



The Auxiliary Spirit



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American Legion Auxiliary
2019-2020
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

It has been a great year, I'm looking forward to 2020-2021 year.

I think we did great on Membership. We have another Goal Unit: New Martinsville #28, way to go!

We had to make a lot of choices this year and had to cancel functions. Hopefully we will be able to attend Fall Conferences and Spring Conferences.

It has been wonderful working with all of you great Auxiliary Members! I am looking forward to working with you all next year.

If anyone needs me for anything I will try to be there for you. Hope everyone is doing ok and staying safe.

Welcome home PDP Susan Wade!

I would like to thank everyone for the work you do for the Auxiliary and our Veterans.

I will be out of commission July the 10th as I'm having surgery on my High Anal Hernia, and will be laid up a few days.

I would like to thank those who stayed in place on my committee. For those who couldn't, I will miss you a lot.

Everyone have a Great Year Coming.

God Bless
For God and Country
Sharon Kauffman
Department President



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

District Presidents

1st District-Holly Adams
3rd District-Carla Wilfong
4th District-Nancy Sundstrom
5th District-Beth Kilgore
6th District-Peggy Swartz
10th District-Debbie Michael

District Vice Presidents

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.

Directory Update: page 13: Third District President's email is now carlajwilfong@gmail.com
Page 15: under National Security: Carla Wilfong email is carlajwilfong@gmail.com Under Clarksburg VAMC: Carla Wilfongs' email is carlajwilfong@gmail.com
Page 29: Hamlin #111 email: delete alaunit111@aol.com and add rhondaslone324@gmail.com

Registration for Fall Workshop:

Is in this Spirit. Reservation Form also is in this Spirit. Remember I just need to know if you plan to attend for the count in the workshop.
You have to make your own reservations. Instructions on the form.

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
Vice Pres.

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Remember Our Friends

Please remember Department Chaplain Mary Jennings, husband Ronald, in prayer for healing. He had surgery on his left shoulder at WVU on Friday, June 5th. He is at home recuperating.

Susan Wade, PDP, was released from the New Martinsville Health Care and Rehab on the 17th. She will continue to have outpatient physical therapy.

Thank you to all who have prayed, sent best wishes and have reached out with positive thoughts!! I am so blest to be on the healing end of my stroke. All your prayers were heard and I appreciate them and I love you all!! I can't wait till we can all be together again!! I love my American Legion Family!! God Bless you all!

*For God and Country
Susan Wade-PDP*

“Honoring Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows”

Membership Chairman

WOW – CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NOW 17 GOAL UNITS including Unit 200: **Morgantown # 174, Bridgeport # 68, Wheeling #1, Milton #139, Belington # 96, Capon Bridge #137, Tyler County # 48, Bluefield # 9, Braxton County #33, Shinnston # 31, Gary # 38, New Haven # 140, Martinsburg # 14, Piedmont # 52, New Martinsville # 28, Welch # 8 and Unit 200.** Again, last year we had 1 goal unit.

This was our Target # 10 @ 100%. I know several units are oh so close to reaching goal. If there is anything our District Vice Presidents, Department Vices or myself can help you with, we are a phone call away.

Super job ladies. I know we have had a few obstacles this year to overcome and I know next year we will see even more goal Units.

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd
aka Rosie the Riveter



Department 1st Vice President

Hello Jitterbugs!

As our year winds down, we are losing to the Cha-Chas, but not by much. Still have time to catch up. Nine Goal Units, that’s great and many more are close. July 31st closes out our year, Let’s Hustle!

With Memorial Day behind us, we have the 4th of July to celebrate this great country. I know things are limited at this time, but we need to be loud and proud of what we have accomplished.

Hopefully we have Workshop to get together. I miss seeing all of you. I want to wish Susan Wade a speedy recovery, she is doing great.

Prayers go out to all that are in need. Stay safe. Do your Buddy Checks on Veterans and each other.

Until next time, Thank your veterans and God Bless America.

