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American Legion Auxiliary
2019-2021
Department President

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



**Yellow Rose Represents
Friendship
White Rose Represents
Purity and Love**

Hello Auxiliary Members

Hope everyone is doing ok with this Weather. COVID has really changed our lives. Hopefully with the shots things can get back to a little normal. We have some conferences set up for March and April. Please let Paulette know so she can get the word out. Can't wait to see everyone.

I think we lost perspective of why we are the Auxiliary. We are here for our Veterans and our Community. It seems a lot have forgotten this. Leave your personal feeling out . Remember we are a team and there is no I in team. We should all be working together. There should be no micro management going on. Emails, addresses, phone numbers of Members belong to the Auxiliary not one person. They should be turned over to the Unit Secretary for her records and to send notices out. We need to be working together not alone. All info should be passed on to all members not just officers. Your members have the right to know what is going on in your Unit. We won't get help if we don't share info with them.

Prayers go out to PDP Betty Rea for her medical problems, and to PDP Lisa Cadwallader on the loss of her Husband.

Remember our homeless Veterans that are out in this cold.

February 25th at 7:00 pm and March 2nd at 9:00 pm Junior Mentor training Course 3: Juniors and The Legion Family. There will be a lot of training coming up check out alaforveterans.org. We can learn so much so make sure to sign up.

Everyone be safe and hopefully March will be a better month stay safe.

For God and Country
Department President



Department Officers 2019-2021

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-Patsy Young-Greiner
5th District-Beth Kilgore
6th District-Peggy Swartz
10th District-Debbie Michael

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1st District-Stephanie Handley
3rd District-Kimberly Mellie
4th District-Dawn Lutes
5th District-Kitty Kelly-Smoot
6th District-Mary Spence
10th District-Bonnie Wilcox

“Honoring Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows”

Membership Chairman

Woohoo! We have 8 goal units!
CONGRATULATIONS TO LOGAN # 19, FOLLANSBEE# 45, MOOREFIELD # 64, CHARLES TOWN # 102, RICHWOOD #97, SPENCER # 21, RIDGELEY #136 and MORGANTOWN # 174 FOR REACHING GOAL!

Great job as we have 47 Units that reached the target of 60%: **Units #3, #5, #7, #8, #9, #10, #13, #14, #15, #16, #18, #19, #21, #28, #29, #31, #32, #33, #38, #45, #48, #60, #62, #64, #68, #69, #71, #73, #78, #86, #91, #94, #96, #97, #102, #111, #121, #122, #128, #136, #137, #139, #140, # 152, #159, #174, #177.**

Our next target date is March 15th with 80% of goal.

Our membership is 4,004 with goal of 5,132. 1,128 short of that goal. Please make phone calls to those delinquent members.

We have one Unit that has not turned in any membership and one unit who has only their PUF's paid.

All Unit officers' dues were due by November 1st. So, **no** Unit should have no "0".

Our membership is growing and our greatest asset is our membership.

We do great things – let us be proud and loud!

Stay safe and be well!
 Lynda Lancaster-Loyd
 Membership Chairman



Department 1st Vice President

Hello Jitterbugs!!

As I write this we are under a winter storm warning AGAIN! Many of our members are experiencing some very hard times. Please reach out to them and do what you can.

My condolences to PDP Lisa for the loss of Kat.

As I study the target sheet, I'm very perplexed with Franklin Unit #30. We have two units with under 10 paid memberships. I will be contacting them very soon. We do have five Goal Units and are ahead of the Cha-Chas 79.97% to 75.85% . Well Done Ladies!!

The situation of the pandemic seems to be trending in the right direction at this time. Hopefully that means that we will be getting back to normal soon. I get my second vaccination February 25, and pray that all of you, that want them, can get them.

Remember to keep everyone in your prayers, do your buddy checks and continue to work on getting memberships paid. Call and check on your elder veterans. Send some cards to the VA hospitals for St Patrick's Day, they sure need our support now.

Until next month,
 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 Korea Era War Side,

Hope everyone is staying warm and safe during this pandemic. Hope to see you all soon. I really miss you all.

Congratulations to those that have 100% already. There are now a total of 8 units with 100% for target goals. Keep up the good work, I believe we can and we will get all units to there target goal. Never give up!

Reminder: The next target goal is every month on the 15th.

Feel free to call me if you need me but If you call me please leave a message.

For God and Country
 Savanna Kauffman
 2nd Vice President

Be you - Do you - Love you



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





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.

If you wish Spirit by mail, mail in \$18.00 for the year (Aug-July)

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. **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR APPLICATIONS HAVE THE WAR ERA AND ELIGIBILITY OF VETERAN MARKED. I AM GETTING SOME THAT ISN'T COMPLETE.**

Directory Updates: page 9 PDP's- Norma Lee Clise please mark deceased. Janet Durbin new address is: Paramount Senior Living 100 Weatherholt Dr. Apt. 212 Ona WV 25545

Page 13 & 21: Please remove Dawn Lutes as 4th District Vice President.

