



The Auxiliary Spirit



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Department President

“Building Memories for Our Future American Legion Auxiliary while Loving Our Veterans Everyday”



**Yellow Rose Represents
Friendship
White Rose Represents
Purity and Love**

Hello Auxiliary Members

Hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving.

The Gift Shops are done, I didn't get to make it too Huntington's Gift shop due to weather. Thank you Vice President Cathy Post and Susan Wade for attending Clarksburg's Gift Shop. I did attend Martinsburg's and Beckley's Gift Shop. Thank you for allowing us to attend it was fun.

Thank you Mary Spence, 6th District Vice, for helping out with Lewisburg Unit 69 membership. Congratulations to Braxton Unit 33 for making 100% goal and Belington Unit 96 for making goal 117.76% . Great job! Every unit is doing great. Our membership at National level 61.79% and by Central Division we are 3,420.

Thank you Unit 71 and Unit 102 for allowing me to be a part of your Christmas Dinner I had a great time, looking forward to next year.

Make sure to get your Mid-year reports out to the Chairmen these reports are important.

Make sure to make your Reservation early for Mid-Winter.

Remember with the Christmas Holiday coming up help out a Veteran, Auxiliary members, or a neighbor. There may be some who don't have anyone.

Merry Christmas to each and everyone of you..

For God and Country
Department President
Sharon Kauffman



Department Officers 2019-2020

President-Sharon Kauffman
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Historian-Beth Kilgore

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3rd District-Carla Wilfong
4th District-Nancy Sundstrom
5th District-Beth Kilgore
6th District-Peggy Swartz
10th District-Debbie Michael

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3rd District-Roxie Nicholson
4th District-Patricia Young-Greiner
5th District-JoAnn Hastings
6th District-Mary Spence
10th District-Bonnie Wilcox



Department Headquarters



Mission Statement

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

Mandatory Funds: are Bonding (\$5.00), Education (Scholarship), Girls State Project, Veterans' 1st Fund, (any amount your unit can afford) and Poppy Order, 10% of Poppy Proceeds.

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

Membership: National is once again 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.

Starting with the February Spirit will be a listing of other Department/District Officers candidates.

Department Candidates: You may send out signed endorsement to units, PDP, current Dept. Officers, Headquarters after this spirit comes out.

District Candidates: You may send out signed endorsement to your District Units, PDP's from your District, current Dept. Officers and Headquarters after this spirit comes out.

Future Dates To Remember

Midwinter Conference
February 7th-8th
Oglebay Resort & Conference Center
All Forms in Spirit

Spring Conferences
3rd District March 14th
Shinnston Post #31
Registration 9:00 Meeting 10:00

5th District Conference March 21st
Milton Post #139
Registration 9:00 Meeting 10:00

4th District Conference April 11th
Williamstown Post #159
Registration 9:00 Meeting 10:00

10th District Conference
(Tentative Date March 28th)
(Tentative Place
Berkeley Springs Post #60)
Times To Be Announced

Birthday Dinners
Shinnston Post #31
Sunday March 15th

2020-2021 Department Candidates

President Cathy Post Tyler County #48
(Endorsement on File in Office)
1st Vice President:
2nd Vice President:
Sec./Treas.:
Chaplain:
Historian:

District Officers Candidates

1st Dist. Pres.
Vice Pres.
3rd Dist. Pres.
Vice Pres.
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Vice Pres.
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Remember Our Friends

JoAnn Hastings has been diagnosed with cancer of the bones and is in Hospice Center in Huntington.

Cards may be sent to JoAnn at:

*JoAnn Hastings, Room B1
Hospice of Huntington
3100 Staunton Road
Huntington WV 25702*

Please keep JoAnn and her family in your prayers during this difficult time.



“Honoring Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows”

Membership Chairman

Department President Sharon and I are very proud of your hard work on membership this year! **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TWO GOAL UNITS: BRAXTON CO. # 33 at 100% and BELINGTON #96 at 111.76%. WAY TO GO!!!**

Ladies, the Department of West Virginia has 62 Units including Unit #200. Those Units that reached target 5 of 50% of their membership goal are: Unit 1#, #3, #5, #7, #8, #9, #10, #14, #15, #16, #18, #21, #23, #28, #29, #31, #32, #33, #34, #38, #46, #48, #60, #62, #68, #71, #73, #78, #81, #86, #93, #96, #97, #102, #114, #120, #121, #122, #128, #137, #139, #152, #174, #200.

32 of those 44 Units have already reached our next target date January 15, 2020 at 60%! **SUPER JOB!!!**

Now I know that National changed membership goals this year to be attainable! As you can see, we have 2 Goal Units so far and we only had 1 last year!

Comparing now membership numbers this time last year was 3,644 and we are at 3,436. **We are 208 members behind this time last year.** Membership is not just the responsibility of the Department President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Membership Chairman, District Vices, Unit Vices or Membership Chairman but all of us. It's all about asking, telling others what we are about and celebrating our 100th Anniversary! Have a membership application with you at all times. **Please don't hold membership.** Remember we are a volunteer organization -- let's work together and be kind to one another. Cherish your volunteers!

