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American Legion Auxiliary
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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 Ladies,

It is an Honor to be your President. Thank you for the confidence.

We had a very great convention. It was good to see a lot of you there. We will have a great year and I'm here to help everyone.

My Department Theme is “Building Memories for Our Future American Legion Auxiliary while Loving Our Veterans Everyday”. My colors are Black, Gold and White. Flowers are Yellow and White Roses with 100 years black ribbon. Yellow Rose represents Friendship: White Rose represents Purity & Love. Symbolism: We honor the different War Era Legacies with pure love & celebrate our Tomorrow's Friendships.

My Special Project: GOLD STAR FAMILY MEMORIAL.

My Department Membership Theme: “Honoring our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows”.

**Department President: Host of the Event

**Membership Chairman: Monderator of the Fashion Show

**Past Department Presidents: WWI Era (4/6/1917-11/11/1918) 20's & Prior Fashion. Dance-Charleston & Foxtrot

**1st Vice President:(Disticts3, 5, 10) WWII/Merchant Marines Era (12/7/41-12/31/46) 40's Fashion. Dance-Jitterbug

**2nd Vic President: (Districts 1,4,6) Korea Era (6/25/50-1/31/55) 50's Fashion Dance Cha-Cha

**Secretary/Treasurer: Vietnam Era (8/24/82-7/31/84) 60-70's Fashion Dance- Funky Chicken

**Chaplain: Lebanon/Grenada Era (8/24/82-7/31/84) 80's Fashion

Dance-Electric Slide

**Historian: Panama Era (12/20/89-1/31/90) 80's Fashion Dance-Thriller

**Juniors Persian Gulf/War on Terrorism Era (8/20-until cessation of hostilities)

90's Fashion to Current Dance -All About the Bass

I chose these to Celebrate Our 100th year.

The fashion show will be at Workshop, so come in your Vintage Clothing. We will be raffling off Birthday Gifts wrapped in birthday paper at the Silent Auction. Remember to bring something you would like to bid on.

Chairmen, don't forget your Action Plan Supplement for Units. We will be giving helmets out at the meeting to decorate with whom you are eligible as a center piece. These will be judged at Mid-Winter

Department President

Sharon Kauffman

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-JoAnn Hastings
6th District-Mary Spence
10th District-Bonnie Wilcox





Department Headquarters



Mission Statement

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

I would like to Congratulate all 2019-2020 Department, District Officers, and Department Chairmen. I hope each of you have a wonderful year!!

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.

Fall Conferences and Homecomings will be in next Spirit

Future Dates To Remember

****National Convention
August 23-29, 2019
Marriott Downton
Indianapolis Indiana**

****2019-2020 Membership/Officers
Training Workshop
September 13-14, 2019
Hilton Garden Hotel
Bridgeport WV
Flyer for this Workshop is in this Spirit**

Remember Our Friends

*Stephanie Handley, 1st District Vice and Public Relations Chairman, father passed away this past week. Cards may be sent to Stephanie at:
Stephanie Handley & family
300 Indiana Avenue
Chester WV 26034*

*Mary Waybright is home now from the hospital. Cards may be sent to Mary at:
Mary Waybright
7 Parsons St.
Huntington WV 25705*

*Sharon Glassford, PDP, new address is:
North Hampton Manor Nursing Home
c/o Sharon Glassford
Room 228
200 E. 16th St.
Fredrick MD 21701*

*Mary Jennings, 2019-2020 Department Chaplain and member of Beckley Unit #32 had knee replacement surgery recently. She is on a walker, and will be having outpatient therapy. She was able to be at Department Convention. Cards may be sent to Mary at:
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“Honoring Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows”

Membership Chairman

Thank you Madam President Sharon for asking me to be your Membership Chairman!

We are having a fun and exciting 100th Anniversary “Honoring our Legacy, Celebrating our Tomorrows.”

Every category group has been assigned a war era with period clothing fashion.

**Our Past Department Presidents will be pay tribute during WWI Era and 1919 – 1929 fashion attire.

**1st Department Vice President Cathy Post will oversee Districts 3, 5, and 10. This group will be honoring our WWII veterans with 1940’s fashion.

**2nd Vice President Savanna Kauffman will represent Districts 1, 4 and 6. This group will honor our Korean War veterans with 1950’s attire.

**Department Secretary/Treasurer Paulette Anderson will honor our Vietnam Era with 1960’s-1970’s fashion.

**Department Chaplain Mary Jennings will pay tribute to our Lebanon/Grenada war veterans and sport 1980’s fashion.

**Department Historian Beth Kilgore will honor our Panama War veterans again with 1980’s fashion.

**Our hard-working, dedicated Juniors will represent our Persian Gulf/War on Terrorism era with 1990’s attire.

I am asking you to wear the attire you were assigned to for Fall Workshop, Saturday, September 14th.

I plan on working with our department membership team, district vice presidents. Ladies, membership is everyone’s job!

