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Department President  
Rhonda Best

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



Hello Ladies,

I really enjoyed spending time with all members that attended Our Annual Workshop. We learned, We laughed, and we complimented others throughout the entire day.

Now it is time to get busy with our activities and events. Please remember to take pictures during these activities and events as well as keep track of your volunteer hours so we can report what WV is doing. Please forward all pictures taken throughout this year to my Scrapbook Chairman Sondra Elson at [sondraelson7@hotmail.com](mailto:sondraelson7@hotmail.com).

I will be at Camp Dawson on September 29th with several Gold Star Families conducting a Membership Drive for the Department.

During the month of October I will be attending several District Fall Conferences and I hope to visit with several members while there.

My Homecoming is October 27th, 2018 in Moundsville. I still have tickets available.

**MEMBERSHIP ! MEMBERSHIP !** Let's move them on down the field for **ENHANCEMENT!!!! LET'S GO MOUNTAINEERS ---- LET'S GO THUNDERING HERDS**

Until next time keep working our Mission and 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

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

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



# Department Headquarters

## Mission Statement

*In the spirit of service, not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor our youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.*

**Mandatory Funds:** to be a unit in good standing one of the obligations is paying your unit mandatory funds yearly, no later than **July 31, 2019**. If you are attending Department Convention to be seated as a delegate, then it is **30 days before Convention**.

Mandatory Funds are: *Bonding, Girls State Project, Education, Veterans 1st Fund, Poppies, and 10% proceeds.*

**Spirit Articles:** for Vice Presidents are due by 16th of each month. Target sheets will be emailed on 15th. Officers and Chairmen are due **NO LATER than 17th of each month**. If not in by the dates above will not be able to put in Spirit. Please limit your article to **200 words or less**. Please do not use a lot of **CLIPART** for Spirit. Spirit is emailed/mailed by the 20th of each month. If it falls on a weekend then it will be sent on Monday of the next week.

**Directory Updates:** page 15: Finance Committee: Irene Weber email should read irenew21941@gmail.com  
Page 30: Charles Town Unit #102 President Linda Ballard has a new address and phone #: 72 Louisa Beall Ln. Charles Town WV 25411, phone # 304-995-9314.  
Page 9: please note in "Remember Our Friends" Betty Burton's new address and phone number.

**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.

**Attention:** Back Dues on your 2019 Transmittal Sheet should read:

**Seniors—\$14.00**

**Juniors—\$2.50**

**Remember this is just for Back Dues**

**Online Dues** Members that pay their dues online will have their membership card sent directly to them from National. Membership Chairmen will still receive an email from me .

## Dates To Remember

**\*\*10th District Fall Conference**

**September 29th (Joint)**

**Romney Post #91**

**Auxiliary Reg. 8:15-8:45**

**Meeting Starts 9:00**

**\*\*6th District Fall Conference**

**Bluefield Post #9**

**\*\*5th District Fall Conference**

**October 13th (Joint)**

**Barboursville Post #177**

**Reg. 9:00 Meeting 10:00**

**\*\*4th District Fall Conference**

**October 21st (Joint)**

**New Haven Post #140**

**Reg. 9:00 Meeting 10:00**

**\*\*3rd District Fall Conference**

**October 27th (Joint)**

**Braxton County Senior Citizens**

**Reg. 9:00 Meeting 10:00**

**Department Presidents Homecoming**

**Saturday October 27th**

**\*\*1st District Fall Conference**

**October 28th**

**New Martinsville Unit #28**

**Reg. 9:00 Meeting 10:00**

**Department Commanders Homecoming**

**Saturday November 3rd**

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## **American Legion Auxiliary**

**National Website**

[ALAforveterans.org](http://ALAforveterans.org)

## **Remember Our Friends**

*Susan Wade, Past Department President had outpatient surgery recently.*

*Cards may be sent to her at:*

*Susan Wade, PDP*

*303 N. 1st Avenue*

*Paden City WV 26159*

*Morning Paulette,*

*I talked to Betty's daughter and now have her address and phone number.*

*She would love to hear from people.*

*When she fell and broke her hip she was admitted to an Assisted living or nursing home.*

*The address is: Betty Burton*

*Genesis Gettysburg Ctr*

*867 York Rd. Rm 201A*

*Gettysburg, PA 17325*

*Her number is 1-717-338-5154*

*Sent by: Sally Reid*

*Capon Bridge Unit #137*

*Alice Fought wishes to thank all members for the beautiful card sent to her.*

*She is going to Cancer Treatment Center in Philadelphia PA to see if they can help her with the pain.*

### *Membership Chairman*

I want to thank everyone for stepping up in my absence at Membership Workshop. Due to my out patient surgery being more intense than I thought it would be, I was unable to attend. Thank you all for the cards, thoughts and prayers!! I am doing better and look forward to seeing all of you soon!

Congratulations to Bluefield Unit 9, Shinnston Unit 31 and Tyler Co. Unit 48 for reaching Target #1 30%.

Membership is coming in very slow!! I think it is a combination of dues notices not coming out until September 15th and the dues increase.

We have got to remember our Membership theme: “Enhancing and Strengthening our Membership through Teamwork, Good Communication and our Mission.

I have only heard back from a few District Vices. Thank you for keeping up!

