, and our Mission" keeps our organization strong. Let's all work to recruit, retain and reinstate members.

Patsy Young-Greiner  
4th District Vice President  
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### *10th District Vice President*

Hello Ladies,

It was so wonderful seeing you at our 10th District Spring Conference. Thank you to Petersburg 78 for hosting. A special thanks to President Wreatha and her ladies for the warm hospitality and delicious meal. Also, thank you to Dawn for an amazing job as Sgt.-at-Arms.

We were blessed to have so many Department Officers with us. Thank you to President Rhonda, 1st Vice Sharon, Secretary Paulette, Chaplain Kelli, Historian Savanna and NEC Lisa. Your attendance was appreciated very much. Also, thanks to Past Department Presidents Irene, Nina and Debbie.

Our District Chaplain Melanie did a wonderful job with the Memorial Service. Our District lost 23 members this year.

Election was held. The 10th District officers for 2019-2020 are: President/Debbie Michael #60, Vice President/Bonnie Wilcox #91, Sec./Treasurer/Irene Weber #91, Chaplain/Melanie Delawder #64.

I want to thank you all for my election as District President. I will strive to do the best that I can for you. Just remember, this is your district and it needs your input to help us all learn all we can about the American Legion Auxiliary.

As for membership.....please continue to try to get those renewals and new members.

Please contact me if I can help you.

Debbie Michael  
10th District Vice President  
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### *5th District Vice President*

Hello Ladies

The Fifth District had its District Conference at Hamlin Post #111. I just want to say thanks to all the ladies, the food was great.

We are doing well in membership but we need to work harder. Membership is a hard job but we can bring membership up. We need you to call older members that have left and try to get them back and get new members in. National is Honoring our New Female Veterans again this year. Remember to put **Honor Our Female Veterans** at top of application, so your unit can get credit.

God Bless!  
JoAnn Hastings  
5th District Vice

### 1st District President

Hello Ladies

I would like to thank all those that attended the 1st District Spring Conference held at Paden City on March 30th. It was a great conference and a wonderful job done by Paden City Unit #86.

I would also like to thank everyone for the re-election as District #1 President for the 2019-2020 administration year.

Remember to get your annual reports into Paulette by the 30th so that she can get them distributed to the Department Chairmen. There is a lot we all do for our Veterans and their families; let it be known what a great organization we have.

Hope to see many of you in July at Summer convention in Huntington  
YIPEE!! SPRING IS HERE!!! □

God Bless  
Holly Adams  
1st District President  
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### 4th District President

Greetings Ladies;

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful weather we have been having the past few days. It gives you the energy to get things accomplished.

I am PROUD TO SAY THAT FOURTH DISTRICT HAS THE FIRST GOAL UNIT!! A BIG CONGRATULATIONS GOES OUT TO TYLER COUNTY UNIT #48.

I want every Unit in Fourth District to know how proud of all your hard work you are doing with your Units Membership.

Don't forget to do your end of the year reports they are very important to let Department of West Virginia. Share with National all the good work the Units in West Virginia are doing. So mail your reports to Department Secretary by the end of this month.

Thank You for all that you do and continue to do for Veterans and their families.

Until Next Month  
Nancy Sundstrom  
4th District President

### 5th District President

I would like to thank all who attended the 5<sup>th</sup> District Conference on April 6<sup>th</sup>. I would like to thank all the Department officers in attendance. We were glad you joined us. A special thank you to **Hamlin** for hosting the conference.

Year end reports are due on April 30<sup>th</sup>. I hope every Unit plans on submitting reports for the year end awards. The reports you submit are compiled with those across the country and reported to Congress for support of Veterans programs.

Continue to work on membership and turn it in immediately. Our members are entitled to lots of benefits, but those benefits do not start until their membership is received by Department and National.

Beth Kilgore, President  
5<sup>th</sup> District



### Chaplain

Let us rejoice in his name and the new season. Let's remember our American Legion Family in our daily prayers. Please keep me posted if there is a member of our family that is in need of a card to let me know.