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,

It’s been a great year!! I can’t believe it’s already July and where has the time went! I’m glad to be apart of a organization with wonderful people. I have missed you all and can’t wait to see you all soon on our next adventures.

Hope that everyone is doing good throughout this difficult time. Stay safe and stay cautious about going out, if you don’t have to please don’t. Great opportunity to stay home with family!

On a good note! Congratulations to the team that I have been on this year “Korea Era Side” we have 7 total goal units! So proud of everyone for getting all your membership up, you ALL should be proud of yourselves.

Congratulations to all the 16 units that received 100%. Keep doing what you do best!

Remember: Be you - Do you - Love you
Savanna Kauffman
2nd Vice President
God & Country



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

2021 Membership Cards Will Be Mailed Out

July 14, 2020

1st District Vice President

Ladies of 1st District,

What an unprecedented year this has been and all the adjustments we had to make to our lives.

Units of First District did a great job by continuing to work on membership.

Congratulations to Wheeling #1 and New Martinsville #28 for becoming goal units. There were many units that came extremely close to becoming goal units. Fabulous job on all your hard work.

Although this membership year is coming to a close there is another one beginning. So take a deep breath and press on. We can do this!!!

God Bless,
Stephanie Handley
1st District Vice President
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3rd District President

I am pleased with the way membership is coming in, but some of the Units are just a few members away from being a goal Unit.

Please do your best and get those few to renew or approach some new members to join.

I know it is hard right now some are afraid to attend meetings, or even go out into the public. Try your best.

If you need my help just email me at: carlajwilfong@gmail.com. or you can call me at 304-592-0247.

Take care and be careful.
Carla J Wilfong

Attention 3rd District Units

Elections were held at the Spring Conference and Kim Mellie, Morgantown Unit #174 was elected 3rd District Vice President.

She will start her membership year in the August Spirit, and will be ratified at Fall Board.

4th District Vice President

Greetings to Members of the 4th District,
The Target Goal for June 15, 2020 is 100%. Congratulations to Tyler County Unit #48 and New Haven Unit #140; both Units exceeded the 100% Goal!!

District 4 Unit standings are: Tyler County #48 at 108.82%; New Haven #140 at 100.76%; Sistersville #67 at 96.51%; Pt. Pleasant #23 at 91.60%; Parkersburg #15 at 87.59%; Spencer #21 at 82.50%; and Williamstown #159 at 74.81%.

These are strange and difficult times. If your Auxiliary Unit can assist members by paying their annual dues, please do so. Please carry new ALA Membership application with you. Invite eligible friends and family to join today.

“Honoring Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows” is the 2019 – 2021 Membership Theme. As we continue to move forward, remember to check on, send a card, or visit our Veterans. Some are home bound and would love to hear from you! God Bless America. God Bless our Veterans.

Patsy Young-Greiner
4th District Vice President
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6th District Vice President

I am hoping to find everyone still staying safe and healthy and hopefully this coronavirus pandemic is coming to a close. I am sure everything will not be the same but we may have to adapt.

I hope many of you have continued to contact your members and collect dues for this year to meet your unit's goal for the end of 2019-2020 is at hand. August will start our new membership building year. I hope each unit met their goal, but if not, we start anew and can take the summer to start rebuilding for 2020-2021 membership.

I hope everyone is starting to feel more comfortable with getting out and doing some things with your family for the summer and especially the 4th of July.

Continue to pray for our State and Nation during this period of reopening our country.

Remember to keep your distance, disinfect, and wash your hands.

Prayers for all to be safe.
Mary E. Spence
Vice President
District 6

10th District Vice President

Hi Ladies,

By now many Post homes have opened even though activities are limited at this time. Most of us are cautiously venturing out and I noticed this when making my calls, as some were unavailable to answer.

Membership recruitment and renewals are always ongoing and Charles Town Unit #71 demonstrated this, during the “shut-down” through emails and phone calls.