Valuing our Members is Nationals focus this year. At the current rate, we are losing approximately 40% of members within 3 years of their joining. Valuing our Members is the key to success!!!

A small act of kindness goes a long way!

We are now 225 behind last year and last in Central Division. We can DO This!!!

Go EERS and HERD!!

God Bless You All!!

Susan Wade

Membership Chairman



### *Department 1st Vice President*

Hello Thundering Herd,

It was great to see so many at Fall Workshop. President Rhonda: the Family Feud was great. Districts 3,5,10 you did a great job on everything. For those of you who didn't make it Marshall against WVU we took 2 games to their 1.

District Vices, remember to call your membership chairman every month as you have to give the Dept. Vice a report and we have to give a report to the Dept. Membership Chairman.

Membership renewals will be coming out soon. Marshall (Districts 3,5,10) to date is 454 with 9.24% against WVU 296 with 5.96. 3rd district total 12.84%, 5th district 5.52%, 10th district 9.38%.

Keep up the good work. I am here if you need help.

Dept. 1st Vice  
Sharon Kauffman  
304-582-2973



### *Department 2nd Vice President*

Hello my Auxiliary Sisters,

First of all, I'd like to wish our Membership Chairman, Susan Wade, a speedy recovery. Please keep her in your prayers. We missed you terribly at our recent Workshop. Trying to fill in for Susan is a tough job, but Sharon and I did our best.

Madam President Rhonda, your workshop was fantastic, very well done. It was wonderful to see Betty Rea at Workshop; she always keeps us on our toes.

Our Junior Auxiliary members did a fabulous job. Those little gals are our future leaders. Our purse auction did very well bringing in funds for the President's Special Project, Honor Flight.

Congratulations to Bluefield Unit #9 for hitting the first target.

Each month I will try to give you ideas for recruiting or retaining members. This month try the Door Hangers. If you see the American flag flying or a car in the driveway with veteran plates on it, stop by leave a Door Hanger, it also has an application attached to it. You never know who is just waiting for an invitation. Find these at [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org). Reach out... they are waiting!!

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





### 1st District President

Hello ladies

It was nice seeing some of you at the Membership Workshop; there were a lot of good learning information and plan of works were distributed for this year's programs.

Please remember that the 1st District Conference will be held in New Martinsville October 28th at the home post. For those of you that were not in attendance at the fall workshop I will have your folders for you then.

I have made calls to units and have made some contact with some. As we are in the beginning of our new year it is time for us to not only work on membership but also time to work on Auxiliary programs to promote our organization and service to veterans.

I have also contacted 1st District program chairmen and units should be expecting phone calls from them as well to receive information about programs and what units are doing so that the chairmen can report at the fall conference in New Martinsville.

I will be contacting units to verify their meeting dates and times so that I may either be available via conference calls or possibly attending if scheduling allows.

Please feel free to call or email me with any questions or concerns.

God Bless

Holly Adams

1st District President

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### 4th District President

I went to Fall Work Shop. I had a great time and learned a lot that we can use this year. We only had two Units represented from 4th District; wish the other Units had been present also. We learned a lot on Membership and the other Plan of Works from various committee chairmen.

We will have a lot to talk about at our Fall Conference. I am hoping to see every Unit represented at our Conference:

Date : October 21, 2018

Place: Post # 140 New Haven, WV.

Time: Registration 9am to 10am

GOD BLESS ALL  
Nancy Sundstrom  
4th District President



### 5th District President

The date of the **Fall Conference** is October 13th and will be hosted by Barboursville Unit #177. Registration will be from 9:00 – 10:00 with the meeting starting promptly at 10:00. Make plans now to attend. Lots of information will be distributed and there will be a few surprises in store.

Several of you attended the **Leadership Workshop** in Bridgeport on September 8th. What a great conference it was. Rosemary Thomas gave us an excellent presentation on **A Complaint Free World** and we played a fun game of **Family Feud**. Department Chairmen shared important information with the units and that information will be distributed at the district conference.

It is that time of year for membership renewals. I hope you are getting those in on a timely basis. **DO NOT** hold membership. Your members deserve the benefits of their membership and you are delaying those benefits by not sending their membership in timely. You do an excellent job with submitting membership and for that I thank you.

Keep working for our veterans.

Beth Kilgore. President  
5th District

*Somewhere today a soldier died for me. I pray I am worthy of their sacrifice.* -Eleanor Roosevelt



### 6th District President

Hello Everyone,

Just want to let everyone in 6th District know that we had a great workshop on September 8, 2018, if you didn't get to attend you missed a good workshop. It was good to see members from Beckley Unit #32, and Bluefield Unit #9 at the workshop.

Sixth District Fall Conference will be hosted by Bluefield Unit 9, this meeting will be on Saturday, October 6, 2018, it will be at the First Christian Church located at 2200 Bland Road, Bluefield, WV 24701. Registration will be from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM hope to see all Units from 6th District present and anyone other Units that might like to join us. The menu will be Spaghetti and the price of the meal will be \$10.00.

Hope everyone is working on membership and congratulations to Bluefield Unit 9 they reached the 1st target of 30% !

