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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,

Well I think Midwinter went well. Thank you Membership Team! It was a great time and fun. Rosemary did a great job as always.

Now we are getting ready to go to the Spring Conferences and the Birthday Dinners. If you weren't at Midwinter I will be giving out the Goal Ribbons and we have Certificates to hand out. It would be great if the Units could be at their Conference to receive their certificates and ribbons.

Congratulations to Wheeling 1, Braxton 33, Bridgeport 68, Belington 96, Milton 139, Capon Bridge 137 for reaching Goal!! Great Job.

Congratulations to units who are working hard on membership, we can do this! I am PROUD of each Unit.

It was a pleasure having Central Division National Vice President Ruth Gott at our Midwinter. Thank you Katie Beth Caudill, Girl State Governor, for attending Midwinter Conference.

Have a great Saint Patrick's Day. Please remember our Veterans. Also remember our auxiliary members who are down and may need a helping hand.

For God and Country
Department President
Sharon Kauffman



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6th District-Peggy Swartz
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4th District-Patricia Young-Greiner
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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 24- under Beckley VA Medical Center: Medical Center Director-vacant Associate Director-John Stout Chief of Staff-vacant Associate Director for Patient Care Serv. Vacant Voluntary Services Officer- Brie Lahew Financial Officer-Kelly Castleman Primary Care Service Line- Dr. Toni Muncy Facilities Management Serv. Line- Jennifer Hall Acute Care Service Line-vacant Mental Health Serv. Line-vacant Spinal Cord Injury Coordinator- Crystal Thomas

*Future Dates To Remember
Spring Conferences
3rd District March 14th
Shinnston Post #31
Registration 9:00 Meeting 10:00*

*4th District AUXILIARY Conference
Saturday April 4th Parkersburg #15
Registration 9:00 Meeting 10:00
\$10.00 THIS Conference Only*

*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 March 28th
Berkeley Springs Post #60
Auxiliary Starts at: ???*

*6th District Auxiliary Conference
April 18th
Bluefield Unit #9*

*1st District Auxiliary Conference
April 26th Weirton Unit #10
Registration 9:00 Meeting 10:00*

*Birthday Dinners
Shinnston Post #31
Sunday March 15th*

*Berkeley Springs Post #60
Friday March 27th*

2020-2021 Department Candidates

President: Cathy Post Tyler County #48
1st Vice President: Savanna Kauffman #14
2nd Vice President: Mary Jennings #32
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Chaplain:
Historian:

District Officers Candidates

1st Dist. Pres.
Vice Pres.
3rd Dist. Pres.
Vice Pres.
4th Dist. Pres.
Vice Pres.
5th Dist. Pres.
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10th Dist. Pres. Debbie Michael, #60
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Remember Our Friends

*Art Oger, Past Department Commander passed away on February 15th. He was a member of Paden City Post #86. He served as Department Commander with Department President Ina Posinelli. Cards may be sent to:
Family of Art Oger
308 North 2nd Avenue
Paden City WV 26159*

*Nancy Sundstrom, PDP, Poppy Chairman, and 4th District President was back in the hospital due to complications from her knee surgery and other health problems. Please keep her in your prayers. Cards may be sent to Nancy at:
Nancy Sundstrom, PDP
1307 23rd Street
Parkersburg WV 26101*

*Fred Buchanan, PDC, husband of Ann Buchanan, PDP, has been hospitalized with a kidney infection. Cards may be sent to Fred at:
Fred Buchanan, PDC
105 Cheyenne Trail
Ona WV 25545*

I would like to thank everyone who called, sent cards, emails, messages regarding my brother Don's illness and recent passing. It has meant more to me than you know.

Paulette Anderson

“Honoring Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows”

Membership Chairman

I want to thank all Units that attended Midwinter Conference! We had a great turnout despite the weather and gained lots of information!

I hope everyone enjoyed the Membership Luncheon as well as our entertainment. Thank you to all those who dressed up!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 6 GOAL UNITS: Belington # 96, Wheeling #1, Milton #139, Braxton County #33, Bridgeport # 68, Capon Bridge # 137.

Again, last year we had 1 goal unit and we had 3 units that reached Target 6 @ 70%.

