

The Auxiliary Spirit







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"Building Memories for Our Future American Legion Auxiliary while Loving Our Veterans Everyday"



American Legion Auxiliary 2019-2020 Department President



Yellow Rose Represents Friendship White Rose Represents Purity and Love

Hello Auxiliary Members,

It's been a busy month made it to all the Fall Conferences except for 4th District. Would like to thank 5th, 6th and 1st Districts for a wonderful time and great food. Thank you to the Districts who donated to my special project. I hope to see more units in the Spring Conferences. Thank you Cathy Post and Paulette for attending the 4th District Conference. Thank you Ann Buchanan, Beth Kilgore, and Rhonda Best for going to Camp Dawson with the Gold Star Mothers. Hopefully I can attend next year.

We are doing great in Membership we are at 2,286 (40%) with the target sheet. National sent this to me today: Central division 71,731 as of 10/16/2019. West Virginia as of that date was 2,246. I am thanking everyone for the improvement of Membership. We still have a lot of units with 0 paid we need to work on them.

Now I'm getting ready for my Homecoming on November 2nd. I still have some tickets if any one wants any. My Special project has started off good. I did start a fundraiser but I put on there to pay to Department ALA Headquarters do not pay on the site as I found out they take a big part of the money.

Remember to send in your Mid-Year reports. I'm very proud of all of you on your good work it only takes team work.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. And remember our Veterans on this up coming Holiday.

God Bless Department President Sharon Kauffman 304-582-2973 skauf01@yahoo.com



Department Officers 2019-2020

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1st District-Stephanie Handley 3rd District-Roxie Nicholson 4th District-Patricia Young-Greiner 5th District-JoAnn Hastings 6th District-Mary Spence 10th District-Bonnie Wilcox



Department Headquarters



Mission Statement

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

Mandatory Funds: are Bonding (\$5.00), Education (Scholarship), Girls State Project, Veterans' 1st Fund, (any amount your unit can afford) and Poppy Order, 10% of Poppy Proceeds.

If you would like to receive the Spirit by email, please let me know so I can put you on the email listing. If you want Mail Call by email, I will need that also. You can have both, but if you want just one or other, let me know.

Membership: National is once again honoring our "new" female veterans again this year. Please remember to put "Honor Our Female Veterans" at top of application. If a member is rejoining, I don't need an application sent in. You may want one for your records to make sure she is still eligible. If you do send one in, write either "rejoin" or her ID number on the application so she won't be listed as a new member in the system. Please don't send me the DD214. They are for the unit files only. Post Officer signature is all I need on application to verify the eligibility. All applications sent to the Department Office needs to be the original. Copies are for you to keep.

Directory Updates: page #9 address for Janice Gamerdinger PDP. Change c/o Broadmore Living to Elmcroft Assisted Living. Address still the same, just the name is different.

Page 14: Under Girls State Director: Change Michelle Sirbaugh to Rosemary Thomas, 200 Boundry Avenue, Elkins WV 26241 443-880-2246

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Page #27, Lewisburg Unit #69: Secretary address should be 385 Holt Lane.

All else the same.

2020 Workshop: It was put on the floor and passed at the Executive Board that there will be pre-registration for the Department Workshop. This is due to the cost of working up the booklets for workshop, and not know exactly how many to make.

Future Dates To Remember

Department President Sharon Kauffman Homecoming November 2nd. Flyer in this spirit

Gift Shops Dates

Huntington VA Gift Shop Set Up December 2nd Gift Shop December 3rd

Clarksburg VA Gift Shop Set Up December 5th Gift Shop December 6th

Martinsburg VA Gift Shop December 6th All Day December 7th until 1:00 pm

> Beckley VA Gift Shop December 9th 11:00am—2:00 pm

Midwinter Conference February 7th-8th Oglebay Resort & Conference Center All Forms in Spirit

Office Closed
Monday December 9th
Tuesday December 10th
Reopen Wednesday December 11th
This is due to National Calling
Secretaries and Finance Chairmen in
for Organizational Effectiveness
Training

ALA National Headquarters names
Kelly Circle Executive Director
Following a yearlong national search,
the American Legion Auxiliary is
pleased to announce Kelly Circle will
join the organization as the executive
director of ALA National Headquarters
on Nov. 12.

Department Headquarters

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ALAforveterans.org

Remember Our Friends

Cathy Post, Department 1st Vice President has been ill with a Bronchial Infection. She is on antibiotics now.
Cards may be sent to Cathy at:
Cathy Post
308 Main Street
Middlebourne WV 26149
Carla Wilfong, 3rd District President and Margaret Yost, Flag Alliance both had cataract on both eyes this month.
Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

"Honoring Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows"

Membership Chairman

Congratulations to the following 30 Units who made Target #2 of at least 35%: Unit 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 19, 21, 28, 29, 31, 33, 38, 46, 60, 68, 71, 78, 81, 86, 91, 102, 114, 137, 139, 140, and 152. Thank you for your hard work and getting memberships in a timely manner. Eight Units were so close. Hoping to add them to the list next month.

We have 7 Units that have not sent in any memberships. **PLEASE DO NOT HOLD MEMBERSHIP.** Remember, **ALL OFFICERS DUES** are due by November 1!!!

District Vices, please stay in touch with your Units as well as your Department Vice Presidents.

Please remember the Recruit 15 award. A drawing will be held in Department Headquarters in June. Information is in this month's Spirit. A great incentive ladies!!!

There will be a special drawing at the Mid-Winter Luncheon. More to come in next month's Spirit.

Ladies, thank you for all of your hard work and dedication. West Virginia can reach goal! Keep them coming in! If I can be of any assistance to you please feel free to contact me.