Haven't heard anything from other Units as to what they are doing guess all will start having meetings in September. I know that some take off for the summer. Welch Unit 8 is still working the kitchen on bingo night and still doing the 40/8 dinner the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Let's keep all in our prayers for the hurricane victims and anyone else that has had a lot of flooding.

Keep our veterans in our prayers

Peggy Swartz

6th District President

### 3rd District President

Hello ladies,

Here I am to remind you to get the renewals in as fast as you can and do not hold the membership cards after a member pays their dues. We need to work on making our goals and get a good start on our membership. We have a few units who still are at 0% and that is not good. I talked to one unit in Third District who said, oh, are they due now? Well, any officer in the unit has to have her dues paid by October 1st. And it only makes good sense to ask for members to pay early. The early bird gets the worm.

I am making plans to visit each unit at some point in the year, but in the meantime if you need me, please call me at (304) 657-5740.

Don't forget our District Meeting October 27th, at Braxton County Post #33. Registration is from 9 to 10 and the meeting is at 10:00. I would like to see each unit represented. Be sure and wear some color of green as we are Marshall.

Again, if you have any questions, call me at (304) 657-5740. I will be glad to help any way I can.

Roxie Nicholson

Third District President

### *10th District President*

Hello Ladies:

Hopefully the rain will cease soon and the sun will be shining again.

Fall Workshop was great, good information, and fun game of Family Feud. Dept. Chairman handed out information for each committee; to each unit. Those that were not there I will have them at 10th District Conference. Remember it is being held in Romney on Saturday, September 29th. Registration starts at 8:15 AM – 8:45 AM. Meeting starts at 9:00 am. Hope to see you there in Romney.

We will be going over a lot of information and reviewing. District Vice President Debbie Michael will be going over membership. We are Team Marshall. Go Herd!!!!

On September 26th at the VA they will have an orientation for volunteers from 5-7.

Should you have a question that needs clarification, please send me an email. We will answer them at Conference.

President Rhonda's project is the Honor Flight. This is a free program for our Veterans. Her Dept. Theme: "Mending Fences While Building New Bridges to Better Serve and Support our Veterans."

Always Thank a Veteran they are HEROS.

Thank you for all you do it is very much appreciated. See you at Conference. God Bless America,  
Sharon Glassford

### *5th District Vice President*

Hello ladies

We are starting a new year in membership. We need to get started on bringing new members in and getting our older members back.

Most people ask, what all do we do? We work for the veterans to help them when they need us. They risked their lives for our freedom, so ladies lets get out there and bring a new member in.

Thank you  
JoAnn Hastings  
Fifth District VP

### *10th District Vice President*

Hello Ladies,

I hope this finds all of you looking forward to the great fall season. (We hope!)

Thank you to Department President Rhonda and her team for an amazing Fall Workshop.

I have sent all of the units the info for membership in the 10th District. Thank you to Unit 14 for responding to me so quickly. I cannot encourage you enough about the importance of membership in each of our units.

Please try to get your members involved in getting new members and retaining the old. Our unit members are the most important part of our organization. We need all of you!

Our first monthly target of 30% was due by September 15th. Certificates will be given to any unit reaching each of the 10 monthly target dates. If your unit did not make it, that's okay. Let's look forward to our next monthly target of 35% by October 15th.

We have 4 quarterly goal dates. Enhancement ribbons will be given to each unit reaching these goals. Our first goal is 25% by October 1st. This should be a very easy goal for the units.

I am asking that each member sign up 1 new member this year. For example: It's tuff if you think, we need 20 or 50 etc. new members, but if each of you think, I need 1 new member, it is so doable! Please have applications at your unit meetings and make sure you give one to any member that you see in the canteen, store, church etc.. This could be a Membership Drive.

I would like to have contact info for your Unit Membership Chairman.

Remember... WE ARE MARSHALL! Please wear green to our District Conference At Romney Unit 91 on Saturday September 29th.

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

**GO HERD!!!!!!**

10th District Vice President  
Debbie Michael  
234 Breden Addition  
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411  
304-258-2705

### *3rd District Vice President*

Fall Workshop was a great success. All Units should have had a member there, but sorry to say only two Units in Third District were there. The Department Vices went over applications and forms that we send in each time we send in dues, and answered questions if you had one.

So far we have only had one Unit in Third District to make first target. Congratulations Shinnston Unit 31. Buckhannon #7 and Braxton County #33 are doing good in membership. We have three Units that the only membership so far is their VIM's. Come on Ladies we can do better than this.

Our next Target will be October 15th at 35%. I hope by Fall Conference, October 27th to be able to say, we have several at this Target. If you need my help, just call me at 304-592-0247 or email me at [carlajwilfong@yahoo.com](mailto:carlajwilfong@yahoo.com). God Bless America and our Troops  
Carla Wilfong  
3rd District Vice President

### *1st District Vice President*

1st District Mountaineers,

Fall Workshop was held in September and was packed full of information. Those in attendance seemed to really enjoy the workshop. Thank you to the members of 1st District who attended the workshop. You should have some valuable information to share with your units.

We really need to work on getting members either by renewing, rejoining or new. Membership has been coming in extremely slow. Renewal notices should have gone out from National, so hopefully this will help with the push numbers. Unit Membership Chairman remember to submit membership as soon as possible. Don't hold onto them.

