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Department President  
Rhonda Best

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



Hello Ladies

I have been reminded over the past month how beautiful our state is through my travels to Camp Dawson for our Membership Drive; to Bluefield for 6th District Conference, and to Barboursville for 5th District Conference.

I want to “THANK” each Auxiliary Member attending these events for your hard work and kindness. I do realize each Unit is very busy with your local events and projects. So Unit and District Chairmen please send reports to your Department Chairmen. The number of Veterans served and the amount of monies donated are important to National. These reports will give Legislators a better knowledge of what is still needed for Our Veterans.

Please continue to work to enhance your Membership and Our Mission.

Happy Thanksgiving and God Bless  
Rhonda Best  
Dept. President



### Department Officers 2018-2019

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

### District Presidents

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

### District Vice Presidents

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



# Department Headquarters

## Mission Statement

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

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

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

**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 25: Change Huntington VA Medical Center to: Hershel "Woody" Williams VA Medical Center  
Page 27: Under Lewisburg Unit #69 please remove Unit President Beulah Loudermilk and all information regarding her as she is deceased. President information is open

**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**

**\*\*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**

**Shinnston Post #31**

**Future Dates To Remember**

**\*\*Midwinter Conference**

**Feb. 8-9, 2019**

**Lakeview Resort Morgantown**

**\*\*Department Convention**

**July 11-13, 2019**

**The Doubletree Hotel Huntington**

**(former Pullman Plaza)**

**\*\*National Convention**

**August 23-29, 2019**

**Marriott Downton**

**Indianapolis Indiana**

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## **American Legion Auxiliary**

**National Website**

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

## **Remember Our Friends**

*Alice Fought, 4th District Secretary/  
Treasurer is in Camden Clark Hospital  
in Parkersburg.*

*You may send cards to Alice at:*

*Alice Fought*

*414 Spring Valley Way*

*Elizabeth WV 26143*

*Let's keep her and Ray in our prayers  
during this difficult time.*



### *Membership Chairman*

I want to Thank 6th District for the great hospitality and hosting a great conference.

I want to Congratulate the following Units who made Target #2: Tyler Co. Unit #48; Bluefield Unit #9; Buckhannon Unit #7; Shinnston Unit #31; Belington Unit #96; Pickens Unit #122; Milton Unit #139; and Martinsburg Unit #14. There are a lot of Units that are so close. Please continue to work your Membership and DO NOT HOLD DUES!!

Every Department in National has increased membership in the last week. Since the last Target date we have a few more Units that have paid dues. We have 9 Units that have sent NO Dues in. Remember ALL Officers dues are due!! If you would send them in, we would have 0 Units.

Please, District Vices, stay in touch with your Department 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents. They are there to help if you need anything. I am here also for those needing help!!

Has your Unit hosted a Membership Drive?? This is a great way to get our name out there and let the community know of all the great work we do for our Veterans and Community.

There will be a special drawing at the Mid-Winter Luncheon. Details in the next Spirit!!

Susan Wade  
Membership Chairman



### *Department 1st Vice President*

Hello Marshall Herd

First I would like to thank 5th & 6th Districts for their hospitality at the conferences and the great food.

We are coming up slow in Membership, so as soon as you get them please send them in, don't hold them. District Vices we need to work on the units that are under 10 so we don't have any zeros and have them up to where they need to be. If you don't get answers back let me know and I will help. Remember to be calling your units so you can give a report as to what they need help with. Ask them to go ahead and have their officers pay their dues that way they aren't a zero.

The challenge between Department 1st Vice and Department 2nd Vice is the Most New Members by Mid-Winter so let's go Herd! Right now we're ahead Marshall 1182 to WVU 967, but they are catching up.

Remember if someone pays their dues on line National will send them their card. Hold on to the cards you have in case the member misplaces it and need another card.

I'm here if you need any help. Thank you for all you do.

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



### *Department 2nd Vice President*

Hello Mountaineers!!

Brrr, winter is here! We need to be checking on our veterans during this cold weather.

Mountaineers are behind the Herd as of target report. Keep sending in the membership so we can score ahead of them.

Tip #2 for increasing membership... All you Mamas and Grandmothers don't forget your little gals; they are eligible for membership, as soon as they are born, and you can create many years of service for them.