Remember I will be needing prayers for President Rhonda's prayer book.

Also thank you for the end of year reports.

God Bless  
In God & Country  
Kelli A Immel  
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*1 Peter 1:24-25*  
*For, ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF, BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER "*

And this is the word which was preached to you.



### Historian

Hello Ladies,

I would like to thank 1st & 5th Districts for allowing me to be a part of their Conference and Huntington #16 for inviting me to their **100th** Birthday Dinner.

**PLEASE** make sure you get your End of reports in the Due date is April 30th, 2019!

Remember: National Poppy Day is May 24th. An overview of the poppy can be found on [www.alaforveterans.org/poppy](http://www.alaforveterans.org/poppy). If you need to order anything for it go to [www.emblem.legion.org](http://www.emblem.legion.org)

Hope to see several units turn in reports for the history but don't forget to send ALL reports in.

For God & Country  
Savanna Kauffman  
Historian

### Poppy

I know many of you are happy to finally see some warmer weather and Spring flowers, I know I am.

All Unit Poppy Chairman, should have completed or still working on End of the Year Report. If so please don't forget to mail them to our Department Secretary as soon as completed.

Memorial Day is just around the corner get out and share the Poppy Story and pass out Poppies. Let's show support to our Veterans and our active Military Men and Women.

Remember May 25th is **National Poppy Day**. Wear or display a **poppy**!!

**GOD BLESS OUR VETERANS PAST AND PRESENT.**

God Bless All  
Nancy Sundstrom  
Department Poppy Chairman



# May 2019

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	<i>Memorial Day Office Closed</i>				<i>Credentials Out</i>	
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## Constitution & Bylaws

Keep those Constitution & By-Laws coming in. You are doing a fantastic job of revising your Unit and District constitutions.

We have received a few revisions and will be in touch very soon. Keep up the good work.

Beth Kilgore, Chairman  
Dede Kelly, Member  
Linda Crumm, Member

## Junior Activities

Hi Ladies,

I hope you are involving your Juniors in your spring activities. They are wonderful to help with your Poppy Day and also, how about taking them with you when you put flags on the graves for Memorial Day?

If your unit has active Juniors, PLEASE let me know. During this entire year, I have heard from only 3 units in our Department, concerning Juniors. Thank you to Tyler County #48, Martinsburg #14 and Berkeley Springs #60.

Don't forget your narratives for your Junior end of year reports.

If you don't have an active Junior unit, but have Junior members that help, then you have something to report.

Don't know how to report? 1st-Fill out the year-end report form. Answer all that you can. Don't be intimidated. Just fill out what you can. 2nd- Make a list of all the things that your Juniors have done or helped with. Be sure to include what is planned for them do in May and June. 3rd- Now write your story (narrative). Start with a few sentences that turn into paragraphs and then you have your report! I find that it helps to start with last years Department Convention and go monthly from there, ending with the month of June. If you have any questions or need any help, let me know. If I can't help you, I will find someone who can.

Remember to sign up those Juniors. It can boost your total membership! (Something all our units need).

Juniors~Such A Joy!

Junior Activities  
Debbie Michael  
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## Children & Youth

Hello Ladies,

I truly hope everyone is enjoying all this great spring weather. My flower garden needs so much tending; just like our community children. The more they are Nurtured the better the outcome. Just like my flower garden you don't throw the bad ones away, you explore a better place for them to grow; a youth center or a community park that needs refurbished. The money for all of this to happen is here for the asking in Child Welfare Foundation (CWF). Grants are available to nonprofit organizations to assist children. Anyone interested may contact CWF (317) 630-1202 for list of requirements to qualify for a grant.

Now that your unit has completed all the year end reports and sent to the department office doesn't mean that you stop working on our programs. We still have lots of the year left.