Thank you for all you do and continue to do to make our organization the largest patriotic organization.

I wish for each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year!

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd
Membership Chairman



Department 1st Vice President

Hello my Auxiliary Sisters,

Brrrrr!! My oh my it's cold !! Some of you Jitter Bugs have really been busy. WE HAVE TWO GOAL UNITS!!! WAY TO GO BELINGTON #96 AT 111.76% AND BRAXTON COUNTY 33 AT 100.00% !! Keyser #152 is right on their "heels" with 91.11% ! Remember December 31st those not paid are going to be delinquent in your unit. Paying a friends' dues makes a great Christmas present.

Speaking of Christmas, I want to thank Madam President Sharon for asking me to go to Clarksburg VA Gift Shop. I spent 2 days there and met many new sisters. It was a very humbling day and I can't wait until next year to do it again. We had many great volunteers out those days. Donate to this whenever you can, the veterans are so grateful. We were dressed in holiday clothes and made it extra festive.

The VA hospital can always use volunteers, PDP Susan Wade and myself are gearing up to start volunteering in the Parkersburg office.

Mid-Winter is just around the corner, make sure you have your room reserved and don't forget your comfort items. We will have our Fashion Show and dance for the different war eras again, that's lots of fun.

Keep those prayers streaming up for those that need them. I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

For God and Country
Cathy D. Post
1st Vice President



WWII/
Merchant Marines Era
12/7/41-12/31/46

Department 2nd Vice President

Hello Ladies,

Congratulations to the 2020 year!!! I would want to say I'm proud of both sides of membership! Let's congratulate Braxton County #33 and Belington #96 for reaching 100% target goal!!! We are still neck to neck with Cathy's side.

Korea war era, we are doing good but there's 1 unit that's under 10 members. Let's keep pushing for our goal numbers, Let's all have 100% by our goal date.

Glad that I got the chance to visit the Martinsburg and Beckly gift shops. Sorry to Huntington and Clarksburg for not making it to yours, but wish I was there.

Excited to say that I can't wait to see everyone at Mid-Winter. Reminder: don't forget to bring your fashion gear to wear for the fashion show. The fashion show and dance will be at the luncheon. We are going to practice as a group before the luncheon. Let's Go Korea Side!!

God & Country
2nd Vice President
Savanna Kauffman



Korea Era
6/25/50-1/31/55

1st District Vice President

Way to go Ladies of 1st District,

I want to congratulate the units of 1st District on getting membership numbers up. Your hard work is starting to pay off and the numbers show it. Keep working on the renewals, rejoins and new members.

Almost everyone reached the December 15 Target #4 Goal of 50%. We are at the half way mark for the year but that doesn't mean we slack off working on membership. Once again, awesome job everyone!!!

Stephanie Handley
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3rd District Vice President

Third District is ahead at 70.54%, of which I am very proud. And we have the first 2, yes, I said 2, Goal Units. Good work Belington Unit 96, who was first to make 100% and to Braxton County Unit 33 who is also 100%. Sadly no one from any of these units were at the Fall District meeting, so are not eligible to win a prize.

At least we do not have any units at 0, as we have 1 paid at Jane Lew.

I want to thank all of Third District for working so hard on getting your dues sent in and signing new members up. We need to keep working on this and doing all we can to make a Goal District. And I would really like to see some one from each unit at our Spring District Meeting.

Remember, if you need any help with anything, call me at 304-657-5740 and I will do my best to help you.

I wish each one of you a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

Roxie Nicholson
3rd District Vice President

4th District Vice President

Hello Ladies,

As 2019 comes to a close, I would like to thank all the District and Department Officers for their support and guidance this year. Attending District and Department meetings brings new friendships, new ideas and new opportunities to understand the American Legion Auxiliary programs and projects.

Target #4 was 50% by December 15th. I am happy to report four Auxiliary Units in District 4 have reached or gone above the 50% membership goal. Spencer #21 is at: 75%; Parkersburg #15 is at: 64.23%; Tyler County #48 is at 61.76%; Point Pleasant #23 is at: 55.20%; Williamstown #159 is at 46.56%; Sistersville #67 is at 45.35%; and New Haven #140 is at: 36.36%. Our Membership Theme is "Honoring Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows."

Our love for our Veterans and families is strong and continuous. Food, clothing, shelter and personal contact are just a few of the things our ALA programs offer. We don't realize how much it means to our military families until we see the smiles on their faces.

Remember EVERY day is Veterans Day!

Patsy Young-Greiner
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6th District Vice President

Hoping everyone had a joyful Christmas and Happy New Year.

It was nice to communicate with a representative from each District 6 Auxiliary Unit during the month of December. Hope that all of you are staying warm with this cold weather from Mr. Cold Miser.

Since we are over the holiday rush, let's try and work on collecting the last part of our dues in order to meet our new January 15th targeted goal of 60%.

My New Year wish for you is to have Good Health and a prosperous New Year.

