



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,

This year literally went by in the blink of an eye. It is so hard to believe we will wrap everything up with our summer Convention this month.

I have been very Honored and Blessed to serve as your Department President. I worked throughout the year with a lot of wonderful and hard-working Auxiliary Members.

I had the opportunity to visit such beautiful areas in our State and participate in numerous events with Legion Family Members. I couldn't have asked for a better Department Commander and SAL Detachment Commander than Bill Combs and Matt Bland to have as my counterparts. They gave me laughs and are two of the most caring men I know.

As we move forward toward a new and adventurous year please take learning moments from our workshop and Mid-Winter Conference with you. Utilize information passed along from others in future endeavors. Most of all remember to mend those fences while building new bridges to retain our current members and add new ones.

I hope to see many of you soon.
God Bless and Be Safe
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
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.

Make sure your mandatory funds are paid 30 days before convention (**June 12th**)

Credentials are due back in office no later than June 28th. **Please send check with credentials and list who is not being paid, if any. Pre registration is \$20.00.**

New year for Spirit mailings start August 1st. Paid subscriptions must be in office before July 22nd to be able to be on list for mailings. Emails will continue unless you wish to be removed.

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**

****2019-2020 Membership Workshop
September 13-14, 2019
Days Inn
Bridgeport WV**

Remember Our Friends

Reba Honaker, 6th District Vice President passed away from complications of hip surgery. Cards may be sent to Reba's family at:

Charles Honaker
1436 Stewart St.
Welch WV 24801

Mary Waybright is currently in the hospital to have fluid removed from her lungs and having a procedure to put her heart back in rhythm. Cards may be sent to Mary at:

Mary Waybright
7 Parsons St.
Huntington WV 25705

Alice Fought cancer has moved to her liver. Please keep her in your prayers.

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American Legion Auxiliary

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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— 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

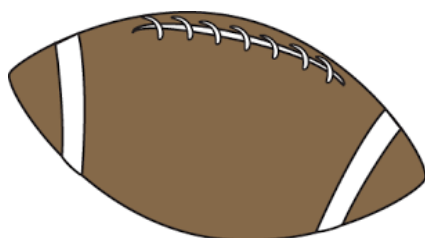
It has been a pleasure being the Membership Chairman!! I want to Congratulate Tyler Co. Unit #48 for reaching Goal. Way to go!!! We have a few that are so close!! I know this has been a challenging year. You all are “enhancing membership” and I am proud of all your hard work!! There are many new members out there that are just waiting to be asked!! Keep working on your membership!! Remember to be KIND!!

I want to Thank Department President Rhonda; 1st Vice President Sharon; 2nd Vice President Cathy; all District Vices and all Units for your support and hard work this year!!

I have enjoyed traveling throughout the state and spending time with our Auxiliary Sisters. A big Thank you to Department Sec/Treas. Paulette for all you have done to keep us straight!!!

I am looking forward to Department Convention!! **Don't forget to bring your visors decorated!!** I know you are all creative and I can't wait to see them!!!

Susan Wade
Membership Chairman



Department 1st Vice President

Hello Marshall Herd

First I would like to say it has been a pleasure working with all of you, and a pleasure going to all the District Conferences meetings.

Hope to see everyone at Summer Convention.

We didn't make our goal that National had set for us. However we did beat WVU by 90 members. Congratulations to Tyler Unit #48 for making 100%.

We're not done yet let's keep trying. Thank you for a great year.

Go Marshall
For God and Country
Department 1st Vice
Sharon Kauffman



Department 2nd Vice President

Hello my Auxiliary Sisters,

Our year is quickly coming to a close; it has been an honor to serve you as 2nd Vice President throughout this Centennial year.

Our membership is still less than stellar, but we do have a few weeks to get your ladies renewed and get those dues in. Please let them know that just paying their dues helps so much. We still have units in the twenty percent.. get your hustle on girls..

