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2018-2019
Department President
Rhonda Best

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



Hello Ladies,

I have enjoyed throughout the last several months attending Spring Conferences and sharing with you the importance of Year-End Reporting. These reports come from Units & Districts up to the Departments. From the Department they are sent on up to the National Level. The information within these reports give services provided to Veterans as well as monies donated and used. National forwards this information on to Legislation. So “Thank You” to each Member, Unit, District, that submitted a report.

During this time I also talked about my special project “Honor Flight Program” and how we can help. Veterans get mail call on their way home from the trip. We can make cards/letters to be given to these Veterans. I am listing the contact information for both The Charter Bus and The Flight.

Honor Flight (Princeton, WV) Charter Bus:

Pam Coulbourne (304-320-6032) Email: pfccoulbourne@gmail.com

Dreama Denver (304-425-8660)

Honor Flight (HTS-Huntington Tri-State Airport-Huntington, WV) & (CKB-North Central West Virginia Airport-Bridgeport, WV)

Amy Johnson (304-634-2393) Email: info@honorflighthuntington.org

Daniel Johnson (304-638-1849)

I hope to see a lot of you at Summer Convention in July. Until next month be safe.

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: 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.

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.**

Sgt. at Arms and Pages are to pick up their sashes on Thursday night after Executive Board Meeting



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**

Remember Our Friends

*Sharon Glassford, PDP, is in Rose Hill Health and Rehab, Berryville VA for therapy. Cards may be sent to her at:
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c/o Rose Hill Health & Rehab
110 Chalmers Ct.
Berryville VA 22611*

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**American Legion Auxiliary
National Website**
ALAforveterans.org

**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— Mary Jennings Unit #32
Historian— Beth Kilgore Unit #16

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.—Nancy Sundstrom, #15
4th Dist. Vice— Patsy-Young Greiner #15
5th Dist. Pres.—Beth Kilgore, #16
5th Dist. Vice— Jo Ann Hastings, #16
6th Dist. Pres.— Peggy Swartz, #8
6th Dist. Vice— Mary Spence, #8
10th Dist. Pres.—Debbie Michael, #60
10th Dist. Vice— Bonnie Wilcox, #91

Membership Chairman

It is hard to believe that this year will be coming to a close soon!!

I want to again congratulate Tyler Co. Unit #48 for reaching Goal!! Also, congratulations to Wheeling Unit #1 for reaching Target #9 (95%) at 96.15%. Great job Ladies!!

The Herd has jumped ahead of the Eers by 62 members. I know that all Units can up their numbers!! We still have time to enhance our Membership!!

With Poppy Days here and Memorial Day activities upon us, we will be out in the communities and it is a great time to reconnect with past members and potential new members.

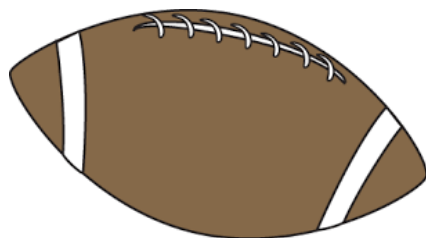
I want to Thank those Units that sent me a Membership Report. They helped me with my Membership Report to National.

Please remember to bring your decorated sun visors to Convention!! Have them with you at the morning session on Friday!!

I am looking forward to seeing all Units represented at Department Convention!!!

God Bless You All!!!

Susan Wade
Membership Chairman



Department 1st Vice President

Hello Herd

Hope everyone had a great Mother's Day and a great Memorial Day. This also being Poppy Day May 24th maybe hand out applications for new membership.

We are still down in membership. We are ahead of WVU by 62 members. I know they are coming in slow. But keep trying you are all doing good. Don't hold them send them in as soon as you get them and mail out their cards as soon as you get their money.

Thank you
Sharon Kauffman
Dept. 1st Vice
Go Marshall



Department 2nd Vice President

Dear Auxiliary Sisters,

Membership is coming along, but we still need a little more work. Wheeling Unit 1 is so very close to Goal; with Bluefield Unit 9 pushing hard. We are however still 313 short overall of our projected goal. LET'S HUSTLE!! TIME IS A WASTING!!