Mary E. Spence
Vice President
District 6

10th District Vice President

Holiday Greetings to Our Members of the 10th District

Everyone is busy with celebrating the upcoming holidays with their unit and community. A festive celebration is taking place with 3 units together: Martinsburg Unit #14, Charles Town Units #71 and #102.

Unit #102 did Christmas cards with juniors for their shut-ins, and participated in the Shepherdstown parade. Romney Unit #91 had a Christmas party and gift exchange. Berkeley Springs Unit #60 held the kid's Christmas party with "Beauty and the Beast". Moorefield Unit #64 joined their post in delivering goodies of hats, stockings, oranges and candy to the veterans and nursing home. Capon Bridge Unit #137 held a children's Christmas party, a members party and delivered toys to the needy. Your donations and hard work will bring a brighter Christmas to many.

Membership renewals are streaming in slowly for most. Martinsburg Unit #14 only needs 20 members. Many arrived for Romney Unit #91, Berkeley Springs Unit #60 and 2 new members for Moorefield Unit #64. Continue the good work!

Stay safe & healthy as we celebrate Christmas and New Year.

Bonnie Wilcox
10th District Vice President

3rd District President

Merry Christmas and Happy New Years!

I want to Congratulate Braxton County #33 and Belington County #96 for making goal. The first two this year.

We have several others that we hope will make goal before the end of the 2019-2020 year. Come on Auxiliary members we can do it.

Mid Winter is coming up and hope to see several there. Also remember Third District Spring Conference will be the 2nd weekend in March.

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

God Bless America and our Veterans
Carla Wilfong,
Third District President

5th District President

What a joyous time of the year. Remembering days gone by, making new memories each and every day and looking forward to the coming year with renewed hope for a bright and wonderful future. I hope this season has been everything you have dreamed of.

Membership is coming in but it is something we have to work on a continuing basis. Send that membership in as soon as you get it and make the 5th District shine in the Department. I am so proud of the work each Unit is working on.

Reminder: Unit chairmen, please get you Mid-Year reports into the appropriate Department chairmen so they can report to National.

Thank you!
Beth Kilgore
5th District President

10th District President

Greetings!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Martinsburg VA Gift Shop. It means so much to our Veterans.

Congratulations to all the units in our district that have made this month's target! The rest are very close so please just keep up the good work.

Remember to get your Unit Mid-year reports into your Department Chairmen in the next couple of weeks. They are so simple to do. Just list what you have done so far this year.

I hope you are planning to attend the Midwinter Conference in Wheeling this year. It would be great to have representation for all the units. If you have never been to one, or if it has been a long time, how about attending this one? Wheeling isn't that far. Hope to see you there.

Reminder: Please go over our 10th District Constitution, By-Laws & Standing Rules. We have automatic changes to make, as per National. Please submit any changes or additions that you want to be considered, by February 15th, so the district committee will have time to go over them before our Spring Conference. (Berkeley Springs # 60 on March 28, 2020). You may email them to my email and I will forward them to the committee members.

I would like to encourage all units to please donate to our Department Sharon's Special Project. We are blessed that this Gold Star Memorial will be placed within our district.

With Christmas coming so soon, I know everyone is busy. Take some time for yourself and enjoy your family and friends.

Have a blessed and wonderful Christmas and a great 2020!

Love, prayers and hugs to all of you!

Debbie Michael
10th District President
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4th District President

Hello Ladies,

All your Units are doing a great job on Membership. It makes me proud to be your 4th District President. Thank you Ladies.

I want to remind you that our 4th District Spring Conference will be at Williamstown, Post #159, on April 11 2020. Registration 9am. Meeting starts at 10am. Hope to see every unit represented.

From my family to yours we want to Wish Everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Years.

God Bless everyone and stay safe during the Holidays.

GOD BLESS AMERICA
Nancy Sundstrom
4th District President

Education

Happy New Year,

There's no right or wrong time to help students and teachers replenish school supplies. They're halfway through the school year so now might be a great time to participate in a school supply drive or the Give 10 to Education program.

A few helpful ideas... Contact your local schools to find out what supplies may be needed, have members sit outside a business to collect donations or setup a donation drop box. Don't forget to promote it, make flyers, send a letter to your local newspaper editor, advertise on Facebook and be sure to give a list of supplies that are needed along with the collection dates. alaforveterans.org has more information about organizing a school supply drive and members can download the Give 10 to Education suggested donation items and tracking sheet under the Education section.

Don't forget to check out the ALA Education Program Facebook page. You might find some inspiration from the great ideas that other units have had.

Wishing everyone happiness, good health and a blessed 2020.

Always stay humble and kind,
Nichole Shepherd
Education Committee



Chaplain

O God our Father, we would thank Thee for all the bright things of life. Help us to see them, and to count them, and to remember them, that our lives may flow in ceaseless praise; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

By John Henry Jowett

My family and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Carrying on for God and Country.
Mary Jennings
Chaplain



Historian

The year was 1919 – Woodrow Wilson was President of the United States, Prohibition began, but most importantly, the American Legion Auxiliary was founded 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. Today, more than 600,000 members from all walks of life represent the ALA's mission of service toward our veterans, military, and their families.

