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Department President

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



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

Hello everyone

Hope everyone is doing ok. The weather has been nice here.

We got to attend Spring Conferences in 5th, 4th and 6th. It was nice seeing everyone and food was great.

Don't forget to make your reservations for Summer Convention.

Get those Girl State applications in . The National President will be visiting Girls State in June. I am looking forward to her visit.

Don't forget to get your year end reports in to Department, time is getting close.

The Commanders Home coming is May 16th, hope to see some of you there.

Remember some of Female Veterans on Mothers Day and also some of our Auxiliary members who don't have anyone, it means a lot when we remember them.

Remember to always thank a Veteran.

Happy Mothers Day to all of you.

For God and Country

Sharon Kauffman

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

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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
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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

ABSOLUTELY ELATED – 18 goal units! CONGRATULATIONS TO Follansbee # 45, Moorefield #64, Morgantown # 174, Logan #19, Morgantown # 174, Ridgeley # 136, Romney #91, Weirton # 10, Capon Bridge # 137, Spencer #21, Petersburg #78, Moundsville #3, Wheeling #89, Beckley #32, Paden City #86, Richwood # 97, Clarksburg #13, Berkeley Springs #60, Charles Town # 102.

Great job as we have 31 Units out of a total of 58 Units that reached the target of 90%: Units #3, #10, #13, #18, #19, #21, #31, #32, #34, #38, #45, #60, #62, #64, #68, #71, #73, #78, #86, #89, #91, #97, #102, #114, #121, #122, #128, #136, #137, #140, #174.

Twenty-three Units have already reached the May 15th target of 95%.

I know that with a little extra effort we can become a Goal Department. Our goal is 5,132 and we have 4,566 paid members. Short 566 members.

Please make phone calls to those delinquent members. Have your Units pay for the shut-ins, hospitals, nursing homes and rehabs.

Now, on the downside at this time five years ago our membership was 5,809 and today, we are at 4,566 down 1,243 members. Let's bring these numbers up and have a positive ending! I know **WE CAN DO IT!**

Rosie the Riveter
Lynda Lancaster-Loyd
Membership Chairman



Department 1st Vice President

Hey Jitterbugs!!

I have been totally under the weather. I am taking four different meds and starting to feel better now. It was not COVID but it was bad. Looks like a bit of winter will be back this week...I'm ready for SPRING!!

“Our” side of the state is looking really good for membership, 91.24% .. that is excellent. Only two units under 70% and nine at or above 100% Goal. Good job !! We still have a couple months to hit our target, dig a little deeper if you possibly can.

I'd like to thank all of my chairpersons that sent your letters back in for next year. Your response and efforts are so appreciated. I look forward to a great year working with all of you.

We have lots coming our way, RGS, Poppy Day, Memorial Day, it's a busy time ladies.

Love and prayers to all.
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,

It's nice to get out to more conferences. It was great to see all members at 10th, 5th, 4th. Conferences. Thank you all for allowing me to be there at your meetings. Congratulations to the new District Presidents and Vices so far.

There are now 18 units total with 100% for target goals. Keep up the good work, I believe we can and we will get all units to their goals. Right now the other side is ahead but come on Korea era war side, we need to step our game up if we want to win again! It's not about winning it's about having fun.

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

I also just got the certificates done and started to hand them out. I am so sorry by getting them out to you late. If I don't see your district before July I will have them there with me at the convention or I will mail them if I have too.

Feel free to call, text, email, or facebook messenger me if you need me but If you call me please leave a message.

I'm so proud of you all! Keep doing what you do especially for our veterans!

Be you - Do you - Love you

For God and Country
Savanna Kauffman
Department 2nd Vice President



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.*

The Veterans Welfare Fund is the same as the Love Fund, and Veterans 1st Fund. Just had been renamed over the last few years. We don't pay 15 cents a member any more.

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.

ANY PROPOSALS AND/OR RESOLUTIONS NEED TO BE SENT TO CHAIRMAN AND DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS BY TO BE PUT IN SPIRIT BEFORE CONVENTION.

Spring Conferences

1st District Auxiliary
Saturday May 1st
Wheeling Unit #89

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

6th District Auxiliary
Saturday April 24th
Hosted by Gary Unit #38
Sterling Drive-In, Welch

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:
Pam Mathess Morgantown #174
Historian:
Kimberly Mellie Morgantown #174

District Officers Candidates

1st Dist. Pres. Stephanie Handley, #121
Vice Pres.
3rd Dist. Pres. Carla Wilfong, #31
Vice Pres. Kim Mellie, #174
4th Dist. Pres. Patsy Young-Greiner #15
Vice Pres. Marcia Finley #23
5th Dist. Pres. Kitty Kelly-Smoot #16
Vice Pres. Frema Wilson #16
6th Dist. Pres. Peggy Swartz #8
Vice Pres. Mary Spence #8
10th Dist. Pres. Savanna Kauffman, #14
Vice Pres. Jo Beth Delawder, #64

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National Website
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Chaplain

Please remember all members who are in hospitals, nursing homes or in their own homes with caregivers in your prayers.