I hope everyone got their reports in, they are so very important. Don't forget your Total Participation Award, its due by June 1, 2019.

I'm sure that you all have had your unit elections. I want to congratulate all the new officers and send in unit data form ASAP.

I have been very busy working with Unit 48 in Tyler County preparing for Memorial Day. Please plan on taking in a service May 27 in your area or you are invited to ours. Parade at 1:00. We have been very busy assisting our Post in flagging Veterans graves; it's an honor to do this.

Please keep Pauline Gerrard Unit 13 in your prayers as well as Sharon Glassford.

Until next time I wish you peace Thank a veteran for all we have.

In the spirit of Service not Self,
Cathy D. Post
2nd Vice President.



1st District Vice President

Ladies of 1st District,

Target #9 was to reach 95% for your unit by May 15th. Although many units did not obtain this target, the majority of 1st District units were over 50%. I know that increasing your membership numbers has been an uphill battle but just keep up the good work. Even though we are on the downhill slide for the year, keep working in membership. It is never to late to get a member back or find a new one.

God Bless,
Stephanie Handley
1st District Vice President

4th District President

Hello and Happy Spring to Everyone:

A big thanks to the members who attended our 4th District Meeting. We were honored with the presence of Department President Rhonda Best, and Department 2nd Vice President Cathy Post thank you ladies for attending our Spring Conference.

Our membership year is winding down fast with just a few short months left before we start all over again with 2020 dues. So gather your members and contact those who have not renewed for this year. Let them know how important they are to the Auxiliary. Carry membership applications with you for all those potential new members you will meet while shopping or attending ball games, reunions, etc.

I was elected to remain as your 4th District President and Patsy Young-Greiner was elected to remain as your 4th District Vice President.

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

God Bless All
Nancy Sundstrom
4th District President

4th District Vice President

Greetings to Members of the 4th District, Congratulations to all newly elected Auxiliary Units in District 4!

Although the annual Department Convention is right around the corner, remember we are still working on MEMBERSHIP!

District 4 has achieved a total of 51.97% in Membership. The Target for May 15th was 95%. Yes, we are a little short of the Target, but let's pour on the steam! Beat the bushes! Let's do our best to RECRUIT, RETAIN, AND RE-INSTATE members.

Tyler County Unit #48 remains the first and only Auxiliary Unit to reach 100% in Membership. Let's follow their example!

District 4 statistics are currently reported as Sistersville #67 with 78.30%; Williamstown #159 is at 55.35%. New Haven #140 is at 55.00%. Parkersburg #15 is at 49.54%. Point Pleasant #23 with 47.93%, followed by Spencer #21 is at 39.80%.

I hope to see lots of awards at Convention. Our Auxiliary Units work hard on programs, projects and fundraising. Hopefully, your unit program chairmen took the time to report your efforts.

Please consider paying dues for friends, family, elderly members or members who are in need. It is just one way we can show our appreciation for their service to our great organization.

Auxiliary members, please carry blank 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.

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

Hello Ladies,

I guess everyone is busy with all those fun things we do in the spring, like planning flowers and mowing grass. Well, maybe they aren't so much fun, especially with all the mud. lol

It is a great time to be out and about and sign up those new members. Let's not forget those members who have not yet paid. Call them to remind them of their dues. We can't afford to lose them.

The 10th District is slightly ahead in membership but, unfortunately we have no units near our target of 95%. That's okay. We do have units who have "enhanced" their membership from last year.

Congratulations to Martinsburg 14, Piedmont 52 and Charles Town 102. Hopefully by the next month's Spirit, many other units will have "enhanced" their membership. There are four units that only need 1 or 2 members to achieve this. We can do it!

If I can help you please contact me.

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

Hello ladies,

I want to thank each and every one of the Ladies of the Aux Fifth District; we have been working on membership trying to get our membership up.

Remember ladies talk to people and tell them what we do and what we stand for is the veterans. Our main goal is to help them and to show them we respect them for keeping us same and out of harms way.