On Nov. 10, 2019, the American Legion Auxiliary officially celebrated 100 years. That is a milestone to showcase our legacy! Here are some celebratory activities you can do to celebrate the big day.

****Host a community open house** - Use this event as an opportunity to show off your local unit/post and the American Legion Auxiliary's historical aspects!

****Bury a time capsule** - Everybody enjoys a good blast from the past! A time capsule is an easy, entertaining, and educational way to leave behind ALA artifacts for future generations to admire and enjoy.

****Make it official** - Work with your local elected officials in helping recognize the American Legion Auxiliary's centennial year.

Beth Kilgore
Historian

Americanism



I want to wish all Units a very safe and Blessed holiday season. Remember our Military and their families! Be kind to one another. Please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers!

A few reminders as we close out another year:

*The essay contest entries must be submitted to me by **April 3, 2020**. The theme is "How can we address the health and well-being of our veterans, military, and their families?" You must do a National Report and Awards cover sheet. You should have received this info in your Plan of Action. If not, it is found on the National website,

www.ALAforVeterans.org

*I hope you are all working on your Outstanding Americanism Program for your Unit. Dorothy Pearl Most Outstanding Unit Americanism Program. Deadline is **April 30th**. You must do a National Report and Awards Cover sheet.

*Keep working on the "Star Spangled Kids"

*All Flag programs

*All Americanism programs

God Bless Our Troops

God Bless You All

For God and Country

Susan Wade

Americanism Chairman

Junior Activities

Hello to all,

I hope you are keeping your Juniors busy with all the festivities of Christmas. Don't forget to visit our Veterans and maybe give them a card or some cookies.

Please email your Mid-year reports to me. Just list the things your Juniors have done. I will accept them till January 3rd. I can't report to National if you don't report to me.

I hope you are making plans to bring your Juniors to Mid-Winter Conference in Wheeling on February 7-8. (Junior Meeting Saturday February 8 at 9:15) Please let me know how many from your unit that will be attending. I need to know so I will be sure to have enough craft items etc. for all.

Wishing all of you a wonderful Christmas and a blessed 2020!

If you have any questions or need any help, please contact me.

Juniors~ Such a Joy!

Debbie Michael

Junior Activities

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Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Fellow Auxiliary Members,

I hope and pray that each of you has a very Happy and Blessed New Year!

Let's work together to make 2020 the best year possible for our units and our Department.

Please continue to do all that you can to assist fellow members in their time of need and to raise funds for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund.

Your efforts are very much appreciated and do not go unnoticed.

If I can be of assistance to you or your Unit in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Blessings,

Melanie Shambaugh

AEF Chairman

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Community Service

Hope everyone is still working on things in their community.

Community Chairman for each Unit please send me what your unit has done so far. I will need this by December 30th. I need to have my report to National by January 15, 2020. Where has the time-gone!

Thanks

Peggy Swartz

Community Service

National Security

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Hope everyone has been helping our Veterans this year.

We have had Units send packages overseas to our military. Please be sure to take credit for your time and money spent.

I hope to see everyone at Mid-Winter.

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

God Bless America and Our Veterans
Carla Wilfong

Children & Youth

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

I hope that you and your families have a wonderful, safe and joyous Holiday Season. Please remember all of our military that cannot be with family during the Holidays, especially the children that are missing a mom or dad that may be deployed. Others may have both mom and dad with them but often live far from their grandparents, aunts, uncles and other extended family. Keep them all in your thoughts and prayers.

I will be submitting Mid-Year Reports this month. Unfortunately, I have not heard from many units, so I will use information I have seen on Facebook from a few units to write that report. These reports are what is used to compile reports to Congress so our veterans and their children are affected by diminished funding allocated by Congress. Please send me a report of what your unit has been doing and I will include in my next report. Thank you.

Remember to keep your ears and eyes open for children that deserve a Youth Hero Award or Good Deed Award. The Holidays a lot of times present opportunities for children to deserve one of these awards. You are all doing a great job and am looking forward to your reports. I am available to assist you in any help you may need with your reports so please call on me.

Beth Kilgore, Chairman
Children & Youth

Child Welfare Foundation

I hope everyone has been feeding me!! I need to get fatter before Mid-Winter Conference in February.

Don't forget to bring **rolled** change, bills, checks, etc. in your piggy bank.



Beth Kilgore
Chairman

Constitution & Bylaws

What Is a Quorum, and Why Is It Important?

Excerpted from an article by Laura "Susie" Clyde Member, former National Constitution & Bylaws Committee

In order to conduct business at a meeting, it requires a quorum – the minimum number of members who must be present at the meeting before business can be legally transacted. The requirement of a quorum is a protection against unrepresentative action in the name of the association by an unduly small number of people. Robert's Rules of Order state that if the bylaws do not specify what the quorum shall be, it is a majority of the members of the association.