Each day people take pains to make sure they look good on the outside. But God knows beauty is only skin deep. What lies in your heart is the true teller of who you are. Spend some moments today shaping up your character by seeking to follow Jesus' example. It will change your inner – and outer – life.

Conduct is what we do, character is what we are.

E. M. Bounds

For God and Country,
Mary Jennings, Chaplain



3rd District President

Here it is the end of April, the year has passed fast or so it seems.

Membership in the Units is slowing down. Ladies, please check your membership rosters. Make contact with those who have not paid.

Third District has two Goal Units congratulations, Clarksburg and Morgantown. Several more are close.

Remember your End of the Year Reports.

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

Stay safe
Carla Wilfong
Third District President

6th District President

Hello Everyone

Hope everyone is enjoying this nice weather just wish that it would warm up some.

Just want to remind everyone in Sixth District we will be have our Spring Conference on Saturday, April 24th hosted by Gary Unit 38. It will be at the Sterling Drive Inn, Stewart Street. Welch. The luncheon will be buffet and the price will be \$10.00, per person. You may wear your mask and be able to sit away from your neighbor if you want too. I hope everyone has had their injection.

Please send me a list of your deceased members since we will be having a Memorial Service.

So many of our Units are so close in meeting goal. I know Unit 8 has sent out letters to the one who has not paid their dues. This money goes for a good cause so maybe we can work just a little harder.

Hope you are working on Girls State. Unit 8 has appt. to go talk with the girls on the 22nd of April. It has really been hard this year but I am sure we all are trying hard.

It's getting close to be turning in our reports just hope everyone sends in the form even if they did not do anything it's very important to send the form back.

I am Chairman for Community Service, please send something in.

Everyone take care and hope to see you at Sixth District meeting. If not maybe State Convention in July.

God bless each and everyone, and lets say a prayer for all of our Veterans.

Peggy Swartz
President
6th District

4th District President

Greetings from Members of the 4th District:

A District 4 Spring Conference was held April 17th at Pt. Pleasant Post #23. An election of officers were held. All offices were filled. Members of Post #23 did a fantastic job! We had a delicious luncheon. The door prizes were beautiful, hanging baskets. We appreciate you!

Many Legion family members and the community have been vaccinated for the COVID-19 virus. We are still practicing social distancing, wearing masks, and using hand washing methods.

We are winding down from the 2020 – 2021 year; however, we are rolling up our sleeves to get busy for a brand-new year of service to our Veterans and families.

Congratulations to Spencer Auxiliary Unit #21 for reaching 102.94% membership! Parkersburg #15 is 80.62%. Pt. Pleasant #23 is 78.11%. Tyler County #48 is 81.58%. Sistersville #67 is 49.43%. New Haven #140 is 97.84%. Williamstown #159 is 78.00%.

Special thanks to Past Department President Susan Wade and Department Officers: President Sharon Kauffman, Secretary/Treasurer Paulette Anderson, Second Vice President Savanna Kauffman, and Chaplain Mary Jennings. We enjoyed your company, and you are welcome in District Four anytime!

Please Stay Safe.
Patsy Young-Greiner
4th District President
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5th District President

We had a great turnout for our 5th District Conference. There were several first timers there and I was glad to meet them.

Congratulations to Kitty Kelly-Smoot on her election as District President for the coming year and Frema Wilson was elected as Vice President. Both of these ladies are from Unit 16 and I know will do an excellent job.

We had several guests in attendance. Thank you to Michele Powell, wife of Department Commander, and **all but one of our elected Department Officers**. Thank you ladies for the time you took to travel and spend at our Conference. It is very much appreciated.

Note: I hope each unit is working on their Year End Reports!!!

Beth Kilgore
President
5th District

10th District President

Hello to all!

I do believe Spring Has Sprung!

I would like to thank all who attended our spring conference. It was great seeing you. A big thanks goes to Diane and Team Unit 137, Capon Bridge for hosting. Everything was wonderful. Thanks also to our Department President, Sharon Kauffman for being with us. We were honored to have two PCDNVP's with us, Irene Weber and Lynda Lancaster and six PDP's; Irene, Lynda, Paulette Anderson, Susan Wade, Debbie Fox and Lisa Cadwallader. Thank you ladies, for your continued support and knowledge.