Renewal Drawing for \$50.00 to a senior member who has paid her 2020 membership dues by December 31st. This will also be held at the Membership Luncheon.

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd Membership Chairman



Department 1st Vice President

Hello my Auxiliary Sisters,

Here comes fall, I've been under the weather, hope everyone has their flu shot, it's gonna be a rough one this year. I've only be able to attend one conference this fall, so I'll catch the remainder in the Spring. Looks like they have been great. Looking forward to President Sharon's Homecoming in November, hope to see lots of support for this and her Special Project.

I am pleased to say that I have heard from two of the District Vice Presidents on membership. Good job ladies and thank you for your updates. District 3 still has three units without any membership paid and District 10 has one. We can do better than this girls, don't hang on to the dues, get those in as you get them. Officers should all be paid by November 1, 2019.

Many units are above the target of 35% this month and that's wonderful!! Keyser is still at the top with 91.11%, you gals are rockin it!

You have a great chance at your Poppy Drives for new members, make sure to have plenty of applications. When you take your Halloween Safety papers to the school, leave a few applications in the teachers breakroom.

Please make note of new membership changes for Great Granddaughters and Great Great Granddaughters.....that eliminates 2 generations.

See you soon in Martinsburg!! Thank a Veteran.

Service Not Self, Cathy D. Post 1st Vice President



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

Department 2nd Vice President

Hello Auxiliary Members,

Just like that the Fall Conferences are over. It was a blast to meet new faces and reconnect with the old faces. Thank you to Districts: 10, 3, 5, 6, & 1 for allowing your Department 2nd Vice be a part of your meeting. I would like to apologize to 4th District not getting to be at your meeting due to 3rd district was the same day.

We are doing great on membership! Please keep up the good work that everyone is doing. Everything you do matters to the Veterans, that's why we are here. The Korea side is neck to neck on the membership. Let's keep striving to reach goal and beat Cathy's side. It will be fun that our side wins but we should all work together as a team.

For 30% we had 25 units made target. For 35% we had 30 units made target, total of 55 units that made target. Give yourself a pat on your back. Next Target is 40% and Need that on November 15, 2019. I'm so proud of everyone please keep up the good job on membership. I was given the Korea side time to get our membership up. Need the District Vices to try and get those 0's up. We really need to work on them. I will start next month in November calling 1st, 4th, & 6th district vices to see how your doing on membership. Love you all keep doing your best!

Love Savanna Kauffman 2nd Vice President For God & County



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

1st District Vice President

1st District,

I want to thank Pine Grove Unit #81 for hosting 1st District Conference. It was a pleasure to be there and thank you for your hospitality. The conference ran smoothly.

To reiterate what Department 2nd Vice Savanna Kauffman talked about, we need to be vigilant on getting members whether new, renewing or rejoining. Keep working to reach your membership goal. National has given us 2 new opportunities to reach that goal by allowing a female veteran's spouse to join and by extending the years of eligibility. A couple units need to step up the efforts, but the majority are doing a great job with membership. Keep up the good work and just remember to submit your membership in as soon as possible. Do not hold onto them.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Service, Not Self Stephanie Handley 1st District Vice President

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3rd District President

I would like to thank President Sharon and Second Vice President Savanna for attending Third District Conference. I am sorry we did not have more Auxiliary members there, but there was everything going on that weekend.

I am happy to say that Membership is coming up, but we still have three with none. Come on Ladies we can do better than that. Do not hold your membership when it comes in send it in to Department.

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

I will not be traveling for the next month. I have had cataract surgery on both eyes during the month of October. Everything is going okay. Third District Secretary Margaret Yost also had cataract surgery on both eyes during October also. She is doing fine also.

God Bless America and God Bless our Veterans Carla Wilfong, Third District President

4th District Vice President

Greetings to Members of the 4th District

What a fantastic time to be a member of this great organization! Not only are we celebrating the 100th Birthday of the American Legion Auxiliary, all over the department of West Virginia membership drives are underway; District Conferences are being held; Units are holding community membership and poppy drives and we have lots to celebrate!

As of October 15th, our membership statistics are as follows: Spencer #21 is 67.50%; Parkersburg #15 is 54.38%; New Haven #140 is 36.36%; Williamstown #159 is 28.24%; Sistersville #67 is 34.38%; Tyler County #48 is 32.35%; and Pt. Pleasant #23 is 10.40%.

Now is the time to send out membership dues reminders. Remember to carry blank ALA Membership applications with you. Invite eligible friends and family to join today.

Our 2019 – 2020 Membership Theme is "Honoring Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows."

Every Day is Veterans Day! It only takes a moment to thank a Veteran.
Patsy Young-Greiner
4th District Vice President
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10th District Vice President

Hello 10th District,

I have spoken to 9 units out of 14. Everyone seems to have the same situation regarding membership. Renewals are staggering in, slowly but surely. Many are waiting to be notified before sending in dues. Encourage your members to get dues turned in!

Nice work ladies to Units Martinsburg #14, Berkeley Springs #60, Moorefield #64, Charles Town #71, Romney #91, Charles Town #102, and Capon Bridge #137.

10th District is doing some awesome activities to attract new members and getting members to pay their dues:
Martinsburg #14-a Legion Family renewal dinner; Moorefield #64-picnic for all paid up members; Charles Town #71-Quarter Auction & Raffle; Berkeley Springs #60-Purse
Bingo on Nov. 3rd; Romney #91- King of

Bingo on Nov. 3rd; Romney #91- King of Spades, and Capon Bridge #137-Queen of Hearts & Monday wing night, and so many other activities coming up. Keep me posted as to what you're doing so I can announce these activities.