This year, we have 39 Units that have reached Target 6 @ 70%: Wheeling # 1, Buckhannon # 7, Welch # 8, Bluefield # 9, Martinsburg # 14, Parkersburg # 15, Huntington # 16, Cameron # 18, Spencer # 21, Pt. Pleasant # 23, New Martinsville # 28, Elkins # 29, Franklin # 30, Shinnston # 31, Braxton County # 33, Gary # 38, Follansbee # 45, Benwood # 46, Berkeley Springs # 60, Sistersville # 67, Bridgeport # 68, St. Albans # 73, Petersburg # 78, Pine Grove # 81, Paden City # 86, Ceredo Kenova # 93, South Charleston # 94, Belington # 96, Richwood # 97, Charles Town # 102, Hundred # 120, Chester # 120, Kirby # 134, Capon Bridge # 137, Milton # 139, New Haven # 140, Keyser # 152, Morgantown # 174, Barbourville # 177. Thirty-four of these Units have already reach Target # 7 of 80%! We need 1,116 members to reach goal. Please call those who have not renewed, knock on their doors. Consider your Unit paying for shut-ins, or those in nursing homes.

Ladies, we can do this, but we need your help!

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd
aka Rosie the Riveter



Department 1st Vice President

Hello Jitterbugs,

WOW, what a terrific Midwinter!! Oglebay was a beautiful facility.

What a joy to have Ruth Gott, National Central Division Vice President.

Thank you, Madam President Sharon for a wonderful conference. The luncheon was spectacular and the fashion show was a hit!

Congratulations to all the units that received their target certificates. Six Goal Units and many more getting close. Many are above the 70% target for this month. I do see a few that need to get their hustle on, #13, #122, #19, #111, #52, #64, #71, #78, #91, #128, #136, YOU can still do this!!

Make sure you know the young men and women serving now from your area, sign up the spouse and pay their dues as a courtesy...BOOM new members!! Make sure you get the necessary DD214 for proof of eligibility for all others.

Let's keep all our members in our thoughts and prayers that are in need.

We lost a Past Department Commander this past week, Art Oger of Paden City Post 86...God speed.

Keep celebrating our 100 years of helping veterans and military families.

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 Members

Glad to see there were a good amount of people at Midwinter. Hope all had a good weekend up there even with the snow.

I'm so proud of you all! I want to let you know that you all are doing great, keep the good work up. Congratulations to Wheeling #1 for reaching 100%, on Korea War Era side and congratulations to 20 units with 70%.

On Cathy's side - Congratulations to Capon Bridge for reaching 100%, also 21 units with 70%. We now have 6 total goal units!

If any one needs help or have any questions contact me by call, text, email, or Facebook. If you call and I don't answer please leave your name and what unit you're from and I will get back to you. I'm here to help others as they help me.

Hope you have a Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!

Always: Be U - Do U - Love U and go make someone smile throughout your journey!

Savanna Kauffman
2nd Vice President
God & Country



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



1st District Vice President

I would like to say that everyone is doing a great job with membership and keep up the hard work. I want to congratulate Wheeling Unit #1 for going over goal. Awesome job ladies!!

Membership is an ongoing process so keep working and don't let the lack of membership or delay of membership coming in frustrate you. Keeping reaching out to everyone and anyone. We are past the mid point of the year but we still have more to go. We can get there. Keep doing what you're doing.

Hope those who attended Midwinter enjoyed it as much as I did.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at spring conference.

God Bless,
Stephanie Handley
1st District Vice President

6th District Vice President

Hoping everyone is celebrating St. Patrick's Day and found your pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Talking about "GOLD", I noticed that no one in our district increased their membership "TARGET" in February.

Since March is the "gold" month let's make sure that we work hard to increase our membership "GOAL".

Since Valentine's Day is behind us and spring is coming soon, let's spring into action to increase our membership target which is 80%.

I hope all that attended enjoyed the Midwinter Conference and left the conference with a lot of new information and ideas.

Top of the mornin' to all our Irish friends and good luck to the rest and watch for the rainbow to find your pot of gold.

Mary E. Spence
Vice President
District 6

4th District Vice President

Greetings to Members of the 4th District:

We had a wonderful time at our Midwinter Conference at Oglebay Park in Wheeling, WV. Unfortunately, snow and ice storms state-wide hindered travel for many members.

During lunch several members dressed up in period fashion attire. We covered WWII through the Viet Nam era. We danced the Jitterbug, the Cha-Cha, and a lot of "free style."