We had our elections and what a joy it was to elect two young ladies. Congratulations to our newly elected President, Savanna Kauffman and our newly elected Vice President, Jo Beth Delawder. What a breath of fresh air to have young ones taking the reins. I'm sure these young ladies who do a great job!

I hope you are finishing your Year-end reports to send to Paulette. Unit presidents, please send me a report so I will have something to report to the department. At this time, I have received one. You can still send them to me.

Hugs to all!
10th District President
Debbie Michael
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6th District Vice President

Hoping to find everyone still staying safe and healthy and hopefully this pandemic is finally coming to a close. I am sure everything will not be the same but we can adjust. Now that the vaccine is open to the majority of our citizens, I hope that you have at least had your first vaccine and possibly already have had both.

Some of our Units have started or considering to start holding their monthly meeting again. Please continue to contact your members and collect dues for this year to meet your unit's goal. Since we only have a small amount of time to finish collecting outstanding dues, we need to do all we can to get all our members paid. Our May 15, 2021 target is 95%. Since Spring is here and May flowers are in full bloom, let's plant the seed to make sure that we work hard to meet our June membership "GOAL".

I want to remind everyone that we will be holding District 6 Spring Conference at the Sterling Drive Inn on Saturday, April 24, 2021. Registration will be from 9:00-10:00 a.m. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the conference.

I hope everyone is starting to feel more comfortable with getting out and doing some things with your family and that we continue to pray for our State and Nation during this pandemic.

Remember to keep your distance, disinfect, and wash your hands. Don't let your guard down!

Prayers for all to be safe.

Mary E. Spence
Vice President
District 6

Historian

What a beautiful Spring we have had this year. I know the temperatures have done been on a roller coaster ride but that is spring for you. It is better than the ice storm we had.

I hope everyone is working on their History Reports. If we don't know our history we are doomed to repeat and the mistakes we may have made. WRITE IT DOWN!!!

We are not makers of history. We are made by history... Martin Luther King Jr

Note: I hope each unit is working on their Year End Reports!!!

Beth Kilgore
Department Historian

Remember Our Friends

Mary Waybright is hoping to get home soon. She is getting used to her walker. A brain scan was done and all is normal. Her memory has improved that she is now able to remember past events. Mary has come a long way, so please continue your prayers.

Americanism



THE AMERICAN FLAG And the MILITARY FUNERAL

The flag has always played a very important part in a military funeral. The flag is not only an emblem, but also, in its own way, a history of this country. It tells a story of thousands of men and women who have been loyal to their land through suffering and hardship, and who have not hesitated to sacrifice their lives to support the ideals and goals of this great land.

During a military funeral, the flag draping the casket embraces the service men and women who has devoted their life to our country, and who is about to be laid to final rest. At the conclusion of the service, the flag is carefully folded into a tricornered hat, symbolic of hats worn by soldiers who fought the War of the Revolution and won American independence. In the folding, the red and white stripes are finally wrapped into the blue, symbolizing the light of day vanishing into the darkness of night. The flag is then presented to the next of kin on behalf of the President of the United States and a grateful nation.

At each Nations Cemetery, the flag of the United States flies daily in silent vigil over ordered rows of white marble headstones, honoring the lives and deeds of those who answered the call to duty.

LONG MAY IT WAVE

God Bless America
Susan Wade
Americanism Chairman

10th District Vice President

Hello 10th District Members,

Warmer weather finds us on the move, planting flowers, preparing gardens, attending more meetings and developing year end reports. Maybe we are getting back to normal. Martinsburg #14 is helping their SAL with the sale of country ham sandwiches, Moorefield #64 had a successful Easter egg hunt with the American Legion, Riders and SAL assisting making 38 kids very happy, Charles Town #102 has been mailing get well and sympathy cards to their veterans, and the VA, Capon Bridge continues Karaoke and Monday night wings with the Riders.

Berkeley Springs is a GOAL unit, Unit \$64 has 100% plus a new member, Unit #91 currently has 177 members plus 2 juniors, Unit #128 has 26 members with one new member, and Unit #137 has 100% plus 2 new members.

Installation of officers are underway for Unit #14, Unit #60, Unit #64, Unit #91, Unit #102, Unit #128, and Unit #137.

Martinsburg Unit #14 is sending 7 juniors and 2 seniors to Girls State.

Have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend and remember to keep our veterans in your prayers.

Bonnie Wilcox
10th District Vice President

Children & Youth

Did you Wear Purple on April 15th?

It is not too late to be thinking about next year and things your unit can do to celebrate the Military Child.

Here are a few suggestions...