Many units joined the posts with flag displays for Flag Day, on June 14th, and West Virginia Day, June 20th. This is a reminder in every community, the appreciation of our veterans and country.

Although we couldn't attend a physical senior awards program, many units recognized their seniors with scholarships and awards. Thank you to Berkeley Springs Unit #60, Charles Town Unit #71, Romney Unit #91, Paw Paw Unit #128, and Capon Bridge Unit #137!!

Some activities already in place include: Moorefield #64—a reception, Paw Paw #128—June 27th Breakfast, and Capon Bridge #137—August 1st Cash Bash.

It's really important when you let me know what your units are doing so we can recognize them for their hard work and accomplishments.

Remember I welcome your calls and enjoy hearing from you.

Bonnie Wilcox
10th District Vice President

Attention 4th District Units

Nancy Sundstrom, 4th District President, resigned her office June 5th.

For the 2020-2021 Membership year Patsy Young Greiner will be acting 4th District President, and Dawn Lutes will be acting 4th District Vice President due to no elections held.

5th District President

**** Attention 5th District Membership ****
The tentatively scheduled 5th District Spring Conference scheduled for June 27th has been **cancelled**. No membership awards will be affected due to a policy change for this year only. Our next gathering will be the Membership/Leadership Workshop in Bridgeport in September. Make plans now to attend.

The current District officers will remain the same for the coming year and any vacancies will be filled. If you have any questions, please call me at 304-654-7750.

Keep your membership coming in. You are doing a great job of getting members.

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

Chaplain

Almighty God, the Refuge of all that are distressed, grant unto us that, in all trouble of this our mortal life, we may flee to the knowledge of Thy loving kindness and tender mercy; that so, sheltering ourselves therein, the storms of life may pass over us, and not shake the peace of God that is within usAmen”

George Dawson



Historian

What will you tell your small children and young grandchildren about the year 2020? Will you remember the most prevalent thing that have become commonplace? If you had written it down, you would have a reference to refer to. The same can be said with what your units are doing. If you had written the happenings of your unit, you would have something to refer back to. I strongly urge you to keep n ongoing record of what your unit is doing.

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

Until we see each other – stay safe!
Beth Kilgore
Historian

6th District President

Hi Everyone

Hope this little note finds everyone well and staying away from the Virus.

I don't think anyone in Sixth District has been having meetings. I know that our Unit has not had one since February.

Sorry that we did not have a Sixth District Spring meeting. We will be having one in the fall just need to check with Paulette and see what she has open. Going to miss going to the convention next month usually got to see people that you haven't seen for a year, but looking forward to the workshop in September.

This is the last Spirit for 2019-2020. So until next time please stay well and God Bless each and everyone.

Peggy Swartz, President
Sixth District



Susan Wade, Americanism Chairman is not able to write her last article for the Spirit. I am filling in for her. She hopes to be able to do an article for the August Spirit.

As we celebrate this 4th of July, let us remember WHY, amid our picnics, fireworks.

Practice Social Distancing!

Remember to fly your flag with proud, not just on this day but EVERY day.

Be proud of who you are.

Remember Our Veterans who made our country FREE!!

Children & Youth

We are a society who looks after our fellow man. This is evident in the news, social media and word of mouth. With the current pandemic we are experiencing, how many stories have you heard about the youth in your community showing wonderful acts of kindness by helping with lunches for school age children who might be doing without because of no school, helping to distribute food to the homeless, or shopping for their elderly neighbor who may be afraid to venture out?

Consider nominating them for a **Youth Hero Award** or the **Good Deed Award**. It is often said, "Today's youth are tomorrow's leaders." Why not show them how these leaders are appreciated by nominating them for one of these two awards. The forms can be found on the website. I would like to see every unit have at least one (hopefully more) submissions. If you have any questions, please call me at 304-654-7750.