Convention is just around the corner, I'm so looking forward to seeing everyone. Get those credentials in! And don't forget your visors...Let's see just who is Stylin'!!

I wish you all safe travels next month. Bring your “Culture of Goodwill” with you!

Don't forget your traveling plaques!!

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



3rd District Vice President

Summer time is just around the corner, but that doesn't mean we can let up on our membership.

I am happy to say that Third District has one Unit, Morgantown #174 close to goal. They need one member. Come on ladies find that one, it can be a new born girl, so look a little closer make us proud to be our Goal Unit.

We have one Unit with 24.93%, two units in the thirty percentile, two units in the 40 percentile, three units in the fifty percentile, and three units in the 60 percentile. I know National has raised the goal for each Unit, but I think if we really tried harder we could do a little better.

If you need my help, please call me at 304-592-0247, or e-mail me at : carlajwilfong@yahoo.com. If I don't answer leave me a message and I will get back to you.

Service to Veterans not self
Carla Wilfong
Third District Vice-President

5th District Vice President

Hello Ladies,

Thank you for working so hard on membership. Keep up the good work.

I hope to see everyone at the convention in July.

Remember we are here for the veterans and their families.

Thank you
JoAnn Hastings
Fifth District Vice President

4th District Vice President

Greetings to Members of the 4th District
Although the annual Department Convention is right around the corner our District is still only at 52.68%. The Target for June 15th was 100%. We have to keep working on MEMBERSHIP! We must recruit, retain, and reinstate!

We are so proud of Tyler County Unit #48. They continue to be the only Auxiliary Unit to reach 100% in Membership. Although Wheeling Unit #1 in District 1 is close behind with 96.15%. District 4 statistics are currently reported as Sistersville #67 with 78.30%; New Haven #140 is at 57.73%; Williamstown #159 is at 55.35%; Parkersburg #15 is at 49.81%; Point Pleasant #23 is at 49.38%; followed by Spencer #21 at 39.80%. We can do it ladies; the Mighty 4th District is on the move!!

I look forward to seeing you at Department Convention. I am bringing my faithful "cowbell" to ring loud and clear when our Auxiliary Units receive awards!

If your auxiliary unit treasury is able, please pay dues for auxiliary 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,

Well, another auxiliary year is almost over. Our membership isn't where it is supposed to be but I know you have done your best.

Let's continue to try to improve it. Keep asking those current members who have not paid their dues to please do so. Just a few will make it possible for some units to have "enhanced" their membership.

Congratulations to Units 14, 52, 102 & 134 for having "enhanced" their membership and to Units 91 & 152 that need just one more. Unit 30 needs only four members to reach Goal. Great work, ladies. Just keep reaching.

While we still want to get those members for this year, let's begin to think of ways to get those new members for next year. A joint membership drive with your Post and SAL could possibly bring in new members for the American Legion Family. Remember the Legion is the best source for auxiliary members. They have wives, daughters/granddaughters/great granddaughters, sisters and mothers. The paperwork is easy because it is already at the post. If you have any ideas about a way to attract members, please let us know.

I hope everyone has a wonderful 4th of July. Be safe...be happy!

Thank you for all you have done for me this year. I enjoyed being your Vice President.

Hope you all are making plans to attend our Department Convention. I am looking forward to seeing you.

Hugs to all!
10th District Vice President
Debbie Michael
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1st District President

Hello Ladies

First I would like to thank District 1 for electing me President again this upcoming administrative year 2019-2020. I have enjoyed my time and hope that I can continue to learn and distribute information to you all next year. I have been able to fill all our special committees except for children and youth. Thank you Susan Wade, Rhonda Best and Donna Leek for filling the chairman positions for our other 3 committees.

Thank you to District 1 Vice President Stephanie Handley, Chaplin Kim Elliott and Secretary /Treasurer Susan Brown for being there for District 1 for another year.

If anyone is interested please contact me ASAP .