Has your unit thought about having a membership drive or doing one with your post and SAL squadron? Has your unit thought of another idea to drive membership? Just remember that the membership team is here to help. So don't be afraid to reach out to us if you have any questions. Keep on pushing ahead to get our numbers up so we can achieve our goals.

Let's Go Mountaineers!

Stephanie Handley  
1st District Vice President

### 4th District Vice President

Hello Ladies,

The ALA Fall Workshop was awesome! There are some important changes involving Membership and processing new and continuous member dues. Very soon you will be hearing more about ALAMIS (our new, on line system for processing dues.)

National has increased the number of new/rejoin members each Auxiliary Unit must attain. Looking at the numbers individually doesn't seem too bad but when you look at the number of new/rejoin members each District is expected to attain, it is overwhelming.

Ladies, we are going to have to be more creative! We need to look around us for potential new members. We must search for new members in our daily lives. How about our workplaces, our churches, our schools and libraries?

There are some important holidays coming up. There will be community celebrations for Veterans Day which we celebrate on November 11. Carry a couple of ALA Membership applications in your purse. You just never know when you might have an opportunity to recruit a new member!

**If you love your Freedom, Thank a Veteran!**

Patsy Young-Greiner  
4th District Vice President  
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### Chaplain

Thanks to President Rhonda and everyone that had anything to do with the fall workshop. It was a great weekend seeing everyone.

I would like for everyone to keep me updated with any Auxiliary members that are under the weather or just need a little pick me up .

Prayers sent for safe travels these next months for fall conference and homecomings.

And please remember all of our American Legion Family's during the flooding we have been having.  
*I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence comes my help? My Help comes from the Lord, Who made heavens and earth.*

*Psalm 12:1-2*

God Bless  
Kelli A Immel  
Chaplain

### Historian

Hello Ladies,

Glad to see such an amazing group of woman every time we get to meet! I'm so happy that most of us got to come to the workshop in Bridgeport. Keep doing what we do best!

Hope everyone stays safe and please plan for Florence Hurricane:  
<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/prepare/ready.php>

Thanks Savanna  
Historian

### Americanism



Hello everyone and Happy Autumn:

I wasn't able to attend the Fall workshop but I have heard that it was really good, sorry I missed it. Congratulations, President Rhonda on a job well done!

The Americanism plan of works for 2018-2019 will be on our department website and I'll mail copies to units who have no access to the internet.

This year I'd like to see a lot more Americanism essays. Please contact your local schools and try to work with them to get more students involved in this program.

I hope to see 100% reporting from our units this year. When you send me your mid-year Americanism reports you can include photos of your units activities.

For God and Country,  
Tammy Workman



### Constitution & Bylaws

We are starting to get a few revisions to the individual unit Constitution & Bylaws. I will send these to the committee for review. You should hear back from us soon.

Please check the date of your last Constitution & Bylaws revision. If it has been longer than a couple of years, you need to review and update. Your dues need to be moved from the constitution to the bylaws.

If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call at 304-654-7750.

Service Not Self,  
Beth Kilgore, Chairman  
Linda Crumm, Member  
Dede Kelly, Member

### Community Service

If you were at the workshop in Bridgeport, on September 8, 2018, and did not receive a plan of works from me please let me know and I will be glad to get one in the mail to you and if you weren't at the workshop and did not get one in your folder please let me know and I will be glad to get it to you.

So until next time God Bless.  
Peggy Swartz  
Community Service Chairman

### Education

Hello Ladies

The 2018-2019 scholarship applications are on-line for you to print and get out to your area schools. Deadlines for all scholarship applications is March 1, 2019 to student's local units so that they can ensure all required information is completed and that unit signs off on the applications.

Units should be expecting the Education program Action Plan within the next 2 weeks as they were not available at the fall workshop.

Units should start planning for "American Education week" which is November 12th through the 16th. This is an opportunity for units to give thanks to educators, and all school personnel that have an impact on our youth within our communities.

Thank you  
Holly Adams  
Department Education Committee



## Children & Youth

Hello To All,

I'm really sad for those that missed Fall Workshop at Bridgeport. It was a very informative day and lots of fun playing Family Feud with our ALA sisters.

September 17th was Constitution Day. I truly hope your unit was able to celebrate with young people to teach them the values of our Constitution. Along with that work on "STAR SPANGLE KIDS", as well incorporating The American Legion Oratorical contest.

This year as in the past Children and Youth Plan of Action is on the department website. You may notice not much has change. Really nothing but the name and dates. Make sure you check the dates. I thought "if it's not broke don't fix it".

Again this year I'd like part of our program to focus on the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. Even though it's not an auxiliary program it's still very worthy of our time. After some research this foundation operates similar to AEF. All of this being said I'm challenging the Department of West Virginia to donate \$1000. That means if each unit and each district would please remember to donate we'll do this together and CWF will be the beneficiary. I thank you in advance.

As your unit plans fall festivals and Halloween parties don't forget reflective clothing, shiny treat bags or glow sticks. Child Safety First.

Until Next Time,  
For God and Country  
Debbie Fox  
C&Y Chair



## 1st District Children & Youth

Good morning Ladies,

I am the 1st District Children & Youth Chairman.