God Bless
JoAnn Hastings
Fifth District VP

5th District President

I hope everyone has submitted their year-end reports to department. I have had units tell me they are not interested in doing the reporting they just want to help veterans. By submitting the reports, **you are helping veterans**. The information you send to Department is compiled and sent to National, who in turn, compiles the information and uses it to approach Congress about funding for veteran's benefits. So, you see it does help the veteran. Think about the benefits veterans would have if no one turned in reports.

Keep up the great work you are doing on membership. I know it has slowed down a lot but keep sending in what you receive on a timely basis.

Department convention is just around the corner and I hope you are planning to attend. It is in Huntington at the new Doubletree (formally Pullman Plaza Hotel). They have done a lot of renovation on the hotel and it is looking great.

Service not Self
Beth Kilgore
5th District President



Chaplain

I wish to thank everyone for their prayers and cards while I was in the hospital.

I received a good many end of year reports, Great job ladies! Let's keep our American Legion family members and all of our service men and women in our daily prayers.

"On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the examples of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with Your strength and peace."

God Bless
Kelli A Immel



Constitution & Bylaws

The year may be winding down with your year-end reports being submitted, election of officers, and putting the final touches on this past year. However; your Constitution and By-Laws are constant. Just because you may be changing the dynamics of your unit with new officers and chairmen, doesn't change the fact you may need to update your constitution. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 304-654-7750.

REMINDER: If you are raising your dues, you will need to revise your constitution or by-laws depending on where you have your dues listed.

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

Children & Youth

Hello To All,

As we near the end of the Ronda Best's 2018-2019 administrative year, I'd like to thank all the support I've received this year. If everyone can recall I challenged each unit to donate to Child Welfare Foundation (CWF). My goal this year is \$1000. As of now, unless the Department office receives a huge donation, my challenge won't be met. Oh !! Well I tried. We all have some many things to be grateful for..... good weather, good friends and good health.

I want to thank all the units that did send year end reports. I do wish I had received a few more. I'm sure more units participate with the Children and Youth program. It really isn't that hard to report. Keep a few notes and write a story.

Please continue to look for your "Good Deed" and "Youth Hero" Awards recipients

A little reminder just because you have sent your year end report doesn't mean to stop working on the programs. So keep up the good work.

For God and Country,
Debbie Fox

Historian

Hello Ladies,

Thank you all for sending your reports in!

Remember keep doing what you all do best! Focus on keeping reports of your history.

Historian
Savanna Kauffman

Community Service

Thank you to the units who turned in their year end reports for Community Service!

And the winner is.....
You will have to wait until Department Convention to find out!!

Peggy Swartz
Community Service

10th District VAMC Picnic

Hello To All 10th District Unit/Posts/Squadrons,

The annual Memorial Day Picnic at Martinsburg VAMC.... The program begins at 11am and the picnic is served by 10th district volunteers. If you are coming to help serve please let me know at 304-258-5804.

Also if you want to donate funds for the picnic please make check to:
10th District ALA and send to me ASAP at Debbie Fox 874 Longview Dr. Berkeley Springs ,WV 25411.

Reminder the picnic is held on May 30, 2019. This year it's on a Thursday. If you plan to help please try to be at VAMC no later 10am. I'll be there much earlier, if you want to help cut pies and cakes.

See everyone on Thursday May 30th. Remember our hospitalized veterans deserve all we can do for them.

Debbie Fox,
10th District VA&R Chairman

Education

I want to thank the Units that sent in year-end reports: Units 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 28, 46, 48, 60, 64, 71, 93, 121, 137. I received one with no id. The following Units included a narrative which was tremendous help when I had to complete my WV report for National: Units 8, 14, 15, 16, 48, 60, 64, 71, 93, 121. The pictures included were great and some were attached to my National report. However these reports represented only 24% of our Units. I am sorry to report that West Virginia's entries for the two scholarships did not win. Below are the National winners:

SPIRIT OF YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP - \$5,000

Departments and Winners:
Wisconsin: Hailey Dykstra
Massachusetts: Alicyn Gormley
North Dakota: Elizabeth Nolan
Texas: Anisa Grace Cornett
California: Desiree Christine Alvarado