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

Education

Report of the ALA Scholarships:

Received: Children of Warriors 4 entries (one disqualified missing Unit Signatures page). WV entry to National was Kaleah Meliott, Berkeley Springs. Spirit of Youth 2 entries. WV entry to National was Kathryn Caudill, Huntington; Non-Traditional Scholarship, 0 received; Juniors scholarship, 0 received. Unfortunately, neither WV entry won on the National level.

Department Scholarship: 4 entries (one disqualified—no **DD214** in packet). Winner was Aleah Hageny of Berkeley Springs.

(NOTE: Since units of the Education Committee members had submitted entries, impartial people were used in the judging of the scholarships. Unit Education Chairmen should check the applications and their attachments thoroughly as any omissions can disqualify the entry.)

Dianne McClung
Education Chairman

Legislative

This kind of goes along with Department President Sharon's Special Project. Gold Star Family - "an honor no one wants."

Beyond the Service Members' Group Life Insurance policy which provides a one-time lump sum payment (for those who elect to sign up), there are two different types of survivor benefits available to military spouses and children. One of these is the Department of Defense Insurance Annuity Dependency and Indemnity Compensation.

The American Legion & American Legion Auxiliary would like Congress to do the following:

- Support a program within the Department of Defense that ensures Gold Star families receive the benefits and support they have earned.

- Bring awareness to the programs that support and honor those who have died in the service of their country, as well as their families.

- Restore base privileges and readmit Gold Star wives and their children back into military communities regardless of their future marital status.

Relevant Resolutions:

- Resolution No. 14: Establish Gold Star Families Program

Shared from the Central Division
Chairman's article

Lisa Cadwallader
Legislative Chairman



Public Relations

Hi Everyone,

Are we Passing on the Passion of the American Legion Auxiliary? What are we doing to let the public know what we do? What the importance of the American Legion Auxiliary is!

I know this year we were thrown a curve on how we go about our daily lives and that most of it has been put on hold, but just remember to document what we do. I'm sure the units have figured out some creative way during this pandemic to get our word out.

Tell everyone about us and be safe!

Stephanie Handley
Chairman
Public Relations
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Constitution & Bylaws

From Jane Benzel, Constitution & Bylaws Committee, Central Division:

Because of the Coronavirus, many departments and units have elected to use electronic meetings. I have included some information provided by our National Chairman Trish on practices to use when holding electronic meetings.

When Holding an Electronic Meeting:

Notice for meeting must say:

- How to participate in the meeting for example Provide URL for videoconference using internet meeting software or provide telephone number and access code for teleconference (or potentially audio portion of videoconference)

Best Practices for Meetings and Social Distancing:

- Decide which items of business are urgent and which can wait
- Focus on the most pressing items first
- If items can wait, let them wait

Stay safe, meet electronically if feasible!

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

**100 Years of Celebration
1919-2019**



With everything that has happened throughout this year it is extremely important to record our History and celebrate where the ALA began and how we grew into one of the Largest Patriotic Organizations supporting and serving Veterans and their families, children, and communities.

A couple of ways you can celebrate our 100th Years are as follows: Send out "Happy and Positive Feelings" cards to 100 Veterans, Purchase 100 Back Packs to give to children during "Back to School" Fairs, and Purchase/Hand out 100 Flag Pins.

Please send us any stories and pictures of your unit holding a 100th Year Celebration throughout this year as well as any you had from the previous year.

Until Next Month Be Safe and God Bless,
Rhonda Best
100th Year Chairperson

**National Executive
Committeewoman**

Hello Auxiliary Members,

I hope everyone is doing fine with all this craziness around the Country. The American Legion National Commander James W. "Bill" Oxford issued a Statement on June 12, 2020 in regards to "Unequal treatment violates nation's highest values". It is included in this Spirit.

The National Headquarters Building is starting to come to life. They are having their first onsite meeting the week of the 18th. President Nicole will be present and they will be holding the 2nd level of interviews for the Director of Finance position. Previous Director of Finance Sara Riegel will begin her new role as "Compliance Officer. Her expertise will expand the helping hands sometimes needed by units to maintain their non-profit status. In addition, Sara will monitor all our procedures to ensure compliance with all Federal and State Regulations, and will oversee grant administrative functions.