This year’s membership goal is within reach and I know with a little extra effort from all of us We Can Do It! What we have done is add a certain number to your 2019 membership as of July 30. If your Unit’s membership is

10 – 45 as of 07/30 +1

46 - 75 as of 07/30 +2

76 – 150 as of 07/30 +3

151 -175 as of 07/30 +4

176 -200 as of 07/30 +5

201-224 as of 07/30 +6

225 -275 as of 07/30 +7

276 and above as of 07/30 +8

Looking forward to seeing the various periods of clothing. I will have the Membership program action and awards to be handed out at Fall Membership Workshop. Lynda Lancaster-Loyd
Department Membership

Department 1st Vice President

Greeting Auxiliary Sisters,

I’d like to thank everyone for your support for last year as your 2nd Vice and also as I approach this new office. How exciting!!! Convention was great! I was so glad to see some new faces there.

I am looking forward to dancing my way into this new year with Madam President Sharon, 2nd Vice Savanna, Secretary Paulette, Chaplain Mary and Historian Beth. I see wonderful accomplishments on the horizon.

Everyone on my side of the state (Districts 3, 5 and 10) get your jitterbug shoes on for Workshop. Dig out some 40’s fashions; It’s gonna be a “Sentimental Journey” through history of our wars.

Until next month, let’s get a good start on membership (I already have one new member). Let’s rock n’roll!!

Thank a veteran and get with your schools for those youngins’!!

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



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

Department 2nd Vice President

Hello Ladies,

I want to thank each one of you for electing me as your Department 2nd Vice President for 2019-2020. I’m looking forward to working with President Sharon Kauffman, Membership Team, Chairmen, and members; let’s make this a GREAT year!!

My Districts this year are 1, 4, & 6. We will be in the Korea Era (6/25/50-1/31/55) 50’s fashion, Dance: Cha Cha.

Congratulations to the Newly Department and District Officers!

For God and Country
Savanna Kauffman
Department 2nd Vice President



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



1st District President

Hello Ladies

It was great to see so many of you at summer convention in Huntington.

Congratulations to all the units that received traveling plaques it just goes to show all that our efforts and time to support our veterans their families our communities and our youth is well worth it.

I look forward to another year as the 1st District President and learning about what the units are doing.

1st District Picnic will be held Sunday July 28th at McMechen Park. Take the 12th Street exit and turn left. Hope to see several units there.

Stay cool

God Bless

Holly Adams

1st District President

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1st District Vice President

Hello Ladies of 1st District,

Thank you to all who attended Department Convention. I would like to congratulate all the new department officers on their new appointments and I hope you have a wonderful year.

President Sharon has set her membership theme for her year as, "Honoring our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrow". She has chosen the different war eras as her symbolism for each area. As members of 1st District, we are in the Korea Era and our dance is the Cha Cha. Our era of fashion is the 50's. So everybody study on how to do the Cha Cha and dress 50's style.

Let's make this year a great year for membership, but remember that membership never stops and is always a work in progress.

Looking forward to seeing what the 2019-2020 year has in store for us.

For God and Country,

Stephanie Handley

1st District VP

4th District President

Hello Members of 4th District,

This is a short message to inform all Units of our Fall Conference:

Date. September 28, 2019

Time. Registration 9am-10am

Cost. \$15.00 per person

Location. Parkersburg Post #15

2505 Ohio Avenue

Parkersburg WV 26101

I hope to see all Units of 4th District represented at our Fall Conference.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

Nancy Sundstrom

4th District President

4th District Vice President

Greetings to All 4th District Units!

It is a new membership year and new ideas.

President Sharon Kauffman and Membership Chairman Lynda Lancaster has set up districts in war era's. 4th District is in the Korea Era. Our fashion is from the 50's and our dance is the Jitterbug.

Get out your 50's fashion and learn the jitterbug so we can do this at the workshop in September.

Unit Goals will be easier this year to attain. You will find your goal on the Target Sheet next month. But don't stop the membership. You have until July 31st to get your members in for this administrative year.

August 1st is the new year, for 2020 renewals. Septembers 1st is for new members that can be put in the system. You can still collect 2019 dues until December 31st to be a member in good standing.

More in the next Spirit!!

Patsy Greiner-Young

6th District President

Hello Everyone

The convention is over, and new officers installed, and getting ready for a new year.

It was really nice to see members from our District at the convention. We had Welch, Bluefield, Beckley, and Cowen.

Mary Jennings, from Beckley Unit #32 was elected and installed as our Department Chaplain for the year 2019-2020. Mary Spence, Welch Unit #8 was installed as 6th District Vice President. Congratulations to both members of 6th District!

Remember I will be calling on you.

To all Units please send me information that I can put into the Spirit each month I know you all do something that would be of interest.

Ladies don't forget to keep our veterans in our thoughts and prayers.

Until next time take care don't forget to work on membership.

Peggy Swartz

President 6th District

6th District Vice President

Good day to all 6th District units!

July 31st membership year is almost over. The next Spirit will have your unit Goals for the 2019-2020 year. They should be attainable to reach.

Keep working on your membership. It is a 365 day process.

Until next month!

Mary Spence

6th District Vice President

Happy 100th Birthday to the American Legion Auxiliary!!

Silent Auction at Workshop:

Bring a gift wrapped in Happy Birthday paper! Make sure it is something you would like (Please not old items)

**Proceeds will go to President Sharon's Special Project:
"Gold Star Family Memorial"**

3rd District President

State Convention is over for this year and I must say it was a good one. Lost of awards given to some deserving Units. There were more Juniors there this year and hope to see more.