Go grassroots and make requests of your schools, elected officials, and local businesses to wear **purple on April 15th in support of the occasion

**Recognize military children on April 15th

**Involve schools, sports teams, youth organizations, clubs, after school programs, fraternal organizations, social clubs, coworkers, members of your organizations

Publicize military installation events scheduled on **Purple Up! Day

**Request that your local school newsletters/newspapers/social media publicize Month of the Military Child events and activities hosted by the installation/community on or around the 15th

**Partner with local schools to find creative ways schools can contribute to the celebrations on April 15th

**Host an Assembly for Month of the Military Child

Ask local, regional, state, and federal officials to wear purple on **Purple Up! day

Request local businesses, stores and restaurants post a **Purple Up! message

Suggest companies and businesses ask their employees to wear **purple.

Note: I hope each unit is working on their Year End Reports!!!

Beth Kilgore, Chairman
Children & Youth



Child Welfare Foundation

Have you been feeding me???
I am so hungry I sleep all the time.



Please Feed Me!!

Beth Kilgore
Child Welfare

Community Service

Hello Everyone

Just to remind you to please get your reports in for Community Service. I hope that everyone has done something. I need to get the reports into National by the 15th of May.

Take care.
Peggy Swartz,
Community Service

Constitution & Bylaws

Motions

(source: ALA National Department Operations Guide)

1. Principal Motions: Parliamentary motions fall into four groups, including:

a. Motions: Brings new propositions before the assembly. They are open to debate and usually require a majority vote to carry them. A motion to rescind is a main motion requiring a 2/3 vote if previous notice has not been given.

b. Subsidiary Motions: Are attached to other questions for one or more of three purposes:

To modify (amend), to delay action, and to stop debate.

c. Privileged Motions: These are so important that they may break in at almost any time. Three are quite commonly used: **To take a recess, to adjourn, and to fix a time and place to adjourn.

d. Incidental motions: These are used to keep the business of an organization moving properly should matters become too complex and confusing. Only two or three are commonly used:

**Withdrawal of a motion may be asked for by the maker, and if no one objects, withdrawal is allowed. If anyone objects, it is necessary to make a motion to permit its withdrawal.

**Point of order is made to call attention to a parliamentary mistake.

**Appeal from the decision of the chair is made if a member disagrees with the presiding officer's decision. The assembly than may vote either to sustain or overrule the chair's decision. An appeal is usually debatable.

2. Steps in a Main Motion

· Motion is made, preferably in positive form, by saying, "I move that..."

· Motion must be seconded to be considered. At least two (2) people must wish to discuss a topic; therefore, the "second" is the second person. If there is no second, the motion dies.

· The chair repeats the motion, which opens the motion for discussion.

· Debate/discussion.

· Chair repeats the motion when discussion ends or time limit expires.

· Chair calls for ayes and nays. Must always call for the negative vote, even if it appears the vote is unanimous.

· Chair announces the result of the vote.

Dede Kelly
Department Constitution & Bylaws
Chairman
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National Security

National Security is really not a difficult program. Keep track of everything you do, from collecting coupons to purchasing items for our homeless Veterans.

Plan a blood drive, include your Post Legionnaires, SAL, and Legion Riders in this very important project.

Help a Veterans Family in going to the store, watch their children for them. Offer to take them for a job interview or to the doctor.

Please remember your End of the Year Reports.

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

Stay Safe
Carla Wilfong
Chairperson



Poppy

SPRING has finally arrived. As we see the beautiful colors in the blooms and flowers, let us remember the poppy and what it symbolizes for the American Legion Auxiliary. Take the time to make or get donations for your poppy fund. Try to find a new and fun way to get donations, especially if you are unable to have a poppy distribution in your community. Many may find that if we wear masks and observe proper social distancing, you can have a stand at a local merchant for distributing poppies and collecting donations. Do not forget to include the members and friends of your unit. Distribute a poppy to each member at your meeting and to those in the canteen (if you have one). Everyone you know should be aware of what the poppy stands for in our organization and how we use the funds raised. Knowledge can be power and can open a heart for some people.

If your area is having a ceremony or parade for Memorial Day, you should distribute the poppy to all in attendance. If you can have a copy of the Poppy Story to distribute with the poppy, it will help raise awareness and increase donations. Please let me know what you are doing.

Year-end reports are due in a few weeks. Take some pictures, take the time to fill out the awards form and submit a narrative of what you have done this year. Give a copy of your report to the Poppy Chairman in your unit for next year. I am looking forward to reading your year-end reports. Please send them in by April 30th. Your report does not have to be pages just report the activities you have done. Thank you for supporting our veterans.

