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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 is ready for Midwinter. We have a lot going on: meetings, dance and costume contest at the Luncheon. Hope to see a lot of you in costumes. Remember we're doing the silent auction, comfort items. Come happy and with smiles. We are building things up again.

Remember our Veterans on Valentines Day as you know some don't have anyone. Let's remember we have had several Auxiliary members down with sickness and some Department Officers also.

Let's remember all of our Soldiers who are in harms way and their families.

Congratulations to all those who made 100%. Keep up the great job hoping to see more. I'm very proud of each and everyone of you. I know we can take WV to number one or close to it.

Now we have to say goodbye to our sister JoAnn Hastings. She was a very nice and caring person. She made friends easy and will greatly be missed. Her Memorial Service was very nice and Unit 16 did a beautiful service. It was an honor to be able to attend. Thank you Cathy Post, Savanna Kauffman, Susan Wade for attending.

I want to remind everyone about my Special Project “Gold Star Family Memorial Monument”. Please if you can, donate to this wonderful project. I will have an updated \$\$'s at Midwinter.

For God and Country
Department President
Sharon Kauffman



Department Officers 2019-2020

President-Sharon Kauffman
1st Vice President-Cathy Post
2nd Vice President-Savanna 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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1st District-Stephanie Handley
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.

Directory Update: Page 9: Lynda Lancaster-Loyd PO Box 1511.
Page 14, 15: Please change Lynda Lancaster-Loyd address to PO Box 1511 Matthews VA 23109
Page 13: Please remove JoAnn Hastings information as Fifth District Vice President.
Page 14: Please remove JoAnn Hastings information as Convention Chairman and replace with Kitty Kelly-Smoot: 4378 Green alley Rd. Huntington WV 25701 304-525-4242
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Page 16: Please remove JoAnn Hastings as Deputy for Huntington VAMC-VAVS and Huntington VAMC-Gift Shop.

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: Savanna Kauffman #14
2nd Vice President:
Sec./Treas.:
Chaplain:
Historian:

District Officers Candidates

1st Dist. Pres.
Vice Pres.
3rd Dist. Pres.
Vice Pres.
4th Dist. Pres.
Vice Pres.
5th Dist. Pres.
Vice Pres.
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**American Legion Auxiliary
National Website**
ALAforveterans.org

Remember Our Friends

JoAnn Hastings, 5th District Vice President, passed away from Cancer. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Lynda Lancaster, PCDNVP, has pneumonia and under a doctor's care. Several Unit members have had bronchitis and sinusitis recently. Let us keep all of these members in our prayers.

*Nancy Sundstrom, PDP, had knee surgery recently. You may send cards to her at: Nancy Sundstrom, PDP
1307 23rd Street
Wheeling WV 26101*



“Honoring Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows”

Membership Chairman

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR **FOUR GOAL UNITS: BELINGTON UNIT 96 @ 111.76%; BRAXTON CO. # 33 at 103.33%; BRIDGEPORT UNIT 96 @ 100.00% and MILTON # 139 @ 100.00%.** The Department of West Virginia has 62 Units including Unit #200. 21 of these Units had no membership increase since December 15. Please don't hold members dues. Get them in!

We have 40 Units that reached Target 6 @ 60%: Unit 1#, #5, #7, #8, #9, #10, #14, #15, #16, #18, #21, #23, #28, #29, #31, #32, #33, #38, #45, #46, #48, #60, #68, #73, #78, #86, #89 #93, #94, #96, #97, #102, #120, #121, #122, #137, #139, #152, #174, #177. 29 of those 40 Units have already reached our next target date February 15th 70%! Congratulations!

As of this target sheet date, we are 1,689 members short of goal. We are a team, here to help. I have charged our District Vices to contact the Units to see what we can do to assist you in bringing up our numbers. Membership is everyone's responsibility.

Please don't forget that we have at our Mid-Winter Membership Luncheon your 1) period style dress, 2) dance of that era and 3) district vices your helmets table decorations honoring your membership. Let's have fun as we Celebrate our 100th Anniversary.

Be gracious and thank our volunteers. We can't do it without you!

