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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

By now everyone should know that the American Legion Auxiliary State Convention has been canceled. Everyone will be staying in place. A couple of District Conferences have also canceled. For the Districts not having conferences, I will be mailing out your certificates and goal ribbons. This Pandemic has stopped a lot of things, and we are having to make a lot of changes. So please just bare with us.

Membership- I know a lot of you are doing the Department recruit/ rejoin for an award, make sure you fill out the form and send it to Department. You only have till June 1st to be eligible for the prize of one night stay which has been changed since we aren't having Convention. The winner will be awarded at Mid-Winter in February, must be present in order to receive your prize. It has to be signed off by Paulette so get those forms in.

Our Membership is coming in slow but make sure you send them in don't hold them. We now have 15 Goal Units way to go. There are couple of Units that aren't far from getting 100%. We are here for any question or if we can help in anyway.

Try to have a great Memorial Day and remember our Veterans and our Auxiliary members in the Nursing Homes.

Nancy Sundstrom, glad you are doing better. Beth Kilgore hope you are doing better also.

I am still doing wellness calls and calls to Committee Chairmen so if you missed my call please call back, thank you.

Sharon Kauffman
Department President
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Department Officers 2019-2020

President-Sharon Kauffman
1st Vice President-Cathy Post
2nd Vice President-Savanna Kauffman
Secretary/Treasurer-Paulette Anderson
Chaplain-Mary Jennings
Historian-Beth Kilgore

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1st District-Holly Adams
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-
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.

Conferences

Tentative:

4th District Joint Conference
June 13th Parkersburg #15

5th District Auxiliary Conference
June 27th Milton #139

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic Auxiliary Department Convention will not be held this year. District Officers already elected will be ratified at Fall Executive Board Meeting.

All 2019-2020 Department and District Officers., (unless District was elected for 2020-2021 at their Spring Conference) will stay in place until Department Convention 2021.

Department and District Officers, if you are still running for your office please send a new endorsement with the changes of year, to Department when you can. Since you already emailed/mailed them out you don't need to resend to units. This is for file only.

2021-2022 Department Candidates

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

District Officers Candidates

1st Dist. Pres. Stephanie Handley, #121
Vice Pres. Holly Adams, #121

3rd Dist. Pres. Carla Wilfong #31
Vice Pres. Kim Mellie #174

4th Dist. Pres. Patsy Young-Greiner #15
Vice Pres. Dawn Lutes #15

5th Dist. Pres.
Vice Pres.

6th Dist. Pres. Peggy Swartz #8
Vice Pres. Mary Spence #8

10th Dist. Pres. Debbie Michael #60
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Remember Our Friends

Katena Karnes, PDP, would like to thank all who sent cards to her while she was recuperating from her illness.

Nancy Sundstrom, PDP, 4th District President, had a heart attack recently, and a stent put in. She is home now and feeling better.

*Cards may be sent to Nancy at:
Nancy Sundstrom, PDP
1307 23rd Street
Parkersburg WV 26101*

“Honoring Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows”

Membership Chairman

SUPER JOB TO OUR NOW 16 GOAL

UNITS: Morgantown # 174, Bridgeport # 68, Wheeling #1, Belington # 96, Milton # 139, Capon Bridge # 137, Tyler County # 48, Bluefield # 9, Braxton County #33, Shinnston # 31, Gary # 138, Martinsburg # 14, New Haven # 140, Welch # 8, Piedmont # 52 and Dept. Unit #200!

Which UNIT IS GOING TO BE NEXT?

Let's keep dancing - as a department we are 88.07% of our goal.

*****Our budget depends on our membership! We need to be working membership while we are bored sitting home during this pandemic!** *Make those phone calls, knock on our delinquent member's doors (while practicing social distancing), consider having your Unit pay those members' dues that are in nursing facilities or shut in; please sign up your daughters, granddaughters. We are so close!*

Target # 9 was 95% and we have 21 Units including Unit 200 that reached this target: Wheeling # 1, Welch # 8, Bluefield # 9, Martinsburg # 14, New Martinsville # 28, Shinnston # 31, Braxton County # 33, Gary # 38, Benwood # 46, Tyler County # 48, Piedmont # 52, Bridgeport # 68, St. Albans # 73, Pine Grove # 81, Ceredo Kenova # 93, Belington # 96, Capon Bridge # 137, Milton # 139, New Haven # 140, Morgantown # 174.