Our summer convention is quickly approaching and I hope to see many of you there, it is a great experience and I love to hear all about what our great organization does throughout the year to help our veterans and their families.

Take Care

Holly Adams

District 1 President

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5th District President

As the 2018 – 2019 year ends, it becomes increasingly difficult to get new members. I know it is difficult to have a new member pay their dues and, in a month, or so, their dues are due again. It is a difficult time but I encouraged you: DO NOT HOLD DUES! Send them in to Department as soon as you receive them.

The Department Convention is fast approaching. It will be held July 11 – 13 at the newly renovated Doubletree Hotel in Huntington. I hope several members from your unit are planning on attending. I would love to see a great turn out from the 5th District since the convention is being held in the 5th District.

Continue to work on the programs that make this a great county and organization. You DO make a difference.

Beth Kilgore, President
5th District



Chaplain

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Family of Reba Honaker

Mary Waybright

Sharon Glassford

Alice Fought

There are several others who are ill, so to all members a prayer for you:

“Almighty God, bless these members of our organization who have been suffering recently with illnesses. Watch over them and their loved ones. Grant them a peaceful night and keep them in thy grace. We ask this in your name. Amen”

Please keep Kelli Immel, our Department Chaplain in your prayers as she has a procedure done in Morgantown on Friday the 21st.



Historian

Hello Ladies,

Wow I can't believe it's July already and it's been a great year. I have met a lot of wonderful people and have learned a lot this year.

I hope to see everyone at State Convention in Huntington!

Don't forget to turn in your history books if you want them to be judged on! The more the better!

God and Country
Savanna Kauffman
Historian



Constitution & Bylaws

The Department Convention is just weeks away and the 2018 – 2019 year will be in the books.

I want you to know it has been a pleasure working with each one of you this year. Keep working on revisions to your Constitution and By-Laws. You have done an excellent job this year. We still have a few that we are working on and hope to have done soon. See you at Convention.

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

Children & Youth

Please bring any donations of The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation to Department Convention.

If possible please roll any change ahead of time.

Thank you
Debbie Fox
Children & Youth Chairman

2018 Convention Chairman

Hello Ladies,

I'm the Convention Chairman this year and I need your help.

I need help at the registration tables
Incoming Department officers: I need a 5 x 7 picture for display. Incoming President can bring a 8 x10 if she wants. Please bring them with you and turn in to me Thursday evening.

I would like to have Units bring a gift to convention. They will be given out as door prizes.

Call me at 304-633-2411. I would very much appreciate your help.

Thank you
JoAnn Hastings
Convention chairman

Junior Activities

Hi Ladies,

It has been an honor to serve as your Junior Activities Chairman this year. Thank you, President Rhonda. These girls have so much to offer to your units, if you only give them the chance.

Please continue to grow your membership by signing them up. With all that is going on in our country, it is a comfort to know that our Junior members and young SAL members are learning about love and respect for our flag and Veterans. When our youth gets involved in a community or Veteran project, people notice.

Please make plans to bring your Juniors to the Department Convention on Thursday, July 11. If you can, let me know how many are coming. As of now, I have heard from Units 14, 48 and 60. Have them bring their bathing suits so they can enjoy the pool, if they want. Also, please have them bring a white dress/skirt/top/shoes if they would like to hold an Honorary Department office. I have 2 dresses that I will bring, just in case someone does not have one.

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

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone.

Juniors~ Such a Joy!

Junior Activities
Debbie Michael
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Legislative

Greetings,

This year has flown by, a great big Thank You President Rhonda Best for affording me the honor of serving as the 2018-2019 Legislative Chairman. It has been a wonderful experience not only to serve, but to get to know so many of our Ladies!!!

Always remember as ALA members it is our mission and our honor to serve as advocates for our Veterans.