See you in Wheeling!
Lynda Lancaster-Loyd
Membership Chairman



Department 1st Vice President

Hello Jitterbugs,

As I write this there is snow on the ground, hoping we don't have this in three weeks. I trust everyone is registered and has their rooms for Midwinter. I'm excited and can't wait to see everyone!!

We have **FOUR GOAL UNITS!!** Way to go Bridgeport 68 100%, Milton 139 100%, Braxton Co 33 103.33% and Belington 96 111.76%, so proud of you!! Morgantown 174 is closing in at 96.67, St Albans at 93.55% and Keyser 152 at 91.11%.

Don't forget the fashion show during the Membership Luncheon.

National Central Division Vice President Ruth Gott will be paying us a visit during Midwinter. I'm looking forward to meeting her.

Time to get working on all our fabulous programs for this Spring. I'm sure the children are ready to Rock N Roll with these.

Until we meet February 7th, thank a veteran, take care and safe travels.

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 Auxiliary Women,

Cant wait to see you all at Midwinter. So proud of everyone working on membership this year, keep up the good work. Congratulations on Cathy's side of membership! She now has 4 units with goal of 100%. There are some units close to 100%: get it up, you can do it.

Korea Era Side even though we don't have units with goal keep your head up high and keep moving forward. I'm proud to say our side doesn't have any 0's or under 10 members. I couldn't ask for a better team!!

Remember to bring your fashion wear to wear at the luncheon for Midwinter. Practice your dance the one that falls into your category. remember we have to practice together.

Don't forget, if you get 15 rejoin/ Recruit new senior and junior members and submit it to department by June 1st you can be in a drawing for a one night lodging at the state convention in July.

If you need me for anything my number, email, and address is in the directory.

New words of advice: Be u - Do u - Love u

Savanna Kauffman
2nd Vice President
God & Country



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

3rd District Vice President

Well, ladies I must say I am so proud of you for the work you are all doing on membership. So many of our Unit's are so close to GOAL and 3 of you have already made GOAL. CONGRATULATIONS to Braxton County Unit #33, Belington Unit #96 and Bridgeport Unit 68, good work!!!!

The rest of the units, with the exception of Jane Lew, I'm just as proud of you, as I know you will make it. And that makes Third District out in front of the other Districts with 78.78%. So keep it up and we will be a GOAL DISTRICT before long.

I hope to see a lot of you at Midwinter, and I hope you learn a lot of new idea's to take back to your unit.

Don't forget, if you have any concerns or questions, you can always contact me at 304-657-5740.

If I can't answer your questions, I'll find someone who can. In the meantime, stay warm and stay safe.

God Bless our Auxiliary and God Bless our Country and God Bless and take care of our troops.

Roxie Nicholson
3rd District Vice President

6th District Vice President

Hoping everyone has made their New Year's resolution and will be able to keep it going. Although the weather has warmed up to 50 and 60 degrees it isn't spring yet. With winter still with us we must continue to work on our membership and each unit reach their membership goal.

Since February is Valentine's Day month, I hope that all of you received something sweet from your sweetie.

I hope that all of you are still staying warm with this cold weather from Mr. Cold Miser.

Since the Holiday Season of 2019 is behind us and Valentine's Day brings out the cupids, let's try and work on collecting the last part of our dues in order to meet our new February targeted goal of 70%.

Unfortunately, I will not see you at the Winter Conference as I will be on a Caribbean Cruise. I will miss all of you have a great conference.

My wish for you all is to have good Health and safe winter travels.

Mary E. Spence
Vice President
District 6

10th District Vice President

For most units, 2020 is taking off with a slow pace and limited activities. Four units are not meeting this month.

Moorefield Unit #64 had a memorial luncheon for the family of a deceased veteran. Kirby Unit #134 is establishing an educational memorial scholarship for one of their members who recently passed. This member devoted many years of service to Hampshire County Schools.

Renewals are coming in slowly. Two Capon Bridge Unit #137 units have new members: Capon Bridge Unit #137, (2) and Martinsburg Unit #14, (1).