Remember, our Recruit New/ Rejoin Senior/Junior Member Award? Oh, who will win it? Will it be you? This will be for one night's lodging now for our Mid-Winter Conference.

We need 670 members to reach goal. Let's do this! But we need your help. Let's make President Sharon a Goal President!

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd
aka Rosie the Riveter



Department 1st Vice President

Hello my Quarantined Jitterbugs,

Hope this finds you all well and staying in. As you know there will not be a convention this year and we will all stay in place, so one more year I will be your 1st Vice. That is not a problem, gives me extra time to plan for a great year and keeps us all safe.

Our side of the state has nine goal units, so proud of you, you're the best!! Most everyone is over 70% ! We still have a couple months to get the rest of those dues in.

We are striving to stay busy with end of the year things for the schools and doing buddy checks on our veterans and auxiliary members.

I'm gonna' miss our Memorial Day Services, as we have known them in the past. I know my unit is doing a private ceremony with our Post without guests or spectators. Do what you can with this limited situation. Surely we will be back to our old way of life soon.

Until next time stay safe and thank the veterans.

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,

My auxiliary family I miss you all and can't wait to be able to see you all soon, when we are able to do so. Hope that everyone is doing good throughout this difficult time. Stay safe and stay cautious about going out if you don't have to. Great opportunity to stay home with family!

On a good note! Congratulations to the Korea Era Side we have 6 goal units! As of May 15th our side is still in the lead!! So proud of everyone for getting all your membership up. Also for Korea side I'm proud that everyone has zero 0s with 10 and up, you all should be proud of yourselves.

Congratulations to all the 15 units that received 100%. There are units that are close to meeting their goal, keep doing what you do best!

If anyone needs anything just call or email me. I hope that we can see everyone soon.

Remember: Be you - Do you - Love you

Savanna Kauffman
2nd Vice President
God & Country



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

DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN YOUR DEPARTMENT RECRUIT/REJOIN 15 MEMBERS FORM TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, BY JUNE 1, 2020 TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE DRAWING AT THE NOW "MIDWINTER CONFERENCE"

RULES STAY THE SAME, JUST "CONVENTION" IS CHANGED TO "MIDWINTER"

Remember this membership award applies to this membership year only

3rd District President

Good evening Auxiliary Members,
I hope everyone is doing fine. It has been a rough month on my end, but everything will be okay.

I hope everyone is still sending in Membership, it is important that we do this. If you know of anyone in your Unit that has not paid contact them.

As everyone knows by now Convention this year has been cancelled, do not let this influence what your Unit is doing. Keep working your programs. Make a point to attend Fall Workshop this year as a lot will be going on.

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

Be careful and protect yourselves. I will see everyone when I can.

Carla Wilfong
Third District President

6th District Vice President

Hoping to find everyone still staying safe and healthy and hopefully this pandemic is coming to a close. I am sure everything will not be the same but we can overcome.

I am sure that many of you have continued to contact your members and collect dues for this year to meet your unit's goal. We want to congratulate Lewisburg Unit #69 in doing great effort in collecting their dues. Welch Unit #8 made their goal this month at 100%. Gary Unit #38 and Bluefield Unit #9 made their goal during April. May's target Goal was 95 % and June 15th is 100%. Since Spring is here and May flowers are in full bloom, let's plant the seed to make sure that we work hard to meet our June membership "GOAL".

I hope everyone is starting to feel more comfortable with getting out and doing some things with your family and that we continue to pray for our State and Nation during this National state of Emergency. Remember to keep your distance, disinfect, and wash your hands.

Prayers for all to be safe.
Mary E. Spence
Vice President



4th District Vice President

Greetings to Members of the 4th District,
Due to the COVID –19 pandemic these are trying times for people globally! The American Legion Organization is busy offering support to Veterans and their families all over the World. Membership is paramount as we offer service and aid. The American Legion has always been in the forefront in disastrous situations.