Ann Buchanan
Poppy Chairman



National Executive Committeewoman

Hello Fellow Auxiliary Members,

I hope everyone is doing well. It has been one heck of a year for all of us. However, National has been very busy during this Pandemic. They have learned how to conduct our NEC Meeting Virtually, hold trainings virtually, update the website, and hold essential meetings while maintaining social distancing.

They started 2 New Committees for this year alone to help ensure diversity and assist states and units with build a Code of Ethics.

There are still a few virtual trainings being held. In fact, a Unit Fundraising Training was held on Thursday, April 15th, 2021.

On the website, you can take the various ALA Courses.

Through Facebook, National gave a little tidbit of information when submitting pictures of our National President Nicole Clapp's visit to Arizona for the purpose of National Convention in August. Hopefully, everything is a go.

I ask each member to take a few minutes and visit National's Website www.ALAforVeterans.org to view all of the information available to all members.

Until next month Be Safe and God Bless!!
Rhonda Best

Past President's Parley

Hello Fellow Members,

I hope everyone is healthy and safe. I know it is a busy time since everything is opening back up. However, it is still a scary and uncertain time even though we opening up fully. We can assist Our Veterans and their Families, Children, and Our Communities and still maintain social distancing as well as wear our masks to protect others.

Reach out to fellow Auxiliary members within your unit to help and mentor as needed. They may be too scared, unsure how to help others, or unsure how to maintain their safety.

Take a look at this past year and your unit members to see an individual that went above and beyond to help during this pandemic. Then submit this person for an award either "The Timeless Award" or "Unit of the Year". Please send any of them to me. I would love to have a person for each of these this year. We are able to have our Summer Convention and hope to see many of you there. But I do know Safety comes first.

I want to share a quote with you:
"Be the seed that permits others to grow and learn" Author Unknown.

Until next month Be Safe and God Bless!!
Rhonda Best

Past Presidents' Parley Chairman



American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

Rhododendron Girls State

We are fast approaching the Class of 2021 Girls State Session May 12-13 and for the Class of 2022, June 14-18. The cost is \$250. However, this cost is for two citizens and can include either both from the class of 2021 or both for the class of 2022 or one from each class.

Class of 2021

- **May 12-13, times to be determined
- **Program will be held through ZOOM
- **Three sessions per day
- **Government Classes
- **Election Procedures Instruction
- **Personal and Professional Development
- **Classes
- **Keynote Speakers
- **Breakout Sessions with Discussion
- **Talent, Personal Reflection, Chorus, Rhododendron Daily
- **Graduation/Recognition Ceremonies

Class of 2022

- **June 14-18, times to be determined
- **Program will be held through ZOOM
- **Three sessions per day
- **Government Classes
- **Voter Registration and Election Procedures
- **Party Caucuses, State-wide Primary and General Elections
- **Personal and Professional Development Classes
- **Keynote Speakers
- **Breakout Sessions with Discussion
- **Talent, Personal Reflection, Chorus, Rhododendron Daily
- **Graduation/Recognition Ceremonies

Thank you for all you are doing. If you have any questions please feel free to contact your district representative or myself.

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd
Rhododendron Girls State Chairman



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May 2021

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						<p><i>1st District Conference Wheeling #89</i></p>
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						<p><i>Armed Forces Day Target #9- 95%</i></p>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<p><i>Commander's Homecoming Wheeling</i></p>	<p><i>Target Sheet Out Spirit Articles Due</i></p>				<p><i>Spirit Out</i></p>	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
					<p><i>National Poppy Day</i></p> 	
30	31					
	<p><i>Memorial Day Office Closed</i></p>					

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

I want to thank each of you for your thoughts and prayers during my recovery from a fall. Things are going well but it is a slow process.

As we start the preparation of ending the 2020-2021 year, we need to remember that we have to leave a trail that can be followed by others. Your year-end report is needed by your unit, your department, and our national organization. The information can help your unit to continue serving our veterans in better ways. The Department of WV needs to know what you are doing in order to report numbers and facts to National. Our National organization using the combined figures to present to our representatives in the House and Senate in Washington when addressing veteran's issues.

You will need names, number of hours, and the amount of monies spent for your report. All reports of hours and names for pins need to send to Paulette at the Department Headquarters until further notice. Remember that the deadline is April 30, 2021. I hope to hear from each unit because I know that each of you have done some work for and with veterans. Please let us know what you are doing.

The Fisher House at Herschel "Woody" Williams VAMC is now open. It is the only one in WV. I hope that some units will send donation to help furnish the items needed for food for the families. We will have specific information at Department Convention.