On a positive note, some units have begun with New Years' Resolutions: Berkeley Springs Unit #60 with Random Acts of Kindness and Charles Town #102 is avoiding sweets and candy!

Good luck during the year to everyone who is striving for improvements and/or who has created a New Year's Resolution.

Bonnie Wilcox
10th District Vice President

4th District Vice President

Greetings to Members of the 4th District, Happy New Year! Our 2019 – 2020 Membership Theme is "Honoring Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows."

The January 15th Target Sheet is out, and we are very excited!! There are seven Auxiliary Units in District 4. Five of those Units have already reached the 5th Target Goal of 60%. Way to go!!

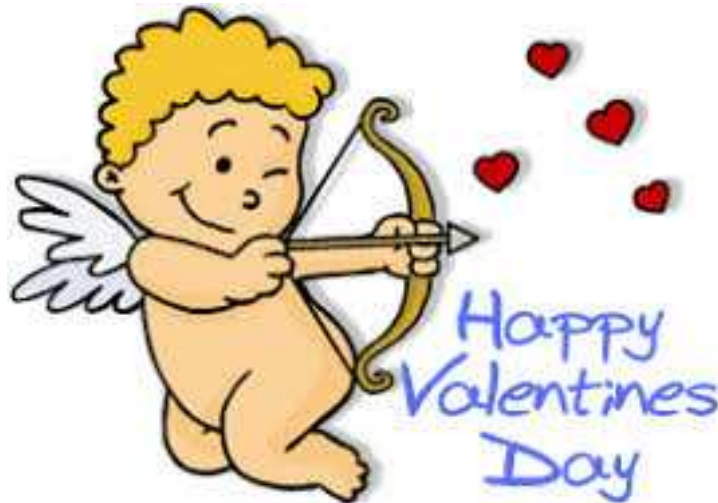
District 4 standings are: New Haven #140 at 81.82%; Spencer #21 at 80.00%; Tyler County #48 at 79.41%; Pt. Pleasant #23 at 73.20%; Parkersburg #15 at 73.18%; Sistersville #67 at 58.14%; and Williamstown #159 at 47.33%.

Way to go ladies! Please continue to work on Membership. Our Department has attained 69.93%. I know we can be 100% by the end of the year!

Remember to carry copies of the new ALA Membership applications with you. Invite eligible friends and family to join today.

Remember: **Every Day** is Veterans Day!

Patsy Young-Greiner
4th District Vice President
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3rd District President

Here it is time for Mid-Winter. It is hard to believe how fast this year is going.

I will be sending out all the information for Spring Conference by the first of February.. Be sure to put the date on your Calendar and please attend as this is Election time again.

I am happy to say that Third District has three goal Units so far. CONGRATULATIONS to Braxton County #33, Bridgeport #68 and Belington #96. I am proud of you all. We have several Units that are closing in really close. So come on Auxiliary Members lets really give it a good push for a Goal District.

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

God Bless our Troops over seas
Carla Wilfong
Third District President

6th District President

Peggy has been in the hospital with some heart problems and is home now.

She is checking on the 6th District Spring Conference and will have details in the next Spirit.

Keep working on membership and please let her know what your unit is doing.

Peggy Swartz

5th District President

It is with a heavy heart I write this month's article for the Spirit. As most of you know our District Vice President, Jo Ann Hastings, passed away on December 26th after a battle with cancer. JoAnn had an infectious smile and a zeal for life that will be greatly missed. Her love of our veterans and sense of duty will be cherished for many years to come.

I will do my best to pick up the tasks JoAnn had started. I will contact each unit regarding your membership. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at 304-654-7750.

Beth Kilgore, President
5th District President

Education

According to the national ALA website (alaforveterans.org), these days, paying for a college education is becoming a larger financial burden for students and their families. According to the College Board, a student who took out loans in 2017 left a four-year public university with over \$26,000 in debt, jumping to over \$32,000 for a private university. With the cost of attending college rapidly increasing, this number is expected to rise.

That is why the American Legion Auxiliary is so committed to helping students pursue their education through scholarships. Investing in the education of our young people is investing in the future of our country. Please make sure that your Unit distributes the copies of the scholarships available through the Auxiliary. Copies of each are on the Department's website.