I suppose everyone was able to have "Purple-Up" day and participate with the "Military Child's Table" display. Both wonderful events to honor military children but it's not too late. Do these at your next meeting. "Josh Dog" is still at the forefront of our Children & Youth Program. Whether we have a sick child or a child whose parent has been deployed, "Josh" can be of great comfort.

Our national organization still asking for "Youth Hero Award" and "Good Deed Award" candidates. Our children are doing great things everyday, your job is to honor them.

Until till next time enjoy the great weather.

For God and Country,  
Debbie Fox

## Community Service

I hope everyone is doing a few things in their community, like picking up some paper off of the street, planting flowers, Adopting a Highway.

I am sure everything would be appreciated.

Peggy Swartz  
Chairman

## Education

Holly Adams, Kelli Immel and I want to thank the Units who sent in scholarships. They were Benwood 46, Chester 121, Kirby 134, Parkersburg 15, Tyler County 48 and Wheeling 1. There were 4 for the Department Scholarship, 4 for the Children of Warriors and 2 for Spirit of Youth.

I am pleased to announce that the Department Scholarship winner was **Molly Landis of Rio, WV**, submitted by Kirby 134.

The following scholarships were forwarded to the Central Division Education Chairman for national judging--Children of Warriors-- Olivia Ferris--Wheeling 1 and Spirit of Youth-- Deanna Crumm-- Benwood 46.

I was surprised that we did not receive more. Please make plans to contact your schools next fall and encourage them to have their students submit applications. Judging is not easy but it would be great if more students had the opportunity to apply.

May 6-10 is Teachers Appreciation Week. Reach out to your teachers by showing your appreciation, volunteering, etc. Suggested gifts shared by a member of the National Education Committee: homemade gifts, small plants in decorated pots; certificates for practical gifts (like car washes, groceries, dry cleaning) or gift cards for coffee treats, restaurants, movie theater passes; classroom supplies.

Dianne McClung  
Education Chairman

## Americanism



Congratulations to the Department winner of the Americanism Essay Contest!

Levi Hott, Class III (7th and 8th Grade,) from Berkeley Springs WV. He attends Warm Spring Middle School.

His essay will be forwarded to Central Division Americanism Chairman. Levi will also receive a plaque from the Department.

Great job Levi!!

**100 Years of Celebration  
1919-2019**



Reminder, I will need a report from Units so, I can report to National. There is no report form, just a typed or hand written report saying what your Unit is working on and planning for our 100 year anniversary You may sent it to headquarters or directly to me but please title it 100 Year Anniversary. And if you have not started planning something, now is the time to start.

Thank You for all you do!!  
Lisa Cadwallader  
[LisaC.ala71@gmail.com](mailto:LisaC.ala71@gmail.com)

**Past President's Parley**

Attached here in the Spirit or in the email with the Spirit please find the Salute to Servicewoman Award form. It details what is required to submit, who to submit to and the due date of June 1, 2019. With the National President's focus on female veterans this year, they are really hoping to have many submitted this year.

Now is the time to submit those special members who go above and beyond for Unit Member of the year. I hope to see many submitted this year.

Reminder to all Past Department Presidents, I am still in need of your information from your year.

Remember those members stepping up want involvement, they want to help, give them a chance. Hopefully, this organization and the wonderful things we do continues long after we are gone. Try to engage new members in activities.

Lisa Cadwallader  
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**Strategic Planning Committee**

**Develop Leadership at all levels... this is more than just Goal 3 is our strategic planning document... it is our future.**

Ladies, as spring is blooming all around us, as we prepare for Girls State, as students prepare to graduate from high school and college... let's take time to focus on developing leaders in all kinds of ways. Plan graduation parties, hand out certificates of achievement to the young people we have impacted along their educational journey. Engage them and let them know they matter. Someday they will remember it.

I hear it said quite often that "nobody wants to help" with certain projects or programs. Did you ask them? No, I don't mean did you ask for volunteers or pass around a sign up sheet. Did YOU walk over to the lady in the third row with the pretty pin on her sweater, ask her how she was today, mention that pin and find out if there was a story behind it, and ask her to help you with whatever project you were trying to get done for the veterans home?