Ticket sales for our 2020 ways & means fundraiser are going well. Please everyone, let's work hard to get all 1,000 tickets sold before January 1, 2020.

Bonnie Wilcox 10th District Vice President 304-671-5385 bonita.f.wilcox@gmail.com

Received 250 extra copies of the "Special Centennial Issue" of the Auxiliary Magazine to pass them out to anyone who would like to put them in their community, post, organizations you belong to.

The problem is don't know how to get them to you. I will have 50 at Department Sharon's Homecoming to give out. If you wish to pick up copies, and you are there, I will have them in the vehicle. I will also have some membership applications. The others will be at Midwinter to hand out.

If you are in the area of the Headquarters office, you can stop by pick some up.

POPPY

I would like for all units to sponsor a Poppy contest in in your local schools. The contest will have seven classes:

Class 1: Grades 2 and 3

Class 2: Grades 4 and 5

Class 3 Grades 6 and 7

Class 4: Grades 8 and 9

Class 5: Grades 10 and 11

Class 6: Grade 12

Class 7: Students with special needs defined as: Those in special education classes; A student recommended for special education but who has not been admitted due to a waiting list or due to lack of facilities, identification contingent upon discretion of school officials.

Poster Requirements:

- 1: Each poster shall have a fitting slogan not to exceed 10 words. Words "a", "and", "an", "the" are not to be counted as words. The words "buddy' and "buy" cannot be used.
- 2: The words "American Legion Auxiliary" must be used in the design of the poster and will not be counted in the 10-word count.
 - 3: Each poster must include a picture of the red Flanders Field poppy.
- 4: The closing date of the unit contest is January 1, 2016. The poster shall be on 11 x 14 poster board, drawing paper will not be accepted.
 - 5: The United States flag may be used as long as there are no infractions of the flag code.
- 6: Media used shall be watercolors, crayons, powder or oil paint, handmade paper cutouts, ink or textures, acrylics, pencils and markers,
- 7: Written in ink on the back of the poster shall be the class in which the entry is submitted, the name, address, age and grade of the contestant and the name of the department.
- 8: Submissions become property of the American Legion Auxiliary and the contestant grant legal rights to have their poster published for commercial use.
 - 9: The poster must be the work of only one individual.
 - 10: The label "In Memoriam" from the veteran made poppy may not be used.
 - 11: When the Holy Cross is used, the Star of David also shall be used.

Please bring these poster to Mid-Winter in February to be judged so the winners can be sent on to National.

5th District President

Membership is beginning to come in and I want to thank you for turning it in so promptly. Give those members a call that you haven't heard from and gently remind them their dues are due. Here are a few suggestions to engage current members for retention:

- Develop and offer easy and fun service projects that members can do in a day, half day, etc.
- Offer flexible opportunities for members to participate. Members don't need to attend meetings to contribute. Give them a task with clear expectations that suits their schedules, skills and abilities.
- Create and use personal renewal notices that list accomplishments of the past year and show
- member the value of her membership.
- Encourage all members to practice the Golden Rule to foster harmony and diversity.
- Make personal contact via all methods both traditional and through newly expanding technology.
- Be aware of your audience and embrace their differences (age, ethnicity, etc.) as an opportunity to more effectively reach all eligible members and others who wish to volunteer.
- Encourage focus on the mission and honoring the service of our eligibility.

I am here for each of you so just give me a call at 304-654-7750. I am just a phone call away if I can help you in any way!!

Beth Kilgore 5th District President

5th District Vice President

Hello Ladies

First off we need to work on membership. Some units are doing well and some units still need some help. We need to work on this issue. We can do phone calls and ask them if they need help because we sure do need their help. The veterans need them. Our Goal in the district is 56% more, so please let's meet it.

Thank you JoAnn Hastings Fifth Distinct V.P.

6th District President

Hello Everyone

We are finely getting some rain here in our area which I'm sure is needed all over the state. The only thing we will start having is cold weather.

Well that is said and done. Sixth District had a good turn out for our District meeting on the 12th of October, we had members from four of our Units, Welch, Bluefield, Beckley and Gary. Sorry no one from Cowan, Lewisburg or Richwood would be with us, maybe next time they will be able to attend. We had our Department President Sharon, Department 2nd Vice Savanna, each gave us some information on their projects, we also had our Department Secretary with us and she really gave us a lot of information on what is happening at the National and State. Thanks Paulette for the good information.

I have asked the Units to please send me information to put into the Spirit each month.

It is time that Mandatory Funds needs to be paid, sure all Units are working on this. I hope everyone is working on membership. Ladies lets try and be a goal District this year.

I want to take the time and wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

So until next time lets keep everyone in our prayers, and God Bless Each and Everyone.

Thank you Peggy Swartz, President Sixth District

6th District Vice President

Hello Ladies:

We are in Target 2 for October. By October 15 we should have collected 35% of our Auxiliary dues. I would encourage each unit membership chairman to monitor and contact those members who have not yet paid their dues for 2020. As a reminder by December 15 we will be in Target 4 with a membership collection target of 50%.

Over the next few months we will be celebrating Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. This will be a very exciting and busy time for us; so therefore, I urge you to do as much as possible to collect outstanding dues during October.

Want to wish all of you a warm and happy Autumn wishes.

"One Nation Under God" Mary E. Spence District 6 Vice President

10th District President

Hello to all in the 10th District,

I must apologize to you for not mentioning our Fall Conference in the last Spirit. With our conference being before Fall Boards, I completely forgot about it and only reported about Fall Boards. I will rectify that now.