The ALA Magazine was proofed and will be available for members soon. There is an article from a guest writer, Department of Kansas Vice Commander, Marri Krupco, as well.

Until Next Month Be Safe and God Bless,
Rhonda Best, NEC

Past President's Parley

Hello Fellow Auxiliary Members,

We are so in need of prayer and strength right now. This world has gone crazy. You turn on the news and all you see and hear is the Protesters, Looters, and Rioters. Individuals are removing statues and flags to erase our History. However, history will always remain within our memories- through our pictures and stories.

I am strongly encouraging each Past Department President, Past District President, and Past Unit President to be a mentor for all Auxiliary Members especially New Auxiliary Members.

Until Next Month Be Safe and God Bless,
Rhonda Best,
Past Presidents' Parley Chairperson

National Security

Good afternoon Auxiliary members

It is turning out to be a really nice summer so far. I hope everyone is well.

I know it is hard for everyone, because we cannot get into the hospitals to visit our Veterans, but we can send them thinking of you cards to let them know we care. I hope by the next Spirit things will be more back to normal.

There isn't much to report this time.

If you need my help please email me at: carlajwilfong@gmail.com or call 304-592-0247.

Stay safe and be careful
Carla J Wilfong

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Check for \$18.00**

**Next Month Spirit Starts
2020-2021 Year**

Rhododendron Girls State

As I write this is the week that Girls State would have been held.

I want to thank everyone for their commitment to this program for our young ladies. I, as well as others miss being there and seeing friends and meeting new ones.

There are times in our lives when Girls State needs us and then there are times when we need Girls State!

For sure, *Girls State Girls will always be, til the end of time!*

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd
Chairman
Girls State

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

May Ways and Means Winners

Greetings to all:

Hope this finds all well and safe. Don't forget to fly your flag and remember those that guarded it this July 4th...our veterans.

This is such an unusual time since many of us are still confined to home and most veterans homes and hospitals are still not allowing visitors or volunteers. If your unit is able to help, remember our homeless veterans in your community with food and other necessities. Most homeless centers are operating, and they serve the homeless veterans as well as others in the community.

I was reminded by our National organization that many of our veterans who have toiled for a higher education and finished are not being honored with a graduation ceremony this year because of social distancing. This pandemic has been rough on all, and definitely changed our way of life.

Know you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Mary Waybright
Chairman

Congratulations to the **May** winners!

My how time has flown, and with this pandemic going on in our nation, it is hard to get out and sell our fundraiser tickets.

I will be giving a report for the first (1st) half of our 2020 sales in the August Spirit. I will also be announcing the Unit and District who sold the most tickets as of June 30th. They will receive their "winnings" at Fall Workshop.

It is hard to believe this is the last article for the 2019-2020 year, BUT not for selling our tickets.

Please keep Susan Wade, PDP, Office Assistant in your prayers as she continues with her therapy, that she may be able to get back to her routine soon.

Paulette

Name	Number	City	State	Date	Amount
	420			5/1/20	
Linda Riggleman	871	Augusta	WV	5/2/20	\$25.00
Sande Biglemer	304	Moorefield	WV	5/4/20	\$25.00
Sue Sager	462	Moorefield	WV	5/5/20	\$25.00
Irene Weber	463	Romney	WV	5/6/20	\$25.00
Geri Pack	775	Augusta	WV	5/7/20	\$25.00
Roger Amos	997	Lumberport	WV	5/8/20	\$25.00
Robert Nell	298	Bellview	FL	5/9/20	\$25.00
Deb Bailey	252	Wellsburg	WV	5/11/20	\$25.00
	187			5/12/20	
	786			5/13/20	
Carl Mariotti	740	Bluefield	WV	5/14/20	\$25.00
Dortha Parsons	418	Clarksburg	WV	5/15/20	\$25.00
	635			5/16/20	
	410			5/18/20	
	884			5/19/20	
	529			5/20/20	
ALA Moundsville #3	329	Moundsville	WV	5/21/20	\$25.00
	217			5/22/20	
Harry Fisher	550	Wheeling	WV	5/23/20	\$25.00
	690			5/25/20	
	242			5/26/20	
Thurman Chapman	536	Anawalt	WV	5/27/20	\$25.00
	698			5/28/20	
Geri Pack	775	Augusta	WV	5/29/20	\$25.00
Marti Fisher	223	Romney	WV	5/30/20	