Congratulations to Bluefield Unit 9 and Tyler County Unit 48 for hitting Target #2! Wheeling Unit 1 and New Martinsville Unit 28 you are almost there.

I wasn't able to attend District 5 and 6 Fall Conferences, I was tied up with my unit in a 3 day fundraiser at our Harvest Festival for District 6 and was on vacation for District 5, but I will be there in the Spring.

I wish you a "sweet" Halloween as you participate in Trick or Treat with your local children.

In the Spirit of Service Not Self,  
Cathy D. Post



### *3rd District President*

I have been very disappointed by the number of responses to the 3rd District Conference coming up this month. Ladies, you need to support your own District. I have received exactly 1 reply besides my own unit. If you are planning on being there, PLEASE call me; 304-657-5740. We need more members to attend. Again, October 27, 2018 at Braxton County Unit 33.

Please be there.  
Roxie Nicholson  
3rd District President

### *4th District President*

The holidays will be upon us before we know it and I know everyone will be busy with all the activities your unit has planned. It is the time when we concentrate even more on our Veterans and the children and youth of our community.

Thank you for all you do to support our Veterans on a day to day basis. They have given so much and what we give back is so little in comparison.

Keep the membership coming in. There are no 0 units in 4th District. Membership teams from each unit are working hard to include others in the experience of the American Legion Auxiliary. Keep up the great work.

I will have a report on our Fall Conference in the next Spirit.

Nancy Sundstrom  
Fourth District President

### *5th District President*

**Wow!** What a great 5th District meeting we had on Saturday, October 13th. I hope those in attendance enjoyed it as much as I did. We had 5 of the 8 units in our district represented. I would like to thank the Department officers who made the trip to attend. Thank you, **Rhonda, Sharon, Paulette** and **Savanna**. It was so good to have you and know you are welcome anytime. I also would like to thank **Barboursville # 177** for hosting the District Conference. You do such a good job and always make us feel welcome. Keep an eye on the 5th District – we may be growing!

Congratulations, Ladies. Check the Target Sheet in the Spirit. 5th District has no zero (0) units and just two (2) units with less than ten (10) members. You are working hard on bringing those members in. Good job!

With the holidays upon us, please be aware of the **American Legion Auxiliary** brand on display, whether that is on a name tag, shirt, sweatshirt, hat or banners. The logo defines who you are in the community. Without displaying our logo, you become “that group of ladies” instead of the **American Legion Auxiliary** who were helping the veterans, having the children’s party or serving meals to the homeless.

Service, not Self,  
Beth Kilgore  
5th District President



### *6th District President*

Hi Everyone!

Sixth District had their Fall Conference on October 6, 2018, and was hosted by Bluefield Unit 9. Thank you ladies for hosting this Conference. You did a fantastic job and the food was delicious! Again thanks to all of the ladies that helped with this. This is the first time in several years that they have been able to host a Conference.

It was nice to have four officers from the Department with us. President Rhonda Best, First Vice Sharon Kauffman and our one and only Paulette Anderson and a Past Dept. President Susan Wade who is also our Membership Chairman. Again let me say thanks for coming.

We had members from Welch Unit 8, Bluefield Unit 9. Beckley Unit 32 and Gary Unit 38. So sorry that we did not have anyone from Cowen Unit 62, Lewisburg Unit 69 or Richwood Unit 97. Maybe for the Spring Conference which will be hosted by Beckley Unit 32, they will be able to attend since it is a little closer to them lets hope so any. Since we are on this subject the Spring Conference will be Saturday, April 27, 2019.

I hope everyone is working on membership and getting them in to the Department in a reasonable time. Time for mandatory funds also.

We had a great discussion on several things, and of course Paulette had a lot of information for us. Thank you my friend.

If any Unit has any news please send to me so I can get it in the Spirit. Please keep everyone that was hit by hurricane Michael, in your prayers and all of our veterans.

So until next time God Bless Each and everyone.  
Peggy Swartz, President



### 10th District President

Hello Ladies,

Well, the cold weather has arrived. Make sure you are prepared.

Thank you all for attending to 10th District Conference. We missed the following units: Franklin, Piedmont, Petersburg, Charles Town #102, Paw Paw, Ridgeley, and Keyser. We are looking forward to seeing you at Petersburg #78, for the Spring Conference on April 12, 2019.

A BIG THANK YOU!! To Romney Unit #91 for your hospitality, great food and the door prizes.