Target Sheet #6 covering February 15th is available. The Target Goal is 70%. I am very proud to announce every Auxiliary Unit in District 4 has met Target and we are at 82.47%. Yay!!

District 4 standings are: Sistersville #67 at 86.05%; Parkersburg #15 at 84.49%; Pt. Pleasant #23 at 82.80%; New Haven #140 at 82.58%; Spencer #21 at 82.50%; Tyler County #48 at 79.41%; and Williamstown #159 at 70.99%.

We will continue to focus on our 2019 – 2020 Membership Theme "Honoring Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows."

If you have members in your unit who are elderly or in need, please consider paying their annual dues.

Carry copies of the new ALA membership application with you. Invite eligible friends and family to join today.

Due to the Easter weekend holiday the AUXILIARY 4th District Conference will be held on Saturday April 4th at Parkersburg Post #15. Memorial services and elections will be held. Please send your deceased members to me before this conference at the email below.

More information is on the Dept. Headquarters page.

Hope to see you at the Spring Conference!!

Every Day is Veterans Day!

Patsy Young-Greiner
4th District Vice President
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10th District Vice President

Hello Ladies!

Activities this month include: Moorefield Unit #64 has bingo one Sunday each month; Charles Town Unit #71 is sponsoring a Sadie Hawkins chili dinner. Jewelry, make-up and other lady items will be available for purchase on February 29th: Petersburg Unit #78 is having a benefit dinner for a members' husband: Capon Bridge Unit #137 held a celebration of life for a members' husband and a Valentines Dinner: Paw Paw Unit #128 held a Valentine's steak dinner and another dinner with donations for the Paw Paw High School teams.

Membership update: Romney Unit #91 has a rejoined member, Martinsburg Unit #14 only needs 15 members to reach Goal and Capon Bridge Unit #137 is GOAL!!!

Midwinter Conference was attended by Martinsburg #14, Berkeley Springs Unit #60, Moorefield Unit #64, Romney Unit #91, Capon Bridge Unit #137, and Charles Town Unit #71, (hope I didn't miss anyone) We had a good attendance considering the weather conditions.

The 10th District Spring Conference is in Berkeley Springs Post #60 on March 28th. Please make plans to join us.

Bonnie Wilcox
10th District Vice President

2019-2020 Renewal Drawing

Winner of \$50.00

***Rose Hanshaw
St. Albans #73***

***Drawing held in Department
Headquarters February 20th***

***Susan Wade, John Anderson,
and Paulette Anderson***



3rd District President

It is hard to believe it is March already. In February we attended Midwinter Conference in Wheeling. It was snowy and cold but we made it there and back in good condition. It was a shame that more Third District Units were not there, as we had three Goal Units and several more near.

Please remember that March 14th is Third District Spring Conference. Send a list of your deceased members as we will have a Memorial Service, we will also elect new officers. State Officers will be there to answer questions if you have any. Registration will be from 9:00 till 10:00.

If you have any questions please call me at 304-592-0247 or e-mail me at carlajwilfong@yahoo.com. Remember March 14th; see you there.

God Bless American and our Veterans
Carla Wilfong

5th District President

What a great Mid-Winter Conference we had. It was great seeing everyone. If you were unable to attend, you missed a lot of wonderful information.

5th District Conference will be held on Saturday March 21st at Milton Post #139. Everyone is invited to attend. Let me know if you have questions. You can reach me at 304-654-7750.

Beth Kilgore
5th District President

6th District President

Hi Everyone

Hope everyone is home safe and well from Midwinter. It was good to see so many people in attendance after the bad weather we had, and it was such a pretty place even with the snow.

Just want to let everyone know that Sixth District Spring Conference will be hosted by Bluefield Unit 9, the date is Saturday, April 18, 2020, looking forward to seeing a lot of members in attendance. Will let you know later where the meeting will be and also the price of the luncheon. Registration will be from 9:00 am till 10:00 am.

I have been under the weather a little, but I'm feel well now.

Hope everyone has paid mandatory funds and working on membership we are so close in 6th District to being a goal unit and looking at the membership of the units some are so close so please lets work a little harder I'm sure we can.

Let's keep our veterans in our prayers. So until next time god bless each and everyone.