Mary Waybright
VA & R Chairman



March Ways and Means Winners

Name	#'s	City	State	Date	\$\$\$
Mildred Barber	100	Gary	WV	3/1/2021	25.00
Kinsey Fleming	801	Hawesville	KY	3/2/2021	25.00
	682			3/3/2021	
Beth Beaver	736	New Martinsville	WV	3/4/2021	25.00
Gala McCune	743	Del Ray	WV	3/5/2021	25.00
Katena Karnes	527	Huntington	WV	3/6/2021	25.00
Sherri Sparks	215	Bluefield	VA	3/8/2021	25.00
Kinsey Fleming	801	Hawesville	KY	3/9/2021	25.00
Shirley Davis	312	Kenova	WV	3/10/2021	25.00
	887			3/11/2021	
	495			3/12/2021	
Hannah Burke	446	Elbert	WV	3/13/2021	25.00
	842			3/15/2021	
	680			3/16/2021	
	183			3/17/2021	
Sheila Rose	543	Gary	WV	3/18/2021	25.00
	410			3/19/2021	
	251			3/20/2021	
Judy McAllister	217	Wellsburg	WV	3/22/2021	25.00
Andy Hoggard	402	Wellsburg	WV	3/23/2021	25.00
David Hughes	667	Elbert	WV	3/24/2021	25.00
Shirley Duncan	972	Elbert	WV	3/25/2021	25.00
Bill McConnell	351	Moundsville	WV	3/26/2021	25.00
Steve Howell	920	Wheeling	WV	3/27/2021	25.00
	287			3/29/2021	
Sharon Armentrout	283	Webster Springs	WV	3/30/2021	25.00
	385			3/31/2021	



2020-2021 Membership Theme

"Honoring Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows"



Membership Target Sheet April 15th—90.00%
Department Goal— 5132
(New District Goals)
Membership To Date— 4,566 88.97 %
Unit #200 Goal— 195 To Date— 163

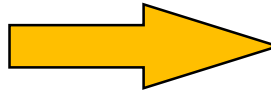


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District 1	Unit	2021 Goal	2021	% of Goal
	Wheeling #1	31	25	80.65%
	Moundsville #3	228	228	100.00%
	McMechen #5	32	26	81.25%
	Weirton #10	49	52	106.12%
	Cameron #18	143	130	90.91%
	New Martinsville #28	132	114	86.36%
	Wellsburg #34	26	24	92.31%
	Follansbee #45	35	45	128.57%
	Pine Grove #81	85	64	75.29%
	Paden City #86	81	81	100.00%
	Wheeling #89	16	16	100.00%
	Newell #114	24	22	91.67%
	Hundred #120	46	26	56.52%
	Chester #121	138	135	97.83%
	TOTALS	1066	991	92.96%

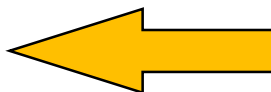
**WWII/
Merchant
Marines Era
40's Fashion
Jitterbug Dance**



**Goal 2511
To Date: 2291
(91.24 %)**

**Membership
Chairman
"Rosie the
Riveter"**

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



**Goal 2426
To Date: 2,112
(87.06 %)**

District 4	Unit	2021 Goal	2021	% of Goal
	Parkersburg #15	485	391	80.62%
	Spencer #21	34	35	102.94%
	Pt. Pleasant #23	233	182	78.11%
	Tyler County #48	38	31	81.58%
	Sistersville #67	87	43	49.43%
	New Haven #140	139	136	97.84%
	Williamstown #159	100	78	78.00%
	TOTALS	1116	898	80.47%

District 6	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
	Welch #8	60	46	76.67%
	Bluefield #9	29	26	89.66%
	Beckley #32	28	28	100.00%
	Gary #38	80	73	91.25%
	Cowen #62	21	20	95.24%
	Richwood #97	22	22	100.00%
	TOTALS	240	207	86.25%

District 3	Unit	2021 Goal	2021	% of Goal
	Buckhannon #7	42	36	85.71%
	Clarksburg #13	58	58	100.00%
	Elkins #29	133	110	82.71%
	Shinnston #31	270	248	91.85%
	Braxton County #33	33	28	84.85%
	Bridgeport #68	86	80	93.02%
	Belington #96	20	16	80.00%
	Pickens #122	20	19	95.00%
	Morgantown #174	45	54	120.00%
	TOTALS	707	645	91.23%

District 5	Unit	2021 Goal	2021	% of Goal
	Huntington #16	163	144	88.34%
	Logan #19	11	13	118.18%
	St. Albans #73	31	28	90.32%
	Ceredo-Kenova #93	281	225	80.07%
	South Charleston #94	15	13	86.67%
	Hamlin #111	37	30	81.08%
	Milton #139	71	59	83.10%
	Barboursville #177	142	105	73.94%
	TOTALS	751	616	82.02%