With 30 members from 7 units attending, we had a wonderful conference at Charles Town #71 on September 7, 2019. I would like to thank my District Officers for a job well done. Also thanks to our Department President, Sharon and our Department 2nd Vice President, Savanna for being with us.

Our topic of instruction was "Let's Learn All We Can Today About The ALA". Folders were given to all members with examples of several things that sometimes intimidate our members. Such as: writing a narrative, how to determine newspaper inches, how to compile a Mid-year report, how to total hours, etc. If any of the units that were not there would like any of this info, just let me know and I will send it to you. Thank you to Charles Town Unit 71 for your warm hospitality.

With the changes that came from National, it is time to update your unit's Constitution & Bylaws and Standing Rules. I am asking that all units in the 10th District update and have their Constitution, Bylaws & Standing Rules filed with the Department during this year.

We are also making some changes in our District Bylaws & Standing Rules. Please review them and send any proposals to our District Constitution/Bylaws & Standing Rules Committee.

Let's all work hard for our ALA programs. Please encourage your committee chairmen to plan events for these programs. I hope all units in this district are planning a 100 Year Birthday Celebration! Let us know what you are planning.

Please plan to attend our Department President Sharon's Homecoming on November 2nd. Hope to see many of you there.

Hugs! 10th District President Debbie Michael <u>katndebbie@gmail.com</u> 304-258-2705 If you know of an American Legion family that needs a card, please let me know. My email address is: mkjennings@frontier.com.

Faith is what moves mountains. Even faith as small as a mustard seed can uproot a mulberry tree and not just displace it-but plant it in the sea! "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1)

Go to God if you need more faith. He'll give you as much as you need.

For God and Country Mary Jennings Chaplain



Historian

History is the study of past and future events. People know what happened in the past by looking at things from the past including sources (like books, newspapers, and letters) and artifacts.

Years from now, as we celebrate our continued existence as an organization, it is helpful to look back on our past to see what we have done to celebrate. That is why it is important to keep a record of what your unit is doing. I suggest keeping a notebook and making notes of everything your unit is doing, as you go. When it is time to submit a Mid-year report, you have all the information in front of you and won't have to rely on your memory. Remember everything you do is history!

Beth Kilgore, Historian



Americanism is a vital part of our organization. There are so many programs that we can utilize. I know we all do something that shows our true Patriotism.

Our Central Division Department Americanism Chairman is our own Lynda Lancaster-Loyd. She has sent me some info on the es-

ism Chairman is our own Lynda Lancaster-Loyd. She has sent me some info on the essay contest from National Americanism Chairman, Denise Conrad. A question has come up about the 3rd and 4th grade category as to how to instruct those students.

- Collections of food and clothing items for the VA's or nursing homes and how they would execute these initiatives.
- Reading to Veterans
- Visiting neighborhood veterans who are lonely
- Walking their dogs
- Friending military kids at school
- Anything that they think will make a difference in the life of a veteran or military family
- Sending Thank You notes to Veterans or those serving now to let them know how much we appreciate all they do to keep us safe and free.
- Think outside the box
- Encourage them to come up with their own ideas. There are no right or wrong answers.

I hope this helps!

Fly Our Flag Proudly For God and Country

Susan Wade Americanism Chairman

Resolution 1 was adopted by the Legion NEC on Oct. 16 which amends the Preamble wording from "the Great Wars" to "all wars." The American Legion Auxiliary needs to follow and amend our Preamble. This takes effect immediately and automatically. Please inform your department and units. We were not aware this was being proposedsorry about the no warning.

Linda Boone I National Secretary American Legion Auxiliary National I would like to remind all chairmen the Star-Spangled Kids program has been moved to the Americanism umbrella.

Continue to work on this very worth-while program but it will now be reported under Americanism. With the holidays fast approaching and all the different activities being conducted for the children and youth of your community, now is a good time to organize your activities so when you send me a mid-year report, it will be easier for you to let me know what your unit is doing.

While your unit is conducting the Children & Youth activities, be on the lookout for children that would qualify for the Good Deed or Youth Hero Award. Many times, the children themselves downplay the importance they played in a deed or action. These must and should be rewarded not only for the child themselves but for other children around them. Children learn by example and what better way than to see a peer being rewarded for displaying good judgment and sound thinking. Forms can be found on the ALA website or just give me a call, 304-654-7750.

Beth Kilgore Chairman

DON'T FORGET TO
USE THE NEW
MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION
THAT WAS SENT
TO YOU

ALL OTHERS BEFORE ARE VOIDED

Child Welfare Foundation

Not all American children grow up inside the comfortable definition of normal childhood development. For thousands, each day is a challenge marked by pain, prayer and perseverance. Many of these youngsters require specialized care.

To overcome their obstacles, they need help from you and the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

I hope all Units and Districts have their piggy banks and are busy filling and refilling them. You don't need a piggy bank to be saving money for CWF. Any container will work as a "piggy bank". Drop your loose change in it everyday. You will be surprised how fast it will add up. The American Legion takes care of the overhead expenses for the CWF so 100% of your contribution goes to programs to assist kids who are in need of specialized care due to many diseases that presents challenges in their lives.

Please wrap your change when you turn it in, or put in the unit account and write a check to Department Treasurer, ALA. Department Headquarters has no coin machine available and has to roll them herself.

Thank you for all you are doing. Beth Kilgore Children & Youth

Chairman



Poppy

This month we will be honoring all Veterans on Veterans Day -November 11th.

This will be a prefect time to use the Poppy. You can also hand them out if you are in a parade. Take pictures of use of the poppy. I would like to see a scrapbook on how your unit used poppies if your Chairman is making one.

Start now thinking and preparing your Poppy Project Picture for Mid-Winter Conference to be judged.