CHILDREN OF WARRIORS NATIONAL PRESIDENTS' SCHOLARSHIP - \$5,000

Winners and Departments:
Madeline Bland Illinois
Annelise Ehram Holland Kansas
Rachel Homan Partington Ohio
Madison Joy Vermont
Kara Ohler Pennsylvania
Christina Swanson New York
Kody Pohl South Dakota
Leah Jo Schmidt Nebraska
Kia Tower Minnesota
Paris Creed King Florida
John Clyde Ready Mississippi
Haley Stanley Oklahoma
Raquel Dimond Idaho
Kyla M. Hoster Utah
Kristin Riggs Arizona

NON-TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP - \$2,000

Winners and Department:
Allysa Enterline Iowa
Sharon McMaster Pennsylvania
Natalie J. Harris Wyoming
Vera McGregor Florida
Tony "TJ" Boteilho Washington

Dianne McClung
Education Chairman

Junior Activities

Hi Ladies,

Spring has sprung! (I think). It is time to get your Juniors busy. There are so many things that they can help with. They can hand out poppies for your Poppy Day. They can help place flags on the Veterans graves for Memorial Day and don't forget about Flag Day. If your post does a flag burning ceremony, they can help with that also. Whatever they do, please take pictures.

Thank you to those units who sent Year-end reports. It's time now to start documenting all they do for next year's reports. Just keep notes so you will have them to compile when needed.

I hope you are making plans to bring your Juniors to the Department Convention in July. I know of five that are planning to attend. I would love to have many more. Please let me know before July so I'll be sure to have enough craft items etc.

I think our meeting will be at 9 am on Thursday, July 11. That's the time and day is has been in the past. When I have the info, I will let you know.

I am looking forward to working with these girls. We will learn about ALA programs, do crafts (I think our Department Rhonda has a fun one for them) and have fun!

If I can help you, please contact me.

Juniors~Such a Joy!
Debbie Michael
Junior Activities
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Public Relations

Hello Ladies,

I want to thank all the units for submitting their Public Relations reports. It was nice to see how busy we have been letting our communities see what we do and why we do it. Keep up the good work. But don't stop even though we are near year end for reporting. Always keep track of what your unit is doing so we can keep the word out of who we are and what this organization stands for.

Service not self,
Stephanie Handley
Public Relations Chairman

Legislative

Greetings,

Thank You to those of You who sent in Year-end Legislative reports. With the input from your completed reports, I was able to submit the State Legislative Report to National by May 10, 2019!

Just a few thoughts...
As the 2018-2019 year is winding down, and I only have one more article to write, I'd like to thank all of you for making my chairmanship so easy and actually fun!

This year I learned so much about the needs of veterans, active duty and family members of our great Military. I also learned our voices really do make a difference. As all of you know so well, people working together for the purpose to help all veteran/active duty men and women is such worthwhile cause!

Please keep on fighting, the need is far from over!!!

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
Legislative Chairman

Poppy

Hope everyone is enjoying these beautiful Spring Days. I received 18 end of the year reports. I know there are more units that have done something with their Poppies it's important for you to complete your reports.

As Poppy Chairman, my projects Poppy Corsages and Poppy Posters collected \$226.26 for the Department Welfare Fund and sent 4 posters to National for judging.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
Nancy Sundstrom
Poppy Chairman



100 Years of Celebration 1919-2019



I have seen and heard about your annual birthday dinners, celebrating the 100th Anniversary. I must say I am impressed with the various ways you have brought this very special anniversary to life. You have made our history an important part of who we are and have learned to appreciate what occurred for us to be able to celebrate 100 years.

Continue to celebrate this year and show your community what a fantastic organization this is.

Beth Kilgore,
Committee Member

Past President's Parley

I was happy to see we had some nominee's submitted, thank you!!

Remember ladies, when you are writing reports, the reports need to reflect and pertain to that committee: such as the Past President's Parley. This report should reflect what your Units' Past President's Parley has done, not what your Unit has done.