Has your Unit considered starting a Unit Scholarship? The national website has a guide to do just that--"How to Create a Unit Scholarship Fund."

Dianne McClung
Chairman

10th District President

Hello to all!

Congratulations to all units that are doing so well in membership. Keep up the good work!

Please remember to change/amend/update your unit Constitution/Bylaws/Standing Rules. The preamble in our constitution needs to change from "Great Wars" to "all wars". While you are changing that, please review and amend anything in your Unit Bylaws or Standing Rules that may need changed. When approved by the Department Constitution/Bylaws & Standing Rules Committee, please send to the Department Secretary to be placed on file.

We are updating our 10th District Constitution/Bylaws/Standing Rules also. Units should submit any changes/questions/comments to the committee by February 1, 2020. I am emailing a letter to all units with the info for this. I sent all units a copy of the current 10th District Constitution/Bylaws/Standing Rules a few months ago.

The 10th District Spring Conference will be held on March 28, 2020 at Berkeley Springs. Our meeting will start at 8:30. Hope to see you all there. Also, the evening before (Friday, March 27, 2020) we will be hosting a Legion Family Celebration. I will send info as soon as final plans are made. Please save these dates.

I hope you are all making plans to attend the Midwinter Conference, February 7-8 at Wheeling. Be sure to bring an item for the silent auction.

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

Hope to see you on the 7th!

Happy Valentine's Day!

Hugs to all!

Debbie Michael



Chaplain

Faith is what moves mountains. Even faith as small as a mustard seed can uproot a mulberry tree and not just displace it –but plant it in the sea! “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1). Need more faith? Go to God. He’ll give you as much as you need.

You can’t know, you can only believe—or not. [C. S. Lewis]

Please remember those who are sick or those that has lost family members and/or friends.

For God and County
Mary Jennings
Chaplain



Junior Activities

Hi to all!

Thank you to Parkersburg 15, Berkeley Springs 60 and Sistersville 67 for submitting their mid-year Report. I sent my report to Central Division which had 100% reporting.

Now that the holidays are behind us, we can get ready for Midwinter. I hope you are making plans to bring your Juniors. We will meet on Saturday, February 8. We will attend the opening session & Chapel of Four Chaplains with the auxiliary. We will then proceed to our meeting room. The past years, the Juniors and SAL have helped in the Comfort Item room. If they want us to help this year, that will be a priority. I have learning material and crafts for you. Let’s have some ALA fun.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW HOW MANY JUNIORS ARE ATTENDING FROM YOUR UNIT! I need to know so I can purchase craft supplies. As of right now, there are 3 attending. I sure hope there are more. I hope the Honorary Junior Department Officers will be there.

Please remember to include your Juniors in your activities and events. They need to learn & you need to teach them.

Please contact me if I can help you in any way

Juniors~Such a Joy!
Department Junior Activities
Debbie Michael
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Historian

The objective of the “**MEMBER’S REMEMBER**” history project is to record the American Legion Auxiliary’s history through the eyes of its members. The history of the American Legion Auxiliary begins in November 1919 and continues with you. The organization’s history, like any other history, is more than names and dates. It is about its membership and how it developed the ALA’s programs and projects to fulfill our mission of serving veterans, military, and their families who sacrifice so much for this country of ours. A written history can only tell so much. However, when an organization’s history is told through the eyes of its membership, everyone learns a great deal more about who we are, what we do, and why we matter.

Here are some tips for recording a **MEMBERS REMEMBER** project:

**This is a two-person project, so find someone to assist you.

**Find long time members of the Auxiliary and ask them to share their stories in a video. These stories can be about:

A special project; A particular highlight during her years of membership; How many generations of her family have been members and why;

**If a chartered member, her experience in starting the unit.

**Find a location where it is quiet and where there will be no interruptions.

If you would like more information on this project, give me a call at 304-654-7750 or you can go to the ALA National website at <https://www.alaforveterans.org>.

A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families

Beth Kilgore
Historian



Americanism



I want to Thank the Units that sent me a midyear report! I didn't get very many but appreciate what I did receive! Our Central Division received 100% reporting!!