We need to engage people - not sit back and lament their unwillingness to sign a piece of paper claiming they will bake a cake on a certain date. Been there done that... forgot to bake the cake... how about you?

Leadership is about discovering and bringing out the best in others. If we lead with honesty and integrity - those are the kind of leaders we will develop. It is about building relationships of trust, mutual respect and faith.

We have much to do as an organization and we have members who have great respect for our mission. Let us build leaders by sharing what it is that needs to be done and intentionally asking for their help in making that happen. Remember... General Patton reminded us that as leaders we don't have to tell people how to do things but instead we need to tell them what needs to be done and allow them to grow by doing it their way. This will help us develop leaders at all levels.

*"Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity" George S. Patton*

Rosemary Thomas  
Leadership

**Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation**

It is that time of the year when all the Year End Reports are due. Please be sure to add up all the time for each individual Person and send this with your report.

Check with your local Veterans Hospital or Nursing home to see if they are in need of any items for our Veterans.

Also time is coming up for Memorial Day Celebrations. Visit your local Cemetery and place a flag on graves, but remember this is under Community Service. Hold a hot dog social for the Veterans in your Post, present each one with a Poppy.

There is not much more to say. Remember our Veterans, and please send your reports. If you need my help just call me at 304-592-0247, or e-mail me at [carlajwilfong@yahoo.com](mailto:carlajwilfong@yahoo.com).

God Bless our Veterans and God Bless America

Carla Wilfong  
V A & R Chairman

**Unit Reports to Department Chairman will be mailed out May 1st. If you don't have yours in by then, mail directly to the Chairman or Officer.**

**Department President Rhonda will be selecting her pages for State Convention soon.**

**For Your Information:  
All pages are to wear white blouses and either navy blue skirts or navy blue slacks**



## *CDVNP Visit to West Virginia*

*Department of West Virginia wasn't able to get the National President in this year.*

*Teresa Isness, CDNVP, from Wisconsin will be visiting our Department May 25th through May 27th. She will be attending the Grafton Memorial Services with Department President Rhonda, and our NEC Lisa. She will be staying at the Best Western Inn in Bridgeport WV. This is due to Teresa not being able to attend any other time this year.*

*I know we usually have our National Guests at either Mid-winter or State Convention, but scheduling conflicted with their other visits.*

*If you have any questions please contact Department President Rhonda Best.*

## *National Executive Committeewoman*

To clarify the proposed changes presented last month to National's Standing Rules for their Standing Committees; they are wanting to reduce the number of committee members, because first not always enough to fill each spot, and second there is not always enough work to spread out to each member to do.

There are a few issues in the works between The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary at the National level. First, the Legion was not happy with the Auxiliary pulling out of the DC Conference. So the Auxiliary is rethinking that issue and may call the Department Legislative Chairman in for the DC Conference next year. Second, the Legion doesn't know who to talk to, so during this year's DC Conference Peggy Thomas, Virginia Hobbs, and Linda Boone were to meet with Legion leaders and set up quarterly meetings of staff and directors from both sides.

There was a bylaw change made to the National level bylaws, to add an executive committee of 5, to the NECs, that was approved in a NEC meeting last year, that will resurface. Chris Dickey, the parliamentarian was contacted and after she reviewed all the governing documents, it was decided the vote had to go to the membership body. So it will most likely come to the floor during National Convention. Chris also strongly recommended that governing documents at the National level be reworked. Reason being, it seems one document refers to another but then that document doesn't address the issue, and the back and fourth between the bylaws and standing rules could get us in trouble.

They talked a little about the new Goodwill Ambassador Award, which was due into Departments March 1. Units fill out the form and nominate to departments. Department selects one and sends to their division. Each division sends one to national. These 5 ladies will be awarded at National Convention.

A few highlights under committee reports, AEF has given out twice what has come in this year, It was suggested to use veterans to judge poppy posters, new junior handbook online but emblem sales is still outdated, have a units meals on wheels for veterans who can't get out.