Thank you for all your hard work!
Lisa Cadwallader
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304-707-1121

National Executive Committeewoman

Next month I will have more from the CPA that spoke and does National's books. I was planning on touching on something else here and at the last minute National asked we not put anything in writing until they had a better plan. With everything that comes out in this Spirit I was asked to keep this one short.

But I promise the CPA stuff will come.
Lisa Cadwallader, NEC
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Strategic Planning Committee

Goal 1

Enhance Membership Strength "Embrace Change"

Strategy:

Invest in opportunities to attract, engage, and retain members

Initiatives

1. Engage—be respectful, open to new ideas, offer volunteer opportunities to all, recognize those who contribute.
2. Attract—welcome all ages and backgrounds, hold 2 membership drives each year.
3. Rejoin—embrace differences, contact by phone, email, with frequent feedback.

This is the end of the 5 year plan. If the Plan continues, there will be a new committee.

Thank you all for your continues support of our Centennial Strategic Plan!!

Susan Wade

Distinguished Guest

Our Central Division National Vice President Teresa Isensee and her husband will be with us during Memorial Day weekend. We have a busy schedule and anyone wanting to join us for any part of it is welcome, just let me know. Also, to those in the Bridgeport/Clarksburg area if you can recommend restaurants, both good places and places to stay away from, I would appreciate it.

***Saturday, not sure where or time but Dinner.

***Sunday, we will attend the Grafton Church Service starting at 10:30, VFW Luncheon, then the service at the Cemetery, later Dinner.

***Monday bright and early we will be off to the parade starting area, then the service at the cemetery at the end of the parade route.

We will return to our cars and off to Shinnston Unit #31 for a Meet & Greet at 4pm.

***Tuesday at 10:00 a tour of the Clarksburg VA, lunch if there is time then off to the air port.

Lisa Cadwallader
Disgusted Guest Chairman
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Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Hi ladies,

Thank you for putting service before self. Your end-of-year reports for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund is proof of your wonderful work! It was my pleasure to read the many creative ways you reached out to help others. The money raised from your generous donations, raffles, gift baskets and paint parties provide financial relief for families across the mountain state.

I look forward to awarding you with a beautiful brass pin at the convention. The pin is a shining symbol to reflect your dedication to service above self.

Thank you again for your support. Great job ladies!

Holly Knapp-Smith
AEF Chairman



Photo Caption:
Diana Teeter Unit 137
Auxiliary President
Auxiliary Emergency Fund Paint

Thank You!

June 2019

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2	3	4	5	6 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Leave for GS</i>	7	8
9	10	11	12 <i>Mandatory Funds Due</i>	13	14  <i>Flag Day</i>	15 <i>Target #10 100%</i>
16 <i>Fathers' Day</i>	17 <i>Last 2018- 2019 Spirit Articles Due</i>	18	19	20	21  <i>Spirit Out VA Checks</i>	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 <i>Credentials Due into Dept.</i>	29
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April Ways and Means Winners

Congratulations to April winners! As you can see we had more winners this month. Keep up the good work!!

Still tickets in Department Headquarters to send or sell.

***Paulette
Susan***

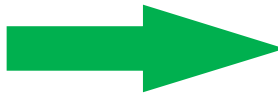


Name	Number	City	State	Date	Amount
	791			4/1/19	
Lisa Cadwallader	804	Kearneysville	WV	4/2/19	\$25.00
Katherine Garcia	956	Bluefield	WV	4/3/19	\$25.00
	491			4/4/19	
	301			4/5/19	
ALA Gary Unit #38	338	Thorpe	WV	4/6/19	\$25.00
Carroll Davis	079	Diana	WV	4/8/19	\$25.00
Karen Malcolm	638	Moorefield	WV	4/9/19	\$25.00
Dana Miller	883	Wellsburg	WV	4/10/19	\$25.00
Gary Rayl	789	Reedsville	WV	4/11/19	\$25.00
Bonnie Haines	419	Augusta	WV	4/12/19	\$25.00
ALA McMechen #5	798	Reedsville	WV	4/13/19	\$25.00
	819			4/15/19	
Ronnie Farmer	935	Anawalt	WV	4/16/19	\$25.00
Pam Miller	988	Wheeling	WV	4/17/19	\$200.00
	590			4/18/19	
Kevin Fleming	242	Bluefield	WV	4/19/19	\$25.00
Geri Pack	065	Augusta	WV	4/20/19	\$25.00
Debbie Champ	994	Old Fields	WV	4/22/19	\$25.00
Daniel Little	064	Thorpe	WV	4/23/19	\$25.00
Tara Hoffman	830	Cameron	WV	4/24/29	\$25.00
Carol Fultz	307	Romney	WV	4/25/19	\$25.00
	182			4/26/19	
Margy Toler	137	Moundsville	WV	4/27/19	\$25.00
	741			4/29/19	
Merri & Randy Roush	487	New Haven	WV	4/30/19	\$25.00