Peggy Swartz
6th District President

10th District Vice President

It was so great seeing everyone at Midwinter. The snow and the lodge were beautiful but the roads were not. Lol! I was happy to see so many of our units in the 10th District represented. Good job ladies. I was not able to attend most of the meeting but when I was there, it was great.

I hope you all are planning to attend our 10th District Conference in Berkeley Springs on Saturday, March 28th. Please bring your unit reports with you. You may give an oral report if you choose, just be sure to turn it in to the District Secretary. If you cannot attend, please email your reports to me so I can do a year-end report for our district. Also, be sure to send your deceased members list to our District Chaplain, Melanie Delawder for our District Memorial Service.

The credentials and registration forms will be in the mail in the morning. Please send them back by March 20th. I will also be emailing the District Constitution/ Bylaws/Standing Rules with the approval of the Committee this week. PLEASE read these, as this will be the first reading. We will vote on these at our conference. And, I will be emailing the minutes and treasurer's report from the Fall Conference next week.

I hope everyone is staying well and to those whom the bug has gotten, love, prayers and hugs!

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

10th District President
Debbie Michael
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304-258-2705

2020 Silent Auction

Even though the Silent Auction tables weren't in a good place this year, there were only 10 items to bid on. I know the weather was bad, but for the amount of members who attended, we didn't get many items for the auction. Total amount donated was **\$380.00**.

Donation items for the Raffle Basket **itself**, at the Silent Auction was over \$100.00. Tickets were sold for this basket and it totaled **\$230.00**. The winner of the basket was Rhonda Best, Moundsville Unit #3.

Total for the Department Welfare Fund:
\$610.00

We wish to thank all who did stop by the Silent Auction table and bid or purchase tickets this year.

Roxie Nicholson
Susan Brown



If you are planning on attending the State Convention meetings in July, please go through your unit to be put on credentials as a Delegate or Alternate.

Delegates and Alternates for National Convention will be elected at State Convention July 11th Saturday morning.

Chaplain

Each day you choose which path you are going to follow. If you choose your own, you may find yourself drifting off course in turbulent waters. But if you align your will with God's and listen for His voice saying, "This is the way" (Isaiah 30:21), you know you'll be cruising in the right direction, with God at the helm.

It is our part to allow as small a space as possible to intervene between His footsteps and our own.

F. B. Meyer

For God and Country
Mary Jennings
Chaplain



Historian

I hope each Unit is busy compiling your history for year end. If you start working on your report now, it will be easier to report during crunch time.

Let me know if you have questions or concerns. You can reach me at 304-654-7750.

Beth Kilgore
Historian



Junior Activities

Hi to all!

What a wonderful weekend at Oglebay Resort in Wheeling for Midwinter Conference (minus the icy roads and sitting in traffic for an hour and a half). Lol! The lodge and surroundings were beautiful.

We had a great Junior meeting. Attending were: Emily & Avery Tallman-Parkersburg Unit 15, Tori Carter-Tyler County Unit 48, Charli Michael-Berkeley Springs Unit 60 and Rebecca Tenney-Sistersville Unit 67.

The girls learning program was V A & R. They also learned the proper salute to the flag. Most of the meeting was making crafts. They made corsages for our Department President Sharon, and for our Distinguished Guest, Central Division National Vice President Ruth Gott. They painted stars & bears and made cards to give to Veterans in their post or community.

It was an honor to have our special guests visit our meeting. : Ms. Ruthie-CDNVP, Department President Sharon, Lynda Lancaster-PCDNVP (thanks for the gifts), Debbie Fox-PDP and Katie Beth Caudill- Girl's State Governor & PCDNHJVP. Thanks to all and Katie Beth, best of luck at D. & E. We are so proud of you.

After the adjournment, the girls had fun in the pool!

Please let your Juniors help in your events and activities. As Ms. Ruthie said, "They are the future of the ALA". I encourage you to help the girls with the Patch Program. I have several to give at the convention in July. Any girl earning a patch this year will also get a 100th Anniversary patch from our National President, Nicole Clapp. All the information for the Patch Program is online www.alaforveterans.org Go to Junior Activities and download the Patch Program forms.

Also, thank you to April from Parkersburg Unit 15 and Betsy from Sistersville Unit 67 for your help.

Any unit that has any questions or needs any help, please contact me.

Juniors~Such A Joy!

Junior Activities
Debbie Michael
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Americanism



Another Midwinter is in the books!! Oglebay Park was beautiful!