There were a few things National is stressing and have been for a few years now. One is National would like to see all Department having NEC's serving more than a 1 year term. The reason behind this is, they feel the first year a new NEC is just learning and by the time the year is over, they are then replaced with a different person serving as NEC and now that person is going to spend their year in the learning phase. The other I am going to touch on now since units will be holding elections soon, that is to not have the same person serving as the secretary and the treasurer. The reason behind this is IF someone is going to do wrong, it is easier for them to do so holding both positions. There is no checks and balances. I am not saying someone will but National has seen problems and even the CPA they had speak said this is one of the biggest "no no's".

Next month I will have more from the CPA that spoke and does National's books.

If you have questions from last month's or this month's article please feel free to ask.

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## *March Ways and Means Winners*

***Congratulations to the March winners!!  
Still have plenty of fundraiser tickets in office to sell, or send to your unit, as you can see there are not many winners. Please consider purchasing tickets. This is for our Veterans in our state.***

***Paulette  
Susan***



<i>Name</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount</i>
	224			3/1/19	
	469			3/2/19	
Katherine Garcia	956	Bluefield	WV	3/4/19	\$25.00
Miles Epling	013	Pt. Pleasant	WV	3/5/19	\$25.00
Tammy Coffield	168	Moundsville	WV	3/6/19	\$25.00
	404			3/7/19	
Diane Ball	634	Milton	WV	3/8/19	\$25.00
Sharon Kauffman	654	Martinsburg	WV	3/9/19	\$25.00
Melanie Delawder	189	Old Fields	WV	3/11/19	\$25.00
Margaret Woodworth	045	Burlington	WV	3/12/19	\$25.00
	706			3/13/19	\$25.00
	445			3/14/19	
	127			3/15/19	
	866			3/16/19	
	166			3/18/19	
	129			3/19/19	
Debra Lemons	265	Baker	WV	3/20/19	\$200.00
Jo Beth Delawder	326	Old Fields	WV	3/21/19	\$25.00
	888			3/22/19	
	466			3/23/19	
	018			3/25/19	
	535			3/26/19	
Sharon Kauffman	556	Martinsburg	WV	3/27/19	\$25.00
PDP Club	368	Moundsville	WV	3/28/19	\$25.00
	588			3/29/19	
Kaye Flannagan	159	Romney	WV	3/30/19	\$25.00



## **Past Presidents Parley Committee**

### **SALUTE TO SERVICEWOMEN AWARD NOMINATION FORM**

Established in 2003, this award has evolved from honoring women veterans to honoring women who are currently serving our country in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard – including the National Guard and Reserve components of each branch.

One servicewoman from each branch of service will be recognized at the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention. Recipients attend the National Convention as guests of the Auxiliary.

#### **Nomination Criteria:**

A woman currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces (includes National Guard/Reserve).

A written narrative or YouTube video that demonstrates exemplary service both in and out of uniform, making her the face of women in the military.

Servicewoman must be willing to be a guest of the Auxiliary and speak to the general assembly of the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention.

All nomination forms must be submitted by June 1, 2019.

#### **Next Steps:**

The nominating person or the servicewoman writes a narrative (750 words or less) or creates a YouTube video (3 minutes or less) that shows the nominated servicewoman demonstrating exemplary service both in and out of uniform, making her the face of women in the military.

The following form must be completed and submitted by June 1, 2019, to National Chairman Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan. Written narratives should be attached. YouTube video links should be pasted in the box provided on the following form.