Two things I would like for you to do this month.

- 1. Honor Veterans, shake their hand, give them a hug and tell them how much you appreciated their service.
- 2. Use the Poppy in some form this coming month

Reminder don't forget to do your Unit Poppy Report for Med-Year Report. I already received Huntington Unit #16, Chairman's report. Each Unit Poppy Chairmen is required to submit a narrative report by December 15,2019 to the Department Poppy Chairman:

Nancy Sundstrom 1307 23rd Street Parkersburg, W.V. 26101 any questions call me at 304-422-1263 or email me at nancy.sundstrom15@yahoo.com

Wishing everyone a happy and safe Halloween.

GOD BLESS ALL Nancy Sundstrom Dept. Poppy Chairman



National Executive Committeewoman

Hello Ladies,

The following question was asked Regarding the National Executive Committee Person. If the NEC was to become an elected position, could this be limited to Past Dept. Presidents only? The answer from National for this is "NO". You cannot limit the NEC to Past Dept. Presidents. It is any member's right to run for any Office they are interested in holding. Please keep for future references.

A Membership Eligibility Clarification was sent from National this week. It is for Great and Great-Great Granddaughters. They are no longer eligible to become a member in the American Legion Auxiliary. Great Granddaughter, Great-Great Granddaughter and Direct Descendent will no longer be available for selection on the relationship tab in ALAMIS. "In order to align with IRS Regulations, the most distant allowable will be Granddaughter." Current members whose eligibility relationship is Great Granddaughter, Great-Great Granddaughter or Direct Descendent can continue being a member as long as their dues are kept current. Any questions/concerns please contact me by phone or email.

God Bless and Be Safe! Rhonda Best, NEC

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

I hope many units are involved in collecting items for our Comfort Item Drive and are busy with programs to assist our veterans. Something you might consider if you have some older members would be to do holiday cards for our overseas veterans, veterans in Walter Reed Hospital or your nursing homes and hospitals housing veterans near you. Of course the ones going overseas need to go out approximately 6 weeks early in order to get overseas for the holidays.

Don't forget Veterans Day coming soon. Get involved with your Post or community activities to remember our veterans now serving or who have served or given all.

With Fall finally arriving don't forget our homeless veterans or homeless shelters that house veterans in your area. Check with the shelters to find out their needs for veterans both male and female.

Mary Waybright VA&R

Public Relations

Ladies of WV,

Public Relations is the duty of each Auxiliary member. We all need to put our best face forward and let people know who we are and what we do. As you should all know that we are celebrating our 100th year and is a main focus this year. Tell everyone how you and your unit are celebrating this great accomplishment, but Public Relations doesn't stop or begin with this celebration. It is an ongoing project that we must continue to build and work on every day. So get out there and show everyone your smiling face and let them know about the American Legion Auxiliary.

God Bless

Stephanie Handley

Public Relations Chairperson

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I recently received a legislative letter from US Senator Joe Manchin and he was discussing the homeless children in West Virginia. He reported that "Education is an essential part of our children's lives. All of our students are expected to meet the same challenging state academic achievement standards, but a student's environment outside of school has a profound impact on their ability to learn and achieve in the classroom."

Senator Manchin reported more than 10,000 WV public school students are homeless. The national average graduation rate for homeless students was 64% in the 2016-7 school year. Eight-four per cent are more likely to drop out of school than their housed peers, according to a February 2019 report from School House Connection, a national non-profit organization working to overcome homelessness through education.

Are you aware of homeless children in your school system? "Even one child without a place to call home is one too many." Do you attend your Board of Education meetings? Are you making plans to attend holiday events at your schools? Is there anything you and/or your Unit can do to help—homeless and/or all schoolchildren?

Dianne McClung Education Chairman

All scholarships, which includes National and Department will be on the Department Website Monday to download.

Happy Halloween!

It's that time of year to include your Juniors in your activities. They can help with Halloween at your post. Let them help decorate and make cards to hand out along with the candy. Don't forget our Veterans like candy and cards.

Veterans Day is a great day for our Juniors to show their respect by helping with your post Veteran's Day ceremony. Have them hand out programs or just welcome and thank the Veterans.

Remember our project "Donate and Share". Please encourage your Juniors and all members to donate things they don't want or need to someone who could use them. Please give your Juniors credit for the donations and document it for their reports. And most of all SHARE your time and smiles. This project doesn't cost us...it's free and can help so many people.

Please write down everything that your Juniors have done and are doing to use for your Mid-year Report. Documenting everything you do, as you do it, makes doing these reports so much easier.

Some Juniors are working on earning their patches. When they have completed the criteria for them, please send me the completed forms, so I can order the patches. You have lots of time to keep working on them as I will not be giving them out until Mid-winter.

Sign up those Junior members even if they are not going to be active. Membership into our organization is the first step to having active members. It will come in time. The future of the American Legion Auxiliary is with these girls. Let's teach them early so they will be prepared when it is their time to assume the duties of officers.

If I can help you, please let me know.

Juniors~~Such a Joy! Junior Activities Debbie Michael <u>katndebbie@gmail.com</u> 304-258-2705 I have been following the articles sent out by Central Division National Security Chairman: The following are the quick tips sent out for National Security:

- 1. Let the Chairman know if you have any military families or businesses that should receive a Blue Star or Gold Star Banner.
- 2. Provide support on a spouse to spouse or family to family basis.
- 3. Refer service members with financial assistance needs to the American Red Cross Armed Forces call center at 1-877-272-7337.
- 4. Complete a Community Emergency Response Training Course.
- 5. Donate Blood.
- 6. Host a POW/M ceremony commemorated annually on the 3rd Friday in September.