Spring Conferences

1st District Auxiliary
TBA

3rd District Joint Conference
Saturday March 13th
Shinnston Post #31

Registration: 9:00-10:00 am
Cost: \$10.00 per pers
Menu: Pasta
Salad
Bread
Dessert

Coffee & Tea
(Shinnston Birthday Dinner
Sunday March 14th)

4th District Joint Conference
Saturday April 17th
Pt. Pleasant Post #23

5th District Joint Conferences
Saturday April 10th
Milton Post #139

6th District Auxiliary
TBA

10th District Joint Conference
Saturday March 20th
Capon Bridge Post #137

2021-2022 Department Candidates

President: Cathy Post Tyler County #48
1st Vice President:
Savanna Kauffman Martinsburg #14
2nd Vice President:
Mary Jennings Beckley #32
Secretary/Treasurer:
Susan Brown Moundsville #3
Chaplain:
Historian:

District Officers Candidates

1st Dist. Pres. Stephanie Handley, #121
Vice Pres. Holly Adams, #121
3rd Dist. Pres.
Vice Pres.
4th Dist. Pres. Patsy Young-Greiner #15
Vice Pres. Dawn Lutes #15
5th Dist. Pres.
Vice Pres.
6th Dist. Pres. Peggy Swartz #8
Vice Pres. Mary Spence #8
10th Dist. Pres.
Vice Pres.

Department Headquarters

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American Legion Auxiliary
National Website
ALAforveterans.org

Chaplain

When you allow yourself to be a willing servant, obeying your Master at a moment's call, you become an earthly conduit of God's heavenly blessings. But, as in all things, the first order of business is prayer, which will lead you to serve where God would have you be and to do what God would have you do. Prayer strikes the winning blow; service is simply picking up the pieces.

Please remember our Auxiliary families who have lost their husband, wives, children and other family members in the past few weeks. May our Lord Jesus bless you and your families.

For God and Country
Mary Jennings
Chaplain



3rd District President

I hope everyone had a nice Valentine's Day. It would be nice if everyone took the time to check on Auxiliary members, with COVID and now this weather. We may not be able to hold meetings this month. So take the time call each other and say Hi.

Third District Conference will be held at Shinnston 31 on March 13th. Clarksburg is unable to host it this year. Forms going out this week. Remember this is an election meeting so make plans to attend. We will have a ceremony for deceased members. So email me a list.

I am proud of Third District Units! Membership is coming in really good. Keep up the good work. More Goal Units to come.

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

Stay Safe
Carla Willing
Third District President

4th District President

Greetings Members of the 4th District:

Life is finally getting back to normal for many Americans. We are already heading into Spring and have much to look forward to! Take time to review your membership roster and see if there are members whose dues you could pay.

The American Legion Auxiliary is one of the greatest Veterans organizations in the world. We need to continue to grow. The focus is to recruit, retain and reinstate members. We need everyone's help to accomplish our membership goals.

The February target was 70%. District 4 has 5 units that have met that goal. Good Work Team! Parkersburg is at 74.64%; Spencer is 100%; Tyler County is 81.58%, New Haven is 91.37%, Williamstown is 78.00%. Point Pleasant is at 69.53%; just a whisper short of 70% goal!

Please continue to take care of our Veterans and their families. Providing transportation to doctor appointments, grocery shopping, picking up prescriptions or providing a meal are just a few things we can do. If you get a chance, please make a phone call to a member. A friendly voice can make a big difference.

We continue by "Honoring our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows." Remember to carry a current membership application with you.

Loyally,
Patsy Young-Greiner
4th District President
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4th District Vice President

Every month we talk about membership and how each unit needs to find new members and grow your ranks. This month I want to do something different. I want to encourage you to cultivate your current members as well. Show them that they are valued. Show them that everything they do is not only appreciated, but it is important. THEY are important. They are an integral part of the success of our units and our organization as a whole. No matter how big or small their efforts are, people still need to feel like they matter. Like they are a valued part of the team and that their efforts don't go unnoticed.

So, as much as we need to find new members and increase our numbers, I wholeheartedly suggest that you take a minute this month to think about how your members have helped your unit or the ALA over the past month, year, decade, etc. And tell them thank you. Make them feel wanted and needed. Reach out to past members who aren't as active anymore and see if they just need some encouragement and recognition to step back into an active role. Talk to your new members about all of the Committee's and activities the ALA does and see what sparks something in them and then stand behind them and let them show you how much their passion can accomplish.

Over the coming months I hope that you offer your members encouragement, respect, and support. Show them appreciation and always remember they are a valuable asset to this organization.

I hope that 2021 is a year of renewal, invigoration and growth for us all.

Dawn Lutes
4th District Vice President
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5th District President

Spring conference will be held at Milton Post #139 on April 10th. There will be Memorial Services for our deceased members and election of officers.

Plan to attend. Credentials and Registration will be going out soon.

Send your deceased members to me.

Beth Kilgore

6th District Vice President

Hello to our District 6 members.

Hoping everyone had a wonderful Valentines Day and that everyone has been able to receive your first and/or second Covid-9 Virus vaccination. Prayers that the vaccine will help us eliminate the Covid-9 virus that has devastated our country and we can get back to some form of normalcy and can start meeting again.

It appears that the groundhog definitely was correct in seeing his shadow; but, keep in mind that spring is only a few weeks away.

I had the opportunity to speak with several of District 6 Unit representatives. Some of our units have lost some members and are trying to rebuild with new members; but, unfortunately the virus is making this difficult. Congratulations to Richwood Unit 97 on attaining a 100% on membership dues. Hopefully by next month we will know more about the plans for Girls State.

Our March 15th, 2021 membership target is 80% of all dues collected.

Dates to remember are:

**State Convention July 8-11 Huntington Hilton

**Girl State. June 13-18. Elkins

Hope all of you have an enjoyable St. Patrick's Day. Look for the pot of gold—try a lottery ticket.

Stay safe.

Pray for Our Country.

Mary Spence
Vice President
District 6

6th District President

Hello To All

Hope everyone is surviving this cold weather and COVID 19. If you haven't had your injection for this please try and get it.