#### **YouTube Video Checklist**

If you choose to submit a video, please be sure to check that your video:

- does not contain any copyrighted music, video, images or text (not legally owned)
- is not set to "private;" your video must be public.
- is under 2GB in size
- is in .AVI, .MOV, .WMV, or .MPG file formats
- is 3 minutes or less in length

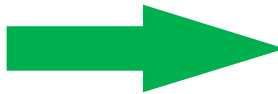
<p>Servicewoman's Name:</p>	
<p>Servicewoman's Email:</p>	
<p>Servicewoman's Phone Number:</p>	
<p>Servicewoman's Branch of Service:</p>	
<p>Servicewoman's Rank:</p>	
<p>Servicewoman's Date of Enlistment:</p>	
<p>Servicewoman's Awards and Decorations, <i>if any</i>:</p>	
<p>Name of Person Making this Nomination, <i>if not the nominee</i>:</p>	
<p>Email of Person Making this Nomination, <i>if not the nominee</i>:</p>	
<p>Phone Number of Person Making this Nomination, <i>if not the nominee</i>:</p>	
<p>Is the servicewoman able to attend National Convention?</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes      <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>Is the servicewoman comfortable with public speaking?</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> Yes      <input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p>Written Narrative: 1) please attach separate document to this form. 2) or type narrative directly into the box to the right.</p>	
<p>YouTube Video: copy and paste your video link in the box to the right.</p>	

Return completed nomination form to Past Presidents Parley National Chairman  
Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan, 5400 Blue Bill Park Drive, Madison, WI 53704  
or email to [jpg004@charter.net](mailto:jpg004@charter.net).

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

**Target #8—April 15th—90%**  
**Department Goal—9966 Membership to Date—5,295 ( 53.19 %)**  
**Department Unit Goal—86 Membership to Date—74**

District 1			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	26	25	96.15%
Moundsville #3	428	234	54.67%
McMechen #5	73	35	47.95%
Weirton #10	112	48	42.86%
Cameron #18	262	139	53.05%
New Martinsville #28	217	127	58.53%
Wellsburg #34	48	17	35.42%
Follansbee #45	65	38	58.46%
Benwood #46	131	73	55.73%
Pine Grove #81	112	84	75.00%
Paden City #86	178	92	51.69%
Wheeling #89	39	18	46.15%
Newell #114	57	23	40.35%
Hundred #120	115	46	40.00%
Chester #121	269	155	59.11%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2132</b>	<b>1152</b>	<b>54.03%</b>



**Special Teams  
Coach  
Goal—4915  
To Date—2636  
53.63 %**

District 3			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	83	39	46.99%
Grafton #12	32	11	34.38%
Clarksburg #13	230	77	33.48%
Elkins #29	253	146	57.08%
Shinnston #31	412	253	61.41%
Braxton County #33	48	29	60.42%
Philippi #44	41	10	24.39%
Bridgeport #68	93	65	69.89%
Belington #96	43	16	37.21%
Pickens #122	41	17	41.46%
Jane Lew #166	65	31	47.69%
Morgantown #174	30	25	83.33%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1371</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>53.83%</b>

District 5			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Huntington #16	347	164	46.69%
Logan #19	30	11	36.67%
St. Albans #73	65	30	46.15%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	489	265	54.19%
South Charleston #94	26	12	46.15%
Hamlin #111	99	45	45.45%
Milton #139	113	60	53.10%
Barboursville #177	243	139	57.20%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1412</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>51.27%</b>

District 4			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	1080	530	49.07%
Spencer #21	98	39	39.80%
Pt. Pleasant #23	484	232	47.93%
Tyler County #48	33	<b>33</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Sistersville #67	106	79	74.53%
New Haven #140	220	121	55.00%
Williamstown #159	215	119	55.35%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2236</b>	<b>1153</b>	<b>51.57%</b>



**Membership  
Chairman  
Special Teams  
Coach  
Goal—4965  
To Date 2585  
52.06 %**

District 6			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Welch #8	100	56	56.00%
Bluefield #9	28	24	85.71%
Beckley #32	98	40	40.82%
Gary #38	159	70	44.03%
Cowen #62	62	26	41.94%
Lewisburg #69	100	41	41.00%
Richwood #97	50	22	44.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>46.90%</b>