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



Membership Target Sheet June 15th Target #10—100.00%

Department Goal— 5616

Membership To Date: 4,971 (88.51 %)

Unit #200 Goal— 80 To Date: 81

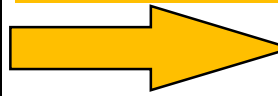


Savanna

Cathy

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	137	92.57%
	New Martinsville #28	130	130	100.00%
	Wellsburg #34	26	18	69.23%
	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	1096	89.11%

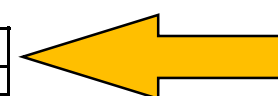
**WWII/
Merchant
Marines Era
40's Fashion
Jitterbug Dance**



**Goal 2789
To Date: 2,440
(87.49 %)**

**Membership
Chairman
"Rosie the
Riveter"**

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



**Goal 2747
To Date: 2,450
(89.19 %)**

District 4	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
	Parkersburg #15	548	480	87.59%
	Spencer #21	40	33	82.50%
	Pt. Pleasant #23	250	229	91.60%
	Tyler County #48	34	37	108.82%
	Sistersville #67	86	83	96.51%
	New Haven #140	132	133	100.76%
	Williamstown #159	131	98	74.81%
	TOTALS	1221	1093	89.52%

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	14	93.33%
	Hamlin #111	49	36	73.47%
	Milton #139	62	70	112.90%
	Barboursville #177	144	134	93.06%
	TOTALS	779	728	93.45%

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	163	87.17%
	Moorefield #64	100	59	59.00%
	Charles Town #71	195	145	74.36%
	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	134	110.74%
	Keyser #152	45	41	91.11%
	TOTALS	1270	1021	80.39%

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American Legion National Commander: Unequal treatment violates nation's highest values

(INDIANAPOLIS – June 12, 2020) – American Legion National Commander James W. “Bill” Oxford issued the following statement today:

The American Legion stands on principles and serves purposes worldwide that are violated when justice, freedom and democracy are not applied equally, regardless of race, color, creed or class. These principles formed the foundation of the organization over a century ago, in a very different and deeply divided time in U.S. society. As our nation grieves and tries to reconcile the unconscionable deaths of African-American citizens George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, retired St. Louis Police Capt. David Dorn, Federal Protective Services Officer Patrick Underwood in Oakland, Calif., and others, The American Legion stands firm in a value it has upheld, in the form of a resolution, first adopted 1923:

Throughout its history, The American Legion has fought to improve racial equality not only for veterans, but for the communities they serve. In 1919, African-American veterans of World War I were among the organization's founders who adopted a mission statement – the Preamble to The American Legion Constitution – that pledges among other things ‘to maintain law and order,’ ‘promote peace and goodwill on earth’ and ‘safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy.’

Where the law has been broken, justice must be served. Where freedom has been denied, it must be returned, without prejudice. Our nation has much to consider as we continue to strive toward a shared goal found in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag: ‘with liberty and justice for all.’ All means all. Anything less than complete equality in the execution of these values today is as un-American now as it was in 1923.”

The American Legion, www.legion.org, is the nation's largest veterans service organization and was founded in 1919 on the four pillars of a strong national defense, the care and wellbeing of U.S. military veterans, patriotic youth programs, and Americanism.