The Target Goal for May 15th is 95%. District 4 Unit standings are: Tyler County #48 at 108.82%; New Haven #140 at 100.76%; Pt. Pleasant #23 at 91.60%; Sistersville #67 at 90.70%; Parkersburg #15 at 87.04%; Spencer #21 at 82.50%; and Williamstown #159 at 74.81%.

Congratulations to Tyler County Unit #48 and New Haven Unit #140; both Units exceeded the 100% Goal!!

Dues continue to trickle in. These are hard times. If your Auxiliary Unit can assist members by paying their annual dues, please do so.

"Honoring Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows" is the 2019 – 2020 Membership Theme. Please carry new ALA Membership application with you. Invite eligible friends and family to join today.

Thank you for all you do for our Veterans and Military Families.
God Bless Us All.
Patsy Young-Greiner
4th District Vice President
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10th District President

Hello Everyone,

I hope this finds all of you well and looking forward to warmer weather. This has certainly been a different time in our life.

The 10th District Spring Conference has been canceled for this year. Some of the units voted and most thought it needed to be canceled with the uncertainty of what might be.

I hope you all will continue to work on membership. Congrats to those units who have made goal and to the others, please keep trying.

As you all probably know, there will not be a Department Convention this year. We'll all be able to get an early start for next year.

If I can be of any help, please contact me.

Hugs!
10th District President
Debbie Michael
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5th District President

Attention 5th District Membership

I am sure most of you know, due to this year's Coronavirus, Department and National Conventions have been cancelled. However, we have tentatively scheduled a 5th District Spring Conference for the Auxiliary only. This conference is scheduled for June 27th at 10:00 am at the Post Home of Milton #139.

This is tentative and subject to change. If it does, I will let you know.

If you have any questions, please call me at 304-654-7750.

Until we see each other – stay safe!
Beth Kilgore,
5th District President

10th District Vice President

Hello Ladies,

Hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health and good spirits considering the limited social contact brought about by this coronavirus.

Even though many legion events and gatherings are canceled or postponed, we have good news. The following units have received the status of 100% membership: Martinsburg #14, Franklin #30, Piedmont #52, and Capon Bridge #137!!

Martinsburg #14 has been gathering items to take to the VA Center and just recently they delivered 221 much needed items. The VA is still needing puzzles, colored pencils, snacks and other items.

An empty Legion home didn't stop Paw Paw #128. They installed a new drop ceiling and completed some repairs that needed done. (a great time to do these projects!)

Our National Convention is canceled, as well as the State Convention and our 10th District Conference.

Continue practicing safety measures, stay healthy and happy as we adjust to this "new normal".

Bonnie Wilcox
10th District Vice President



10th District VAMC Picnic

Hello 10th District,

Hoping everyone is staying safe and healthy. As we navigate this new way of life we need to continue to remember our veterans. After my last message, some things have changed and a few things have stayed in place. I've kept in contact with the VA Voluntary Service. The following events have canceled (C) or delayed (D): May 29 Memorial Day Observance...C) May 30 Annual 10th District Picnic...D) June 7 Operation God Bless American Ride...C) June 8 VAWS Committee Meeting... (tentative, likely will be C) Summer Youth Volunteer Program for 2020...C)

The new volunteer orientation schedule for 2020, one date each month, has been planned but most likely many of the dates will be canceled. Please check with the VAMC before planning to attend.

If you are collecting items from the previous list please continue. Our veterans will always need those comfort products. Due to the isolation of our veterans lives the item list has changed a bit.

*Stamps as before

*Puzzle Books of all types (LARGE PRINT)

*Playing Cards

*Car/Plane Models (snap together)

*Sets of colored pencils

*Adult paint by number kits

If you have any of these items please call voluntary service to schedule a day/time meeting. You will be met outside in front of the main medical center building to collect your donations and complete paperwork. The VAMC thanks you, our veterans thank you and I sincerely thank you. The medical center will continue to accept any kind face masks. As of May 13 they have received 3,520. Keep them coming.

Remember the sun will shine again.

Until next time.

For God and Country,
10th District VA&R Chair
Debbie Fox

Chaplain

I hope and pray that you and your families are dealing with the COVID-19.....