Thank you to Susan Brown-PDP for taking me to the airport to pick up our CDNVP Ruth Gott. It was very snowy but we made it!! Ruth is a very special lady and I hope everyone got to spend time with her!! She was very gracious and loved our Conference!! Thank you to my cousin Barb for going with me to take Ruth back to the airport!!

Our Central Division Americanism Chairman, Lynda Lancaster-Loyd, wrote an article that was in this month's e-bulletin on the Pledge of Allegiance. Below is an excerpt from what she wrote.

"Now, its more important than ever for us to protect and respect the American flag. It starts with us as we promote the history and teach the meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance in our schools, to our Junior Members, our community organizations, in our communities and our churches.

Let us American Legion Auxiliary members be the beacon and a prime example, as we display a love for Old Glory and instill our pride of being an American!"

I hope all Units are working on your Americanism Essay Contest. Please submit to me by April 1st!!

For God and Country
Susan Wade
Americanism Chairman

Community Service

Hello,

To all Units: Hope everyone is still doing community service for their Units. Please keep record of all you do.

Thanks
Peggy Swartz, Chairman
Community Service

Constitution & Bylaws

National Constitution & Bylaws Chairman Trish Ward has issued a CHALLENGE and WV was mentioned!

“Do you have a unique location in your state? I am issuing a challenge to everyone to take pictures of you/your members reading the Constitution and Bylaws in front of interesting landmarks. Example to the Department of Wisconsin...get a picture of your member reading the ALA National C&B at the Wisconsin Dells water park or being Cheese Heads, or shout out to the Department of Illinois...get a picture reading your C&B at the Gateway Arch. How about the Department of West Virginia taking a picture of members reading the Constitution and Bylaws booklet at Harper’s Ferry.

Focus on taking a few photos of members reading the C&B. The best and most interesting photos will be featured on the big screen at ALA National Convention 2020...so don’t miss out! Get creative...grab the C&B and your camera and take some pictures of your team in action!”

Let’s not disappoint ALA Department of West Virginia!

Get those pics, let’s show off our beautiful state!

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

100 Years of Celebration 1919-2019



Hello Everyone,

I would like to “Thank” the 2 units that brought a Poster to Midwinter. They were nicely decorated and represented their Unit’s History.

I want to remind all units to send the committee any information, pictures, articles on your 100th Year Celebrations. These items will be forwarded on to National with our year-end report.

We are available if you have any questions, suggestions, concerns you may have. Our contact information is in the Directory.

Until next month be safe and God Bless.
Rhonda Best
100th Year Committee Chairperson

Leadership

What is more fun than being snowed in at Mid-Winter Conference? Having a toolbox full of fun things to talk about and time to learn from one another.

Thanks to everyone who made the trek to be part of the weekend in Oglebay last month. What an amazing group of volunteers you are! Thank you for indulging me in such a fantastic way and playing along as we took time to think about the tools we have, consider the tools we need, and determine some best uses for tools we were given.

Whether we were discussing tiaras or garden gloves, the consistent message was we need to use our tools to do good work. We should not use them to promote ourselves as having all the answers. It is not about us, it is about the Auxiliary... the programs we support, the veterans we celebrate, the lives we hope to change for the better.

We all agree we should use tools to build up and not tear down. We want to shine the light on others and not on ourselves. We each have lots of tools in our toolboxes but they are not all the same. The most important tool we landed on was communication. It is perhaps the only way to find out if someone else has a tool you need to borrow or can help you learn to use the tools you have.

Make sure you know what is in your toolbox. Be sure to keep your tools sharp and clean. I thank each of you for taking time to give of your own time, talent and treasure... and using your tools to the best of your ability.

Rosemary Thomas
Leadership

National Executive Committeewoman

Hello Auxiliary Members,

I am just getting back from a very busy month.

I really enjoyed our Mid-Winter Conference at Oglebay in Wheeling WV. It was a great time with lots of laughter as well as getting to meet our Central Division National Vice President Ruth Gott. She is a very caring, sweet, and devoted woman.

I was able to spend even more time with Ruth at our NEC Conference in Indianapolis. I will give more information in April’s Spirit regarding the 2 Proposals at our NEC Meeting.

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

Poppy

I had the pleasure of assisting with the Poppy Program at Midwinter.

I want to thank the units that actively participate in our Poppy Program during the year.