Each Unit has time to complete a End of the Year Report. I sure hope to receive many more because I know that each unit has done something for the Americanism Program.

This is Americanism Month!!!

Have you seen the Americanism Patch for Juniors? A great addition to the patch program!!

Has your unit donated to the American Legion Baseball Program? I'm sure you will be able to purchase a fundraiser ticket at Midwinter!!

I am looking forward to Midwinter!! I am excited to meet our National Central Division Vice President Ruth Goth!! I hope the weather cooperates and we have a great turnout!! Prayers for safe travels!!

Fly our Flag Proudly!!
God Bless America!!
Susan Wade
Americanism Chairman

Community Service

At this time I would like to thank all Unit Community Service Chairman for sending in information on what their Unit had done this past year. By doing this we made Central Division 100%. Please keep up the good work that each Unit does for Community Service.

Thanks
Peggy Swartz
Chairman

Children & Youth

Over its 100 years, the American Legion Auxiliary has supported the veterans and the youth of the nation through its various programs. While the intent and heart of the programs may remain the same, they have had to change and adapt to keep up with what was going on in the world.

The Children & Youth program recognizes youth in communities, provides grants to nonprofit organizations, and honors the children of deployed military members. This program was started in 1931 and was called the "Child Welfare" program. In 1970, members voted to change the name of the program to Children and Youth.

The Youth Hero Award was added in 2002, and the Good Deed Award was added in 2004, recognizing youth under the age of 18 who go above and beyond to help someone out or those who display acts of bravery. Over 100 of these awards were given out in 2018 to thank those children who do what is right.

The Child Welfare Foundation was established in 1954 by The American Legion as a way to collect funds from those who wanted to donate to programs that helped children. The American Legion Auxiliary has a liaison to the Foundation who sits in on meetings and provides input. The first donations collected were able to provide three grants that totaled \$22,500 dollars. Since then, \$17 million dollars has been awarded to organizations that assist the children of this country. The 'Kids of Deployed are Heroes, Too' initiative was started in 2013 to help military children feel special while their family member was deployed.

"April is Children & Youth Month. It is also the Month of the Military Child (#MOMC). As a part of the entire month of April's celebration of the #MOMC, there is a day put aside to add an extra emphasis - Purple Up! For Military Kids. April 3rd is the date for Purple Up! this year, encouraging ALA members and community leaders to wear purple to show support and thank military children for their strength and sacrifices."

Beth Kilgore,
Chairman
Children & Youth



Constitution & Bylaws

WHERE should our rules reside?

It can be very confusing when trying to understand where a rule should reside! Constitution, Bylaws, or Standing Rules? Clarity in governing documents helps encourage compliance. Structuring those documents in a way every member can understand will help ensure success.

The Constitution is defined as a system of fundamental principles according to which a nation, state, corporation, etc. is governed. In the ALA, it should be the Articles of Incorporation and the core purpose and structure of your department or unit. It should contain articles that are rarely changed. An example of what not to have in your constitution is the amount of your dues. That belongs in the Bylaws or Standing Rules.

Bylaws are defined as the governing regulations of internal affairs. In your department or unit, this should include how you govern yourself and any rules voted on by the organization. Bylaws should be amended every 5 to 10 years as needed and supported by Standing Rules.

The dictionary defines Standing Rules as issues that relate to the details of the administration of a society and which can be adopted or changed the same way as any other act of the assembly. In the ALA, your Standing Rules should be more specific than the Bylaws, administrative, and "process focused." They should provide details about provisions in the Bylaws. They can be amended as frequently as needed to keep the organization up to date.

Using the example of dues, in Bylaws, it would be correct to say your unit dues would always be \$5 more than the amount due to department and national, because this would naturally change if national or department changes their dues. If you stated that your unit dues are \$30, this should be in Standing Rules because you would need to vote on the adjustment of the exact amount of dues as change occurs.

Civility lives in governing documents containing rules for members to follow. Implement rules appropriately, follow your governing documents for how revisions should occur, and then help your members understand the changes by providing clarifying language and rationale for the change.