"Lord, God Almighty, You have brought us safely to the beginning of this day. Defend us today by Your mighty power, that we may not fall into any sin, but that all our thoughts and actions be so directed, as to be always just in Your sight. Direct, we beg You, O Lord, our actions by Your holy inspirations, and carry them on by Your gracious assistance, that every prayer and work of ours may begin always with You, and through You be happily ended. Amen"

For God and Country

Mary Jennings
Chaplain



Historian

I am sure most of you know, due to this year's Coronavirus, Department and National Conventions have been cancelled. Because of this, the National organization and our National President have included the coming year with this year for a two year term. The new year will be 2019 – 2021. That is for this year only.

With that being said, I would STRONGLY encourage each unit to keep a running history each month. When you turn a two year report in next April, you may have difficulty remembering what happened in May of 2019. If you have any questions, give me a call at 304-654-7750.

Until we see each other – stay safe!

Beth Kilgore,
Historian

Americanism



I hope everyone is staying safe! I sure do miss seeing everyone!! I pray that things get back to some normalcy soon!!

I accepted the challenge from our National Americanism Chairman Denise Conrad, and made a poster Thanking our essential workers from the state of WV. Central Division made 100% participation!

The posters are being put together for a slide show. This will be shown on the big screen at National Convention in 2021.

I will let everyone know in next month's Spirit when you can go on line and view it!! I am excited to see the final results!! It should be amazing to see all states included.

Thank You to all Units that sent in reports! Keep track of all you do to add to next year's reports. They will be combined to be turned in to National next year. We should have great reports!!

I hope you all are continuing doing the Americanism Program. Just keep reporting all your good deeds! It has been a difficult time for us all, but there have been some unique ways that some are finding to keep working the programs.

Please stay safe and as things are opening back up, remember to use precautions!!

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!

God Bless You All
Susan Wade
Americanism Chairman



Children & Youth

I am sure most of you know, due to this year's Coronavirus, Department and National Conventions have been cancelled. This pandemic has changed our lives drastically. I hope you haven't been too bored during this time. I have always thought the best way to handle is by helping and serving others. The children of our communities need our help during this time.

There are many ways to serve our youth during this time.

****Help with preparing and distributing lunches to the hungry youth in our community.**

****Organize outdoor activities for the younger children in your community.**

****Distribute activity books to the youth.** Many companies have these for distribution. Check with your local utility company or the fire department.

****Adopt a child (or children) who may be feeling left out and let them know how important they are to us and their community,**

****Have a cookout for the kids in your community.**

The list is endless. Feel your melting heart when you receive the smile of a grateful child.

Whatever your unit decides to do, please maintain social distancing and wear a mask and gloves.

Until we see each other – stay safe!
Beth Kilgore,
Children & Youth Chairman

Legislative

Hope everyone is staying safe, healthy and not going stir crazy during all this social distancing and uncertainty. This pandemic has also put legislative items, like everything else further behind.

The recent burn pit items I wrote about need our input even more now. Veterans who have respiratory illnesses will suffer more complications due to the virus, so we need to flood Congress and Senators with letters and emails encouraging them to move the burn pit issue's up and to pass them as quickly as possible.

Lisa Cadwallader
Legislative Chairmen

Constitution & Bylaws

Resolutions vs. Amendments

Have you ever considered the difference between a resolution and an amendment or wondered which should be used when?

What is a resolution?

A resolution is a written formal motion. It describes a problem or situation followed by a suggested solution. Each resolution should address only one issue or problem, and it consists of two parts: the preamble statement of facts (description of the problem – “whereas” clause and the resolving clause/how the organization can solve the problem or support the issue).

Write the motion in resolution format with some of the reasons included in the document. If written well, the resolution makes it easier for members to consider the proposal. Simple but specific is best.

We are all familiar with the courtesy resolution. Often used at the conclusion of a conference, it recognizes each group of presenters: those who brought greetings, invited guest speakers, hostess of the event, and those in attendance – this resolution concludes with a “whereas” clause to show appreciation.

Tip: Use a RESOLUTION when writing a formal motion concerning a policy or problem. Use “Whereas” clauses to list the reasons, making it easier for members to consider the proposal. Always use a courtesy resolution format when recognizing a person (s) responsible for making an event a success.