Thank you Department First Vice President Sharon Kauffman for filling in for Department President Rhonda Best.

At Fall Conference we went over going Back to Basics, how to do proper Treasurer's Report, Audits, Unit Minutes, Making Motions, Conducting Unit Meetings, how Credentials are figured and a few other forms. Hand outs were given to those who attended.

Just a reminder that District Vice President Debbie Michael will be calling for membership reports. Please return her call so she can give her report to Dept. 1st VP Sharon Kauffman.

Don't forget your **Mandatory Funds** and also **10 senior members** for membership.

Next event is the Midwinter Conference at Lakeview Resort, Morgantown Feb. 8-9, 2019.

Thank you for all the volunteer work you are doing and will do in the next couple of months.

Sharon Glassford  
10th District President

### 5th District Vice President

Hello ladies.

The Fifth District had their fall conference and it was a great conference. It was held at Barbourville Unit 177 and I want to thank the Auxiliary for the delicious meal.

We are starting a new year and I know membership is low but with hard work we can raise the membership status up.

I will call every month before the spirit goes out. I need to know how you are doing in membership and if you need my help. Don't hold dues please send them in.

Thank you  
JoAnn Hastings  
Fifth District VP

### 10th District Vice President

Hello Ladies,

It was so nice seeing you at our district conference. Great job, President Sharon!

It appears that our membership is coming in slowly. Please encourage your members to pay early and we definitely need those new members. Remember officers dues need to be paid by **November 1st!**

One application was given to each member who attended our Fall Conference. My hope is that each member will sign up 1 new member. Just think what that would mean for membership in our district.

Congratulations to Martinsburg Unit 14 for reaching Target #2 (Oct. 15th of 35%) with 35.76%! Great job! Also, congratulations to Martinsburg Unit 14 and Moorefield Unit 64 for reaching our 1st Quarterly Goal (Oct. 1st of 25%). Keep up the good work!

At this time the Marshall Thundering Herd Membership Team (Districts 3rd, 5th, and 10th) are ahead of the WVU Mountaineer Membership Team (Districts 1st, 4th and 6th). Herd-24.05% Mountaineers-19.48%. LET'S GO HERD!!!

PLEASE ladies let's work to get all of the members we can for President Rhonda. We can do this, 1 member at a time!!

Have a safe and fun Halloween!

Please contact me if you need anything!

GO HERD!!!!

Hugs!  
Debbie Michael  
10th District Vice Pres.  
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### 3rd District Vice President

Hope everyone is using the nice Fall Days to get out and work on Membership. Third District has no zeros, but we do have two Units with just one member (PUFL) or paid online. These Units need to work harder.

We have two Units with over 35% members paid and two Units over 40%. Congratulations to these 4 Units.!

I know it is hard to sometimes pay your dues but we need to try harder. Take part in Stand Downs, help with food drives, set up a Membership drive with your Post and hand out Literature. Don't forget to wear your colors when you are doing any type of drive.

Keep up the hard work and hope to see everyone at Fall Conference at Gasaway, the 27th of October. If you need my help I am just a phone call away at 304-592-0247 or e-mail me at [carlajwilfong@yahoo.com](mailto:carlajwilfong@yahoo.com).  
God Bless America and our Veterans  
Carla Wilfong

### 1st District Vice President

Hello Everyone of 1st District,

Let's go Mountaineers! Membership is still coming in slow. Let's really work on reaching the next target. Some units were very close to the goal line on the last target but just couldn't make the push to get over the line. Some units didn't quite make it and fell short on 3rd down and had to punt. No matter where the unit is at in membership the units need to keep pushing forward. Some may have to call a time out to regroup and discuss other strategies about how to grow their membership. The Unit may have to come up with a trick play to get to the next goal but keep moving forward.

Let's Go 1st District!  
Stephanie Handley



### 4th District Vice President

Hello Ladies,

It is important to remember we are "Enhancing and Strengthening Our Membership Through Teamwork, Good Communication, and our Mission."

Target #2 was 35% by October 15th. Did your Auxiliary Unit achieve this goal? Looking at the latest Membership Target Report, only Tyler County Unit #48 achieved the target for District 4. Congratulations!

Spencer Unit #21, Sistersville Unit #67, Parkersburg Unit #15, Pt. Pleasant #23, New Haven #140 and Williamstown #159 are all following closely behind.