District 10			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	151	87	57.62%
Franklin #30	19	15	78.95%
Piedmont #52	72	27	37.50%
Berkeley Springs #60	338	178	52.66%
Moorefield #64	136	91	66.91%
Charles Town #71	326	179	54.91%
Petersburg #78	126	66	52.38%
Romney #91	353	201	56.94%
Charles Town #102	45	27	60.00%
Paw Paw #128	68	34	50.00%
Kirby #134	71	38	53.52%
Ridgeley #136	136	76	55.88%
Capon Bridge #137	214	111	51.87%
Keyser #152	77	44	57.14%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2132</b>	<b>1174</b>	<b>55.07%</b>



# American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

## *Rhododendron Girls State*

I hope your selection process is over and your applications are in. If not, the application deadline is May 1, 2019. Please orientate your girls and stay in contact with them until they leave for Girls State.

Our 77th Annual Rhododendron Girls State session will be held June 9 - June 14, 2019 at Davis & Elkins College in Elkins, WV. This year's theme will be "In the Spirit of Service, Not Self Experience the Power of Giving" and special project will be Honor Flight.

Once again the cost is \$250 per citizen and this includes the cost of the parade T-shirt. This year, parents will be able to attend the Inauguration on Thursday as well as our Closing ceremony on Friday morning.

If by chance you have a cancellation, a refund can be requested if before **May 15th**.

Please feel free to contact your district representative or myself if you have any questions.

Lynda Lancaster, Chairman  
Rhododendron Girls State



1st Dist. — Susan Brown  
2172 Grandview Rd.  
Moundsville WV 26041  
304-845-5122

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

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

5th Dist.— Beth Kilgore  
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Huntington WV 25701  
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6th Dist. — Peggy Swartz  
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10th Dist.— Lynda Lancaster  
PO Box 1037  
Ranson WV 25438  
304-676-3979

**CALL FOR  
NINETY-SEVENTH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION  
OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA, INC.**

The Ninety-Sixth Department Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary is hereby called in conformity with Article IX, Section 1 of the Department Constitution and Bylaws which provides, "That the Department Convention be held annually concurrent with the Convention of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia." The Convention will meet in Huntington, West Virginia on July 11, 12, 13, 2019 at the Doubletree by Hilton.

**PURPOSE**

The Convention is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, amending the Department Constitution, receiving reports of Department Officers and Chairmen, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it.

**REPRESENTATIVES**

Representation at the Convention shall be by Units. Each Unit shall be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for each fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof, whose dues have been paid and received by the Department Headquarters one month prior to the Convention for which they were elected. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote. **No Unit unrepresented shall have a proxy vote.** The elective officers, all Past Department Presidents, in good standing shall be delegates-at-large to the Department Convention, with vote to be exercised with their Units, provided said officers are present at the Convention.

**ALTERNATES**

Each Unit is entitled to one alternate for each delegate. The alternate will have power to vote **ONLY** in the absence of the regular Delegate.

**CREDENTIALS**

**Membership cards must be presented by delegates and alternates.** Certification of the election of the delegates and alternates **MUST** be mailed to Department Headquarters **no less than two weeks** prior to Convention, and **SHALL BE** accompanied by the Convention fee of \$20.00 for each accredited delegates so certified.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Pre-Convention Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday July 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Doubletree by Hilton in the Virginia-Maryland Room. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Department Elective Officers, NEC, the Eight District Presidents, all Past Department Presidents, and Chairmen of all standing committees. All members of standing committees, exclusive of the chairman, may attend the Executive Committee Meeting with the privilege of discussion but without vote. Any member in good standing may attend the Executive Committee Meeting with the privilege of discussion but NO vote.

**DEPARTMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE**

This committee will meet on Thursday July 11, 2019 at 1:00 pm in the Virginia Room. Those to attend this meeting are the three (3) members of the Finance Committee and the Department President and Department Secretary/Treasurer who are ex-officio members without vote.

**POST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Post Executive Committee will meet immediately following Installation on July 13, 2019 in the Virginia-Maryland Room.