We use the donations received from distribution of the poppy to assist our veterans, and we use the poppy as decorations to honor our veterans.

Congratulations to Moorefield Unit 64 for bring a poppy corsage to illustrate use of the poppy.

West Virginia will be represented in the Poppy Contest by 11-year-old Derrick Carper, a 5th grader from Ranson. Congratulations to Derrick and to Charles Town Unit 71. His poster will be submitted to National representing WV.

I hope that Nancy Sundstrom is on her way to a complete recovery. We missed you.

Ann Buchanan, PDP



Past President’s Parley

Hello Everyone,

I want to share a little information with you.

When you think “Mentor” what comes to mind? Well “A mentor is a person or friend who guides a less experienced person by building trust and modeling positive behaviors.”

What does it mean to be a Mentor? At its core, being a mentor is being a trusted advisor. Being a mentor involves making yourself available to support and advise someone when they need it, delivering that support in a way that makes sense to them, and always keeping that person’s best interests in mind.

Auxiliary members please keep this in mind at your meetings and events. Help our new and younger members see their strengths and abilities they can contribute to your Unit’s successes.

Until next month be safe and God Bless!!!
Rhonda Best
PPP Chairperson

National Security

Please remember that your reports that will be coming up soon are important so be sure to fill them out and return them when they are due.

Well Valentines Day has passed and I hope each person has remembered our Veterans. Also that same day was Salute to Hospitalized Veterans, did you remember them. If not it is not to late, you can do this anytime, please remember them.

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

God Bless America and Our Veterans
Carla Wilfong
National Security

Legislative

The new Legislative agenda for the 116th congress second session was updated on February 11, 2020 and can be found at <https://www.legion.org/publications/226187/legislative-agenda-116th-congress-2nd-session> for download along with the legislative handbook.

The topics in this agenda cover: Toxic exposures and burn pits, Health care for women veterans, Support VA's suicide-prevention efforts, Reaffirm commitment to our allies, Fully fund a superior national defense, Pay the Coast Guard, Implement, oversee recent laws, Protect the GI Bill, Help end veteran homelessness, and Support for Gold Star families. Here is where we need to turn our attention to.

Lisa Cadwallader
Legislative Chair/PDP
LisaC.ALA71@Gmail.com

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

I came back from our Mid-Winter Conference to a very busy week. It is National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week, and I hope all our members near a VAMC participated by visiting hospitalized veterans in your area. It is always the second week in February, and usually contains Valentines Day. That's another thing that you can do that isn't expensive...deliver a valentine signed with units' name or just visit those veterans that are able to accept your visit. Anything that shows you care and wear any Auxiliary clothing that shows who you are representing. If not this year, remember this week happens the same week every year.

Thanks to all units that participated in the Comfort Item Drive at Mid-Winter Conference. I was a little disappointed in the amount of goods either delivered direct to their nearest VA Medical Center or brought to Oglebay Wilson Lodge. We had a little over \$8,500 worth of supplies. That is down, but we had terrible weather that weekend. One thing I have noticed is that Posts and SAL Squadrons have not been participating like they use to do. Try talking and asking them to participate with you. Set up a box or start a drive each year. We do it for our veterans.

I was told that Clarksburg VAMC is now requesting the travel sizes just like Hershel Woody Williams VAMC in Huntington. This is travel size and **not** hotel size.

If you have any questions, just ask me. Again, my deepest appreciation to all who participated and to Ann Buchanan for her help and Paulette for hers as well.

Mary Waybright
Chairman

Rhododendron Girls State

Application packets were handed out to those who attended Mid-Winter Conference in Wheeling on February 8-9. If you did not attend they will be mailed out.

The 2020 year's theme will be "Envision Your Future" and special project will be Wreaths Across America.

We have three months to go before we begin our 78th Annual Rhododendron Girls State session which will be held June 14 -June 19, 2020 at Davis & Elkins College in Elkins, WV.

Once again the cost is \$250 per citizen and this includes the cost of the parade T-shirt. Please be in contact with your schools personnel.

Please feel free to contact me or your district representative if you have any questions.

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd
Chairman

Education

Unit Education Chairmen—the deadline for Units to receive scholarships from your high schools is on or before **March 1st**. When reviewing scholarships, please make sure all the pertinent information is given. Make sure all necessary attachments are included. Please be sure that the page marked "THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SUBMITTING UNIT" is **completed and signed**.