You have until the end of July 2019 to send in more dues for this year. August 1 starts the new year. With good news our Targets this year are less HURRAH! Maybe more Units can make Goal.

Department theme this year is Building Memories for our Future American Legion Auxiliary while Loving Our Veterans Everyday. Colors: Black, Gold and White. Yellow and White Roses with 100 year

black ribbon. Third District will be WWII/ Merchant Marines Era (12/7/41-12/31/46) 40's Fashion and our dance is the Jitterbug.

I hope to be able to visit the Units in Third District this year. The past year was not a good year for me and the other District Officers. Lets hope this year is better.

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

God Bless America and our Veterans
Carla Wilfong
3rd District President

3rd District Vice President

Thank you for electing me your District Vice President.

President Sharon Kauffman, has selected for her membership theme: "Honoring our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows". She is having the war eras' for her symbolism.

3rd District is WWII/Merchant Marine Era; Our fashion is the 40's and our dance is the jitterbug. So get practicing and don your fashion for workshop!

The American Legion Auxiliary is 100 years old!! So President Sharon is wanting everyone to wrap a good present (something you would appreciate) with Happy Birthday paper for the Silent Auction. The prettier, the better.

Keep working membership!.

Until next month
Roxie Nicholson

5th District President

What a great convention we just had. For those of you who were unable to attend, you missed a great time. It was good to see friends from all across this great state of ours who have come together for the common purpose of supporting our veterans. Congratulations to all of the newly elected Department officers. May you have a wonderful year. This year's President is Sharon Kauffman.

I would like to also congratulate all of the newly elected officers to all units in the 5th District. I know the year ahead will be an exciting time for all.

I want to highlight what each unit in the 5th District is doing on a monthly basis, so send me information about the latest project your unit is doing or even ongoing projects and I will put it in the Spirit to share with other units in our state. We work hard for our veterans and our community and I want to share it with the state.

The Membership Workshop will be the September 14th Hilton Garden Inn in Bridgeport. The information and ideas the membership team is putting together promises to be fun and challenging. Hope to see you on Sept 14th. If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call at 304-654-7750.

God Bless You and God Bless America!

Beth Kilgore,
5th District President

5th District Vice President

Hello Ladies

Once again another convention for the state of WV is over. The convention was very informative this year.

This is a new year for us and we need to work on membership to bring membership up.

God bless
JoAnn Hastings
VP Fifth District

10th District Vice President

A short message this month. Be sure to continue doing membership. Don't give up!! July 31st is the end of the 2018-2019 year. You can still collect until December 31st.

New unit Goals will be in the next Spirit.
Bonnie Wilcox
10th District Vice President

10th District President

Hello Ladies,

Thank you to President Rhonda for a wonderful convention. It was so great seeing everyone.

The 10th District has a lot to be proud of. Congratulations to our new Department President, Sharon Kauffman from Martinsburg Unit 14 and our new Department 2nd Vice, Savanna Kauffman, also from Unit 14. Best wishes ladies for a wonderful 2019-2020.

Congratulations also to all the units who received awards. Great job!

Let's start now to develop our American Legion Auxiliary programs for the new year. I will be sending info to all units that will help you and keep you informed of what's happening. I also will send a list of district officers and chairman and contact info for them.

There are a few units who have not paid their mandatory funds. This needs to be done now so you can start the year out fresh and on the right foot. Please check your unit records to see if yours have been paid, if not please send them to the department secretary. Thanks!

Our Fall Conference is on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at Charles Town Unit 71. Registration is 8:15-8:45 and the meeting starts at 9:00. This is your conference and I need you to tell me what you would like to know or learn about the American Legion Auxiliary. Please email any topics, questions or concerns that you have so that we may address them. Registration and Credential forms will be sent out next month. Please try to attend.

I hope you will make plans to attend the Fall Workshop at Hilton Garden Inn on September 14, 2019. You do not have to be an officer to attend. This is a wonderful meeting to learn about the programs and ask questions.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have. I will help you the best that I can.

For God and Country
Debbie Michael
10th District President
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Chaplain

Thank you for electing me Chaplain for the 2019-2020 year.

If you have any member who needs a card sent to them please contact me at: 304-673-1993 or email me at:

mkjennings@frontier.com

Our Father, we are truly thankful for the good things that You have given us, especially the gift of life.

Father, let the peace of God flow into the hearts of every member of this unit and every unit in the American Legion Auxiliary throughout the world.

Amen

Until next month,
Mary Jennings
Chaplain
mkjennings@frontier.com



Americanism



I would like to thank Department President Sharon for this Chairmanship! I wish her and all her team a great year!

I look forward to working with all Units. I will have more info in the next Spirit.

I look forward to our Work Shop in September!

Please start keeping track of all your activities now. It sure makes for easier end of the year reporting!

For God and Country
Susan Wade
Americanism Chairman

Children & Youth

I would like to thank President Sharon for the appointment as the Children & Youth Chairman for the 2019 – 2020 year. I will have more information to share with you after the National Convention.

Plan of Works will be distributed at the Membership/Officers Training Workshop in September. Until then, there are numerous projects you can work on for the children and youth in your community. With school starting in the near future, there are many things you can do to get the kids ready for **Back to School**.