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

Target #9—May 15th—95%
Department Goal—9966 Membership to Date—5,383 (54.01 %)
Department Unit Goal—86 Membership to Date—75

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	145	55.34%
New Martinsville #28	217	127	58.53%
Wellsburg #34	48	17	35.42%
Follansbee #45	65	39	60.00%
Benwood #46	131	73	55.73%
Pine Grove #81	112	84	75.00%
Paden City #86	178	94	52.81%
Wheeling #89	39	20	51.28%
Newell #114	57	30	52.63%
Hundred #120	115	47	40.87%
Chester #121	269	162	60.22%
TOTALS	2132	1172	55.21%



**Special Teams
Coach
Goal—4915
To Date—2685
54.63 %**

**Membership
Chairman
Special Teams
Coach**



**Special Teams
Coach
Goal—4965
To Date 2623
52.82 %**



District 3			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	83	40	48.19%
Grafton #12	32	11	34.38%
Clarksburg #13	230	77	33.48%
Elkins #29	253	146	57.08%
Shinnston #31	412	254	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	20	48.78%
Jane Lew #166	65	31	47.69%
Morgantown #174	30	25	83.33%
TOTALS	1371	743	54.19%

District 5			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Huntington #16	347	166	48.41%
Logan #19	30	11	36.67%
St. Albans #73	65	30	46.15%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	489	266	54.40%
South Charleston #94	26	13	50.00%
Hamlin #111	99	46	46.46%
Milton #139	113	60	53.10%
Barboursville #177	243	141	58.02%
TOTALS	1412	733	51.91%

District 10			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	151	92	60.93%
Franklin #30	19	15	78.95%
Piedmont #52	72	27	37.50%
Berkeley Springs #60	338	181	53.55%
Moorefield #64	136	97	71.32%
Charles Town #71	326	190	58.28%
Petersburg #78	126	66	52.38%
Romney #91	353	202	57.22%
Charles Town #102	45	27	60.00%
Paw Paw #128	68	34	50.00%
Kirby #134	71	38	53.52%
Ridgeley #136	136	80	58.82%
Capon Bridge #137	214	116	54.21%
Keyser #152	77	44	57.14%
TOTALS	2132	1209	56.71%

District 4			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	1080	535	49.54%
Spencer #21	98	39	39.80%
Pt. Pleasant #23	484	232	47.93%
Tyler County #48	33	33	100.00%
Sistersville #67	106	83	78.30%
New Haven #140	220	121	55.00%
Williamstown #159	215	119	55.35%
TOTALS	2236	1162	51.97%

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	74	46.54%
Cowen #62	62	26	41.94%
Lewisburg #69	100	41	41.00%
Richwood #97	50	22	44.00%
TOTALS	597	284	47.57%



American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

Rhododendron Girls State

GIRLS STATE is our featured program of the month. As we prepare our girls to attend our 77th Annual Rhododendron Girls State session please hold an orientation and stay in contact with them as they leave Sunday, June 9 – Friday, June 14, 2019. Again this year we will be 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.

The cost is \$250 per citizen and 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.

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
1562 Holderby Road
Huntington WV 25701
304-654-7750

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

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

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.

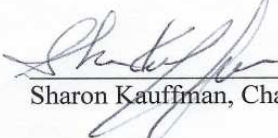
Rhododendron Girls State Constitution and Bylaws are on file with National Headquarters.