Adapted from an e bulletin article by Jane Benzel, National C & Bylaws Committee Member

Dede Kelly
Constitution & Bylaws Chair
ddkelly@arc-hc.com

Child Welfare Foundation

Boy, am I getting fatter by the day. Bring all of your change to the Midwinter Conference and I promise I will go on a diet immediately following (at least for a few days). I will also accept bills and checks. All monies collected will go to the Child Welfare Foundation. I ask you to roll your change.



The Child Welfare Foundation was established in 1954 by The American Legion as a way to collect funds from those who wanted to donate to programs that helped children.

Beth Kilgore
Chairman

National Security

Happy Valentines Day to all the Auxiliary Members. I would like to thank the Units that sent me a Midyear report. It did not have to be a big one.

Remember if your Unit can, send cards and even a small gift to our Troops over seas. If you are sending a package, go to the Post Office and get the large Priority Mail Box. You can stuff it full and it will only cost you \$18.00 to mail it and you can stuff a lot of items in it. We sent one to one of our Veterans and he received it in only 8 days. The guys in his Unit are happy when he receives a package because he shares with them.

It is coming the time to really get your reports together , so you can fill out the end of the year reports and get them to your chairmen.

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

God Bless our Troops over seas
Carla Wilfong
Chairman

Rhododendron Girls State

The 2020 Rhododendron Girls State Session will be held June 14 – June 19, 2020 at Davis & Elkins College in Elkins, WV. The registration fee is \$ 250 per citizen and this includes the cost of the t-shirt! More information will be passed along after our board of directors meeting in Wheeling. 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.

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd
Girls State Chairman

Legislative

The hustle and bustle of the holiday season is behind us and now is the time to start planning a Meet & Greet of your local candidates. **Remember, The American Legion Family is non-partisan** and does not support or endorse one candidate or party over the other, so invite all candidates. The forum is meant to be an opportunity for local citizens to ask questions of the candidates and the candidates to answer those questions; it is not meant to be a debate between candidates or oppositions.

To host a successful event:

- 1) Work with your counterparts in The American Legion, The Sons of The American Legion and American Legion Riders to form a joint committee.
- 2) Select a date, time and place for the event (if it is to be held at your Post Home, make sure it is approved by your American Legion Post; if you are going to sponsor an event at a local school, work with your school board to plan the event).
- 3) The committee should set the guidelines for the event as early as possible. For instance, how long will each candidate have to answer a question; would questions vary from candidate to candidate or would several candidates answer the same question?
- 4) Select a moderator, someone who can keep order, keep the candidates on track and keep the session moving so that it is informative and professional.
- 5) Obtain a list of all candidates who have filed the necessary petitions to be placed on the ballot and send them an invitation to the event, with as many specifics as possible including the rules of the event (question and answer forum, not a debate). Also advise the candidates if they will be given an opportunity for opening or closing remarks.
- 6) Advertise, Advertise! Try to reach as many citizens as you can! Be sure your press release specifies that the event is open to all citizens.

The committee should determine how the venue will be arranged so the candidates are in front of the audience; prepare tent cards and determine the order of seating for the candidates, possibly alphabetically by office.

Don't forget to have a table set up with brochures about The American Legion Family programs and some members available to answer questions about Who We Are, What We Do and Why We Matter.

Finally, please remember social media postings are viewed as an expression of your personal beliefs and, as citizens of this great democracy, we are entitled to question our elected leaders (or candidates) **BUT please remember** that you are also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary! If your personal social media accounts contain information that states you are an ALA member, please be respectful of the fact that each of us may have different views. We should respect our differences but not denigrate anyone for what candidate or official they personally support! I am sure each of us has seen postings about political leaders that are horrible, to say the least and these can negatively reflect on our organization. **Please use caution about what you post and what you say during your "Meet the Candidates" event.**

For more information visit the Legislative Program Actions Plan under the Members Only section of American Legion Auxiliary national website and review the "How to Host A Meet the Candidate Night". The website address is www.alaforveterans.org

Hope to see many of you at Mid-Winter
Lisa Cadwallader
Legislative Chair/PDP
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**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!!!



Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Just a reminder that the Comfort Drive will start at Midwinter on Friday Feb. 7th 8:00 am, Saturday Feb. 8th 8:00 am –12:00 pm in the Fort Henry Room.

Please remember to collect your items to go back to your VA facility as soon as you can after 1:00 pm, Saturday, as this room is being used for The American Legion Church Services at 4:00 pm. They have to set it up. If you plan to pick the items up **after** church services they will be in a corner of the room. Please pass this along to the members who are picking them up. This will be announced at Midwinter Joint Session.

Comfort Item listing and form is in this Spirit. Remember if you plan to take items to your VA facility instead of bringing to Midwinter, make sure I have the form of what you donated, and the cost. Any women veteran items, please put separately in a box and mark it for “women veterans.” If you wish it to go to a designated VA hospital please mark that on the box also.

Let’s see if we can outdo our quota from last year.

Safe travels to Midwinter!

Mary Waybright
Chairman



Congratulations to the December winners!

The 2020 Ways & Means tickets that were sold, are in the system. All checks and cash have been deposited into the account. You should see your cancelled check soon on your bank statement.

Alas we have only sold 554 tickets for 2020 so far.

You still have plenty of time to purchase tickets for the new year. If you need any please contact this office.

Remember the unit and district who sells the most tickets will receive a special gift from me at state convention.

Paulette
Susan



December Ways and Means Winners

Name	Number	City	State	Date	Amount
Cindy Brandt	686	Wheeling	WV	12/2/19	\$25.00
Merri Roush	269	New Haven	WV	12/3/19	\$25.00
Tom Turman	440	Barboursville	WV	12/4/19	\$25.00
Betty Lou Chambers	960	Cameron	WV	12/5/19	\$25.00
	585			12/6/19	
	241			12/7/19	
Ann Smith	334	Harpers Ferry	WV	12/9/19	\$25.00
	848			12/10/19	
Jill Wolfe	501	Martinsburg	WV	12/11/19	\$25.00
Harry Riley	413	Nebo	WV	12/12/19	\$25.00
Paul Turman	117	Barboursville	WV	12/13/19	\$25.00
	149			12/14/19	
ALA McMechen #5	978	Reedsville	WV	12/16/19	\$25.00
	889			12/17/19	
ALA Shinnston #31	315	Shinnston	WV	12/18/19	\$200.00
	682			12/19/19	
	374			12/20/19	
Kaye Flanagan	159	Romney	WV	12/21/19	\$25.00
	655			12/23/19	
Howard Riter	914	Hookstown	PA	12/24/19	\$25.00
Mike Calloway	764	Welch	WV	12/25/19	\$25.00
Stephen Wilson	040	Snow Camp	NC	12/26/19	\$25.00
	420			12/27/19	
Pam Miller	988	Wheeling	WV	12/28/19	\$25.00
ALA 1st District	256	Moundsville	WV	12/30/19	\$25.00
	089			12/31/19	



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



Membership Target Sheet January 15th Target #5—60%
Department Goal— 5616
Membership To Date: 3,936 (70.09 %)
Unit #200 Goal— 80 To Date: 69

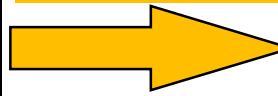


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District 1	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
	Wheeling #1	26	21	80.77%
	Moundsville #3	242	138	57.02%
	McMechen #5	36	22	61.11%
	Weirton #10	52	29	55.77%
	Cameron #18	148	106	71.62%
	New Martinsville #28	130	115	88.46%
	Wellsburg #34	26	14	53.85%
	Follansbee #45	41	25	60.98%
	Benwood #46	75	60	80.00%
	Pine Grove #81	87	49	56.32%
	Paden City #86	97	67	69.07%
	Wheeling #89	23	15	65.22%
	Newell #114	31	18	58.06%
	Hundred #120	50	37	74.00%
	Chester #121	166	105	63.25%
	TOTALS	1230	825	67.07%