Remember: Changes in Policy and Courtesy = Resolutions
Amendments

The success of any organization depends on a sound governance structure that relies on efficient governing documents to frame the organization's fundamental policies for driving its mission. Governing documents must be carefully developed, properly written, and periodically reviewed and updated in order for an organization to accomplish its goals and objectives.

These two statements describe the duties of the Constitution & Bylaws program and answer the following question: What is an amendment, and when is it used? An amendment is a modification/revision to a governing document. Therefore, when writing a proposed change to the Constitution or Bylaws, it must be written in the form of an amendment.

Remember: Changes in Constitution & Bylaws = AMENDMENT

(Article by Martha Lee Thatcher, former National Constitution & Bylaws Chairman)

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

Leadership

Who could have imagined what we would be facing as a nation and as a world? I know each of us are facing different challenges but also many of the same. I am pleased to share some reflections of the past weeks and will call it... Toolbox Times

Throughout my weeks of isolation I found myself searching for things... answers, reasons, items, projects, patience and more. I found myself relying on my Toolbox more than once. As leaders, we have been asked for answers and expected to have them. We have been tested and forced to make difficult decisions. We have been called upon to act rationally. Why us? Why would we have what it takes?

Funny enough, I had a mask in my toolbox. I also had gloves in there. Yes, even some hand sanitizer. Located a tiny paint brush to touch up all five rooms I've painted throughout COVID. I used the pom poms and other fun props for virtual birthday parties along the way. The duct tape has come in very handy several times. These were the literal items... and there were at least twice as many figurative reinforcements that offered comfort and reassurance that I could handle this.

I am sure each of you have had to dig deep to handle unexpected, unprecedented, unwelcome challenges. I am also certain you were able to handle it with confidence and compassion. You too have gone to your Toolbox and found what you needed to not only survive... but to help others along the way. This is just a reminder to use what's in your toolbox and be the best you can be. That is all anyone expects.

PS: Don't forget to restock and take time to refill yourself in whatever way works best for you. We are all in this together and we are leaders who are here to serve.

Rosemary M. Thomas
Chairman



100 Years of Celebration 1919-2019



I am sure most of you know, due to this year's Coronavirus, Department and National Conventions have been cancelled. Because of this, the National organization and our National President have extended the celebration of the 100th Anniversary into the 2020 – 2021 year. I know several units had celebrations planned for the spring to coincide with events of their post or unit. **GOOD NEWS!** You can reschedule your event during the coming year.

If you haven't planned anything, you have another chance. The ideas are endless of ways to celebrate our 100th Anniversary.

**Prepare 100 lunches for school age children who may be hungry (possibly secure donations from local vendors to help with the cost.

**Sew and distribute 100 masks to those in need

**Assemble 100 activity packets to be given to children while they are out of school.

**Mail 100 "Thinking of you" cards to veterans who are home alone during this time.

**Take 100 treats to Essential workers as a thank you for their sacrifice. This include not only doctors and nurses but hospital staff such as housekeeping, mechanical and many other jobs in a hospital we don't normally think of. Also includes grocery stores, auto repair, banks, restaurant etc...

The list goes on and on. Put on your thinking caps and see what you can come up with.

Until we see each other – stay safe!
Beth Kilgore,
Committee Member

National Executive Committeewoman

Good Morning Auxiliary Members,

I hope everyone is safe and doing well in these unknown times. I understand that we cannot support and assist our Veterans and their families, Children, and the Community in a normal capacity during this Pandemic. However, there are creative ways in which to do so and still maintain Social Distancing.

I want to take this time to remind all of you that National is following a Continuation of the Year 2019-2020 into the Year 2020-2021. National will display this as 2019- 2021. National President Nicole Clapp's Theme/Mission will remain the same and will encourage all Departments to continue to Celebrate our 100th Year Celebration. I am sure a few changes will occur and when I hear them, I will let you know.

Until next month Stay Safe,
God Bless!!!
Rhonda Best, NEC

Rhododendron Girls State

With regrets, the 2020 Rhododendron Girls State Session has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic; as well as Mountaineer Boys State, Boys and Girls Nation. The letter was sent out to all Units from Department Headquarters. Refunds have been issued to those Units that sent in money for registrations.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Be safe!