I am writing to let everyone know that I am excited to hear what your unit is doing for Children and Youth in 1st District. You can send me your report by mail at Carolyn Yoho 448 Piney Fork Rd, Pine Grove, WV 26419 or by email at [yoholove@yahoo.com](mailto:yoholove@yahoo.com)

Lets get our young children involved and teach them what our organization is all about.

God Bless you all.  
Carolyn Yoho  
1st District Children & Youth

## Legislative

Greetings Ladies,

I want to thank President Rhonda Best and the team who made Fall Workshop both very informative and fun!

With autumn here, it is time to get busy working on our Legislative Action Plan; with confidence our voices do make a difference!

I received correspondence from ALA Central Division Chairman, Joan Chawala informing me she will be sending information on a regular basis. I will be contacting all District Presidents so I can compile a mailing list of the District Legislative Chairmen. I am inviting Unit Legislative Chairman to contact me if you would like me to add you to the list.

Again, I encourage all members to join the American Legion Auxiliary Nation website at [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org) in addition to our Department website at [www.wvaux.org](http://www.wvaux.org)

Become an advocate for our Veterans...Stay Connected by logging-on and logging-in!

Susan Yoho  
Legislative Chairman

## Junior Activities

Hi Ladies,

What a great time I had with the Junior girls who attended the Junior Meeting in Bridgeport!

Thank you to Units #9 Bluefield, #15 Parkersburg and #16 Huntington for bringing your Juniors with you. It was great working with Ky, Emma and Mary Grace.

They love doing crafts and seem to enjoy making the notepads for the Department Membership Team. They also colored magnets and wooden signs. This was part of our "Sharing & Caring" topic. They were allowed to keep one and give the others to those who may need their day brightened or to someone special to them.

We have also adopted a holiday "WE CARE" project. This of course will only happen if the Unit supports them. It is simply providing a dinner or dinners to those who are alone or are in need. This could be the homeless, a lonely Veteran, Auxiliary member or any person who needs a lift. This could also be food for a needy family to prepare themselves.

Anything that can be done for those lonely or less fortunate is a great way to say "We Care"! Please involve your Juniors with this and with many of the things you do in your unit.. They can be a real help and the more they learn about the things our American Legion Auxiliary does, the more prepared they will be as senior members.

PLEASE>>>PLEASE>>>PLEASE sign up new members. Even if they cannot be active right now, the membership counts the same as senior members. Becoming a member is the first step to active members!

Document everything your Juniors do (even if they don't have regular meetings). Take pictures; put articles in the newspaper and social media. I am working on a Junior site for Face Book. Send anything that you have to me.

We have an Honorary Department Junior Historian this year and we need input from all the units for her scrapbook. We don't want the book to be just 1 or 2 units. We need them all. If your district was not represented at Fall Workshop, let me know and I will send you the Juniors Plan of Works.

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

Juniors.....Such a Joy!!  
Debbie Michael  
Junior Activities  
[katndebbie@gmail.com](mailto:katndebbie@gmail.com)  
304-258-2705



## National Security

It was so good to see so many members of my "family" at the Department Workshop and Executive Board Meeting. Thanks to Paulette, I had my Action Plan to distribute to those units in attendance. The units who did not attend need to go to the Department website to print off or contact me if you have no one with a computer.

Our National Security primary purpose is to support our military service members and their families as well as Gold Star and Blue Star families. We can do this in many ways, but mainly we have a problem because we have no military installations near our home towns. We can "adopt" a veterans and send him cards, notes and/or care packages. We can look after the families of those left behind.

We can look after those veterans in our Post and auxiliary members with CPR training or other emergency training, or as one of my unit members suggested provide a first aid kit or refill one in your Post home.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact me.

Mary Waybright  
National Security Chairman

## Poppy

Hello Ladies

I passed the 2018- 2019 Poppy Plan of Action at the Work Shop. If your Unit didn't receive a copy you can go to the Department Website [www.wvaux.org](http://www.wvaux.org)

I would like for all Units to have a Poppy Poster Contest this year and bring your winning Poster to Mid-Winter with you for judging so we can send our Department's winning Poppy Poster to National.

I would like for all Units to make a Poppy Corsage. It would be a wonderful idea to display your Poppy Corsage at your American Legion Post and ask for donations for the Department Welfare Fund. All funds you have collected from members from your Posts and your Units, deposit into your Units account and make a check to Department Treasure ALA for the amount you collected in the memo write for the Welfare Fund. Bring your Poppy Corsage with you to Mid-Winter. We will have a contest to see which Units Poppy Corsage brings in the most money for the Welfare Fund. Bring your check from other donations with you because that money will also count in this contest to for your Units Poppy Corsage. Good luck to all units!

God Bless All!  
Nancy Sundstrom  
Poppy Chairman

## Past President's Parley

Salute to Servicewoman, this award is presented every year at National Convention to a servicewomen from each branch. It honors women 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.

These are not due until June 2019.

However, I want all units to start thinking about this and looking for servicewomen to nominated. Some of the details are below...

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.

The Nominating person or service woman:

\*\*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.

Include Branch of service, rank, date enlisted, awards or decorations if any.