In some organizations, however, it is often not possible to obtain the attendance of a majority of the membership at a meeting. Most associations should therefore have a provision in their bylaws for a relatively small quorum. An actual number can be listed, or a percentage of the membership can be specified. No single number or percentage will be suitable for all associations. A quorum should be a small enough number to permit the business of the association to proceed, but large enough to prevent a small minority from abusing the right of the majority of the members by passing motions that do not represent the thinking of the majority.

Quorum Q&A – Test Your Knowledge!

Q: Before calling a meeting to order, the chair needs to be sure a quorum is present.

A: True – The chair should inspect attendance and determine that a quorum is present. If a quorum cannot be obtained, the chair should call the meeting to order, announce the absence of a quorum and entertain a motion to adjourn, fix the time in which to adjourn, recess and/or take measures to obtain a quorum.

Q: If a quorum is present at the start of the meeting, but due to members leaving and the quorum falls below the minimum, it is still legal to conduct business.

A: False – If a meeting has a quorum to begin with, but members leave the meeting, the continued presence of a quorum is presumed unless the chair or a member notices that a quorum is no longer present. If the chair notices the absence of a quorum, it is her duty to declare the fact, at least before taking any vote or stating the question on any new motion. Any member noticing the apparent absence of a quorum can raise a point of order to that effect at any time so long as she does not interrupt a person who is speaking. A member must question the presence of a quorum at the time a vote on a motion is to be taken. A member may not at some later time question the validity of an action on the grounds that quorum was not present when the vote was taken.

Q: If a meeting is held, and business is transacted but a quorum was not present, the business that occurred is valid.

A: False – In the absence of a quorum, any business transacted is null and void.

Q: In any meeting of delegates, the quorum is a majority of the number of delegates who have been registered as attending, unless the organization's bylaws provide otherwise.

A: True - Even if some have departed, the quorum is the majority of those registered.

Dede Kelly
Constitution & Bylaws Chair
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100 Years of Celebration 1919-2019



I was talking to a 50 year member of the American Legion today and asked him "how has the American Legion changed"? His answer was, it has become more family oriented now than it used to be, and that is because of the American Legion Auxiliary. The Auxiliary has brought a fresh insight to us that we didn't have before. So then I talked to a bartender who has worked at the American Legion for over 30 years and she said the same thing. The Auxiliary had made an impact on the American Legion.

Now, I'm not saying we have changed anything much, but we bring our smiles and laughter to the Veteran's and it help make a difference to them. So keep smiling and helping all you can and start writing down everything you do to help and pass it on to the next generation to use. They can add their touch to what we have done and keep the Auxiliary going strong for another 100 years. We can do more than we are and we can be more than we are. We just have to keep working at it.

Don't forget to bring your display to Mid-Winter to show off what your Unit is doing to celebrate 100 Years.

Roxie Nicholson
Committee Member

Leadership

Calling all Leaders to Shine!

Hope you are planning to be part of Mid Winter in February. Mark your calendars now and come join the fun and the opportunity to learn from one another. We will be developing our leadership toolbox, cleaning and sharpening our tools and understanding what it is we are building together.

Let's make sure we all have the tools we need as we head into the new year. Remember you have light with you at all times. You have light inside you and you can always choose to shine. There are countless additional sources of light we can keep with us. It might be a flashlight. You might need a flood light. You might prefer a match or a lighter.

During this holiday season we are surrounded by beautiful lights of all shapes and sizes and colors. Some are constant. Some are blinking. Some are on timers. We all need light... and we need to let it shine.

During the winter months we have less hours of daylight so we find ourselves relying on artificial light. Sometimes you need to rely on others to help shed light on the path you should take. Sometimes you are the one lighting the way for others.

Make sure you have a light in your toolbox! Be the light. Use the light. Count on the light.

The late Maya Angelou said,
"Nothing can dim the light that shines from within." Shine Leaders Shine!

Happy New Year!
Rosemary M. Thomas
Leadership Chairman

Legislative

Happy Holidays!

I know we are all very busy this time of the year, but please don't forget to send me your mid-year report so I can tell National what WV has done.

Did you know you can download the American Legion Family Legislative handbook from the National Legion site? You can also download the Legislative Advocacy Guide from the National Auxiliary web site or order from emblem sales. Both are great tools.

Lisa Cadwallader
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Past President's Parley

Hello Auxiliary Members,

I hope everyone had a Wonderful Holiday. I was able to spend time with my Grandchildren. I really enjoyed their presence.

Now it is time to get back to focusing on the 2nd half of Year 2019-2020. Please concentrate on being a mentor in your Unit to all members especially the new members. If you still have not begun a Past Presidents' Parley Club, then work toward starting one.

Also think about that special member going above and beyond and nominate them for the Unit Member of the Year Award. Do not forget that we have the Timeless Award as well.

Until next month be safe and God Bless!!!
Rhonda Best
Past Presidents' Parley Chairperson

Rhododendron Girls State

The 2020 Rhododendron Girls State Session will be held June 14 – June 19, 2020 at Davis & Elkins College in Elkins, WV. Once again the registration fee is \$ 250 per citizen and this includes the cost of the t-shirt!