We may not always make the Target Goals that are set for us. We must work hard and do the very BEST we can! It is also important to work our programs, have membership drives, hold poppy drives and do ALA projects in our schools and community to bring awareness to our organization and the important work we do to support our Veterans and their families in our local communities.

Veterans Day is right around the corner. It is a good time to recognize our local Veterans and families. Take some ALA Membership applications with you to local events. Remember to recruit, retain and reinstate members!

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

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

Hope everyone is doing great enjoying our fall weather.

Everyone should be getting all information for the American Legion Auxiliary scholarships into the school you can find all information [www.wvaux.org](http://www.wvaux.org)

Don't forget about the give ten for education and don't forget education week which is the week before Thanksgiving, for our school employees including the bus drivers. Some ideas are cards, candy, bag of apples, maybe even bake goods.

Please make sure we're keeping track of what we're doing in our units for Mid-year report that are to be given to the chairman by December 5th.  
Have A Blessed Thanksgiving  
Kelli A Immel

### Chaplain

Lets remember our service personnel and their families as the holiday season is upon us in the next couple months.

Prayers sent for the safety of our Legion Family members as members are traveling to district meetings and home comings.

Remember our Auxiliary members who have been sick and had surgery in our prayers .

*God, sometimes life gets me down and I find it hard to see things to be thankful for. Open my eyes to see the gifts you've given me in my life. I'm going to start by thanking you for loving me enough to come to earth and die so we can live together forever. Amen."*

- Wendy van Eyck, Contributor

God Bless  
Kelli A Immel

### Historian

Hello ladies,

It was nice seeing people at 5th district conference on Saturday October 13, 2018. It was nice seeing how different Conferences are run by each district.

Remember everyone needs to keep track of your history in your units, districts, and departments levels. Just keep sending me pictures of what each unit does. Also get prepared to get your reports in!! Each ALA Member can share their story of assisting Veterans, Military and their Families!

This should get the Members excited & inspire one another about our MISSION! Therefore let's gets others involved.

Savanna Kauffman  
Historian

### Constitution & Bylaws

Keep those Constitution & Bylaws coming in. You are doing a good job of reviewing them. If you have any questions, give me a call at 304-654-7750.

Keep up the great work  
Beth Kilgore, Chairman  
Linda Crumm, Member  
Dede Kelley, Member

### Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Hello everyone!

November is a time where we reflect upon how grateful we are for the blessing we have in our lives. Recently, we as a nation have faced adversity. We remember the victims of 9/11. We also remember the survivors of hurricanes Florence and Michael.

Let's try to have an "attitude of gratitude" this month. I hope you will consider donating to this important fund. As a reminder, anyone who donates \$50.00 or more will receive a special pin.

The ALA Auxiliary Emergency Fund has grants available for qualifying members. Applicants for this temporary assistance are considered when: members are left without shelter or food following a natural disaster or weather emergency; members are dealing with a financial crisis that leaves them without resources for shelter, food, or utilities – and no other source of aid is readily available; and in extreme circumstances, when members lack necessary skills for employment and need educational training.

Your contribution is critical. Please go for more details on the AEF, to download the grant application, or to donate, visit [www.ALAforVeterans.org/Members/Auxiliary-Emergency-Fund/](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org/Members/Auxiliary-Emergency-Fund/) (member login required). For non-ALA members, donations can be accepted through the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation website at <http://alafoundation.org/donate/>. Thank you for your interest and support.

You may also find the application on the Department website: [www.wvaux.org](http://www.wvaux.org) or contact Department Headquarters.

Best wishes to you this November  
Holly Knauff-Smith  
Chairman

### Community Service

To all Unit Chairman for Community Service, please don't forget to send me reports on what you are doing in your community. I need these reports to send to the National Chairman. I think we all can do things for our Community.

Thanks so much  
Peggy Swartz  
Chairman

## Children & Youth

Hello To All,

As we approach the holiday season not all our children, military children or otherwise, will enjoy the holidays. Some will not have Thanksgiving dinner with family, even worse, no dinner at all. If your unit supplies one food basket to a family down on their luck, at least a few children will enjoy the day.

Just a little heads up American Education Week is November 12-16, 2018. Even though this is an education event without our children and youth there would be no need for the celebration. While making the school visit just maybe your unit can find a "Youth Hero or Good Deed Award" candidate.