The people in Texas are having a terrible time let's all keep them in our prayers and they will get electric back on soon. I know a lot of people in WV don't have electric, lets pray that it comes back on soon. Love and prayers to all of them.

I want thank Richwood for being a GOAL UNIT! Some of our other units are doing well also only needing a few members to become Goal. I know that it's hard to do the things we would like to do because of COVID 19, but continue to do the best that you can.

If you haven't paid your mandatory funds, they are due so please try and pay as soon as possible.

We are going to have a Board Meeting for Girl State this month so we will be able to let you and your Unit know what will be going on. I know we usually start meeting the students in February.

This is going to be a short message for the Spirit but 15th February sneaked up on me to fast.

So until next time God Bless Each and Everyone in all of our Units. Don't forget to say a prayer for all of our Veterans.

Peggy Swartz
President
Sixth District

10th District President

Hello to all in the 10th District,

I guess we are all in the same boat with the slipping and sliding in the snow and ice. I am sure looking forward to spring.

Reminder... get those endorsements in for our District President and Vice President for the coming year. The election will take place at our Spring Conference on Sat. March 20th at Capon Bridge # 137. Please make plans to attend. It seems like forever that we have seen each other.

If you haven't done it yet, please update your Unit Constitution & Bylaws and Standing Rules. The District Constitution/Bylaws/Standing Rules that were voted on at the Fall Conference have been sent to the Department Chairpersons and committees.

We lost a Past Department President from our district, Norma Lee Clise. Please keep Jaye and family in your prayers. Also, our Past Department President, Lisa Cadwallder, lost her husband. Please keep Lisa in your prayers.

If I can help you in any way, please let me know.

Love and hugs to all!
10th District President
Debbie Michael
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10th District Vice President

Hello 10th District Members,

Membership renewals/updates are steadily coming in. Martinsburg #14 sent in 6, Berkeley Springs #60 sent out letters to their unpaid members, Moorefield #64 has reached 100%, Charles Town #71 has 2 renewals, Paw Paw #128 has 2 more to reach goal and 2 potential new members, Capon Bridge #137 has 134 members currently paid up and Keyser #152 has 5 renewals and 3 potential members. Keep up the good work ladies.

10th District activities are starting to pick up. Unit #71 shares a Saturday luncheon/fundraiser with its Post and SAL. Their fundraiser for scholarships has also begun. Unit #152 is working on their Spring Poppy Program. Unit #137 is preparing for their Gun Bash. I foresee many other activities budding in March.

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all as you prepare your cabbage and corn beef for good luck!

In closing as you pray for our veterans, keep all our members and families of deceased members in your thoughts and prayers too.

See you at Spring Conference March 20th in Capon Bridge.

Continue to stay healthy, safe and warm.

Bonnie Wilcox
10th District VP

Americanism



Below are some frequently asked questions. Hopefully they will help you.

Q. Is it proper to place a Bible, flowers, or other objects upon the American Flag?
A. No, nothing should ever rest on our flag.

Q. Is it correct to fly the American flag at half-staff on Veterans Day?
A. No, because this day, originally known as Armistice Day, is a day of celebration, not for mourning.

Q. If there are two flags on two poles at the entrance of the building, on which side should the American flag be flown?
A. On your left as you walk into the building.

Q. Is it permissible to wear a button or a pin properly depicting the American flag?
A. Yes, they may be worn as a demonstration of your patriotism.

Q. What is the proper method of saluting our flag?
A. Men place their right hand over their heart, holding a hat or cap at the left shoulder if wearing one. Women will place their right hand over their heart. Persons in uniforms render the military salute.

Q. Which way do I face to give the salute?
A. To the flag if one is being flown, otherwise to the music. During the National Anthem, hold your salute until the music is finished.

I pray you are all staying safe!! I sure do miss all of you!!

God Bless you all!
God Bless America
Susan Wade
Americanism Chairman

Historian

Beth Kilgore, Department Historian is not able to do her articles this month as the area she lives in has no electric or internet available, due to the ice storm that hit.

She asked that the units keep working on their history books to bring to Department Convention. Make sure you fill out a narrative for your end of year report to be eligible for the traveling plagues. This is different from the History books entries.

Contribute to the history of the American Legion Auxiliary (formerly Cavalcade Of Memories, if your unit can. Donations to be sent to Department Headquarters, earmarked "Cavalcade of Memories".

Be Safe!

Children & Youth

No article due to no electric and internet.

Dates to Remember:

April is Children and Youth Month

April is Month of the Military Children

April 15th is **Purple Up!** For Military Kids

Day. Wear your **"purple up"** t shirt.

**Jingle, Jingle, Jingle!!
Hear that sound?
Collecting change and bills
for
Child Welfare
Foundation!!**



Remember Our Friends

Norma Lee Clise, PDP, Romney Unit #91, passed away from an extended illness. Cards may be sent to her daughter at:

*Jaye Cleaver
67 East Ridge Loop
Romney WV 26757*

Lisa Cadwallader, PDP, and Dept. Legislative Chairman's husband Kat passed away. Services were held Monday February 15th in Winchester VA. Kat was a member of Charles Town Post #71.

*Cards may be sent to Lisa:
Lisa Cadwallader, PDP
42 Trout Circle
Kearneysville WV 25430*

Betty Rea, PCDNVP, Follansbee Unit #45, was in the hospital a month for medical problems. She is home now.