With the New Year, Girls State is just around the corner! Start securing your sponsors if you haven't already. Remember applications with your money are due in to Department Headquarters by May 1.

If you have any questions, please use your Girls State District representative or if I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Wishing you the best of the holiday season and a blessed New Year!

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd
Girls State Chairman

**National Executive
Committeewoman**

Hello Auxiliary Members,

I hope everyone had a Wonderful Holiday. I was able to spend time with my Grandchildren. That is always a blessing to me.

Now it is time to buckle down for our 2nd half of Year 2019-2020. Please ensure each unit has updated their Preamble and are working on the changes made to the Constitution and By-Laws. I do not have any updates at this time.

Until next month be safe and God Bless!!!
Rhonda Best
NEC

Poppy

Hello Ladies,

I want to send you a reminder not to forget to bring your 8x10 picture of your poppy project for judging at Mid-Winter in February. Please don't forget the Poppy posters!

Remember that all money collected goes to the Department Welfare Fund for our Veterans.

HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE.

**GOD BLESS
AMERICA
Nancy Sundstrom
Poppy Chairman**



Public Relations

Ladies,

How is everyone doing with spreading the word about the American Legion Auxiliary? Are you doing it while celebrating our 100 years of service? Or on the smaller scale of just talking one on one with someone? Are you doing some branding by wearing your auxiliary shirt or using some posters at a function?

Don't forget that there are many ways to get the word out about who we are and what we do.

Don't forget that your mid-year reports are due. Please submit them to me as soon as possible. Looking forward to seeing what everyone has done so far this year.

God Bless,
Stephanie Handley
Public Relations Chairperson
stephaniehandley@msn.com
304.670.4055

**Junior Meeting
Mid-Winter Conference
Wheeling, WV
February 8, 2020**

- Registration...(Fee \$10).....Banquet View.....8:00
- Opening Ceremony with Auxiliary.....Conference Room # 5..... 8:30
Chapel of Four Chaplains
- Juniors Meeting/Minutes.....Conference Room # 4.....9:15
- Warm up & Snack Time.....9:30
- “Spring Craft”.....9:45
- “Who Are We And What Do We Do?.....11:00
- Card Signing.....throughout the day
- Lunch (on your own).....11:30
- “Special Crafts”.....1:00
- Question & Answer & Ideas Session.....2:30
- Closing Ceremony & Adjournment.....3:00

Pool time together?? There is an indoor pool!

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

Remember to bring your bathing suits!

Let's Learn All We Can About The ALA!!!

I have ordered poppies to be sure we have enough for our poppy drives in May. There are still 2 kits in office available.

One item I forgot to put on the form was the date your poppy drive was. Just put 1st of May, middle of May, last of May. This will make it clear to get them to you on time.



Congratulations to the November winners!! Remember our 2019 tickets run out December 31st. They make good Christmas and Birthday gifts, if you haven't decided what to give that special person.

Ticket sales for 2020 are starting to come in. Remember to get them in by December 31st to be eligible for the January 1, 2020 drawing. There are still a few envelopes of 10 tickets in office, and several loose tickets. If you need more, please let me know and I will mail them to you.

Paulette
Susan



November Ways and Means Winners

<i>Name</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount</i>
	677			11/1/19	
	186			11/2/19	
Brandi Clower	011	Augusta	WV	11/4/19	\$25.00
	484			11/5/19	
Eugene Hammas	550	Fort Valley	VA	11/6/19	\$25.00
Melissa Carroll	106	Princeton	WV	11/7/19	\$25.00
	271			11/8/19	
Sandy Junkins	825	Triadelphia	WV	11/9/19	\$25.00
	762			11/11/19	
Arvel Wyatt	322	Welch	WV	11/12/19	\$25.00
Joy Jenkins	369	Charles Town	WV	11/13/19	\$25.00
ALA Chester #121	992	Chester	WV	11/14/19	\$25.00
Jeff Wisley	022	Lavalette	WV	11/15/19	\$25.00
Bill Chapman	681	Thorpe	WV	11/16/19	\$25.00
	595			11/18/19	
	068			11/19/19	
	282			11/20/19	
Ruth Loar	884	Rio	WV	11/21/19	\$25.00
Nancy Jackson	287	Romney	WV	11/22/19	\$25.00
	050			11/23/19	
Keith Riggelman	126	Moorefield	WV	11/25/19	\$25.00
	215			11/26/19	
	750			11/27/19	
Barbara Riffle	170	Gassaway	WV	11/28/19	\$25.00
Lisa Mason	037	Columbus	OH	11/29/19	\$25.00
	514			11/30/19	



2019-2020 Membership Theme
”Honoring Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows”



Membership Target Sheet December 15th Target #4—50%

Department Goal— 5616

Membership To Date: 3,436 (61.18 %)