A reminder of my challenge to the units in the department of West Virginia. One thousand dollars (\$1000) is my challenge for Child Welfare Foundation. I've heard from a few units and I want to thank them for their generous donations. CWF administers the funds generally the same method as Auxiliary Emergency Fund. I haven't heard of any child in West Virginia requesting these funds, which is a good thing, but it comforting to know these funds are available. So back to my challenge, if every unit would just pass around CWF pigs at the regular meetings we can do this together.

I'll be at Midwinter for the first donations and again at our Department Convention.

Thank you in advance for your contributions.

For God and Country,  
Debbie Fox- C&Y Chair



## Junior Activities

Hi Ladies,

I hope this finds all of you well and getting ready for Halloween. Please include the Juniors in your plans. They can do so much if you just give them the chance.

I am still hoping that the units that do not have Junior members will try to recruit some. This also will help with membership in your unit. And, to those who do have Junior members, they could start making cards to give to Veterans in the nursing homes or hospital or even in your Post canteen. Let these Veterans know who they are. It's great for PR.

Don't forget about the "We Care" project. By taking a holiday meal to a shut in, someone who is alone, a Veteran, the homeless or anyone who needs a lift will show that we care. The Juniors cannot do this without your help.

Don't forget to take pictures and document everything that they do. Remember 1 Junior at a time! They will grow in numbers!

I will be glad to help you in anyway I can, please contact me.

Juniors.....Such a Joy!!  
Debbie Michael  
Junior Activities  
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## Legislative

Greetings Ladies,

The American Legion has posted the Legislative Agenda for the year on their website...please check it out this and other information.

Resources:

ALA Legislative Advocacy Guide - Free Download - [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org)

The Dispatch online...

<http://www.legion.org/dispatch>

Congress for Kids...

<http://congressforkids.net/index.htm>

Members of Congress...can be found at [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov) or [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov)

The American Legion Action Center for addition Resources...

[www.legion.capwiz.com](http://www.legion.capwiz.com)

I am again 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 National website at [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org) in addition to our Department website at [www.wvvaux.org](http://www.wvvaux.org)

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

Happy Halloween and **Get Out the Vote** in Your Area!

Susan Yoho  
Legislative Chairman

## Leadership

As the leaves change colors and we change gears for cooler weather, let's think about what it means to be a leader for all seasons.

*"Great leaders don't set out to be great leaders...They set out to make a difference. It's never about the role - always about the goal."*

We are an organization formed as a result of men and women who made a difference in our world. They changed the course of human destiny because they were willing to sacrifice their lives for our freedoms.

We want to make a difference in our communities, in the way people view our country, in the way people treat our veterans, and in the lives of those who made our lives better.

Being a leader is both a privilege and a responsibility. I hope you have been complaining less. If we are going to live in a complaint free world... we have to change our own behaviors so we can make a difference in the world in which we live. Stay focused on the goal!

Rosemary M. Thomas  
Leadership Chairman

## National Security

It is a busy time of year with all the Auxiliary activities going on, but I hope that at least one of your programs has or will include a National Security activity.

Last month I talked about the POW-MIA Ceremony, which is observed the 3rd Friday in September. The one in Huntington I attended was held by the VA, but those not near a VA can host one in conjunction with their Post in their Post home.

I have seen Christmas decorations in stores, so you might consider sending holiday or Christmas cards to active military families or care packages to military families. You might have someone in your Post or auxiliary unit with a friend or family in the military to remember,

If you have any ideas you wish to share with me, please let me know.

Mary Waybright

PS. I have not moved yet...will give my new address to Paulette when I do.

## Poppy

Hello Ladies,

Veterans Day is November 11th, and this would be a good day to distribute Poppies for donations.

I want to remind to have school children to do Poppy Posters and bring them to Mid-Winter for judging and send to National.

We are also having a Poppy Corsage contest at Mid-Winter they will be judged by how much money each Corsage brings in. You can start collecting money from your your Post members and Unit members. You will turn all monies collected to your unit and a check must be made to the Department Treasurer and earmarked "Department Welfare Fund". The money collected will be added to what your corsage brings in at Mid-Winter. Good luck to all units.

Winning corsage will be the one with the most money donations.