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

**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



97th ANNUAL CONVENTION

Tentative Program

Thursday July 11, 2019

9:30 am	Registration for Junior Department Convention	Pennsylvania Room
9:45-2:45 pm	Junior Department Convention	
3:30-	Installation of Junior Officers 2019-2020	
12:00-6:00 pm	Registration	Lower Foyer
1:00 pm	Department Finance Meeting	Virginia/Maryland Room
2:30 pm	Convention Committee Meetings	
	Constitution & Bylaws Committee	
	Standing Rules Committee	
	Policy & Procedures Committee	
	Resolutions Committee	
	Credentials Committee	
7:00 pm	Pre-Convention Department Executive Board Meeting	Virginia/Maryland Room

Friday July 12, 2019

8:00-4:00 pm	Registration	Lower Foyer
8:15 am	Department/District Officers Line Up	
8:30 am	Processional	Virginia/Maryland Room
	District Presidents	
	District Vice Presidents	
	Past Department Presidents	
	Department Officers	
	Presentation of Gavel to	Rhonda Best, Department President
	By	JoAnn Hastings, Department Convention Chairman
	Call to Order	Rhonda Best, Department President
	Advancement of Colors	Stephanie Sgt. at Arms Shana Adams, Sgt. at Arms
	Invocation	Kitty-Kelli Smoot, Department Chaplain
	Moment of Silence	
	Pledge of Allegiance	Ann Buchanan, Central Division Americanism Chairman
	National Anthem	Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Music Chairman
	Preamble	Beth Kilgore, Constitution & Bylaws Chairman
	Roll Call	Paulette Anderson, Department Secretary
	Rules & Order of Business	Paulette Anderson, Department Secretary
	Report of Policy & Procedures Committee	Sharon Kauffman, Chairman
	Constitution & Bylaws	Beth Kilgore, Chairman
	Report of Credentials Committee	Linda Crumm, Chairman
	Report of Resolutions Committee	Irene Weber, Chairman
	Standing Rules Committee	Melanie Delawder, Chairman
	Presentation	Lisa Cadwallader, NEC, Past Presidents Parley

“West Virginia Unit Member of The Year”

Friday July 12th (con't.)

Membership Citations and Awards:	Susan Wade, Chairman and Membership Team	
Presentations of Traveling Plagues and Awards:		
Americanism	Junior Activities	Scrapbook
Auxiliary Emergency Fund	Leadership	Unit Presidents Award
Chaplain	Legislative	V A & R
Children & Youth	Music	Total Participation
Community Service	National Security	Ways & Means
Education	Past Presidents' Parley	
History	Poppy	
Girls State	Public Relations	

11:30 am LUNCH Pennsylvania/Ohio Room

Presentation of "Timeless Award" Lisa Cadwallader, NEC, Past Presidents Parley

1:00 pm Joint Session with The American Legion Grand Theatre

2:00 pm Reconvene Virginia/Maryland Room

*Gold Star Mothers' State Vice President
Belinda Jividen*

*Honor Flight Donation Presentation
Amy Johnson*

Complete Traveling Plagues and Awards

4:00 pm Recess

Practice for Installation

9:00 pm Karaoke Grand Ball Room

Saturday July 13, 2019

8:00-12:00 pm Registration 2nd Floor Lower Foyer

8:00 Session Resumes
Call to Order
Invocation
Moment of Silence
Pledge of Allegiance
National Anthem
Preamble

8:15 am Memorial Service Kelli Immel, Chaplain

9:00 am Greetings William Combs, Department Commander
Matt Bland, Detachment Commander
Paulette Anderson, Department Secretary

9:30 am Roll Call Linda Crumm, Chairman
Final Report of Credentials Irene Weber, Chairman
Final Report of Resolutions Beth Kilgore, Chairman
Final Report of Constitution & Bylaws Carla Wilfong, Chairman
Final Report of Courtesy Resolutions
Nominations & Election of Officers 2019-2020
Election of Delegates & Alternates to National Convention
Appointment of Personal Pages at National Convention
Ratification of District President & Vice Presidents