Lisa Cadwallader  
Lisac.ala71@gmail.com  
304-707-1121

## Rhododendron Girls State

The Girls State Board of Directors met on Friday, September 7th in Bridgeport, WV. The upcoming dates for the 2019 ALA Girls State Session will be the girls arriving on Sunday, June 9, 2019 thru Friday, June 14, 2019 at Davis & Elkins College, Elkins, WV. Once again the registration fee is \$250 per girl. This will include the cost of the parade t-shirt.

Please start securing your sponsorships now as businesses are appropriating their 2019 budgets and I know you would like to have a line item for Girls State.

Please use your Girls State District Representative and if I can be of any assistance please feel free to contact me.  
Lynda Lancaster  
Chairman Girls State

## Public Relations

Ladies, are you spreading the word about the Auxiliary? Are you telling everyone you can about us and what we do? Are you letting people know what you are doing for our veterans and their families and for our communities? The only way people are going to know is if you tell them about us. How are you spreading the information? Are you using social media to get the message out?

It doesn't have to be something on a big scale to be worthy of getting the word out about what we do. It can be something as small as just collecting items at the post to send to our veterans or schools. Just remember that the best PR is good PR. Keep out the negative and focus on the positive for the best PR.

God Bless!

Stephanie Handley  
Public Relations Chairman  
[stephaniehandley@msn.com](mailto:stephaniehandley@msn.com)

## Poppy Shop

Veterans Day will be here before you know it.

Will your Unit be needing poppies? Please place your orders **30 days before** so there is time for them to be mailed and received.

Joy Jenkins  
Poppy Shop



## Music

In this spirit you will find the Auxiliary Membership Song for this year. It is to the tune of "Country Roads".

If you would like to practice it and send a video as a single or group to me on face book please do so.

Kitty Kelly-Smoot  
Music Chairman





## 100 Years of Celebration 1919-2019



As we near the starting of our Centennial let the community know who we are, what we do and that we have been for close to 100 years. How can we do that, here is a list of some ideas...

- \*\*Talk to area businesses, see if they will allow you to display materials from the past 100 years in their windows or on bulletin boards.
- \*\*Hold open houses
- \*\*Have the mayor proclaim AL or ALA Centennial Day
- \*\*Work with the Chamber of Commerce, or City Officials, request to speak at their meeting about the ALA.
- \*\*Place flyers at local businesses, court houses, and libraries
- \*\*Present interactive history lessons at high school with AL Veterans
- \*\*Decorate the post with early 1900 Christmas decorations
- \*\*Order shirts or pins for the Centennial and wear for events
- \*\*Create a special display board and conduct membership drives
- \*\*Host a Centennial poster contest, essay contest, or photo contest
- \*\*Decorate a parade float for the Centennial

The 2019 issue of Harris Farmer's Almanac salutes The American Legion with a one page article recognizing the organization's 100th anniversary. The same issues profiles Moina Michael, the "Poppy Lady".

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



## Strategic Planning Committee

### GOAL 4: Strengthen Department and Units

We just finished holding our Fall Workshop in which we presented the Plan of Works for most of our Department Chairmen. Now it is time for the **District Officers** become leaders for our units. The Fall District Conferences are intended to give information to our units about what is coming up during the year. Each district should have four District Chairmen – Americanism, Children & Youth, National Security, and Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation- representing the Four Pillars of our organization. However, the information distributed at the Fall Conference is not limited to these four areas. **Your units are depending on you** to know what is happening and what is expected of them during the upcoming year. Urge units to use the "New Member Packet" to inform new members and get them involved.

**Units**, you have the responsibility of getting information and passing it on to your local members. Units need to ask questions about programs and plan ways to meet the needs of their community and their members. **Urge your members to attend the District Meetings** and be an active part of our organization. It is important to have as many members attend as possible and receive the information as possible. If we are to service our veterans, our communities, and our members we need to be informative with all available information and details on our vision as an ALA Unit.

**Members**, your responsibility is to be a knowledgeable member and share the goals and visions of the ALA to other members, to our families, our friends, our communities, and to our veterans. As a unit member we have the opportunity to tell the story of why, how, and for whom we serve. **Ask questions, if you need information.** Go the Department Website ([wvaux.org](http://wvaux.org)) or the National Website ([alaforveteran.org](http://alaforveteran.org)) to get specific information on programs and help to implement the programs in your community.

**WE**, working as a **TEAM**, can be successful in whatever we attempt. Let us all wear our emblem proudly, serve our veterans and community with kindness, train new leaders, and find new members. Let your District President and District Vice President know what your unit is doing in all our programs.

Ann Buchanan, Member  
Centennial Strategic  
Planning Committee

## Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Fall workshop was a great success, sorry not to see more there. VA&R plan of works was distributed at that time. If you were not there, District Presidents received them.

I included Comfort Item List and also a list of Do Not Purchase. There was a question about hand sanitizer. At this time several of the Hospital and Nursing Homes are not accepting it because of the Alcohol in it. If I receive notice from an Institution that they will not accept it I will not send it to them. Ladies choose closely what you purchase, read on the label if it has alcohol do not purchase.