District 10	Unit	2021 Goal	2021	% of Goal
	Martinsburg #14	99	80	80.81%
	Franklin #30	16	13	81.25%
	Piedmont #52	29	19	65.52%
	Berkeley Springs #60	167	167	100.00%
	Moorefield #64	60	74	123.33%
	Charles Town #71	152	139	91.45%
	Petersburg #78	67	68	101.49%
	Romney #91	164	177	107.93%
	Charles Town #102	26	26	100.00%
	Paw Paw #128	24	23	95.83%
	Kirby #134	30	19	63.33%
	Ridgeley #136	41	45	109.76%
	Capon Bridge #137	136	143	105.15%
	Keyser #152	42	37	88.10%
	TOTALS	1053	1030	97.82%

Constitution & By-Laws Amendment Proposal
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of West Virginia
2021

Page 31 Article VIII Department Officers

Section 2

Reads As:

The National Executive Committee Woman Shall be the retiring President and the incoming President shall be her alternate.

Shall Read If Approved:

The National Executive Committeeperson (Striking the word "woman" and replacing it with the word "person") shall be an elected member in good standing and shall be held as a 2-Year term.

Rationale:

Striking the word "woman" and replacing it with the word "person" brings our Department in line with current ALA National developments.

Changing this office from a designated office of 1 (one) year to an elected office of 2 (two) years allows the NEC to fully focus her/his attention to this office and allows additional time to fully embrace and understand all of the responsibilities and procedures expected while holding the office.

Submitted By:

Rhonda Best

2020-2021 NEC

American Legion Auxiliary
Department of West Virginia
Constitution & Bylaws Proposed Changes

Under Constitution: Article VIII: Department Officers

Current Reading:

Section 1: The Department Convention shall elect annually a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Secretary/Treasurer, a Chaplain and a Historian.

Proposed Change: Take out a Secretary/Treasurer, a Chaplain, and a Historian

Rationale: Remainder of Article VIII Section 1 moved to Article 10 Elections.

New Reading:

Section 1: The Department Convention shall elect annually a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President.

Under Bylaws: Article X: Elections

Current Reading:

Section 1: The election of the following officers shall be by secret ballot: Department President, Department First Vice President, Department Second Vice President, Department Secretary/Treasurer, Department Chaplain, and Department Historian. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect. When there is but one candidate for an office, the roll call may be dispensed with the nominee elected by voice vote.

Proposed Change: Department Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected every 3 years.

Rationale: The Department Headquarters is in the home of the Secretary/Treasurer. Therefore it isn't necessary to elect every year.

New Reading:

Section 1: The election of the following officers shall be by secret ballot: Department President, Department First Vice President, Department Second Vice President. The Department Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected every three years. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect. When there is but one candidate for an office, the roll call may be dispensed with the nominee elected by voice vote.

Proposed Change: Under Elections Section 1: delete Department Chaplain and Department Historian.

Rationale: Each year is harder to find a member to run for Department Chaplain and Historian. The newly elected President usually has to appoint someone for these two offices.

New Section 2: The Incoming President shall appoint a Chaplain and a Historian to serve her year.

If passed, then the old Section 2 would become Section 3, Section 3 would be Section 4, and so on.

Jane E. Weber PCINVA
Member, Romney Unit #91

American Legion Auxiliary
Department of West Virginia, Inc.
GIFT SHOP FINANCE REPORT

Gift Shop Ann's Antiques Date 2-25-21

Chairman Roxie Nickerson

Address PO Box 14
Shinastan WVA 26431

Amount on hand at beginning of Gift Shop year -- \$ 392.81
 Gift Shop Allowance for Gift Shop Year --- \$ 900.00
 Other money allowed --- \$ 400.00
TOTAL OF BEGINNING BALANCE --- \$ 1692.81

Income	Expenses (*)
Department Allowance <u>900.00</u>	<u>Travel</u> <u>792.01</u>
Other Donations <u>400.00</u>	<u>Walmart</u> <u>530.72</u>
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Total Income ----- \$ 1300.00 Total Expense --- \$ 1322.73
 Total amount left at end of Gift Shop Year 220 370.08
 Approximate number of Veterans served ----- 120
 Approximate number of Gifts distributed ----- 203

Directive of Department Executive Committee - 9/12/98
 "All stewards must have a report by end of year to filed for audit." This is also requirements from Internal Revenue Service.

Report with receipts are due on or before February 1

Mail report to:
 Copy #1 (With all valid receipts) Department Headquarters
 Copy #2 Department President

Copy #3
 Gift Shop Chairman's Files
 (*) If you don't want to list all the expenses just put "See Attached" and record the total on front. All receipts must be attached.