Nancy Sundstrom  
Department Poppy Chairman



## Past President's Parley

This was taken from the National website but wanted to share.

### Unit Past President's Responsibility

\*\*Offer to escort any new member to your meeting.

\*\*Introduce her to the President as well as other members in attendance. Ask her to share a little about herself. The information could be helpful in determining on which committee she may have the greatest interest. Have each attendee introduce herself.

\*\*As each program report is given, request the Chairman to explain the purpose of the program and how the Unit supports it. Explain the duties of the officers, the chairmen, and the committee members.

\*\*Help maintain a positive attitude and assist in avoiding controversy during the meeting. Interject some occasional humor to help make the meeting fun.

A prospective member is more likely to join if she feels she is joining an organization that is fun and whose activities support their community. All members will be more willing to attend meetings and assist with activities if the meetings are short and interesting. Remind the members to try new ideas without criticism if they fail. Suggest trying something else. Help keep the meeting moving toward a positive conclusion.

\*\*Evaluate your new member's capabilities. If you feel she is ready to participate, ask her which of the programs holds her greatest interest. Discourage naming a new member as an officer or a Chairman but instead suggest she be given the opportunity of working on a committee with an experienced Chairman. Let her know you are willing to mentor her and assist by answering her questions. Remember to praise her efforts.

Past Presidents should advise when asked, but preferably not serve as a Chairman. Chairmanships should be held by other members so they may learn the programs and become good Unit leaders that may develop an interest in moving into District, or Department positions.

As a Past President, you may wish to promote nominating a Unit member of the year. You may take the lead in recommending active-duty servicewomen to submit for an award. Develop a fundraising activity for donations to the nursing scholarship program. Continue to support through your ongoing leadership!

Lisa Cadwallader

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## Public Relations

Has anyone "tweeted" what is happening at their unit? Are you posting what is happening in your unit on Facebook? Are you chatting on Snapchat or are you getting the word out the old fashion way by newspaper about what we, the American Legion Auxiliary, does and is doing in our communities?

However you do it, keep it up and let everyone know who we are, what we do and why we do it. Any way we can let our communities know who we are and what we do is a step in the right direction in making public awareness of who the American Legion Auxiliary is.

For service, not self  
Stephanie Handley  
PR Chairman





**100 Years of Celebration  
1919-2019**



It won't be long before we start our Centennial, so let's look back and see what we used to do and then, let's compare what we do now.

For Mid-Winter in February, I hope every Unit will bring a;

**\*\*Free standing tri-fold display board\*\*** featuring,

**"NOW and THEN"**

For example, you could start with a picture of your Charter, followed by pictures of dinners you have done, children's parties, memorial services you have held, or anything done within your unit. Don't forget pictures of your members. And you don't have to settle for just using pictures, use whatever you have on hand.

We will have a few gifts to hand out to any unit that submits a poster, so please have fun with this and see what you come up with.

I'm anxious to see what we end up with. So, put on your thinking caps and work on that display.

Roxie Nicholson  
Committee Member

**Strategic Planning Committee**

**Goal 3**

**Develop Leadership at All Levels**

The American Legion Auxiliary Department of West Virginia is in year four of a five-year Strategic Plan. As you may recall, it was last updated in 2017. Goal 3 addresses Leadership in our organization and reminds us that we must strive to develop leadership at all levels.

Are leaders born or are leaders made? I would say Yes and Yes!

There is a quote that suggests:

*"True leaders are born when they find something to die for."*

Is this not the basis of our organization?

Our veterans fought for our freedoms and the safety and security of our great nation. All gave some and some gave all to make this world a better place.. to make this nation the greatest in the world. They knew the ultimate price could be required but they believed in the cause enough to stand tall and proud.

The men and women who paid that price were born leaders and died heroes. We owe it to them to lead our organization in ways that teach, nurture and encourage the next generation of leaders to be committed to the largest women's patriotic service organization in the world.

We owe it to all of our veterans who wore the uniform, and those wearing it today to strive to learn something new every day and find ways to inspire others to become involved in our programs on the local, state and national levels.

Leaders are born and made. Find the leader in yourself then help develop the leader in someone else. We are all in this together.

Rosemary Thomas  
Goal 3 Committee

**Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation**

Here it is Fall already, nice and cool outside and not raining.