*Cards may be sent to her:
Betty Rea
1115 Main St.
Follansbee WV 26037*

*Janet Durbin, PDP, has been moved to an Assisted Living in Ona WV. Her updated address is under **Directory Updates** on Headquarters Page.*

Mary Waybright, V A & R Chairman, member of Huntington Unit #16, is in the hospital recovering from a fall. She may go to a Rehab Center when she is released.

*Cards may be sent to her:
Mary Waybright
7 Parsons St.
Huntington WV 25705
Someone will pick them up and take to her.*

Let's keep all in our prayers during this difficult time.

Education

Unit Education Chairmen/Unit Presidents:

Scholarships are due to you by March 1. Once you have chosen the ones for further consideration, forward to me as Department Education Chairman by March 15. Make sure they are completely filled out and have the required documents. Also make sure that the required signatures from the Unit President/ Education Chairman or Unit Secretary are added as designated on the scholarship forms. There cannot be any additional information sent to me after March 15 so be sure and check your submissions carefully. Scanned documents can be submitted but, again, make sure all required documents are sent.

As I reported in my February message, National has waived the SAT/ACT requirements due to COVID 19. If your students were unable to take the tests, please make a notation to that effect on the forms.

My committee members and I will select an application for each National Scholarship and forward to National for judging. The Department Scholarship winner will be notified by letter from our Department Secretary-Treasurer.

Please be advised that winners for the National scholarships take some time to be announced. And, yes, we have had WV winners in the past. These students are the best of the best and the competition is tough. Be assured that this Education Committee wishes the best for all students.

Dianne McClung
Chairman



Constitution & Bylaws

FUNDAMENTALS OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE (REMINDERS)

Shared by Central Division Constitution & Bylaws Chairmen Wanda Brandt

Part 3 (continuation)

The 13 Ranking Motions – motions lower on list cannot be made if anything higher is pending.

Fix the time to which to adjourn: Set time for another meeting to continue business. Doesn't adjourn present meeting/set time for its adjournment. Cannot interrupt speaker, needs seconded, is debatable, can be amended. Needs Majority vote.

Adjourn: Motion to close meeting. Cannot interrupt speaker, needs seconded, not debatable, cannot be amended. Needs Majority vote.

Recess: Short interruption/does not close the meeting. After recess, business resumes at exact point where interrupted. Cannot interrupt speaker, not debatable, needs seconded and can be amended. Needs Majority vote.

Raise a question of privilege: Permits request/motion relating to rights of either assembly or individual to interrupt business and, because of its urgency, be brought up for possible immediate consideration. Can interrupt speaker, doesn't need a second, cannot be amended, not debatable. Needs No Vote.

Call for the order of the day: A single member can require assembly to follow the order of business/agenda or take up a special order due to come up, unless 2/3 of the assembly wish otherwise. Cannot interrupt speaker, needs seconded, is debatable, can be amended. Needs 2/3 vote.

Lay on the table: Place pending motion aside when something of an urgent nature arises and needs the immediate attention of the assembly. Cannot interrupt speaker, needs seconded, is debatable, can be amended. Needs majority vote.

Previous question: Motion to end debate, allow no further motions on pending motion, and take a vote. Cannot interrupt speaker, needs seconded, not debatable, cannot be amended. Needs 2/3 vote.

Limit or extend limits of debate: Reduce or increase the number/length of speeches permitted or limit length of debate on a specific question. Cannot interrupt the speaker, needs seconded, not debatable, can be amended. Needs 2/3 vote.

Postpone definitely: Used if body needs time to decide or if there is a time for consideration of the question that would be more convenient. Postponement cannot be beyond next session in a group that meets regularly. Cannot interrupt speaker, needs seconded, is debatable, can be amended. Needs Majority vote.

Commit or refer to a committee: Sends main motion to a committee for further examination/refinement before the body votes on it. Cannot interrupt speaker, needs seconded, is debatable, can be amended. Needs Majority vote.

Amend: Modify the pending motion before it is voted on. Cannot interrupt speaker, needs seconded, is debatable, can be amended. Needs Majority vote.

Postpone indefinitely: Kills the main motion for the duration of meeting without having to take a vote on it. Cannot interrupt speaker, needs seconded, is debatable, can be amended. Needs Majority vote.

Main motion: Formal proposal for consideration and action. Cannot interrupt the speaker, needs seconded, is debatable, can be amended. Needs Majority vote.

Next month: Part 4 – Presenting a Motion

Dede Kelly
Department Constitution & Bylaws Chairman
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Junior Activities

Hi to all!

I hope your juniors were able to make/send Valentines to our Veterans. Please do all you can for them. Under the circumstances, it is hard to do much except send cards and letters. If you check with your nursing homes, you may be able to drop off snacks and things. Just be sure to call first and make arrangements.

St. Patrick's Day is just around the corner. Think "*green*" and maybe come up with things to make as decorations for you Post or Unit meetings.

If you have any questions or ideas, please let me know.

"Remember Everyone Deployed"
Wear R. E. D. on Fridays

Love and Hugs to All!
Junior Activities
Debbie Michael
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Legislative

The American Legion has published their new Legislative Agenda for the 177th Congress, 1st Session.

I am asking that it be sent out with the Spirit. These are the focus points for the year.

Sorry, this is short this month, please understand.

Lisa Cadwallader
Lisac.ala71@gmail.com



National Security

Today the Sun is shinning but it is going to get cold again, so please remember The homeless Veterans out there. Donate coats, hats, gloves, shoes, and any other warm items to your local VA Hospital. Be sure to label it for the homeless.

The Blood Banks are running low, so plan a blood drive in your area.