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd, Chairman
Rhododendron Girls State

Past President's Parley

Hello Auxiliary Members,

I hope all of you are safe and doing well during this Pandemic. As you have heard we are currently continuing the Planned Program Action Plan for the Year 2019-2020. We will be reporting for 2 years when submitting our Mid-Year and Year-End Reports. Please keep this in mind for the upcoming year. Also, there WILL NOT be a "Unit of the Year" nor a "Service Woman of the Year" for 2020.

We will honor these Recipients in 2021 for the continued Year 2019-2021. We will still follow the guidelines as previous years when selecting a recipients.

If you have not started a Past Unit Presidents' Club, then look into the possibility of do so. Also try to Mentor your younger, less experienced, and new members throughout this time.

If you have any questions/suggestions, then contact me at 304-281-8152 or rlcbest37@aim.com.

Until next month stay safe and God Bless.
Rhonda Best,
PPP Chairperson

National Security

Good evening Auxiliary Members,

Here it is almost June and we should be planning for Convention, but it has been canceled this year.

Do not let this influence what your Unit is doing. You can make cloth masks for everyone that is in need of one. Write letters to all the Essential Workers, and to our Veterans that are in the Nursing Homes and Hospitals.

If there is anything I can do for you please call me at 304-592-0247 or e-mail me at carlajwilfong@yahoo.com.

Please be careful when you are out and protect yourselves.

Carla Wilfong
National Security Chairman

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Are you as tired as I am looking for things to keep me occupied inside my house? Anyway, I hope you have found a safe manner to serve our veterans. Many veterans who have a job are not able to work because their workplace has been closed down or their job has been terminated. We do not want to see any veteran and their family hungry. If your unit can help, please do so.

National has asked what units are doing during this Covid-19 pandemic. They have asked me to send it to them. Please email me if your unit has done something during this epidemic. I will put together and send to them. My email address is mwaybright@yahoo.com.

I hope you got your VA&R report into Department. I sincerely hope our reporting numbers are way up.

Take care everyone and be safe.

Mary Waybright
Chairman

April Ways and Means Winners

Name	Number	City	State	Date	Amount
Debbie Michael	139	Berkeley Springs	WV	4/1/20	\$25.00
Sandra Wolfe	185	Moorefield	WV	4/2/20	\$25.00
	323			4/3/20	
	540			4/4/20	
	559			4/6/20	
	123			4/7/20	
	199			4/8/20	
	323			4/9/20	
Susan Brown	783	Moundsville	WV	4/10/20	\$25.00
Jill Goins	095	Thorpe	WV	4/11/20	\$25.00
	680			4/13/20	
	799			4/14/20	
Jerry L Stepp	949	Anawalt	WV	4/15/20	\$200.00
Ann Moyers	386	Fisher	WV	4/16/20	\$25.00
ALA Unit #14	225	Martinsburg	WV	4/17/20	\$25.00
Cheryl Harwood	045	Moorefield	WV	4/18/20	\$25.00
Susan Hardy	755	Welch	WV	4/20/20	\$25.00
Marion Hollingsworth	661	Keyser	WV	4/21/20	\$25.00
	622			4/22/20	
Teri Gunther	190	Hedgesville	WV	4/23/20	\$25.00
Karen Riter	437	Hookstown	PA	4/24/20	\$25.00
	981			4/25/20	
Kitty Kelly-Smoot	710	Huntington	WV	4/27/20	\$25.00
	317			4/28/20	
	589			4/29/20	
Connie Thompson	048	Cowen	WV	4/30/20	

Congratulations to the **April** winners!

I know times are hard right now with so many unemployed due to this COVID-19 pandemic.

I ask if you have sold tickets to please send them in. Remember this is the ONLY Department Fundraiser we have and 75% profit goes to our veterans.