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

***Credentials are Due into
Auxiliary Department
Headquarters by
Friday June 28th***

***Past Department
Presidents Luncheon
Forms and Money are
due into Department by
Monday July 1st***

Statement regarding Potential Change in American Legion Auxiliary Membership

This is what we've learned:

The American Legion, at its spring 2019 National Executive Committee meeting, voted to replace the word "wife" with "spouse" in its constitution and bylaws section regarding the American Legion Auxiliary's membership eligibility.

How this news affects the American Legion Auxiliary:

American Legion Auxiliary members, since the founding of our organization a century ago, are committed to meeting the needs of veterans, the military, and their families. Currently, 1.9 million women veterans are living in the United States, and 9 percent of the U.S. military is female. By 2045, it's estimated that 18 percent of the U.S. military will be comprised of women.

With this potential change in membership eligibility opening up to the spouses of veterans, membership in the ALA has much promise for growth, leading to new resources, increased funding opportunities, and additional diversity and talent among our leadership, as well as general membership.

Building upon the ALA's 100 years of Service Not Self, our mission will be supported by the inclusivity of all veteran spouses:

Embracing people, and the opening of our membership recruitment pool, allows the American Legion Auxiliary to become even more wide-reaching to those we serve – our heroes.

Next steps:

This potential change in American Legion Auxiliary membership eligibility will be voted on by delegates at The American Legion's National Convention in Indianapolis, Aug. 23-29, 2019. Further details will be released at that time.

News about this potential change is not confidential. It can be shared among your membership or at department functions.

This is being sent on behalf of Interim National Secretary Linda Boone.



100 Years of Celebration 1919-2019



Thank you to the few Units that sent a brief report in for this. National asked to see what we have been doing and what plan we had over the next year.

National is asking all Departments to bring their colors for the National Parade in 2020.

Just an idea but as we approach our 100th anniversary ask a down town shop if you can display information from our past 100 years in there window.

As we move into the start of our 100th year, go in with a big bang and bang all year, show every one what we do, who we are and why we matter!

Lisa Cadwallader, Chairman
Roxie Nicolson, Committee Member
Beth Kilgore, Committee Member

Past President's Parley

Hope to see many at the luncheon at convention.

Thank you for all your hard work!

Lisa Cadwallader
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National Executive Committeewoman

The CPA that does National's books spoke during our NEC meeting. They are Alerding CPA Group, their website is www.Alerdingcpagroup.com. They have some great information available for download to help individuals and nonprofits. See attachment in Spirit or email. This attachment was handed out during that meeting. They spoke mostly on National assets, investments, returns, etc., which I won't really go into.

I want to touch on the things that effect us more. They stated our 990's have to be shown publicly but we do not need to do anything to put them out there, they are out there.

Temporary verse Permanent reserves, they explained, with a permanent reserve, if a donation is made, you may use the income from the donation but not the amount of the donation.

The biggest thing that effects us, they have talked about before is the secretary and treasurer should never be the same person. As they see more and more problems in states they stress this more and more. There is no good checks and balances when the same person does both.

They talked heavily on setting up a good check and balance of your finances. Keep in mind, we may not think we are a business but we are. It is not a matter of not trusting a person, its a matter of not giving a person a chance. There may be a very reliable person in place now, but who is to say that will always be the case as people fill positions.

Lisa Cadwallader, NEC
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Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

I want to thank every Unit that sent me a End of Year Report and the Units that sent members names and hours. I have placed a order again this year for several bars for both VA Hospital and for Service to Veterans. I know several other Units have done things that would give them credit. I see it on Facebook, but this does no good for credit.

I hope Units participate in the Stand downs that are starting in the areas. Please be sure to keep track of your time and send it in next year. There are so many things you can take credit for. If you cannot take it for VA&R you might be able to take it for Community Service.

Be sure to check with your local VA Hospital to see what they are running low on. Honor our Veterans any way you can. They fought for our Freedom.

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

Service to Veterans not self
Carla Wilfong
VA&R Chairman

Strategic Planning Committee

We are coming to the close of the 5-year Centennial Strategic Plan in the Departments.