There is a need for back packs, school supplies, or clothing and shoes. The possibilities are endless.

If you have any questions or need any help, give me a call at 304-654-7750.
Beth Kilgore
Chairman

Historian

I would like to thank each of you for voting me in as your Historian for the coming year. I appreciate the confidence you have shown in me.

As Historian, I am responsible for recording the history of the organization for the 2019-2020 year. The same is true for those serving as historian for the individual units. Keeping accurate records will do much to make the job easier and compiling a history book at year end.

TIP FOR UNIT HISTORIANS: Get a note book and write down the details of projects, membership and events happening in your unit during the month. A copy of the minutes may be helpful but may not have all the details needed to record your history. For example, what was served and how many attended a dinner the unit sponsored. This will help planning for the future events of this nature.

The more you know about the past, the better prepared you are for the future.
Theodore Roosevelt

Beth Kilgore
Historian

Auxiliary Emergency Fund

The 2018-2019 Auxiliary Emergency Fund pins (for donations of \$50.00 or more) will be given out at the workshop.

The 2019-2020 Action Plan will be given to you at the workshop.

If a member of your unit is in need of the Auxiliary Emergency Fund, be sure to get the application from the website (and also be given at workshop) and follows the rules.

Until next month
Melanie Shambaugh

Child Welfare Foundation

Just as in years past, our CWF pig has lost a bunch of weight after the Department Convention. But we all know that pigs are suppose to be fat and sassy.

Most of you have a pig but if you don't, you can still put money aside to **FILL THE PIG!!**

I should have extra pigs to distribute at the Membership/Officers Training Workshop in September.

Beth Kilgore
Chairman



Constitution & Bylaws

Have you ever wondered about the role of a Parliamentarian?

A Parliamentarian must:

****BE IMPARTIAL** – The parliamentarian is much like an official in a game. She is to be impartial and make sure everyone plays by the rules. Similarly, as the official does not play the game, the parliamentarian does not exercise the same rights as a member. She does not make motions, debate, or vote, except by ballot.

****KNOW THE RULES** – Just as a referee must know the rules of the game, a parliamentarian must know the rules of the organization and of the parliamentary authority. As the size of the group increases, so must the depth of knowledge of the parliamentarian. A department parliamentarian must know and understand bylaws, standing rules, and parliamentary procedure much better than a unit parliamentarian.

****BE DESIGNATED BY PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENT** –The president appoints the parliamentarian for her knowledge and skills, not as an honor or special appointment for a friend. The parliamentarian should be someone reliable and trusted to provide accurate advice for everyone on both sides of an issue. The president and parliamentarian should have a good working relationship.

****ASSUME VARIED ROLES** – The parliamentarian has a variety of duties before and during meetings with members, committees, officers, and boards. The goal is for the business to be handled properly and smoothly.

****ATTEND TO DUTIES BEFORE A MEETING** – Review the agenda with the president to be familiar with the business and possible problems that may arise. Review the bylaws and standing rules of the organization. Work with any committee members who request assistance in preparing reports for the meeting.

****ATTEND TO DUTIES DURING A MEETING** – Preparatory work before the meeting should reduce the work necessary during the meeting. The parliamentarian should arrive early to counsel as needed. Have a copy of the governing documents at the meeting. Keep track of the motions to assist the presiding officer. Be as inconspicuous as possible. Provide advice when requested and communicate with the president tactfully and discreetly. Remain impartial and be prepared to cite references if needed. Be available after the meeting for further counsel.

More next month: the role of the Parliamentarian at Department Convention.
Excerpted from the ALA 2017-2022 Programs Action Plan.

Dede Kelly, Chairman

Linda Crumm, member

Debbie Fox, member

Constitution & Bylaws Committee

Education

I want to congratulate the new elected officers for the 2019-2020 year on the Unit, District and Department levels.

I thank Department President Sharon for my reappointment as chairman of the Education Committee. Holly Adams remains on the committee and we are joined by Nichole Shephard from Berkeley Springs. My thanks go out to Kelli Immel and Holly for their assistance on last year's program.

Cathy Post, Tyler County Unit #48 won the Janet Durbin plaque for the best Education report for units with 10 to 150 in membership. Shirley Davis, Ceredo-Kenova Unit #93, won the C. Virginia Beaty plaque for units with membership 151 and over. Shirley's report was forwarded to National for further competition. Pictures submitted by Cathy and Shirley were included in my Central Division report.

I urge units to plan ahead on activities on all programs but especially Education. Plan to submit copies of the scholarships to your schools. If you have a technical or trade schools nearby, the National Non-Traditional Scholarship should be shared with them. I encourage Units to keep in touch with the schools and remind your school counselors of the deadlines.

Now is the time to collect school supplies, it won't be long until schools are back in session. Plan to honor your school teachers and personnel during the coming year.

PLAN, EXECUTE and REPORT your efforts toward the Education Program.

Dianne McClung
Education Chairman

Community Service

I will be doing Community Service again this year. So please keep track of the things you do for your community .

Thanks
Peggy Swartz
Chairman



Junior Activities

Hi Ladies,

It was so great seeing everyone. Our Junior Convention was great. Thank you to all the juniors who attended: Unit 9-Kieara & Keisha....Unit 14-Cami..... Unit 16-Mary Grace & Izzy.....Unit 48-Rebecca & Tori and Unit 60-Casey & Charli. It was wonderful having you girls there.