Unit #200 Goal— 80 To Date: 69

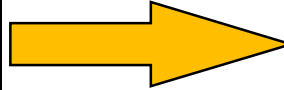


Savanna

Cathy

District 1	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
Wheeling #1		26	21	80.77%
Moundsville #3		242	138	57.02%
McMechen #5		36	22	61.11%
Weirton #10		52	29	55.77%
Cameron #18		148	97	65.54%
New Martinsville #28		130	94	72.31%
Wellsburg #34		26	14	53.85%
Follansbee #45		41	18	43.90%
Benwood #46		75	51	68.00%
Pine Grove #81		87	49	56.32%
Paden City #86		97	62	63.92%
Wheeling #89		23	9	39.13%
Newell #114		31	18	58.06%
Hundred #120		50	31	62.00%
Chester #121		166	89	53.61%
TOTALS		1230	746	60.65%

**WWII/
Merchant
Marines Era
40's Fashion
Jitterbug Dance**

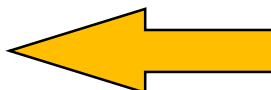


**Goal 2789
To Date: 1,705
(61.13 %)**

**Membership
Chairman
“Rosie the
Riveter”**

District 4	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15		548	372	67.88%
Spencer #21		40	32	80.00%
Pt. Pleasant #23		250	138	55.20%
Tyler County #48		34	21	61.76%
Sistersville #67		86	41	47.67%
New Haven #140		132	48	36.36%
Williamstown #159		131	61	46.56%
TOTALS		1221	713	58.39%

**Korea Era
50's Fashion
Cha-Cha**



**Goal 2747
To Date: 1,662
(60.50 %)**

District 6	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
Welch #8		59	42	71.19%
Bluefield #9		26	21	80.77%
Beckley #32		43	24	55.81%
Gary #38		76	69	90.79%
Cowen #62		27	15	55.56%
Lewisburg #69		42	11	26.19%
Richwood #97		23	21	91.30%
TOTALS		296	203	68.58%



District 3	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7		41	34	82.93%
Clarksburg #13		89	43	48.31%
Elkins #29		149	94	63.09%
Shinnston #31		262	197	75.19%
Braxton County #33		30	30	100.00%
Bridgeport #68		67	60	89.55%
Belington #96		17	19	111.76%
Pickens #122		23	16	69.57%
Jane Lew #166		32	1	3.13%
Morgantown #174		30	28	93.33%
TOTALS		740	522	70.54%

District 5	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
Huntington #16		171	113	66.08%
Logan #19		17	6	35.29%
St. Albans #73		31	23	74.19%
Ceredo-Kenova #93		290	163	56.21%
South Charleston #94		15	6	40.00%
Hamlin #111		49	19	38.78%
Milton #139		62	49	79.03%
Barboursville #177		144	66	45.83%
TOTALS		779	445	57.12%

District 10	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14		95	75	78.95%
Franklin #30		16		
Piedmont #52		28	1	3.71%
Berkeley Springs #60		187	132	70.59%
Moorefield #64		100	34	34.00%
Charles Town #71		195	108	55.38%
Petersburg #78		75	46	61.33%
Romney #91		221	104	47.06%
Charles Town #102		28	25	89.29%
Paw Paw #128		35	19	54.29%
Kirby #134		41	19	46.34%
Ridgeley #136		83	39	46.99%
Capon Bridge #137		121	94	77.69%
Keyser #152		45	41	91.11%
TOTALS		1270	738	58.11%

January 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1  <i>Office Closed</i>	2	3	4
<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <i>Programs of Month National Security Legislative</i> </div>						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 <i>Target #5 60%</i>	16	17 <i>Spirit Articles Due</i>	18
19	20 <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Spirit Out VA Checks</i>	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



Tyler County



Unit 48

Proudly Announces

Cathy Darlene Post

Their Candidate for

Department

President

2020-2021



***American Legion Auxiliary
Department of West Virginia***

Comfort Item Drive

UNIT/POST/SQUADRON # _____

LOCATION _____

PERSON IN CHARGE _____

ADDRESS _____

ITEMS DONATED _____

VALUE OF DONATION \$ _____

****** turn this form in with your donation or tape to your box (s) of donations. Make sure your name is on box so can be given credit of donation.**

THANK YOU,

Mary Waybright
Department VA & R Chairman

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: **razor shaving cream, deodorant, combs** (Not Motel Size)



39th Annual Mid-Winter Conference
American Legion Auxiliary
Conference Program
Oglebay Wilson Lodge, Wheeling WV

Friday, February 7, 2020

8:00 am Comfort Items Open _____ Fort Henry Room
12:00-4:30pm Silent Auction Opens _____ Banquet View Registration
1:00-7 pm Registration _____ Banquet View Registration
2:00-2:30pm Policy & Procedures _____ Conference Room #5
3:00-4:00pm Girls State Executive Board Meeting _____ Conference Room #5
4:15-4:45pm Back to Basics Meeting _____ Conference Room #5
6:00-6:45pm Membership Team _____ Conference Room #5
7:00-9:00pm Opening Joint Session _____ Banquet Room 123