A new course of action will start with the 2019-2020 year.

As the final article we wish to say to "not give up" on:

- **Building Brand Loyalty in our Legion Family
- **Strengthening our Department and Units to work together
- **Developing Leadership at All Levels
- **Creating an internal Culture of Goodwill
- **Above All: ENHANCING OUR MEMBERSHIP.

It has been a pleasure working with you the 5 years, and we hope we have had some positive influence.

Irene Weber
Sharon Glassford
Paulette Anderson
Ann Buchanan

Last 5 Years:
Department Presidents'
Department Membership Chairmen
Department Leadership Teams



Audit Opinion

What it is: These pages are the only ones that belong to the auditors. They indicate the opinion that is being issued on the financial statements based on the work performed.

What to look for: The opinion should say the financial statements are presented fairly in all material respects. In a standard opinion page, there will be a bold "Opinion" heading to direct your attention. Any exceptions or qualifications will also be clearly identified.

Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet)

What it is: This statement shows what the organization owns (assets), what it owes (liabilities) and what it is worth (net assets). Assets such as cash and investments are reported at their fair value while property and equipment are reported at their original cost and depreciated over the asset's life.

What to look for: You'll want to make sure the organization has a strong balance sheet with more assets than liabilities. Many nonprofits like to see reserves of 3 to 6 months (if not more). Reserves can be calculated using unrestricted cash plus receivables and investments (don't include endowment investments that can't be accessed) minus any accounts payable or accrued expenses that will need to be paid in the near term.

Statement of Activities (Income Statement)

What it is: This statement is also known as a Profit and Loss statement because it shows the organization's revenues and expenses for the year. The line "change in net assets" toward the bottom is the equivalent of net income in for-profit entities. For organizations that receive restricted donations, this statement often separates out restricted contributions and unrestricted contributions.

What to look for: A negative change in net assets is not a red flag by itself, but an organization doesn't want to operate like that for long or it will start to deplete its reserves. Be sure to pay attention to the sources of revenues to see how the organization is being supported; heavy reliance in one area, such as program income, contribution income, or investment income, could indicate risk to the organization.

Statement of Functional Expenses

What it is: This statement reports expenses by their natural category (salaries, rent, office supplies, etc) as well as by their functional category (Program, Management and General, and Fundraising). It can be very helpful to see where and how an organization is spending its money. This is usually a key statement for donors as they won't want to fund an organization that is all back office and no program work.

What to look for: The appropriate percent of program expenses can vary based on the type of organization. But before you strive for 100% program expenses, keep in mind that the organization has a fiduciary duty to monitor donor's funds and some overhead is necessary. In addition, spending some level of money on fundraising could pay dividends down the road.

Statement of Cash Flows

What it is: This statement is one of the most confusing for those not familiar with financial statements but it can tell the entire financial story of an organization. It begins with the change in net assets (ie. net income) for the year and proceeds to convert that accrual basis number to the actual change in cash from the beginning of the year compared to the end of the year.

What to look for: If you are still becoming familiar with financial statements, the easiest way to direct your attention on this statement is to focus on the big numbers. A big increase in receivables or a big equipment purchase could indicate why an organization is low on cash. A quick tip - a positive number indicates that area was a source of cash and a negative number indicates that area was a use of cash.

Notes to Financial Statements

What it is: The "Footnotes", as they are called, provide explanatory detail about the statements listed above. While they can be lengthy and detailed, key changes in the organization or other important factors should be further explained in the Footnotes.

What to look for: A quick comparison to last year's audit report will tell you whether there are any new footnotes that you should be concerned about. Other items to look for include: 1) *concentrations*, which may indicate reliance on only one or a few revenue sources; 2) *net asset and endowment notes*, which will identify donor restrictions at the end of the year as well as how restricted funds were used during the year; and 3) reference to *restatements*, which are changes in previously issued financial statements.