We learned: How to run a meeting, the parts and meaning of our emblem, the 4 Great Principles of the American Legion Auxiliary and the duties of each office. We did some fun crafts: Made a prayer book for President Rhonda, painted rocks to hide at different places, painted t-shirts and decorated visors.

We went to Marshall's Café for lunch. It appeared that chicken tenders, fries and mac and cheese bites were the favorites. Lol

We held our installation in the afternoon. It was quite nice. The girls looked amazing in their white dresses. They were escorted by Legion and SAL members.

The new American Legion Auxiliary Department of WV Honorary Junior Officers are: President-Cami Gile #14

1st Vice-Kieara Bailey #9

2nd Vice-Charli Michael #60

Secretary- Tori Carter #48

Chaplain-Keisha Bailey #9

Historian-Rebecca Tenney #48

Sgt-at-Arms-Casey Michael #60

Thank you to PDP Debbie Fox for installing the girls and to Department Chaplain, Kelli Immel as the installing chaplain. And a special thanks to the Legion and SAL escorts.

Congratulations girls! I am proud of you and know you will do a good job for our Juniors 2019-2020. I will have more about convention awards in the next Spirit.

Please work on signing up those junior members. I will have ideas and info in the next spirit. Remember.....take pictures and document everything when you do it. It's much easier than to wait and try to remember what you did a month before. Contact me for anything you need.

Juniors are Such a Joy!
Junior Activities
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American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

Rhododendron Girls State

Thank you Madam President Sharon for the opportunity to serve as Girls State Chairman.

I know we just completed a very successful 77th Rhododendron Girls State session. A great time to use your citizens to report to your units, your contributing organization and to help with your upcoming Poppy Drive.

It is not too early to start working on next year's session. Please start to solicit businesses and secure funding from organizations as they are preparing next year's budgets.

I wish each of you a very successful year. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or your district representative.

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd
Girls State Chairman

2019 Girls State Governor

Katie Beth Caudill
Spring Valley High School
Huntington

2019 Girls State Senators

Katelyn Marie Aluise
Huntington High School

Maeve Kleia Leyden
Morgantown High School

Congratulations !!



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100 Years of Celebration 1919-2019



Hello Ladies
I want to "Thank"
Madam President

Sharon Kauffmann for allowing me to Chair this committee. I look forward to working with committee members Roxie Nicholson and Beth Kilgore. We will have more information and suggestions for the 100th Year Celebration.

Until next month be safe; God Bless.
Rhonda Best
ALA 100th Year Committee
Chairman

Past President's Parley

Hello Ladies,

I want to "Thank" Madam President Sharon Kauffmann for allowing me to be chairman for this year.

I look forward to working with everyone. I am sure it will be an awesome.

Until next month be safe. God Bless.
Rhonda Best
PPP Chairman

2019-2020 NEC

Hello Ladies,

I am honored and blessed to serve as your NEC Chairman for the year 2019-2020. I look forward to working with our Dept. President Sharon Kauffmann as well as with our Units and Districts.

I will have updates and new information for each of you in our next Spirit.

Until then Be Safe God Bless,
Rhonda Best
National Executive Committeewoman

Leadership

Leadership Toolbox

As we embark upon a new administration and are offered new opportunities to serve our Auxiliary, I am pleased to introduce you to our Leadership Toolbox.

We each have a number of amazing tools in our toolbox. Some are the same... some are different. I hope throughout the coming months we can learn more about how best to use the tools we have and perhaps what new tools we need to acquire to be the best leaders we can be. We must be willing and able to assess the situation objectively and with confidence.

It takes all kinds. It takes different tools to build, sustain, even repair certain aspects of our organization. Keep in mind that if the only tool you have is a hammer... everything looks like a nail. We need more. We have more. We can use more.

Rosemary M. Thomas
Leadership Chairman

Legislative

Let me start by saying Thank You President Sharon for this appointment.

Less than a month ago, a group of senators introduced a Senate resolution honoring The American Legion's 100th anniversary of serving veterans, their families, and communities. Four Senators introduced a resolution designating August 23 - 29 as "American Legion Week" to coincide with the American Legion's 100th convention in its home city of Indianapolis. Each of the four senators did a press release, all saying very wonderful things about the American Legion.

More can be found on the national American Legion web site.

Lisa Cadwallader
Legislative Chairman
Lisac.ALA71@gmail.com

Poppy

Hello Ladies;

I would like to thank Department President Sharon, for the appointment as Department Poppy Chairman. I have new ideas for this years Poppy Program.

Hope to see all Units represented at this years Fall Workshop at Hilton Garden Inn in Bridgeport.

I will have more information next month.

GOD BLESS AMERICA
Nancy Sundstrom
Poppy Chairman



Public Relations

Hello,

The new year has begun, but promoting the ALA and what it is about should be a constant and ever present duty for each of our members. Sometimes the smallest of actions are the most noticeable, simply by wearing an Auxiliary pin when out. This simple act could strike up a conversation with someone curious about what that pin is you're wearing. So each member should be prepared to talk a little something about what the ALA stands for and our importance to our veterans.