I hope Unit members are remembering our Veterans this time of the year. Many like to go outside and sit. Check to see if they need jackets, lap robes, or afghans.

I know some of the Units have taken part in Stand Downs, please remember to report this in your Service to Veterans report for mid year and the end of the year. Many are taking part in the food drive for Veterans and in Challenges these go toward Service to Veterans.

Be sure to report to Paulette and myself what items your VA Hospital and/or Nursing home are in need of and what they cannot accept. Current lists are in this spirit.

Remember our Veterans at Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas; these Holidays are coming up really soon. Also in December we have our Gift Shop for the Veterans.

Keep up the good work, keep track of Members, Their Hours, and most importantly Report Them.

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

God Bless America and our Veterans  
Carla Wilfong  
VA&R Chairman





# American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

## *Rhododendron Girls State*

Happy Fall Y'all,

I would hope that you have started to secure funding for your citizens registration fee for the 2019 Girls State Session. If you haven't, start now by contacting your local businesses, banks and outside organizations. Once again, the cost of registration is \$250 per girl and this cost includes the parade t-shirt.

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.

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

Lynda Lancaster, Chairman  
Girls State



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

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

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



5th Dist.— Beth Kilgore  
1562 Holderby Road  
Huntington WV 25701  
304-654-7750

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

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

# November 2018

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

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<i>Programs of The Month</i> <i>Membership</i> <i>Public Relations</i>						<i>Commander's</i> <i>Homecoming</i> <i>Shinnston #31</i>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		<i>Election</i> <i>Day</i>				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	<i>Office Closed</i>			<i>Target #3</i> <i>40%</i>		<i>Spirit</i> <i>Articles Due</i>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		<i>Spirit Out</i> <i>VA Checks</i>		<i>Office Closed</i> 		
25	26	27	28	29	30	
					<i>Martinsburg</i> <i>Gift Shop</i>	

## September Ways and Means Winners



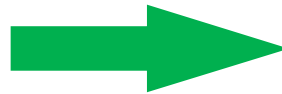
2019 Fundraiser Tickets Are Due into Department Headquarters **NO LATER** than December 31, 2018 to be eligible for January 1st Drawing

Winner	Number	City	State	Date	Amount
	671			9/1/18	
Christi Shedel	669	Parkersburg	WV	9/2/18	\$25.00
				9/3/18	
Steve Seman	822	Wellsburg	WV	9/4/18	\$25.00
Christi DeBolt	956	Cameron	WV	9/5/18	\$25.00
Chuck Pearce Sr.	600	Gore	VA	9/6/18	\$25.00
	415			9/7/18	
Fran Rayl	647	Reedsville	WV	9/8/18	\$25.00
PDP Club	038	Moundsville	WV	9/10/18	\$25.00
	098			9/11/18	
David Yeater	150	Paden City	WV	9/12/18	\$25.00
Paulette Anderson	967	New Martinsville	WV	9/13/18	\$25.00
Lester Hollingsworth	992	Clinton	MD	9/14/18	\$25.00
Betty Light	157	Capon Bridge	WV	9/15/18	\$25.00
	497			9/17/18	
Sherry Doss	260	Thorpe	WV	9/18/18	\$25.00
Kandilyn Veach	178	Shanks	WV	9/19/18	\$200.00
	061			9/20/18	
LaRonda Fogle	931	New Windsor	MD	9/21/18	\$25.00
Janet Monti	278	Welch	WV	9/22/18	\$25.00
Margaret Yost	079	Gypsy	WV	9/24/18	\$25.00
Lisa Graley	937	Groveport	OH	9/25/18	\$25.00
Linda Moore	970	Romney	WV	9/26/18	\$25.00
	206			9/27/18	
	919			9/28/18	
	830			9/29/18	

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

**Target #2—October 15th—35%**  
**Department Goal—9966 Membership to Date—2200 ( 22.08 %)**  
**Department Unit Goal—86 Membership to Date—51**

District 1			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	26	9	34.62%
Moundsville #3	428	71	16.59%
McMechen #5	73	23	31.52%
Weirton #10	112		
Cameron #18	262	54	20.61%
New Martinsville #28	217	75	34.56%
Wellsburg #34	48	8	16.67%
Follansbee #45	65	14	21.54%
Benwood #46	131	36	27.48%
Pine Grove #81	112		
Paden City #86	178	45	25.28%
Wheeling #89	39	1	2.56%
Newell #114	57	3	5.26%
Hundred #120	115	18	15.65%
Chester #121	269	24	8.92%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2132</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>17.87%</b>