1200 pm Recess

1:00 pm Reconvene

Installation of 2019-2020 Officers Rhonda Best, Department President

Closing Remarks

Retirement of Colors

2:00 pm Convention Adjourned

2:15 pm Post Executive Board Meeting

4:00 pm Religious Services Grand Theatre

6:00 pm Social Hour

7:00 pm 100th Year Commanders and Presidents Banquet Grand Ballroom

9:00-12:00 Karaoke Cash Bar

2019 Convention Committees

Convention Chairman.....	JoAnn Hastings, Huntington #16
Convention Recorder.....	Dede Kelly, Clarksburg #13
Sergeant at Arms.....	Stephanie Handley, Chester #121
.....	Shana Adams, Chester #121
Personal Pages.....	Holly Adams, Chester #121
.....	Holly Knauff-Smith, Capon Bridge #137
Floor Pages.....	Wendy Roy, Martinsburg #14
.....	Donna Leek, Pine Grove #81
Distinguished Guest Committee.....	Lisa Cadwallader, NEC, Charles Town #71
.....	Roxie Nicholson, PDP, Shinnston #31
.....	Susan Wade, PDP, Paden City #86
Rules & Order of Business.....	Paulette Anderson, New Martinsville #28
Credentials Committee.....	Linda Crumm, Benwood #46, Chairman
.....	Peggy Swartz, Welch #8
.....	Nancy Sundstrom, Parkersburg #15
Election Committee.....	Shirley Davis, Ceredo-Kenova #93, Chairman
.....	Ann Buchanan, Huntington #16
.....	Roxie Nicholson, Shinnston #31
Courtesy Resolutions.....	Margaret Yost, Shinnston #31, Chairman
.....	Dortha Parsons, Shinnston #31
Judging Committee.....	Carla Wilfong, Shinnston #31
.....	Betty Rea, Follansbee #45
.....	Mary Waybright, Huntington #16
Standing Rules.....	Melanie Delawder, Chairman, Moorefield #64
.....	Susan Brown, Moundsville #3
.....	Linda Crumm, Benwood #46
Policy & Procedures.....	Sharon Kauffman, Chairman, Martinsburg #14
.....	Cathy Post, Tyler County #48
.....	Kelli Immel, Charles Town #71
Resolutions.....	Irene Weber, Romney #91, Chairman
.....	Beth Kilgore, Huntington #16
.....	Nichole Shepard, Berkeley Springs #60
Constitution & Bylaws.....	Beth Kilgore, Chairman, Huntington #16
.....	Dede Kelly, Clarksburg #13
.....	Linda Crumm, Benwood #46
Music.....	Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Huntington #16
Parliamentarian.....	Susan Brown, PDP, Moundsville #3

Sgt. at Arms and Pages are to wear white blouses, navy blue skirts or dress slacks

(NO JEANS)

*Past President's Luncheon
Friday July 12, 2019
Double Tree by Hilton Huntington
11:45 am-12:45 pm*

Menu:

*Slow Cooked Honey Bourbon Chicken w/ White Rice
Garden Salad, Chef's Choice of Sides
Rolls, Butter Dessert
Coffee, Tea, and Water*

Cost is \$20.00 A PERSON

*Send reservation and check to:
ALA Department Treasurer, ALA
1251 Doolin Run Road
New Martinsville WV 26155-7808*

Due Date: Monday July 1, 2019

No Deviation for this Luncheon

Please list allergies or Diabetic next to name

Payment Must Accompany This Form

**American Legion Auxiliary
Honorary Junior Convention
July 11, 2019 Agenda
Pennsylvania Room**

Registration (Fee \$10.00).....	9:30
Opening Ceremony.....	9:45
Let's Get to Know Each Other.....	9:55
President's "Special Craft".....	10:15
Discussion "ALA Programs"	
ALA Junior Leadership Course.....	11:00
Card Signing.....	throughout the day
Lunch (Marshall's Café).....	12:30
"Flower & Bead" Craft.....	1:30
Discussion of Officers Duties.....	2:30
Closing Ceremony & Adjournment.....	2:45

Installation of Officers...3:30

Pool time together??

.....Agenda may change slightly.....

Remember to bring your bathing suits!