Each District, Unit and member should promote the branding of the American Legion Auxiliary whenever possible.

Congratulations to all the new department officers and President Sharon. Have a great 2019-2020 year.

God Bless,
Stephanie Handley
PR Chairman

National Security

I would like to thank President Sharon for giving me the opportunity to serve as her National Security Chairman for the 2019-2020 year.

I want to stress that you keep track of what you do for our Veterans and their Family.

The VA Hospitals will be starting to have Stand Downs during the coming months. If you are close call the Volunteer Service Department and ask if you can help in anyway.

Assist military spouses in getting and maintaining employment. Support the Families of active and non active military in any way you can. Take them to the store, to Doctor visits even offer to baby sit for them.

I know this is brief will have more next month In the meantime if you need my help with anything, please call me at 304-592-0247 or you can e-mail me at : carlajwifong@yahoo.com.

God Bless American and Our Veterans
Carla Wilfong
Chairman

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

I am so sorry I was not well enough to attend the recent Department Convention and visit with all my friends throughout the State.

It will be my privilege to have the opportunity to once again serve as the Department VA&R Chairman for the 2019-2020 year. I want to I thank President Sharon for the opportunity.

I do not know as yet what the priorities of the National Program will be this year; but our veterans are our number one priority, and we never take a "vacation" from them. Keep up your current veteran activities, and remember to keep your hours and to report them for the opportunity to earn service to veterans pins as well as keeping on volunteering at your local VAMC if you are near one.

Thank you again for your good thoughts and prayers during my recent hospital stay. It was much appreciated.

Mary Waybright
V A & R Chairman

Poppy Shop

At the Department Pre-Convention Executive Board meeting on Thursday July 11, 2019 the Board decided to close the Poppy Shop.

Poppies made by out of state will be sent to Department Headquarters. There is an increase for poppies and S & H for out of state.

Units may order poppy kits from Emblem Sales, and make poppies themselves. Units will need to let the Department Secretary know if they plan to order their kits, and how many so a record can be kept. They will still need to pay their 10% poppy proceeds as part of their mandatory funds.

If a unit wishes to purchase the poppies through the Department, then they will fill out the new 2019-2020 poppy form. Shipping & Handling will be added to their order. Department will mail out the Poppy Orders. Minimum order is 100 poppies.

There are approximately 750 poppies in Department made now, but 500 are going out to a unit that has an order for November.

We knew this was coming down eventually. I want to thank all who has helped make the poppies, poppy shop chairmen for your dedication.

A flyer will be handed out at the workshop, and will be on the Department website as soon as it is redesigned.

Paulette Anderson
Secretary/Treasurer



Scrapbook

It is not too late to start collecting items for your unit scrapbook. This is for the 2019-2020 year.

You may use any binder for the scrapbook. You should have the Auxiliary Emblem on the cover, and if so words "Scrapbook". If you don't want to put it on the cover, put it inside on the first page:

Somewhere Unit #000
Scrapbook 2019-2020
Mary West Chairman

Junior Scrapbook same criteria.
Make if fun, put items from conferences, membership drives, juniors, etc.

More next month
Melanie Shambaugh
Chairman

Congratulations to the June winners for 2019

Ways & Means Department Fundraiser for the first half of 2019 is as follows:

608 tickets sold

4 —\$200.00 winners

1—\$100.00 winner

84—\$25.00 winners

\$4,385.00 went into the Department General fund for the first half: 25%-\$1,096.25

Welfare Fund: 75%-\$3,288.75

We still have plenty of 2019 tickets left to sell. They are good up to December 31, 2019.

2019-2020 tickets will be available at the workshop to sign out for your unit.

Paulette
Susan



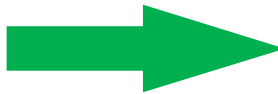
June Ways and Means Winners

<i>Name</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount</i>
ALA Capon Bridge #137	832	Capon Bridge	WV	6/1/19	\$25.00
	856			6/3/19	
	285			6/4/19	
	131			6/5/19	
Merri Roush	269	New Haven	WV	6/6/19	\$25.00
Stephen Wilson	040	Snow Camp	NC	6/7/19	\$25.00
	833			6/8/19	
	585			6/10/19	
Margy Toler	137	Moundsville	WV	6/11/19	\$25.00
Mary Wendel	922	Glen Dale	WV	6/12/19	\$25.00
Patsy Muse	486	Capon Bridge	WV	6/13/19	\$25.00
	626			6/14/19	
Joyce Wolfe	680	Martinsburg	WV	6/15/19	\$25.00
Irene Weber	184	Berkeley Springs	WV	6/17/19	\$25.00
	205			6/18/19	
Chantel Coby	333	Moorefield	WV	6/19/19	\$200.00
	848			6/20/19	
	610			6/21/19	
Debbie Braithwaite	518	Keyser	WV	6/22/19	\$25.00
Gina Perry	233	Keyser	WV	6/24/19	\$25.00
	974			6/25/19	
1st District ALA	538	Moundsville	WV	6/26/19	\$25.00
	469			6/27/19	
ALA Milton Unit #139	944	Milton	WV	6/28/19	\$25.00
	831			6/29/19	