Veterans that are out of work, check to see if they need help locating work. If you hear of anything let them know.

It is time to fill out End Of Year Reports, please fill them out and mail them to Department.

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

Carla Willing
National Security Chairman

Poppy

I hope everyone is doing well and staying warm. This has been such a traumatic winter for all of us. COVID-19, the weather, and not being able to have meetings to get important information. Remember, that our veterans are in the same world with us and they may be having a worse time than us. Our POPPY program helps to fund assistance to our veterans and their needs.

I hope each unit is planning a way to raise money for the Poppy Fund. This is a time that we have to find new ways to get the information out to our communities and get donations for the Poppy Fund. My last SPIRIT articles contained several suggestions. If you have some new Ideas, please let me know.

Remember:

**to send me your pictures of how you used poppies this year

**send in your mandatory funds which includes poppy

**start preparing your year-end report

I pray that our world become a more loving place for each of us. Take the time to check on your neighbors, call a friend, or talk with your family. We are all in this together and we can all use a little help sometimes.

Ann Buchanan
Poppy Chairman



National Executive Committeewoman

Hello Everyone,

I hope all is good. I do not have much to report at this time.

I will have a few updates from NEC Meeting in the next newsletter.

Please go to the National Website and see their new layout and updated information @ alaforveterans.org

God Bless and Be Safe!

Rhonda Best
NEC



Past President's Parley

Hello Fellow Members

I hope everyone is doing well.

Mentoring can be rewarding as well as very much appreciated especially during a pandemic like the one we are enduring now.

I would like to share this

Following Quote:

"Mentoring is a brain to pick, an ear to listen, and push in the right direction."

By: John C. Crosby

Please remember that Year End Reports will be due in April.

God Bless and Be Safe!

Rhonda Best
PPP Chairman

100 Years of Celebration 1919-2019



Do you want a "Blast From the Past"? Get a time capsule ready for your future members to find. It may even be your grandchildren or great grandchildren to find these things. Put articles in a box or any kind of container. You can use photos, ALA pins, a poppy, a copy of Auxiliary magazine, program handouts or anything that would let them know what your unit was doing in 2020 - 2021. Even have members write a note so someone in the future can read. Use your imagination and get creative with this project. You can really do a lot with this. Have fun doing it, because face it, we won't be around forever, so let a piece of us live on.

Be sure you tell the future how we survived this deadly virus and how we made it through quarantine. Put newspaper articles about COVID-19. And pray to God they don't have to go through something similar to this.

Roxie Nicholson
Committee Member

Leadership

Just a reminder, even from the comforts or confines of your own home... you can still be a leader and you can still build leaders.

COVID-19 has changed the way we see the world but please remember it did not change the way people see you. They look to you for answers in a time when those are hard to find. They look to you for guidance as they are faced with decision making amidst challenges. They look to you for strength and encouragement.

Leaders stand tall and stand strong but perhaps most importantly... leaders must LISTEN. We need to listen to what people need from us. Too often we think pushing forward is the only way... but I would suggest that is but one way. Sometimes we need to nudge left or right or even take a moment to catch our breath. These unprecedented times have taught us we must be prepared to adjust our plans, our processes and dare I say even our goals.

Take time to look around and see who has successfully weathered the changes we have faced over the past 12 months and congratulate those people for their tenacity and perseverance. Look for their leadership potential and support their efforts in any way you can. Remember, our organization has tasked us with building leaders at all levels.

John Maxwell reminds us, "Leaders become great, not because of their power, but because of their ability to empower others."

Be your best self. Look for the best in others and nurture that.
Rosemary M. Thomas
Leadership Chairman

Rhododendron Girls State

Due to the COVID-19 and no Mid-winter Conference being held, there will be a Girls State Board Meeting Wednesday February 24, 2021, 2:00 pm at Shinnston Post #31.

This meeting is to discuss the upcoming session of the 2021 RGS. When this is complete a Special Notice will be sent out from Rosemary Thomas, Director, through Department Headquarters' email/mail.

Thank you for being patient!
Rhododendron Girls State

January Ways and Means Winners

Congratulations to January 2021 winners! We had 19 winners. Great start to the new year!!

I am still receiving ticket stubs and money in the mail. Thanks to all who have sold and sent in! If you haven't yet, please do soon! You will never know when your number will be drawn.

I will have tickets with me at Spring Conferences for anyone or unit wishes to take some.

Please make sure Addresses are filled out on stubs. Can't mail winning check if no address!

Remember "if you don't pay, you can't play"

Until next month
Paulette
Susan



Name	#'s	City	State	Date	\$\$\$
Bobby Rose Sr.	978	Gary	WV	1/1/21	\$100.00
Eddie Cline	809	Welch	WV	1/2/21	\$25.00
Gene Kirk	557	Bluefield	WV	1/4/21	\$25.00
Terry Foor	910	Romney	WV	1/5/21	\$25.00
	164			1/6/21	
Delores Barnes	783	Welch	WV	1/7/21	\$25.00
	479			1/8/21	
Chad Rose	055	Graysville	PA	1/9/21	\$25.00
	042			1/11/21	
G A White	004	Belington	WV	1/12/21	\$25.00
Kim McAllister	191	Colliers	WV	1/13/21	\$25.00
Jean Thomas	441	Upperglade	WV	1/14/21	\$25.00
Brenda Joseph	871	Wheeling	WV	1/15/21	\$25.00
Hannah Burke	446	Elbert	WV	1/16/21	\$25.00
P. Yvonne Redman	031	Keyser	WV	1/18/21	\$25.00
ALA 10th District	570	Berkeley Springs	WV	1/19/21	\$25.00
	243			1/20/21	
Jessica Shaw	340	Prichard	WV	1/21/21	\$25.00
	749			1/22/21	
Shannon Harshbarger	417	Huntington	WV	1/23/21	\$25.00
Karen Coby	973	Moorefield	WV	1/25/21	\$25.00
Caitlyn Kukla	714	Lake City	MI	1/26/21	\$25.00
Kim McMillen	428	Shinnston	WV	1/27/21	\$25.00
	884			1/28/21	
Kimberly Rolls	344	Keyser	WV	1/29/21	\$25.00
	597			1/30/21	