[copy #2] Department President

American Legion Auxiliary
 Department of West Virginia, Inc.
GIFT SHOP FINANCE REPORT

Gift Shop Martinsburg VAPAC Date 12-4-2020

Chairman Marcia Baleske

Address 91 Duane St

Charlestown, WV 25414

Amount on hand at beginning of Gift Shop year -- \$ 775.42
 Gift Shop Allowance for 2020 Gift Shop Year -- \$ 2,100.00
 Other money allowed -- \$ _____
 TOTAL OF BEGINNING BALANCE -- \$ 2,875.42

<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses (*)</u>
Department Allowance <u>\$2,100.00</u>	Rentals <u>\$351.22</u>
Other Donations _____	Books <u>\$328.36</u>
_____	Fire Alarm <u>111.70</u>
_____	Home Depot <u>25.00</u>
_____	Dollar Tree <u>10.00</u>
_____	Maartens <u>27.94</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Total Income ----- \$ _____ Total Expense ---- \$ 955.22

Total amount left at end of 2020 Gift Shop Year 2,225.96

Approximate number of Veterans served ----- 79

Approximate number of Gifts distributed ----- 149

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American Legion Auxiliary
Department of West Virginia, Inc
GIFT SHOP FINANCE REPORT

Gift Shop Beckley VA Medical Center Date: 12/24/20

Chairman Mary Jennings

Address 200 Veterans Ave, Beckley, WV 25804

Amount on hand at beginning of Gift Shop year -- \$ 0.00
 Gift Shop Allowance ~~2020~~ Gift Shop Year --- \$ 900.00
 Other money allowed -- Bingo --- \$ 180.00
TOTAL OF BEGINNING BALANCE --- \$ 1080.00

<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses (*)</u>
Department Allowance <u>900⁰⁰</u>	<u>900.00</u>
Other Donations <u>Bingo money</u>	<u>180.00</u>
14 military T-shirts for Vet	<u>279.86</u>
7 packages of 2 Dish Soaps	<u>31.02</u>
1 gifts for Veterans & families	<u>386.73</u>
1 gifts for Veterans families	<u>310.35</u>
1 gift Bags	<u>30.29</u>
3 Books for gift to Veterans	<u>6.39</u>

Total income ----- \$ 1080.00 Total Expense --- \$ 1067.32

Total amount left at end of 20 Gift Shop Year --- \$ 12.68

Approximate number of Veterans served ----- 14 Family members 30

Approximate number of Gifts distributed ----- 96

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Huntington VAMC Gift Shop 2020

December 15, 2020 at Herschel "Woody" Williams VAMC

Received \$900 from ALA Department of WV

Balance from 2019 of \$567.18 + \$100 in items

Money available \$1467.18

Items retained from the 2020 Gift Shop approximately \$60

- 1 screwdrivers
- 2 grooming razors
- 3 umbrellas
- 3 hat & gloves
- 7 toboggan hats
- 7 men's scarves
- 1 water bottles
- 1 stuffed animals
- 2 purses
- 3 flashlights

Veterans served the family of 29 patients by distributing a basket of goodie containing a gift for the wife or caretaker, throws and snacks (including beef sticks, crackers, pudding or jello, cookies, candy, chips, and more). We were not able to use many of the gifts left from 2019 but we did use approximately \$40 of the gifts we already had. The food items and throws had to be purchased.

Money spent this year \$ 601.59 + left-over gifts \$ 40= \$ 641.59

Available \$1467.18 - Money Spent \$601.52 = \$ 865.66 + \$40 in items

Ann Buchanan, Chairman



"Oldest Post In The United States"

American Legion Post No. 1

P.O. Box 747
Wheeling, WV 26003

HOMECOMING

in honor of

2020 - 2021

American Legion Department of West Virginia

Department Commander

JOHN A. POWELL

Sunday, May 16, 2021

5:00PM – 10:00PM (dinner served at 6:00 PM)

Italian American Club (IAC) – Wheeling

Sycamore Avenue (end of Avenue on the left)

Wheeling, WV 26003

*Business Casual Attire

(Face Mask and Social Distancing suggested)

Ticket Information: \$20.00 per person.

Please make check payable to American Legion Wheeling Post 1, and mail to PO Box 747, Wheeling, WV 26003 by **05/06/2021**.

RSVP to Adjutant H. Keith Brown at 1-304-830-2673 by **05/06/2021**.

Lodging: Hampton Inn, 795 National Road, Wheeling, WV; 304-233-0440.

Special Rate: \$99.00 plus tax. Must book by **05/06/2021**.

(20 rooms have been reserved under the American Legion Post 1)