Enhancing and Strengthening Our Membership Through Teamwork, Good Communication, and Our Mission

July 15th Target Sheet
Department Goal—9966 Membership to Date—5,499 (55.18 %)
Department Unit Goal—86 Membership to Date—77

District 1			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	26	25	96.15%
Moundsville #3	428	235	54.91%
McMechen #5	73	35	47.95%
Weirton #10	112	50	44.64%
Cameron #18	262	145	55.34%
New Martinsville #28	217	127	58.53%
Wellsburg #34	48	25	52.08%
Follansbee #45	65	40	61.54%
Benwood #46	131	73	55.73%
Pine Grove #81	112	84	75.00%
Paden City #86	178	94	52.81%
Wheeling #89	39	22	56.41%
Newell #114	57	30	52.63%
Hundred #120	115	48	41.74%
Chester #121	269	162	60.22%
TOTALS	2132	1187	55.68%



**Special Teams
Coach
Goal—4915
To Date—2747
55.89 %**

District 3			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	83	40	48.19%
Grafton #12	32	17	53.13%
Clarksburg #13	230	86	39.39%
Elkins #29	253	146	57.08%
Shinnston #31	412	255	61.89%
Braxton County #33	48	29	60.42%
Philippi #44	41	10	24.39%
Bridgeport #68	93	65	69.89%
Belington #96	43	16	37.21%
Pickens #122	41	22	53.66%
Jane Lew #166	65	31	47.69%
Morgantown #174	30	29	96.97%
TOTALS	1371	762	55.58%

District 5			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Huntington #16	347	167	48.13%
Logan #19	30	11	36.67%
St. Albans #73	65	30	46.15%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	489	282	57.67%
South Charleston #94	26	13	50.00%
Hamlin #111	99	47	47.47%
Milton #139	113	60	53.10%
Barboursville #177	243	141	58.02%
TOTALS	1412	751	53.19%

District 4			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	1080	540	50.00%
Spencer #21	98	39	39.80%
Pt. Pleasant #23	484	243	50.21%
Tyler County #48	33	33	100.00%
Sistersville #67	106	83	78.30%
New Haven #140	220	129	58.64%
Williamstown #159	215	128	59.53%
TOTALS	2236	1195	53.44%

**Membership
Chairman
Special Teams
Coach**



**Special Teams
Coach
Goal—4965
To Date 2675
53.88 %**

District 6			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Welch #8	100	57	57.00%
Bluefield #9	28	25	89.29%
Beckley #32	98	42	42.86%
Gary #38	159	74	46.54%
Cowen #62	62	26	41.94%
Lewisburg #69	100	41	41.00%
Richwood #97	50	22	44.00%
TOTALS	597	288	48.24%



District 10			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	151	92	60.93%
Franklin #30	19	15	78.95%
Piedmont #52	72	27	37.50%
Berkeley Springs #60	338	182	53.85%
Moorefield #64	136	97	71.32%
Charles Town #71	326	190	58.28%
Petersburg #78	126	73	57.94%
Romney #91	353	215	60.91%
Charles Town #102	45	27	60.00%
Paw Paw #128	68	34	50.00%
Kirby #134	71	40	56.34%
Ridgeley #136	136	80	58.82%
Capon Bridge #137	214	118	55.14%
Keyser #152	77	44	57.14%
TOTALS	2132	1234	57.88%

August 2019

Sun

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Sat

	<i>Program of Month National Convention Leadership</i>			1	2	3
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**2019 MEMBERSHIP/OFFICERS TRAINING WORKSHOP
HILTON GARDEN INN
606 EMILY DRIVE
CLARKSBURG WV**

**ROOM RATES \$94.00 + taxes PER NIGHT TOTAL \$106.22
BLOCK OF 20 DOUBLE QUEENS/KING SIZE ROOMS
4 ADA ROOMS FOR FRIDAY NIGHT.**

15 ROOMS + 4 ADA ROOMS AVAILABLE SATURDAY NIGHT

**MUST STATE YOU ARE WITH "AUX" TO GET THE ROOM RATE
NO OTHER DISCOUNTS MAY BE APPLIED TO GROUP RATES**

**RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE BY CALLING 304-326-9200
MUST HAVE A CREDIT CARD TO HOLD THE ROOM.
STATE WHETHER YOU ARE STAYING 2 NIGHTS (FRI. & SAT.)
OR JUST ONE NIGHT (FRI. OR SAT.)**

CHECK IN 3:00 PM CHECK OUT 12:00PM

**ANY LATE CHECKOUTS REQUESTS MUST BE APPROVED
AT FRONT DESK**

**INDIVIDUAL CANCELLATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 12:00 PM
48 HOURS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL**

CUT OFF DATE IS AUGUST 12, 2019

**YOU MAY STAY ANYWHERE YOU LIKE BUT THE WORKSHOP
AND EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING IS HELD AT THE
HILTON GARDEN INN.**

**TURN RIGHT AT LIGHT BY EAT & PARK
UP AROUND TURN**

Department Traveling Plaques**2019 Sign Out Sheet of Winners**

Americanism 1) Sally Arcuri (First Place) _____ Welch Unit #8 _____
2) June Harbert (Second Place) _____ Tyler County Unit #48 _____