2020-2021 Membership Theme

"Honoring Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows"



Membership Target Sheet February 15th—70.00%

Department Goal— 5132

Membership To Date— 4,004 78.02 %

Unit #200 Goal— 81 To Date— 69

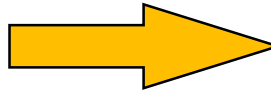


Savanna

Cathy

District 1	Unit	2021 Goal	2021	% of Goal
	Wheeling #1	31	18	58.06%
	Moundsville #3	228	195	85.53%
	McMechen #5	32	24	75.00%
	Weirton #10	49	45	91.84%
	Cameron #18	143	117	81.82%
	New Martinsville #28	132	101	76.52%
	Wellsburg #34	26	17	65.38%
	Follansbee #45	35	44	125.71%
	Benwood #46	74	44	59.46%
	Pine Grove #81	85	58	68.24%
	Paden City #86	81	75	92.59%
	Wheeling #89	16	10	62.50%
	Newell #114	24	3	12.50%
	Hundred #120	46	25	54.35%
	Chester #121	138	113	81.88%
	TOTALS	1140	889	77.98%

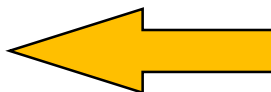
**WWII/
Merchant
Marines Era
40's Fashion
Jitterbug Dance**



**Goal 2521
To Date: 2016
(79.97 %)**

**Membership
Chairman
"Rosie the
Riveter"**

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



**Goal 2530
To Date: 1,919
(75.85 %)**

District 4	Unit	2021 Goal	2021	% of Goal
	Parkersburg #15	485	362	74.64%
	Spencer #21	34	34	100.00%
	Pt. Pleasant #23	233	162	69.53%
	Tyler County #48	38	31	81.58%
	Sistersville #67	87	32	36.78%
	New Haven #140	139	127	91.37%
	Williamstown #159	100	78	78.00%
	TOTALS	1116	803	71.96%

District 6	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
	Welch #8	60	43	71.67%
	Bluefield #9	29	25	86.21%
	Beckley #32	28	20	71.43%
	Gary #38	80	67	83.75%
	Cowen #62	21	19	90.48%
	Lewisburg #69	34	31	91.18%
	Richwood #97	22	22	100.00%
	TOTALS	274	227	82.85%

District 3	Unit	2021 Goal	2021	% of Goal
	Buckhannon #7	42	36	85.71%
	Clarksburg #13	58	53	91.38%
	Elkins #29	133	103	77.44%
	Shinnston #31	270	239	88.52%
	Braxton County #33	33	26	78.79%
	Bridgeport #68	86	67	77.91%
	Belington #96	20	16	80.00%
	Pickens #122	20	18	90.00%
	Jane Lew #166	10	2	20.00%
	Morgantown #174	45	47	104.44%
	TOTALS	717	610	85.08%

District 5	Unit	2021 Goal	2021	% of Goal
	Huntington #16	163	138	84.66%
	Logan #19	11	13	118.18%
	St. Albans #73	31	27	87.10%
	Ceredo-Kenova #93	281	137	48.75%
	South Charleston #94	15	12	80.00%
	Hamlin #111	37	30	81.08%
	Milton #139	71	53	74.65%
	Barboursville #177	142	104	73.24%
	TOTALS	751	514	68.44%

District 10	Unit	2021 Goal	2021	% of Goal
	Martinsburg #14	99	71	71.72%
	Franklin #30	16		
	Piedmont #52	29	11	37.93%
	Berkeley Springs #60	167	136	81.44%
	Moorefield #64	60	68	113.33%
	Charles Town #71	152	119	78.29%
	Petersburg #78	67	49	73.13%
	Romney #91	164	163	99.39%
	Charles Town #102	26	26	100.00%
	Paw Paw #128	24	22	91.67%
	Kirby #134	30	19	63.33%
	Ridgeley #136	41	44	107.32%
	Capon Bridge #137	136	127	93.38%
	Keyser #152	42	37	88.10%
	TOTALS	1053	892	84.71%

March 2021

Sun

Mon



Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 <i>3rd District Conference Shinnston #31</i>
14  <i>Shinnston B- Day Dinner</i>	15 <i>Target #7 80%</i>	16	17 <i>Articles Due for Spirit</i> 	18	19	20 <i>10th District Conference Capon Bridge #137</i>
21	22 <i>Spirit Out</i>	23	24	25	26	27
28 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	29	30	31	<i>Program of Month Community Service Auxiliary Emergency Fund</i>		

WHO RECEIVES SPIRIT: Emailed to all **Unit Contacts** and any **Unit Officers** with an email address. It is emailed to

All Department Officers, Department Chairmen, District Presidents/Vice Presidents, Past Department Presidents with emails. Spirits are posted monthly on the website: www.wvaux.org Unit Presidents **with no email con-**

Subscription will Cost \$18.00

Runs August through July Each Year

MAIL TO:

Department of West Virginia
1251 Doolin Run Road
New Martinsville WV 26155-7808

NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____

**2021 AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION
RESERVATION INVOICE**

AUGUST 27 - SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

Arizona Grand Resort
ADDRESS: 8000 South Arizona Grand Parkway
Phoenix, Az 85044

**Auxiliary members must be elected
as delegates at State Convention
if attending National Convention
or Register as a Guest through
Auxiliary Department Headquarters**

NAME(S) OF ATTENDEE(S)
ADDRESS:
PHONE:
E-MAIL:

King/Queen (\$125 per night plus 12.57 % hotel tax) Two Bedrm Villa - \$276.00

Parking rate per day—Complimentary Self / Valet -No Resort Fee

PLEASE MAIL PAYMENT BY MAY 3,2021

ARRIVAL DATE TO HOTEL			
DEPARTURE DATE FROM HOTEL			
KING OR DOUBLE			
	<i>Quantity</i>		<i>Amount</i>
ONE NIGHT'S ROOM DEPOSIT @	\$140.71		\$0.00
ADDITIONAL OCCUPANT IN ROOM PER DAY - \$ 25.00 Triple/quad	\$25.00		\$0.00
REGISTRATION FEE @	\$25.00		\$0.00
NATIONAL COMMANDER'S BANQUET @	\$52.00		\$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

**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.**

**2021 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
RESERVATION FORM**

July 8-10, 2021
Double Tree by Hilton
1001 3rd Ave
Huntington, WV 25701

\$105.00 per night room rate (plus 13% tax)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

Arrival Date _____ AM PM Departure Date _____

Room Type: (circle one) Doubles King (Additional charge of \$10 for a King)
\$20 per person per night for more than two persons
occupying a room.

Non-Smoking Facility

Handicap Room: (circle one) wheelchair oxygen tank other
If you circled "other", please explain. _____

*Members with wheelchair disabilities will receive first priority.

One night's deposit must accompany this request to reserve a room. Any form, without a deposit will be returned.

Enclosed, please find one night's room deposit of **\$105.00** (plus 13% tax) = \$118.65 per night

(circle one)

check cash credit card
_____ credit card # _____
type _____
expiration date _____

Your credit card may be charged for the one night's room deposit.

**Mail to: Double Tree by Hilton
 ATTN: Desiree Besemer
 1001 3rd Ave
 Huntington, West Virginia 25701**

**This form must be mailed to reserve a room at Double Tree by
Hilton cutoff date is July 01, 2021.**

(No phone calls for rooms will be accepted.)

**PLEASE RESERVE YOUR ROOM EARLY- THANKS!
CANCELLATION, BEFORE 48 HOURS, PRIOR TO**

103rd Annual State Convention

2021

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 103rd Annual State Convention of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia, Inc., scheduled July 8-10, 2021, at Double Tree by Hilton, Huntington, West Virginia.

Date: _____, 2021

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	\$60	Half Page (Color)	\$100
	Quarter Page	\$35	Quarter Page (Color)	\$70
	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 June 15, 2021.

No Deviation



THE AMERICAN LEGION
Veterans Strengthening America

Peer Support

Studies show that peer support is mutually beneficial for people who are experiencing transitions, mental health concerns and for those who wish to give back to their communities. The American Legion has its own peer-support program known as the "Buddy Check" and urges Congress to pass legislation requiring VA to implement a similar program. The American Legion also encourages legislation to establish a peer-support program that would offer grants to place peer-support specialists in local posts of veterans service organizations.

Resolution No. 364, 2016

Protect the American Flag

The American Legion urges Congress to approve an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would allow Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the U.S. flag. Additionally, The American Legion urges Congress to pass the Flag Code Modernization Act of 2021 to amend the U.S. Flag Code to codify multiple common patriotic customs and practices as described in The American Legion Resolution No. 19: Flag Code Amendment.

Resolution No. 19, 2016

Global War on Terrorism Memorial

The Global War on Terrorism is the longest war in U.S. history; more than 2.8 million American service members have been deployed abroad. After tens of thousands of casualties and thousands of deaths, it is only fitting that we honor the sacrifices of service members and their families with a Global War on Terrorism Memorial in a place of prominence at our nation's capital. The American Legion believes this memorial belongs on the National Mall and urges Congress to pass the Global War on Terrorism Memorial Location Act.