**Special Teams  
Coach  
Goal—4915  
To Date—1182  
24.05 %**

**Membership  
Chairman  
Special Teams  
Coach**



**Special Teams  
Coach  
Goal—4965  
To Date—967  
19.48 %**



District 3			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	83	31	37.35%
Grafton #12	32	1	3.13%
Clarksburg #13	230	15	6.52%
Elkins #29	253	65	25.69%
Shinnston #31	412	197	47.82%
Braxton County #33	48	11	22.92%
Philippi #44	41	1	2.44%
Bridgeport #68	93	14	15.05%
Belington #96	43	16	37.21%
Pickens #122	41	17	41.46%
Jane Lew #166	65	20	30.76%
Morgantown #174	30	11	22.13%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1371</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>29.10%</b>

District 5			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Huntington #16	347	95	27.38%
Logan #19	30	8	26.67%
St. Albans #73	65	22	33.85%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	489	74	15.23%
South Charleston #94	26	1	3.85%
Hamlin #111	99	19	19.19%
Milton #139	113	40	35.40%
Barboursville #177	243	46	18.93%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1412</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>21.60%</b>

District 10			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	151	54	35.76%
Franklin #30	19		
Piedmont #52	72	1	1.92%
Berkeley Springs #60	338	72	21.30%
Moorefield #64	136	34	25.00%
Charles Town #71	326	111	34.05%
Petersburg #78	126	22	17.46%
Romney #91	353	77	21.81%
Charles Town #102	45	14	31.11%
Paw Paw #128	68	5	7.35%
Kirby #134	71	20	28.17%
Ridgeley #136	136	23	16.91%
Capon Bridge #137	214	40	18.69%
Keyser #152	77	5	6.49%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2132</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>22.42%</b>

District 4			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	1080	264	24.44%
Spencer #21	98	26	26.53%
Pt. Pleasant #23	484	95	19.63%
Tyler County #48	33	14	42.42%
Sistersville #67	106	26	24.53%
New Haven #140	220	40	18.18%
Williamstown #159	215	16	7.44%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2236</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>21.65%</b>

District 6			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Welch #8	100	30	30.00%
Bluefield #9	28	10	35.71%
Beckley #32	98	1	1.02%
Gary #38	159	40	25.16%
Cowen #62	62	19	30.65%
Lewisburg #69	100	2	2.00%
Richwood #97	50		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>17.09%</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*



# American Legion Auxiliary

## DONATION FORM

Please complete the following information so that we may send you a tax receipt.

**Amount of Gift:**

\$100.00

\$75.00

\$50.00

Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Type:**

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card (VISA or MasterCard)

# \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ CVV# \_\_\_\_\_

**Select One Fund for Your Destination:**

Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Spirit of Youth Scholarship Fund

Auxiliary Greatest Need

Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship Fund

Auxiliary Scholarship Fund with Greatest Need

Name (First) (M.I.) (Last)

Address

City State Zip

Day Phone Evening Phone E-mail Address

Auxiliary Membership ID # (if known) Gift in Honor/Memory (optional)

Signature Date

*Please make check payable to **American Legion Auxiliary, National**. For credit cards, please provide billing address. Mail to American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters, Attention: Development Division, 8945 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46260. Learn more about your donation options by visiting [www.ALforVeterans.org](http://www.ALforVeterans.org).*

## West Virginia Veterans Home Donation List

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

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

### For the Recreation Dept.

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

### For the Veterans

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

We are seeking sponsors for future field trips.

Revised on October 10, 2018



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

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

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

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

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

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

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.wvvaux.org](http://www.wvvaux.org) Unit Presidents **with no email contact** will receive a free copy.

***Subscription will Cost \$18.00***

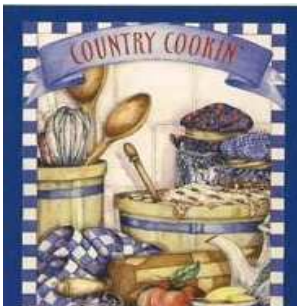
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**MAIL TO:   The American Legion Auxiliary  
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1251 Doolin Run Road  
New Martinsville WV 26155-7808**

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

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