A couple months ago I challenged Units to let me know VA&R hours at Fall Workshop, there were two Units. Martinsburg had 51 Hospital hrs. and 885 Service to Veterans, and Shinnston had 37 Hospital and 314.5 Service to Veterans. Martinsburg received a small gift from me. Ladies it is not hard to keep track of your hours, please do so and send them to me, along with a copy of your report from the Hospital

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

God Bless America and Our Veterans  
Carla Wilfong, Chairman



# October 2018

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4	5 <i>Leave for Bluefield</i>	6 <i>6th District Fall Conf. Bluefield #9</i>
7	8 <i>Columbus Day</i>	9	10	11	12 <i>Leave for Barboursville</i>	13 <i>5th District Fall Conf. Barboursville Post #177</i>
14	15 <i>Target #2 35%</i>	16	17 <i>Spirit Articles Due</i>	18	19	20
21 <i>4th District Fall Conf. New Haven Post #140</i>	22 <i>Spirit Out VA Checks</i>	23	24	25	26	27 <i>3rd Dist. Fall Conf. Braxton County #33</i>  <i>President's Homecoming</i>
28 <i>1st Dist. Fall Conference New Martinsville #28</i>	29	30	31 <i>Happy Halloween</i>	<i>Programs of The Month Education Constitution &amp; Bylaws</i>		

## Ways & Means

2019 tickets were given out at the Fall Workshop.

Units who didn't attend I will be mailing them this week.

Please try to sell as many as you can, and if you need more please contact this office and I will send them right out to you.

Please have all stubs with money back into office no later than December 31st for the first drawing.

Make sure ticket stub is filled out with  
Name  
Address  
City State Zip code  
Phone #

Remember: This is the only fundraiser we have in our Department, with 75% going to the Department Welfare Fund, for our Veterans.

Thank you  
Paulette Anderson  
Susan Wade

## August Ways and Means Winners

Department WV

Ways and Means  
Fundraiser Numbers

August 2018

Winner	Number	City	State	Date	Amount
Sandra Wolfe	969	Moorefield	WV	8/1/2018	\$25.00
Lou Slone	247	Branchland	WV	8/2/2018	\$25.00
Paulette Anderson	538	New Martinsville	WV	8/3/2018	\$25.00
	366			8/4/2018	
Kinsey Byron	223	Westminister	MD	8/6/2018	\$25.00
Diane Williams	227	Romney	WV	8/7/2018	\$25.00
	343			8/8/2018	
Mary Spence	383	Welch	WV	8/9/2018	\$25.00
Amy Davis-Lee	451	Romney	WV	8/10/2018	\$25.00
	942			8/11/2018	
	557			8/13/2018	
ALA Keyser Unit #152	014	Keyser	WV	8/14/2018	\$25.00
Susan Cook	428	Cowen	WV	8/15/2018	\$200.00
Kathy Alfred	409	Manchester	MD	8/16/2018	\$25.00
	696			8/17/2018	
	746			8/18/2018	
Olen Riggelman	457	Moorefield	WV	8/20/2018	\$25.00
Gene Mathes	556	Wellsville	OH	8/21/2018	\$25.00
	146			8/22/2018	
ALA Capon Bridge Unit #137	838	Capon Bridge	WV	8/23/2018	\$25.00
	407			8/24/2018	
Janice Pratt	819	Augusta	WV	8/25/2018	\$25.00
	469			8/27/2018	
Michelle Powell	629	Wheeling	WV	8/28/2018	\$25.00
	433			8/29/2018	
	761			8/30/2018	
Karen Thomas	592	Upperglade	WV	8/31/2018	\$25.00

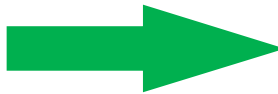




# Enhancing and Strengthening Our Membership Through Teamwork, Good Communication, and Our Mission

**Target #1—September 15th—30%**  
**Department Goal—9966 Membership to Date—763 ( 7.66 %)**  
**Department Unit Goal—86 Membership to Date—13**

District 1			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	26	4	15.38%
Moundsville #3	428	5	1.17%
McMechen #5	73		
Weirton #10	112		
Cameron #18	262	15	5.73%
New Martinsville #28	217	43	19.82%
Wellsburg #34	48	2	4.17%
Follansbee #45	65	1	1.54%
Benwood #46	131	14	10.69%
Pine Grove #81	112		
Paden City #86	178	22	12.36%
Wheeling #89	39	1	2.56%
Newell #114	57	3	5.26%
Hundred #120	115		
Chester #121	269	3	1.12%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2132</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>5.30%</b>



**Special Teams  
Coach  
Goal—4915  
To Date—454  
9.24 %**

**Membership  
Chairman  
Special Teams  
Coach**



**Special Teams  
Coach  
Goal—4965  
To Date—296  
5.96 %**



District 3			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	83	18	21.69%
Grafton #12	32	1	3.13%
Clarksburg #13	230	8	3.48%
Elkins #29	253	9	3.56%
Shinnston #31	412	128	31.07%
Braxton County #33	48	8	16.67%
Philippi #44	41	1	2.44%
Bridgeport #68	93	2	2.15%
Belington #96	43		
Pickens #122	41		
Jane Lew #166	65		
Morgantown #174	30		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1371</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>12.84%</b>