After you have judged the one you feel is the best qualified for each scholarship, please forward them to me by **March 15th**.

The four national scholarships are Children of Warriors, Non-Traditional Student, Spirit of Youth and Junior Member Loyalty Scholarships.

The Department Scholarship has the same deadlines.

Dianne McClung
Education Chairman

Children & Youth

I would like to remind all units that April is Children & Youth month.

I hope your unit is planning something special to commemorate the month. This year "Purple Up Day" will be held on April 3rd. Wear a purple T-Shirt in honor and support of the military child. Be ready to explain why you are wearing a purple T-Shirt to anyone who may ask.

Let me know if you have questions or concerns. You can reach me at 304-654-7750.

Beth Kilgore
Chairman



Child Welfare Foundation

Boy Am I Fat!!
Thank you for feeding me your change at Midwinter Conference!

Next month I will have a tally of what has been fed to me since September.

I will be skinny again so you need to feed me some more.

Until next month!!



Congratulations to the January winners! There was no January 1st winner for \$100.00 and sad to say no \$200.00 for January either.

The report for the second half of the 2019 Fundraiser (August-December):

Balance 8/1/19:	\$4,711.80
Deposits	\$630.00
Expenses:	
80-\$25.00 winners	\$2,000.00
3-\$200.00 winners	\$600.00
2 coil of stamps	\$110.00
	\$2,710.00
Outstanding Checks	\$525.00
2nd Half Profit:	\$1,946.80
25% to General Fund	\$486.70
75% to Welfare Fund	\$1,460.10

January Ways and Means Winners

Name	Number	City	State	Date	Amount
	479			1/1/20	
Amanda Dunlap	842	Winchester	VA	1/2/20	\$25.00
	368			1/3/20	
Michelle Powell	780	Wheeling	WV	1/4/20	\$25.00
G.A. White	793	Bel	WV	1/6/20	\$25.00
	894			1/7/20	
Herb Richardson	959	Shinnston	WV	1/8/20	\$25.00
Rita Alley	505	Casa Grande	AZ	1/9/20	\$25.00
Bob Joseph	646	Wheeling	WV	1/10/20	\$25.00
Pamela Hebb	875	Edgewater	MD	1/11/20	\$25.00
Becky Largent	451	Romney	WV	1/13/20	\$25.00
Judy Florence	946	Parkersburg	WV	1/14/20	\$25.00
	290			1/15/20	
Frank Nicholson	024	Shinnston	WV	1/16/20	\$25.00
Shirley Baker	597	Romney	WV	1/17/20	\$25.00
	925			1/18/20	
Brenda Shoemaker	138	Purgitsville	WV	1/20/20	\$25.00
	751			1/21/20	
Tim & Stacey Hardwood	809	Moorefield	WV	1/22/20	\$25.00
Don Gilbert	880	Glen Dale	WV	1/23/20	\$25.00
Mike Roach	592	Mason	WV	1/24/20	\$25.00
Candy Gumm	709	Cowen	WV	1/25/20	\$25.00
Chad Ross	778	Graysville	PA	1/27/20	\$25.00
Vickey Wade	220	Cameron	WV	1/28/20	\$25.00
	617			1/29/20	
Mike Roach	592	Mason	WV	1/30/20	\$25.00
David Yeater	314	Paden City	WV	1/31/20	\$25.00





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



Membership Target Sheet February 15th Target #6—70%
Department Goal— 5616
Membership To Date: 4,500 (80.13 %)
Unit #200 Goal— 80 To Date: 77



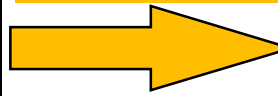
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District 1	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
	Wheeling #1	26	29	111.54%
	Moundsville #3	242	158	65.29%
	McMechen #5	36	22	61.11%
	Weirton #10	52	31	59.62%
	Cameron #18	148	123	83.11%
	New Martinsville #28	130	120	92.31%
	Wellsburg #34	26	15	57.69%
	Follansbee #45	41	31	78.05%
	Benwood #46	75	64	85.33%
	Pine Grove #81	87	75	86.21%
	Paden City #86	97	77	79.38%
	Wheeling #89	23	15	65.22%
	Newell #114	31	18	58.06%
	Hundred #120	50	43	86.00%
	Chester #121	166	118	71.08%
	TOTALS	1230	943	76.67%