Resolution No. 16, 2017

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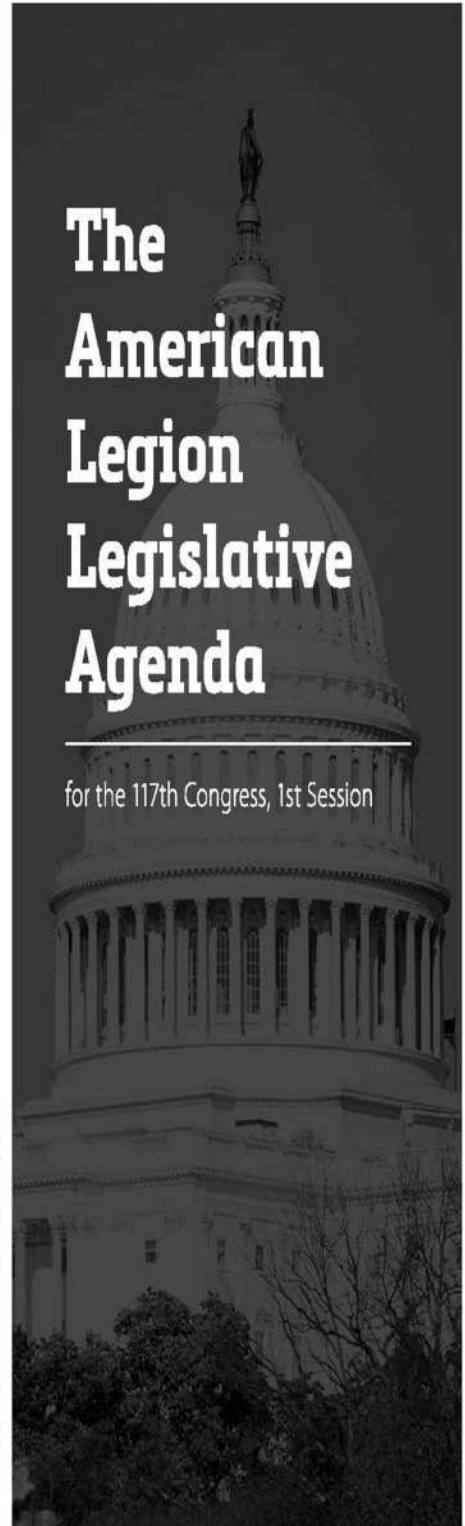
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The American Legion Legislative Agenda

for the 117th Congress, 1st Session

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The American Legion Legislative Agenda FOR THE 117TH CONGRESS, 1ST SESSION

The American Legion is the voice of nearly 2 million U.S. military veterans and service members. A resolution-based organization, The American Legion's positions represent the views of its members, based on four pillars of service: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth.

Address Toxic Exposure & Burn Pits

A disturbingly high percentage of post-9/11 veterans have been exposed to airborne toxic hazards, often the result of personal proximity to burn pits for extended times during service. The American Legion has fought for service-connected disability benefits for conditions linked to toxic exposures for decades and will continue to do so for this generation. The American Legion urges Congress to reintroduce and pass the Toxic Exposure in the American Military (TEAM) Act of 2020 and supports further studies into conditions directly related to contaminants in order to establish a complete list of presumptive diseases caused by toxic exposure during service.

Resolution No. 118, 2016

Improve Health Care for Women Veterans

VA has an obligation to develop and expand health-care services for women, the fastest-growing demographic in the veteran community. A high percentage of women veterans who are not enrolled in VA health care say lack of gender-specific services and lack of awareness about VA benefits are primary reasons. The American Legion urges Congress to diligently oversee implementation of recently passed VA pilot programs, research initiatives, and policy revisions to address this. Additionally, The American Legion encourages expansion of newborn care and gender-specific services at VA.

Resolution No. 37, 2016

Telehealth/Rural Health

Accessibility is often a barrier for veterans and caregivers when pursuing health services from VA. They should have consistent, quality access to care, regardless of location or availability of broadband networks. To address this, The American Legion has worked with VA to introduce a pilot program that provides telehealth sites in American Legion posts to serve rural areas, known as Project ATLAS. The American Legion urges Congress to pass legislation that expands broadband capabilities and services for veterans in remote areas to better meet their needs.

Resolution No. 75, 2017

Address the Forever War

Nearly two decades after 9/11, U.S. troops continue to wage war in Iraq, Afghanistan and other corners of the world, under the 2001 and 2002 Authorizations for Use of Military Force (AUMF). However, the global security environment the United States faces is no longer the same, with the rise of great-power competition and other threats. Too often, the use of military force, as opposed to diplomacy, is considered the primary instrument of national power. The American Legion urges the renewal of a proper constitutional balance to U.S. foreign policy decision-making by urging Congress to renew its war-making oversight role beginning with repealing or replacing the outdated post-9/11 AUMFs and by properly resourcing civilian tools of diplomacy.

Resolution No. 22, 2020

Citizenship for Honorable Service

Many veteran immigrants say they have been deported after discharge because they failed to acquire U.S. citizenship while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. The American Legion supports measures to ensure the process of naturalization through military service is completed prior to discharge, to include reinstatement of the USCIS Naturalization at Basic Training Initiative, training for military recruiters and commands about the naturalization process, and the reopening all USCIS field offices abroad to serve servicemembers stationed overseas.

Resolution No. 15, 2018

Pay the Coast Guard

U.S. Coast Guard personnel carry out daily missions vital to national security, but they serve in the only military branch forced to work without pay during government shutdowns, due to their status under the Department of Homeland Security. The repeated and all too common threat of government shutdowns brings severe hardship on Coast Guard men, women and families. The American Legion urges Congress to reintroduce and pass the Pay Our Coast Guard Parity Act, which would guarantee that Coast Guard personnel are paid without delay, even in the case of a government shutdown.

Resolution No. 23, 2016

Close the 90/10 Loophole

Proprietary schools offer students valuable education options, but some bad actors use a loophole in the 90-10 rule to evade a cap on federal financial aid by aggressively targeting veterans, service members, families and survivors for their education benefits. The American Legion is committed to ensuring that veterans and their families receive the highest quality of education when using the GI Bill and encourages legislation and federal action to provide higher quality and student outcomes for institutions approved for use of VA education benefits by adding Department of Defense and VA funds to the Title IV revenue sources calculation under the Higher Education Act.

Resolution No. 15, 2019

Military Awards for Minority Veterans

The American Legion urges Congress to pass legislation lifting statutes of limitations and other obstacles that may impede proper investigation and expand the review of minority veterans from all wars and conflicts whose military records and official descriptions of combat actions support consideration for the Medal of Honor and other military citations or medals.

Resolution No. 17, 2020