I will try to have more information for you next month.

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

Service to Others not self. Carla Wilfong National Security

Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Fellow Auxiliary Members,

I thoroughly enjoyed seeing all of you that made it to Fall Workshop. It was a great time of learning and having fun together. I hope all of you that weren't able to make it have received the paperwork I left for your Unit Chairman by now.

Remember that any auxiliary member is eligible for assistance as long as they have been a member for three years (with current year dues as well as dues for the previous two years paid). Up to \$2400 may be disbursed as determined by the grant committee for each claim and all information on the application is confidential. No information will be released or disclosed to any other organization.

If I can be of assistance to you or your Unit in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Blessings, Melanie Shambaugh AEF Chairman sham4wv@aol.com



100 Years of Celebration 1919-2019



I know every unit is deep into their 100th Anniversary celebrations. There are

many things your Unit can do to celebrate your existence. One thing you may do is to have your Mayor or Town Council declare the anniversary of the day you became a unit as AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY CENTENIAL DAY. Frame the Proclamation and keep near your other unit documents.

We will have a display from the units at the Mid-Winter Conference. Start thinking about your display how you want to reflect the time your unit has been in existence during the last 100 years.

Last month, Roxie gave us a few suggestions I would like to reiterate.

- **Start with a picture of your charter
- **Pictures of your Past Presidents
- **A picture and short bio of your oldest member
- **your longest member
- **your oldest may not have been a member as long as someone else
- **Include some of your history, but remember you are making history. And we will make history all year long, so keep track of everything you do.

Have fun with your board and let your imagination go wild, you don't know what you'll come up with. If someone in your unit is artistic, give them free reign. Get everyone's input and take all suggestions seriously.

Beth Kilgore, Committee Member



Leadership

"There is great satisfaction in building good tools for others to use" is a quote attributed to one Freeman Dyson... world renown physicist and mathematician. How true it is that we are given an opportunity to build tools for others to use as they grow as members and leaders of our organization. This is much of what we do on a regular basis through the Girls State program. That's a tool... perhaps a lot of tools.

We do this every month at our meetings, at our district meetings, at our annual meetings and conventions. These are tools!

Many of us built tools last month when we assembled folders for our Units filled with plans of work and information about programs we support and promote. This is a valuable tool we must always have in our tool boxes... that tool is IN-FORMATION!

I urge you to make sure you share information in various ways. You may be an email person but you know someone with whom you're working prefers a hard copy delivered to her mailbox. You may be all about social media but consider someone else may prefer a text message or a phone call.

Information is a POWERFUL tool but one we cannot and should not misuse by hoarding or controlling in a negative way. Share information in ways it can be helpful for others. Explain information to emerging leaders and offer information to current leaders that you think might be helpful along the way.

If we all get satisfaction out of building tools for others to use... we won't be concerned about who gets the credit. If we take time to share INFORMATION as a "good tool" then there is no limit to how well we can equip ourselves, our units, our members to be great leaders.

Rosemary M. Thomas, Ed.D. Chairman

Legislative

We are still in the 116th Congress and continuing to work on the three topics below. After the first of the new year we will move into the 117th Congress and the Legion's Legislative Agenda could be updated and released.

*The first one is H.R. 367 Pay our Coast Guard Parity Act.

*The second item on the agenda is S.1555 IMPROVE Transition for Service Members Act.

*The third item is S. 622 Military Widow's Tax Elimination Act of 2019. This has passed and the focus should now be on HR553. H.R. 553 Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act. You can see which Senators sponsored or Cosponsors by going to Congress.gov and looking up the bill.

Let Congress know how you feel and that they should do their utmost for our veterans, active-duty and their families.

Please share the information with members, write letters to congress and make calls. Remember to keep track of who your wrote or called for what and who responded, you will want this come report time.

For God & Country, Lisa Cadwallader LisaC.ALA71@Gmail.com

Past President's Parley

Hello Ladies,

If you have not started a Past Presidents' Parley in your unit, then begin work on it now. This group can become an essential part of the unit due to all of the knowledge and experience each of you obtained throughout your years of holding various offices including Unit President.

When beginning your journey as a mentor keep in mind the following quote: "The Delicate Balance of Mentoring Someone is Not Creating Them In Your Own Image, But Giving Them The Opportunity to Create Themselves". (Author: Steven Spielberg)

Reminder Be thinking of that unit member which always goes above and beyond, who is always ready when needed, and always thinks of others first. Until in Morning God Bless and Be Safe!! Rhonda Best PPP Chair Person



American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

Rhododendron Girls State

Happy Fall Y'all,

Please if you haven't already started to please start to secure funding for your citizens registration fee for the 2020 Girls State Session. If you haven't, start now by contacting your local businesses, banks and outside organizations.

Once again, the cost of registration is \$250 per girl and this cost includes the parade t-shirt.

The upcoming dates for the 2020 ALA Girls State Session will be Sunday, June 14, 2020 thru Friday, June 19, 2020 at Davis & Elkins College, Elkins, WV.

Please use your Girls State District Representative or if I can be of any assistance please feel free to contact me.

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd Girls State Chairman





1st Dist. — Susan Brown 2172 Grandview Rd. Moundsville WV 26041

304-845-5122

3rd Dist. — Mary Jo Thomas 279 Rock Lake Road Fairmont WV 26554 304-366-2912

4th Dist. — Nancy Sundstrom 1307 23rd Street Parkersburg WV 26101 304-422-1263

5th Dist.— Beth Kilgore 1562 Holderby Road Huntington WV 25701 304-654-7750

6th Dist. — Peggy Swartz P O Box 124 Gary WV 24836 304-448-2394

10th Dist.— Lynda Lancaster-Loyd PO Box 1037 Ranson WV 25438 304-676-3979 Congratulations to the September winners!