Auxiliary Emergency Fund 3) Ruth Yoho (10-150) _____ To Be Given at Workshop _____
4) Carol Williams (151 and over) _____ To Be Given at Workshop _____

Chaplain 5) Patricia Moore (10-150) _____ Welch Unit #8 _____
6) Nina Mason (151 and over) _____ Charles Town Unit #71 _____

Children & Youth 7) Shirley Davis (First Place) _____ Moundsville Unit #3 _____
8) Irene Weber (Second Place) _____ Berkeley Springs Unit #60 _____

Community Service 9) Mary Ann Piatt(10-150) _____ Welch Unit #8 _____
10) Imogene Kirkland (151 and over) _____ Huntington Unit #16 _____

Education 11) Janet Durbin (10-150) _____ Tyler County Unit #48 _____
12) Virginia Beaty (151 and over) _____ Ceredo-Kenova Unit #93 _____

Field Service 13) Joyce Seamonds (10- 150) _____ Tyler County Unit #48 _____
14.) Paulette Anderson (151 and over) _____ No One _____

Girls State 14) Ann Buchanan (10-150) _____ Pine Grove Unit #81 _____
15) Lilliam Luttrell (151 and over) _____ Parkersburg Unit #15 _____
16) Betty Rea (Best Girls State Scrapbook) _____ No One _____

History 17) Janet Culp (10-150) _____ Braxton County Unit #33 _____
18) Roxie Nicholson (151 and over) _____ Huntington Unit #16 _____

Junior Activities 19) Betty Shumate (10-150) _____ Tyler County Unit #48 _____
20) Margaret Kercheval (151 and over) _____ Berkeley Springs Unit #60 _____

Honorary Junior President Kati Hart _____ Tammy Gile Martinsburg Unit #14 _____

Legislative 21) Lynda Lancaster (10-150) _____ Moorefield Unit #64 _____
22) Debbie Fox (151 and over) _____ Charles Town Unit #71 _____

Leadership 23) Marlene Bonar (10-150) _____ Moorefield Unit #64 _____
24) Marie Bailey (151 and over) _____ Huntington Unit #16 _____

Membership 25) Virginia Blake (Highest % by January 31st) _____ Tyler County Unit #48 _____
26) Katena Karnes (Most New Members 30 Days Before Convention) _____ Charles Town Unit #71 _____

Music 27) Ella Mae Short _____ Martinsburg Unit #14 _____

National Security 28) Wilma Mayfield (10-150) _____ Tyler County Unit #48 _____
29) Lisa Cadwallader (151 and over) _____ Parkersburg Unit #15 _____

Past Presidents Parley 30) Susan Brown(10-150) _____ No One _____
31) Norma Lee Clise (151 and over) _____ Berkeley Springs Unit #60 _____

Department Traveling Plaques 2019 Sign Out Sheets (Continued)

Timeless Award 32) Twyla Finley _____ Diane Teter Capon Bridge Unit #137 _____

Unit Member of the Year 33) Janice Gamerdinger __ Dawn Lutes Parkersburg Unit #15 _____

Poppy 34) Brady Stone (Highest % in Poppy Club) __ No One _____
35) Lorena Jennings (10-150) _____ Gary Unit #38 _____
36) Sharon Glassford (151 and over) _____ Parkersburg Unit #15 _____

Public Relations 37) Helen Kessler (10-150) __ Martinsburg Unit #14 _____
38) Dianne McClung (151 and over) __ Parkersburg Unit #15 _____

Unit President Award 39) Tallulah Simpson (10-150) _____ Amanda McKay Benwood Unit #46 _____
40) Jerri Ritenour (151 and over) _____ Ann Buchanan Huntington Unit #16 _____

V A & R 41) Betty Burton (10-150) __ Capon Bridge Unit #137 _____
42) Anna Jane Williams (151 and over) __ Huntington Unit #16 _____

Total Participation 43) Ina Polsinelli (10-150) _____ Moorefield Unit #64 _____
44) Jessica Payne (151 and over) _____ Parkersburg Unit #15 _____

Ways & Means Sold 608 _____ tickets 4 _____ \$200.00 winner 1 _____ \$100.00 winner 84 _____ \$25.00 winners

2019 CASH AWARDS

Scrapbook: Senior (10-150) _____ Bluefield Unit #9 _____
Senior (151 and over) _____ Shinnston Unit #31 _____
Junior _____ Berkeley Springs Unit #60 _____

Prayer Book: Senior (10-150) _____ Gary Unit #38 _____
Senior (151 and over) _____ No One _____

History Book: Senior (10-150) _____ No One _____
Senior (151 and over) _____ Huntington Unit #16 _____
Junior History _____ Berkeley Springs Unit #60 _____

Public Relations Book: Senior (10-150) _____ No One _____
Senior (151 and over) _____ Parkersburg Unit #15 _____

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TO AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY!!!

***THERE WILL BE A "BIRTHDAY" GIFT SILENT AUCTION
AT THE MEMBERSHIP/OFFICERS TRAINING WORKSHOP***

SEPTEMBER 14TH AT

HILTON GARDEN INN CLARKSBURG!!

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TO THE WORKSHOP***

MAKE IT PRETTY AND SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE!!

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LET'S CELEBRATE OUR 100 YEARS!!!

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