District 5			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Huntington #16	347	26	7.49%
Logan #19	30		
St. Albans #73	65	5	7.69%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	489	12	2.45%
South Charleston #94	26	1	3.85%
Hamlin #111	99	4	4.04%
Milton #139	113	27	23.89%
Barboursville #177	243	3	1.23%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1412</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>5.52%</b>

District 10			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	151	37	24.50%
Franklin #30	19		
Piedmont #52	72		
Berkeley Springs #60	338	26	7.69%
Moorefield #64	136	7	5.15%
Charles Town #71	326	49	15.03%
Petersburg #78	126	1	.08%
Romney #91	353	47	13.31%
Charles Town #102	45		
Paw Paw #128	68		
Kirby #134	71	8	11.27%
Ridgeley #136	136	2	1.47%
Capon Bridge #137	214	18	8.41%
Keyser #152	77	5	6.49%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2132</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>9.38%</b>

District 4			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	1080	96	12.84%
Spencer #21	98	14	14.29%
Pt. Pleasant #23	484	1	.02%
Tyler County #48	33	10	30.30%
Sistersville #67	106	19	17.92%
New Haven #140	220	4	1.82%
Williamstown #159	215	14	6.52%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2236</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>7.08%</b>

District 6			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Welch #8	100	1	1.00%
Bluefield #9	28	10	35.71%
Beckley #32	98	1	1.02%
Gary #38	159		
Cowen #62	62	11	17.74%
Lewisburg #69	100	2	.200%
Richwood #97	50		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>4.19%</b>

*American Legion*

*Department Commander Bill Combs*

*Homecoming Dinner*

*November 3, 2018*

*Shinnston Post #31*

*Chicken - Pork Loin*

*Mashed Potatoes, Gravy*

*Vegetables, Salad & Rolls*

*Hotels: All on Bridgeport Hill*

*Best Western - 304-842-5411 - \$82.00*

*Days Inn - 304-842-7371 - \$84.00*

*Sleep Inn - 304-842-1919 - \$84.00*

*\$20.00 a person*

*See Bill for tickets or call Roxie 304-657-5740*



***HOMECOMING***  
***AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY***  
***PRESIDENT***  
***RHONDA BEST***

***OCTOBER 27 2018***  
***OLD OES BUILDING***  
***MARSHALL COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS***

***5:00-6:00 SOCIAL HOUR***

***6:00-7:00 DINNER***

***LASAGNA (MEAT & VEGGIE)***  
***SALAD & ROLLS***  
***WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS***

***7:00 PROGRAM***

***8:00-?? ENTERTAINMENT AT***  
***AMERICAN LEGION MOUNDSVILLE POST 3***

***TICKETS ARE \$20.00 EACH PERSON***

***CONTACT RHONDA BEST AT 304-281-8152 OR***  
***AMERICAN LEGION POST HOME IN MOUNDSVILLE***





## Country Roads, Auxiliary Style (with apologies to John Denver)

### Verse 1:

Almost Heaven, West Virginia Ladies  
Marshall's Herd and, then those Mountaineers  
**PDP's** are winners, **Hall of Famers** ALL  
Guiding all our **Rookies**, Helping **Coaches** call!!

### Chorus:

Country Roads, Take us Home  
To the place We Belong  
Hundred percenters -- every Unit  
Take us Home, Country Roads!

### Verse 2:

All our **Chairmen**, gather round us  
Brand new year of, goals and aspirations.  
**Special-team-Coaches** are Ready to help with  
All the **team players** To Please our **Head Coach Rhonda!**

### Chorus:

Country Roads, Take us Home  
To the place We Belong  
Hundred percenters -- every Unit  
Take us Home, Country Roads!

### Verse 3:

We hear our **Ref** every month in the Spirit  
Making sure our **Coaches** have all Plays ready to go  
And driving down the road I get a feeling a **Liaison** is gonna call,  
Yet Again...!!

### Chorus:

Country Roads, Take us Home  
To the place We Belong  
Hundred percenters -- every Unit  
Take us Home, Country Roads!

**WE ARE MARSHALL!!!**

**LETS'S GO MOUNTAINEERS!!**

WHO RECEIVES SPIRIT: Emailed to all **Unit Contacts** and any **Unit Officers** with an email address. It is emailed to **All Department Officers, Department Chairmen, District Presidents/Vice Presidents, Past Department Presidents** with emails. Spirits are posted monthly on the website: [www.wvaux.org](http://www.wvaux.org) Unit Presidents **with no email contact** will receive a free copy.

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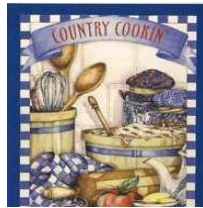
***Runs August through July Each Year***

**MAIL TO: The American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of West Virginia  
1251 Doolin Run Road  
New Martinsville WV 26155-7808**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX: -----

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_



Cookbook sales are an ongoing project that will continue to put much needed dollars into the Veteran's Fund. Get your cookbooks today! Buy some as gifts! The recipes are the best kind – Tried & True! There are **9** cookbooks left!!

**Cookbooks are \$10.00 each plus \$4.00 (S & H)**

**If you buy 5 ALL AT ONCE then the 6th one is free!!**

**I want to purchase \_\_\_ cookbooks and have the cookbooks mailed to:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **Department Treasurer, ALA**

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