2020 Ways & Means Tickets were taken to Fall Conferences I attended, or mailed to units. Sorry to say not many units took tickets to sell.

There are 24 envelopes of 10 tickets to mail to units. I will be mailing out more this week. PLEASE try to sell them and send back with stubs/money by December 31st to be eligible for the January 1, 2020 drawing.

I do have loose tickets available also if you want a certain number and it is here in the office.

Remember the challenge: each unit sells 10 tickets, a gift from me personally to the unit who sells the MOST tickets, and to the district who sells the MOST tickets.

Paulette Susan





September Ways and Means Winners

Name	Number	City	State	Date	Amount
Savanna Kauffman	169	Martinsburg	wv	9/2/19	\$25.00
ALA Shinnston #31	315	Shinnston	WV	9/3/19	\$25.00
	877			9/4/19	
Sharon Armentrout	733	Webster Springs	WV	9/5/19	\$25.00
Stacey Hardwood	375	Moorefield	WV	9/6/19	\$25.00
Cindy Cunningham	455	Cameron	WV	9/7/19	\$25.00
George White	855	Belington	WV	9/9/19	\$25.00
	262			9/10/19	
Sue McCoy	104	Augusta	WV	9/11/19	\$25.00
Chuck Pearce Jr.	286	Gore	VA	9/12/19	\$25.00
Bryon Hale	659	Bluefield	WV	9/13/19	\$25.00
Jaclyn Morgan	695	Rochester	NY	9/14/19	\$25.00
	612			9/16/19	
Butch & Kim Mongold	449	Rio	WV	9/17/19	\$25.00
Merri Roush	269	New Haven	WV	9/18/19	\$200.00
Annalyn Pike	399	Welch	WV	9/19/19	\$25.00
	424			9/20/19	
	702			9/21/19	
	811			9/23/19	
ALA Roane County #21	683	Spencer	WV	9/24/19	\$25.00
	330			9/25/19	
	909			9/26/19	
Kitty Kelly-Smoot	529	Huntington	wv	9/27/19	\$25.00
Betty Lou Chambers	960	Cameron	wv	9/28/19	\$25.00
Lynette Buckley	508	Romney	wv	9/30/19	\$25.00



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



Membership Target Sheet October 15th Target #2—35% Department Goal—5616

Membership To Date: 2,286 (40.71 %) Unit #200 Goal— 80 To Date: 61



Savanna

District 1			
Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	26	16	61.54%
Moundsville #3	242	91	37.60%
McMechen #5	36	22	61.11%
Weirton #10	52		
Cameron #18	148	49	33.11%
New Martinsville #28	130	73	59.23%
Wellsburg #34	26	6	23.08%
Follansbee #45	41	11	26.83%
Benwood #46	75	48	64.00%
Pine Grove #81	87	32	36.78%
Paden City #86	97	59	60.82%
Wheeling #89	23	2	8.70%
Newell #114	31	18	58.06%
Hundred #120	50	17	34.00%
Chester #121	166	34	20.48%
TOTALS	1230	478	38.86%

District 4			
Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	548	298	54.38%
Spencer #21	40	27	67.50%
Pt. Pleasant #23	250	26	10.40%
Tyler County #48	34	11	32.35%
Sistersville #67	86	30	34.88%
New Haven #140	132	48	36.36%
Williamstown #159	131	37	28.24%
TOTALS	1221	477	39.07%

District 6			
Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
Welch #8	59	37	62.71%
Bluefield #9	26	20	76.92%
Beckley #32	43	13	30.23%
Gary #38	76	60	78.95%
Cowen #62	27	9	33.33%
Lewisburg #69	42	1	2.38%
Richwood #97	23		
TOTALS	296	140	47.30%

WWII/ Merchant Marines Era 40's Fashion Jitterbug Dance

Goal 2789 To Date: 1,130 (40.52 %)

Membership Chairman "Rosie the Riveter"

Cathy

District 3			
Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	41	29	70.73%
Clarksburg #13	89	7	7.87%
Elkins #29	149	62	41.61%
Shinnston #31	262	166	63.36%
Braxton County #33	30	25	83.33%
Bridgeport #68	67	27	40.30%
Belington #96	17		
Pickens #122	23		
Jane Lew #166	32		
Morgantown #174	30	3	1.00%
TOTALS	740	319	43.11%

District 5			
Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
Huntington #16	171	92	53.80%
₋ogan #19	17	6	35.29%
St. Albans #73	31	6	19.35%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	290	81	27.93%
South Charleston #94	15	1	7.14%
Hamlin #111	49	8	16.33%
Milton #139	62	37	59.68%
Barboursville #177	144	23	15.97%
TOTALS	779	254	32.61%

Korea Era 50's Fashion Cha-Cha



(39.86 %)

To Date: 1,095

District 10			
Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	95	65	68.42%
Franklin #30	16		
Piedmont #52	28		
Berkeley Springs #60	187	87	46.52%
Moorefield #64	100	33	33.00%
Charles Town #71	195	84	43.08%
Petersburg #78	75	27	36.00%
Romney #91	221	83	37.56%
Charles Town #102	28	13	46.43%
Paw Paw #128	35	10	28.57%
Kirby #134	41	16	34.15%
Ridgeley #136	83	21	25.30%
Capon Bridge #137	121	77	63.64%
Keyser #152	45	41	91.11%
TOTALS	1270	557	43.86%
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November 2019

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24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	29	30



2019-2020 Department President Sharon Kauffman



Saturday, November 2, 2019

Martinsburg Moose
201 Woodbury Ave.