Saturday, February 8, 2020

8:00am -12:00 pm Registration _____ Banquet View Registration
8:00-12:00 Comfort Items _____ Fort Henry Room
8:00am -2:00 pm Silent Auction _____ Banquet View Registration
8:30am Opening Session _____ Conference Room #5
Call to Order _____ Sharon Kauffman, President
Prayer _____ Mary Jennings, Chaplain
Moment of Silence
Pledge of Allegiance _____ Susan Wade, Americanism Chairman
National Anthem _____ Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Music Chairman
Preamble of Constitution _____ Dede Kelly, Constitution & Bylaws Chairman
Mission Statement _____ Rosemary Thomas Leadership Chairman
8:40am Welcome _____ Sharon Kauffman, President
8:45-9:15 Chapel-4-Chaplains _____ Mary Jennings, Chaplain
9:15am Juniors Session _____ Conference Room #4
9:15am Membership (Certificates/Goal Ribbons) _____ Membership Team
9:45am Committee Chairmen (year end reports/awards) _____ Department Committee Chairmen
10:30am Girls State _____ Rosemary Thomas, Director
11:00 am
2019 Rhododendron Girls State Governor
Katie Beth Caudill
Huntington WV
11:30am Recess
11:45am Membership Luncheon _____ Conference Room #6
Lynda Lancaster Loyd and Membership Team
"Honoring Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows"
1:00pm Reconvene
Central Division National Vice President
Ruth Gott
Department of Michigan
1:30pm Leadership Tool Box _____ Dr. Rosemary Thomas, Leadership
Silent Auction Closes at 2:00 pm
Please pick up your items and pay for them right after Adjournment
2:45pm Poppy Poster & Poppy Arrangements _____ Nancy Sundstrom, Poppy Chairman
Comfort Items Report _____ Mary Waybright, V A & R Chairman
Silent Auction Raffle Basket Drawing _____ Roxie Nicholson
Ways and Means Report _____ Paulette Anderson, Secretary
3:00pm Updates & Announcements _____ Paulette Anderson, Secretary
Adjournment
4:00pm Chapel Services _____ Fort Henry Room
6:00pm Commander's and President's Reception _____ Banquet Room 123
9:00pm Dance & Karaoke _____ Banquet Room 123

Have A Safe Trip Home

*CANCELLATION MUST BE
48 HOURS IN ADVANCE
TO RECEIVE REFUND*

YOU ARE INVITED
TO THE 39TH ANNUAL
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 7-8, 2020

OGLEBAY RESORT AND CONFERENCE CENTER
WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

ADVANCED REGISTRATION - \$25.00
AT DOOR REGISTRATION - \$30.00

RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

I AM SENDING \$ _____ FOR _____ ADVANCED REGISTRATION(S).
PLEASE ATTACH A LIST OF INDIVIDUALS FOR WHICH YOU PAYING.
SPELL NAME AS IT IS TO APPEAR ON NAME BADGE DURING CONFERENCE

NAME (S) _____

TITLE: _____

ADDRESS _____

POST/UNIT/SAL NO. _____

MAIL TO: THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA
PO BOX 3191
CHARLESTON WV 25332

DEADLINE DATE: JANUARY 31, 2020

**2020 DEPARTMENT MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
RESERVATION FORM**

February 7-8, 2020
Oglebay Resort and Conference Center
465 Lodge Road
Wheeling, West Virginia 26003

\$79.00 per night room rate (plus 12% tax & 3% Historical Fee & Service Fee 1.80 Daily)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

Arrival Date _____ AM PM Departure Date _____

Room Type: (circle one) Doubles King (Additional charge of \$10 for a King)

Non-Smoking Facility

Handicap Room: (circle one) wheelchair oxygen tank other
If you circled "other", please explain. _____

*Members with wheelchair disabilities will receive first priority.

One night's deposit must accompany this request to reserve a room. Any form, without a deposit will be returned.

Enclosed, please find one night's room deposit of **\$79.00** (plus 12% tax & 3% Historical Fee & Service Fee Daily \$1.80) = \$92.18 per night

(circle one)

check cash credit card
_____ credit card # _____
type _____
expiration date _____

Your credit card may be charged for the one night's room deposit.

**Mail to: Oglebay Resort and Conference Center
 ATTN: Cynthia Johnson
 465 Lodge Road
 Wheeling, West Virginia 26003**

**Cancellation, at least 48 hours in advance
This form must be mailed to reserve a room at Oglebay Resort
and Conference Center. (No phone calls for rooms will be accepted.)**

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER EARLY- THANKS!

2020 Midwinter "War Era" Membership Luncheon

Saturday February 8, 2020

Oglebay Wilson Lodge Conference Room #6

"Hot Plated Lunch"

MENU

Roasted Turkey Breast

Sage Stuffing

Red Skinned Whipped Potatoes

Seasonal Vegetables

Turkey Giblet Gravy

Pastry Chef's Season Selection

Coffee, Tea, Water

Price \$20.00 each person

Advance Registration with Payment Needed by January 31, 2020

NO DEVIATION

List of Names Attending:

List Allergies beside name

**Send Form and Payment to: ALA Dept. Treasurer
1251 Doolin Run Road
New Martinsville WV 26155**