May Ways and Means Winners

***Congratulations to the
May Ways & Means
Winners!***

***Even though the Auxiliary
year ends July 31st, our 2019
Ways & Means Tickets
continue until December
31st!***

***You still can purchase
tickets for 2019. I will have
them at Department Conven-
tion.***

Paulette

<i>Name</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount</i>
ALA Shinnston #31	315	Shinnston	WV	5/1/19	\$25.00
	585			5/2/19	
	866			5/3/19	
Robin Love	511	Proctorville	OH	5/4/19	\$25.00
Gina Perry	233	Keyser	WV	5/6/19	\$25.00
Sandra Lemley	459	Moundsville	WV	5/7/19	\$25.00
Jeff Wisley	613	Lavalette	WV	5/8/19	\$25.00
Polly Wimmer	941	Bluefield	WV	5/9/19	\$25.00
Jim Hott	480	Springfield	WV	5/10/19	\$25.00
	639			5/11/19	
Georgina Smith	945	Capon Bridge	WV	5/13/19	\$25.00
Judy Johngrass	007	Branchland	WV	5/14/19	\$25.00
	853			5/15/19	
Jeanne Queen	358	Ellicott City	MD	5/16/19	\$25.00
Gary Rayl	456	Reedsville	WV	5/17/19	\$25.00
Debra Fox	558	Cameron	WV	5/18/19	\$25.00
	741			5/20/19	
	604			5/21/19	
Linda Judy	753	Shanks	WV	5/22/19	\$25.00
Jill Goins	174	Thorpe	WV	5/23/19	\$25.00
Sherri Sparks	617	Bluefield	VA	5/24/19	\$25.00
ALA Roane County #21	199	Spencer	WV	5/25/19	\$25.00
	652			5/27/19	
Sharon Armentrout	733	Webster Springs	WV	5/28/19	\$25.00
Mary Ann Myers	415	Glen Dale	WV	5/29/19	\$25.00
	181			5/30/19	
	822			5/31/19	

Distinguished Guest

Our Central Division National Vice President Teresa Isensee attended Memorial Day weekend activities in Grafton with us. She arrived on Saturday. Sunday morning we were off to the church service, the VFW for brunch, some sightseeing in the area of the banners in memory of deceased veterans, the traveling wall, memorial park and the service at the West Virginia national cemetery in Grafton.

Teresa along with PDP Patricia Moore laid the wreath. On Monday we got an early start down to the parade route before the streets closed. Breakfast at a volunteer fire hall in town, the parade and the service at the Grafton National Cemetery, where Commander Bill Combs and President Rhonda Best laid the wreath. Then out to Shinnston for a meet and greet. Shinnston did a wonderful job as always! A big Thank You to their American Legion Family!! Then a late dinner. Tuesday breakfast, and a 10 am tour of the Clarksburg VAMC. The staff were friendly and informative.

Off to the airport. Teresa really enjoyed her visit with us. She made comments to both myself and President Rhonda. She was surprised and happy with her gifts, thanks to all. Unfortunately her flight home was not as nice. She had many delays but finally made it home safe.

Lisa Cadwallader
Distinguished Guest Chairman
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Enhancing and Strengthening Our Membership Through Teamwork, Good Communication, and Our Mission

Target #10—June 15th—100%
Department Goal—9966 Membership to Date—5,471 (54.90 %)
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	50	44.64%
Cameron #18	262	145	55.34%
New Martinsville #28	217	127	58.53%
Wellsburg #34	48	22	45.83%
Follansbee #45	65	40	61.54%
Benwood #46	131	73	55.73%
Pine Grove #81	112	84	75.00%
Paden City #86	178	94	52.81%
Wheeling #89	39	22	56.41%
Newell #114	57	30	52.63%
Hundred #120	115	48	41.74%
Chester #121	269	162	60.22%
TOTALS	2132	1183	55.49%