Martinsburg, WV 25404

Lodging Special Rate: \$104.00 plus tax

Must book by 10/15/19

20 rooms have been reserved under American Legion Auxilary.

Holiday Inn 301 Foxcroft Ave. Martinsburg, WV 25401 304-267-5500 TICKETS \$20.00 PER PERSON

Social Hour 5-6pm
Dinner & Program 6-8pm
Karaoke to Follow
Dinner: Fried Chicken, Pork
Tenderloin, Mash Potatoes,

Dessert

Corn, Green Beans, Salad, &

CONTACT SHARON

@ 304-582-2973 for tickets

2020 AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION RESERVATION INVOICE

AUGUST 28 - SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN 280 WEST JEFFERSON STREET LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40202

NAME(S) OF ATTENDEE(S)

ADDRESS: PHONE:

E-MAIL:

King/Doubles (\$133 per night plus 16.07 % hotel tax)

Parking rate per day---Self parking \$17 / Valet parking \$32

PLEASE MAIL PAYMENT BY MAY 1, 2020

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ARRIVAL DATE TO HOTEL		
DEPARTURE DATE FROM HOTEL		
KING OR DOUBLE		
	Qu	anity Amount
ONE NIGHT'S ROOM DEPOSIT @	\$154.37	\$0.00
ADDITIONAL OCCUPANT IN ROOM PER DAY - FLAT RAT	E (1-4 PERSONS) \$0.00	\$0.00
REGISTRATION FEE @	\$25.00	\$0.00
NATIONAL COMMANDER'S BANQUET @	\$50.00	\$0.00
SOUTHERN BLOC BREAKFAST @	\$40.00	\$0.00
HOSPITALITY ROOM FEE @	\$25.00	\$0.00
NATIONAL CONVENTION SHIRT@ Name:	Size: \$25.00	\$0.00
TOTAL		\$0.00

FIRST NIGHT'S DEPOSIT REQUIRED.

WE WILL BILL YOU FOR OTHER CHARGES

PLEASE ORDER YOU NATIONAL CONVENTION SHIRT ON THIS FORM

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE AND MAIL TO:

Total \$0.00

THE AMERICAN LEGION PO BOX 3191 CHARLESTON WV 25332

If you have any questions, please contact Department Headquarters at 1-888-534-4667

First Night Deposit Required

PLEASE RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE"

THANK YOU

*You will not be charged for the Delegate fee. If you are not elected as a delegate at your District Convention or on the floor at the State Convention,

Department Headquarters will bill you for the \$25.00 registration fee after State Convention.

CANCELLATION MUST BE 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE TO RECEIVE REFUND

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE 39TH ANNUAL MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 7-8, 2020

OGLEBAY RESORT AND CONFERENCE CENTER WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

ADVANCED REGISTRATION - \$25.00 AT DOOR REGISTRATION - \$30.00

RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

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DEADLINE DATE: JANUARY 31, 2020

CHARLESTON WV 25332

PO BOX 3191

39TH Annual Mid-Winter Conference 2020 ADVERTISING FORM

The American Legion Department of West Virginia, Inc.

I hereby authorize the following advertisement to be placed in the official program of the 39th Annual Mid-Winter Conference of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia, Inc., scheduled February 7-8, 2020, at Olgebay Resort and Conference Center, Wheeling, West Virginia. Date: , 2019/2020 Name of Post/Unit/SAL Please specify exactly how your ad should read. Only the information you supply will be published. An attached copy of your ad is very helpful. Be sure to state if Legion, Auxiliary, or SAL Emblem is requested. Ad should read as follows: Authorized Signature: *********************** Price List: **Full Page** \$100 Full Page (Color) \$160 Half Page Half Page (Color) \$100 \$60 **Quarter Page (Color) \$70 Quarter Page \$35** Eighth Page \$25 Eighth Page (Color) \$ 50 Please send your ad along with a check made payable to: The American Legion P.O. Box 3191 Charleston, WV 25332 Ad and Payment Deadline is January 10, 2020. No Deviation

2020 DEPARTMENT MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

RESERVATION FORM

February 7-8, 2020 Olgebay Resort and Conference Center 465 Lodge Road Wheeling, West Virginia 26003

\$79.00 per night room rate (plus 12% tax & 3% Historical Fee)

Name		
Address		
Phone #		
E-mail		
Arrival Date	AM	PM Departure Date
Room Type: (circle one)	Doubles	King (Additional charge of \$10 for a King)
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Fee) = \$90.85 per night (circle one)		
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Your credit card ma	y be charged for	r the one night's room deposit.
Mail to:	Oglebay Res ATTN: Cynt 465 Lodge R	sort and Conference Center thia Johnson
Cancellation		48 hours in advance

This form must be mailed to reserve a room at Oglebay Resort and Conference Center. (No phone calls for rooms will be accepted.)

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER EARLY- THANKS!



DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA RECRUIT NEW/REJOIN SENIOR/JUNIOR MEMBERS AWARD FORM

Sign Up/Rejoin 15 Senior/Junior Members by June 1, 2020 to be eligible in a drawing For ONE nights' Lodging at State Convention July, 2020.

Rules: 1. Open to WV Auxiliary Members ONLY

- 2. Rejoin members must not have paid their dues AFTER 2017 year
- 3. Must be into Department Headquarters <u>no later than June 1, 2020</u> for verification by Department Secretary
- 4. Only ONE Entry per Recruiter.
- 5. After verification of Lodging winner will be presented a check during the Convention Membership Awards.

DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS BY SECRETARY AND ASSISTANT

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