*Rhonda L Best*  
Department President

*Paulette R. Anderson*  
Department Secretary/Treasurer

Policy and Procedures Changes for 2019

Page #23: Under History:

**Current Reading:** Junior History—Best Overall—Cash Award

**Add:** Junior History-Best Overall—Tiffany Sine Plaque.

**This was voted on at the September 2018 Fall Executive Board.**

Page #24: Under National Security:

**Current Reading:** First Place—Wilma Mayfield Plaque.

Change to 10-150 Wilma Mayfield Plaque

151 & over Lisa Cadwallader Plaque

**This was voted on at the September 2018 Fall Executive Board**

Page #34: Girls State/Girls Nation: Paragraph #5:

**Current Reading:** **NO INDIVIDUAL** is permitted to sponsor or pay the fee for a citizen to Girls State.

Change to: **NO INDIVIDUAL** is permitted to sponsor or pay the fees for a citizen to Girls State directly. Contributions can be made to an ALA Unit or school to pay for sponsorship. The money is to be submitted by the unit or the school. Checks from businesses or organizations are accepted.


Rhododendron Girls State Constitution and Bylaws are on file with National Headquarters.

Page #39: VAMC Christmas Gift Shop: Paragraph #3

**Current Reading:** The Department of West Virginia provides monies for the VAMC Christmas Gift Shops with the chairmen being allowed to spend \$6.00 for each gift. Whenever possible the gifts will be given to the veteran to take home to his/her family, saving postage costs.

Change to: The Department of West Virginia provides monies for the VAMC Christmas Gift Shops with the chairmen being allowed to spend **up to \$7.00** for each gift. Whenever possible the gifts will be given to the veteran to take home to his/her family, saving postage costs.

**This was approved at the 2018 Fall Finance Meeting and presented and voted on at the 2018 Fall Executive Board.**

  
Sharon Kauffman, Chairman

  
Cathy Post, Member

  
Kelli Immel, Member



## Proposal for a Change in the Department Bylaws

Article II: Duties of Officers: Section 12 reads:

The Department Past President shall be the National Executive Committeewoman for the year immediately following her term as Department President and the Department President shall be the Alternate National Executive Committeewoman. In case of death or the National Executive Committeewoman fails to fulfill her obligations she shall resign and the immediate Past Department President will serve as the National Executive Committeewoman for the remainder of her year. In case the immediate Past Department President isn't able to serve, then it would fall on the next immediate Past Department President.

Proposal for Change: The National Executive Committeewoman shall be elected for a two (2) year term at Department Convention. She shall be a Past Department President and be endorsed by her unit. Nominations may be taken from the floor. After her term, she will step down for two (2) years. Then she may run again. This would start with the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Rational: National has been wanting the National Executive Committeewoman to have at least a two (2) year term, as one (1) year doesn't allow adequate time for most NEC members to become familiar with their fiduciary, policy, and strategic responsibilities to the organization, or to become fully knowledgeable of ongoing programs and issues.

**New Reading: The National Executive Committeewoman shall be elected for a two (2) year term at Department Convention. She shall be a Past Department President and be endorsed by her unit.** Nominations may be taken from the floor. After her term, she will step down for two (2) years. Then she may run again. The current Department President shall be the Alternate National Executive Committeewoman. In case of death or the National Executive Committeewoman fails to fulfill her obligations she shall resign and the immediate Past Department President will serve as the National Executive Committeewoman for the remainder of her term. In case the immediate Past Department Presidents isn't able to serve then it would fall on the next immediate Past Department President.

Submitted by:

*Paulette Anderson*

Paulette Anderson

New Martinsville Unit #28

**ALA Department Officers and  
Past Department Presidents**

**YOU ARE INVITED**

**ALDERTON-DAWSON**

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 60**

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**CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

**SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019**

**SOCIAL HOUR 6:00      DINNER 7:00**

**PLEASE RSVP BY MAY 6, 2019**

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