District 4	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
	Parkersburg #15	548	463	84.49%
	Spencer #21	40	33	82.50%
	Pt. Pleasant #23	250	207	82.80%
	Tyler County #48	34	27	79.41%
	Sistersville #67	86	74	86.05%
	New Haven #140	132	109	82.58%
	Williamstown #159	131	93	70.99%
	TOTALS	1221	1007	82.47%

District 6	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
	Welch #8	59	51	86.44%
	Bluefield #9	26	22	84.62%
	Beckley #32	43	27	62.79%
	Gary #38	76	71	93.42%
	Cowen #62	27	18	66.67%
	Lewisburg #69	42	11	26.19%
	Richwood #97	23	21	91.30%
	TOTALS	296	221	74.66%

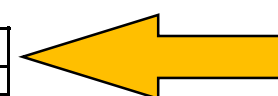
**WWII/
Merchant
Marines Era
40's Fashion
Jitterbug Dance**



**Goal 2789
To Date: 2,252
(80.75 %)**

**Membership
Chairman
"Rosie the
Riveter"**

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



**Goal 2747
To Date: 2,171
(79.03 %)**

Cathy

District 3	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
	Buckhannon #7	41	36	87.80%
	Clarksburg #13	89	50	56.18%
	Elkins #29	149	126	84.56%
	Shinnston #31	262	254	96.94%
	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	2	6.25%
	Morgantown #174	30	29	96.67%
	TOTALS	740	641	86.62%

District 5	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
	Huntington #16	171	142	83.04%
	Logan #19	17	8	47.06%
	St. Albans #73	31	29	93.55%
	Ceredo-Kenova #93	290	275	94.83%
	South Charleston #94	15	13	86.67%
	Hamlin #111	49	33	67.35%
	Milton #139	62	68	109.68%
	Barboursville #177	144	130	90.27%
	TOTALS	779	698	89.60%

District 10	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
	Martinsburg #14	95	80	84.21%
	Franklin #30	16	15	93.75%
	Piedmont #52	28	1	3.71%
	Berkeley Springs #60	187	155	82.89%
	Moorefield #64	100	34	34.00%
	Charles Town #71	195	132	67.69%
	Petersburg #78	75	59	78.67%
	Romney #91	221	148	66.97%
	Charles Town #102	28	25	89.29%
	Paw Paw #128	35	21	60.00%
	Kirby #134	41	29	70.73%
	Ridgeley #136	83	39	46.99%
	Capon Bridge #137	121	121	100.00%
	Keyser #152	45	41	91.11%
	TOTALS	1270	913	71.89%

**2020 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
RESERVATION FORM**

July 9-11, 2020
Lakeview Resort
One Lakeview Drive
Morgantown, WV 26508

\$91.00 per night room rate (plus 12% tax)

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 \$20 per person per night for more than two persons
occupying a room.

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 **\$91.00** (plus 12% tax) = \$101.92 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: Lakeview Resort
 ATTN: Timothy Bucklew
 One Lakeview Drive
 Morgantown, West Virginia 26508**

**This form must be mailed to reserve a room at Lakeview Resort. (No phone calls for rooms will be accepted.)
PLEASE RESERVE YOUR ROOM EARLY- THANKS!
CANCELLATION, BEFORE 48 HOURS, PRIOR TO
ARRIVAL, OR FORFEIT 100% OF THE TOTAL**

**102nd Annual State Convention
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 102nd Annual State Convention of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia, Inc., scheduled July 9-11, 2020, at Lakeview Resort, Morgantown, Huntington, West Virginia.

Date: _____, 2020

Name of Post/Unit/SAL

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P.O. Box 3191
Charleston, WV 25332**

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15 <i>Shinnston #31 B Day Dinner Target #7 80%</i>	16 <i>Target Sheet Emailed</i>	17 <i>Spirit Articles Due</i> 	18	19	20 <i>Spirit Out VA Checks Leave 1:30</i> 	21 <i>5th Dist. Joint Conference Milton #139</i>
22	23	24	25	26	27 <i>Berkeley Springs #60 B Day Dinner Office Closed</i>	28 <i>10th Dist. Joint Conf. Berkeley Springs #60</i>
29	30	31	<div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"><i>Programs of Month Community Service Auxiliary Emergency Fund</i></div>			

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