**Special Teams
Coach
Goal—4915
To Date—2743
55.81 %**

District 3			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	83	40	48.19%
Grafton #12	32	17	53.13%
Clarksburg #13	230	86	39.39%
Elkins #29	253	146	57.08%
Shinnston #31	412	255	61.89%
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	22	53.66%
Jane Lew #166	65	31	47.69%
Morgantown #174	30	29	96.97%
TOTALS	1371	762	55.58%

District 5			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Huntington #16	347	167	48.13%
Logan #19	30	11	36.67%
St. Albans #73	65	30	46.15%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	489	282	57.67%
South Charleston #94	26	13	50.00%
Hamlin #111	99	47	47.47%
Milton #139	113	60	53.10%
Barboursville #177	243	141	58.02%
TOTALS	1412	751	53.19%

District 4			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	1080	538	49.81%
Spencer #21	98	39	39.80%
Pt. Pleasant #23	484	239	49.38%
Tyler County #48	33	33	100.00%
Sistersville #67	106	83	78.30%
New Haven #140	220	127	57.73%
Williamstown #159	215	119	55.35%
TOTALS	2236	1178	52.68%

**Membership
Chairman
Special Teams
Coach**



**Special Teams
Coach
Goal—4965
To Date 2653
53.43 %**

District 6			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Welch #8	100	56	56.00%
Bluefield #9	28	25	89.29%
Beckley #32	98	42	42.86%
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	287	48.07%

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	73	57.94%
Romney #91	353	214	60.62%
Charles Town #102	45	27	60.00%
Paw Paw #128	68	34	50.00%
Kirby #134	71	40	56.34%
Ridgeley #136	136	80	58.82%
Capon Bridge #137	214	116	54.21%
Keyser #152	77	44	57.14%
TOTALS	2132	1230	57.69%

Rhododendron Girls State

The 77th Session of Rhododendron Girls State officially ended, Friday, June 14, 2019. The theme "In the Spirit of Service Not Self, Experience the Power of Giving was just that.

Thank you to all of the volunteers, our Director Michelle Sirbaugh, Assistant Director Rosemary Thomas, Registrar Ann Buchanan, Office Manager Susan Brown, Banker Paulette Anderson, staff, Davis & Elkins faculty for making this week a life changing week for 297 young ladies.

What a remarkable experience it was for our citizens hands on learning about patriotism, leadership and citizenship. Our newly elected Governor is Katie Beth Caudill of Huntington Unit 16.

Thank you all for selecting fine young ladies for this prestigious program of The American Legion Auxiliary and our future is in great hands with these young ladies!

Lynda Lancaster
Girls State Chairman

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
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Parkersburg WV 26101
304-422-1263

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1562 Holderby Road
Huntington WV 25701
304-654-7750

6th Dist. — Peggy Swartz
P O Box 124
Gary WV 24836
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10th Dist.— Lynda Lancaster
PO Box 1037
Ranson WV 25438
304-676-3979

July 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 <i>PDP Luncheon Due</i>	2	3	4 <i>Office Closed</i>	5	6
7	8	9	10 <i>Leave for Convention Office Closed</i>	11 <i>E Bd. Meeting Junior Convention</i>	12 <i>Convention</i>	13
14	15	16 <i>Office Open</i>	17 <i>Articles Due for Spirit</i>	18	19	20
21	22 <i>New Spirit Out VA Checks</i>	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	<i>Programs of Month State Convention</i>		

**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 Handley Sgt. at Arms Shana Adams, Sgt. at Arms
	Invocation	Kelli Immel, 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

9:30 am Roll Call Paulette Anderson, Department Secretary
Final Report of Credentials Linda Crumm, Chairman
Final Report of Resolutions Irene Weber, Chairman
Final Report of Constitution & Bylaws Beth Kilgore, Chairman
Final Report of Courtesy Resolutions Carla Wilfong, Chairman
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
Closing Remarks Rhonda Best, Department President
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!