If you don't pay, you can't play

Paulette
Susan





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



Membership Target Sheet May 15th Target #9—95.00%
Department Goal— 5616
Membership To Date: 4,946 (88.07 %)
Unit #200 Goal— 80 To Date: 80

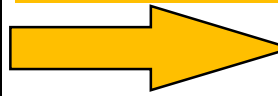


Savanna

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District 1	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
	Wheeling #1	26	30	115.38%
	Moundsville #3	242	225	92.98%
	McMechen #5	36	31	86.11%
	Weirton #10	52	42	80.76%
	Cameron #18	148	133	89.86%
	New Martinsville #28	130	127	97/69%
	Wellsburg #34	26	17	65.38%
	Follansbee #45	41	34	82.93%
	Benwood #46	75	73	97.33%
	Pine Grove #81	87	83	95.40%
	Paden City #86	97	79	81.44%
	Wheeling #89	23	15	65.22%
	Newell #114	31	18	58.06%
	Hundred #120	50	45	90.00%
	Chester #121	166	136	81.93%
	TOTALS	1230	1088	88.46%

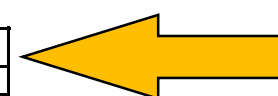
**WWII/
Merchant
Marines Era
40's Fashion
Jitterbug Dance**



**Goal 2789
To Date: 2,432
(87.20 %)**

**Membership
Chairman
"Rosie the
Riveter"**

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



**Goal 2747
To Date: 2,434
(88.61 %)**

District 4	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
	Parkersburg #15	548	477	87.04%
	Spencer #21	40	33	82.50%
	Pt. Pleasant #23	250	229	91.60%
	Tyler County #48	34	37	108.82%
	Sistersville #67	86	78	90.70%
	New Haven #140	132	133	100.76%
	Williamstown #159	131	98	74.81%
	TOTALS	1221	1085	88.86%

District 6	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
	Welch #8	59	59	100.00%
	Bluefield #9	26	28	107.70%
	Beckley #32	43	27	62.79%
	Gary #38	76	77	101.32%
	Cowen #62	27	20	74.07%
	Lewisburg #69	42	29	69.05%
	Richwood #97	23	21	91.30%
	TOTALS	296	261	88.18%

District 3	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
	Buckhannon #7	41	38	92.68%
	Clarksburg #13	89	57	56.18%
	Elkins #29	149	130	87.25%
	Shinnston #31	262	266	101.53%
	Braxton County #33	30	32	106.67%
	Bridgeport #68	67	82	122.39%
	Belington #96	17	19	111.76%
	Pickens #122	23	19	69.57%
	Jane Lew #166	32	3	9.38%
	Morgantown #174	30	44	146.67%
	TOTALS	740	690	93.24%

District 5	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
	Huntington #16	171	157	91.81%
	Logan #19	17	10	58.82%
	St. Albans #73	31	30	96.77%
	Ceredo-Kenova #93	290	277	95.52%
	South Charleston #94	15	13	86.67%
	Hamlin #111	49	36	73.47%
	Milton #139	62	69	111.29%
	Barboursville #177	144	134	93.06%
	TOTALS	779	726	93.20%

District 10	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
	Martinsburg #14	95	96	101.05%
	Franklin #30	16	15	93.75%
	Piedmont #52	28	28	100.00%
	Berkeley Springs #60	187	162	86.63%
	Moorefield #64	100	58	58.00%
	Charles Town #71	195	143	72.82%
	Petersburg #78	75	66	88.00%
	Romney #91	221	161	72.85%
	Charles Town #102	28	25	89.29%
	Paw Paw #128	35	23	65.71%
	Kirby #134	41	29	70.73%
	Ridgeley #136	83	40	48.19%
	Capon Bridge #137	121	132	109.09%
	Keyser #152	45	41	91.11%
	TOTALS	1270	1019	80.24%

June 2020

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9  <i>Paper Ballots In Office</i>	10 <i>Paper Votes Counted</i>	11	12 <i>Registration Forms Sent for Workshop</i>	13 <i>4th District Joint Conf. Parkersburg Post #15</i>
14 	15 <i>Target #10 100%</i>	16	17 <i>Spirit Articles Due into Department</i>	18	19	20 
21 	22 <i>Spirit Out</i>	23	24	25	26	27 <i>5th District Auxiliary Conference Milton #139</i>
28	29	30	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 10px;"><i>Programs of Month Rhododendron Girls State</i></div>			

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