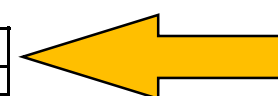
**WWII/
Merchant
Marines Era
40's Fashion
Jitterbug Dance**



**Goal 2789
To Date: 1,965
(70.46 %)**

**Membership
Chairman
"Rosie the
Riveter"**

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



**Goal 2747
To Date: 1,902
(69.23 %)**

District 4	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
	Parkersburg #15	548	401	73.18%
	Spencer #21	40	32	80.00%
	Pt. Pleasant #23	250	183	73.20%
	Tyler County #48	34	27	79.41%
	Sistersville #67	86	50	58.14%
	New Haven #140	132	108	81.82%
	Williamstown #159	131	62	47.33%
	TOTALS	1221	864	70.76%

District 6	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
	Welch #8	59	48	81.36%
	Bluefield #9	26	22	84.62%
	Beckley #32	43	27	62.79%
	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	213	71.96%

District 3	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
	Buckhannon #7	41	36	87.80%
	Clarksburg #13	89	50	56.18%
	Elkins #29	149	107	71.81%
	Shinnston #31	262	236	90.08%
	Braxton County #33	30	31	103.33%
	Bridgeport #68	67	67	100.00%
	Belington #96	17	19	111.76%
	Pickens #122	23	16	69.57%
	Jane Lew #166	32	1	3.13%
	Morgantown #174	30	29	96.67%
	TOTALS	740	592	80.00%

District 5	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
	Huntington #16	171	118	69.01%
	Logan #19	17	8	47.06%
	St. Albans #73	31	29	93.55%
	Ceredo-Kenova #93	290	240	82.76%
	South Charleston #94	15	13	86.67%
	Hamlin #111	49	20	40.82%
	Milton #139	62	62	100.00%
	Barboursville #177	144	87	60.42%
	TOTALS	779	577	74.07%

District 10	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
	Martinsburg #14	95	78	82.11%
	Franklin #30	16		
	Piedmont #52	28	1	3.71%
	Berkeley Springs #60	187	144	77.01%
	Moorefield #64	100	34	34.00%
	Charles Town #71	195	109	55.90%
	Petersburg #78	75	46	61.33%
	Romney #91	221	125	56.56%
	Charles Town #102	28	25	89.29%
	Paw Paw #128	35	19	54.29%
	Kirby #134	41	23	56.10%
	Ridgeley #136	83	39	46.99%
	Capon Bridge #137	121	99	81.82%
	Keyser #152	45	41	91.11%
	TOTALS	1270	796	62.68%

February 2020

Sun

Mon


Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		<i>Programs of Month Americanism Chapel 4 Chaplains</i>					1
2	3	4	5	6 <i>Leave For</i>	7 <i>Midwinter Conference</i>	8	
9	10	11	12  <i>President's Lincoln B Day</i>	13	14 <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY </div>	15 <i>Target #6 70%</i>	
16	17  <i>Presidents Day Office Closed Spirit Articles</i>	18	19	20	21 <i>Spirit Out VA Checks Mailed</i>	22	
23	24	25	26 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	27	28	29	

Still Serving America



Children & Youth Programs



Scholarship & Financial Aid



Veterans Legislation & Benefits

National Security & Protection of Our Flag

Do You Qualify to be a Legion Family member

To Learn More, Contact:

Eligibility Dates

World War I

April 6, 1917 - Nov. 11, 1918

World War II - Present

Dec. 7, 1941 - Present*

*** if currently serving on active duty today, you are eligible.**

Be part of the nation's largest veterans organization!

***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

39TH Annual Mid-Winter Conference
2020
ADVERTISING FORM

The American Legion
Department of West Virginia, Inc.

I hereby authorize the following advertisement to be placed in the official program of the 39th Annual Mid-Winter Conference of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia, Inc., scheduled February 7-8, 2020, at Olgebay Resort and Conference Center, Wheeling, West Virginia.

Date: _____, 2019/2020
Name of Post/Unit/SAL _____

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Please send your ad along with a check made payable to: **The American Legion**
P.O. Box 3191
Charleston, WV 25332

Ad and Payment Deadline is January 10, 2020.
No Deviation

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**