



# The Auxiliary Spirit



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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 Auxiliary Members

It was great to see so many members at Fall Workshop. I hope that everyone learned how to do an Audit and about Gift Shops. I read all your answers and forwarded to Vice President Cathy Post for next years' Workshop. I agree with you way to much talking and people couldn't hear. Yes the awards were kind of messed up, but this is the first time we have had to do them at workshop. It is usually done at Convention. Thank you Rhonda for going over the information from National Organization and to Paulette for explaining how to fill out a transmittal.

The Chinese Auction brought in \$1,116.00 for my Special Project Gold Star Family Memorial Monument. Thank you for your donations. I still have a ways to go, but I hope to get what is needed this year.

With sadness we had to cancel 3 units charter.

I will be starting to travel to District Conferences. Hope to see more members show up for them.

Remember to get your membership in on time. Congratulations to Logan Unit 19 for getting 100%!

Thank you all for the get well cards and prayers. It meant a lot to me.

Remember our Veterans who can't get out and remember our Auxiliary Members who are in the Hospital and Nursing home. A simple card would make them feel a lot better knowing we haven't forgotten them.

For God and Country  
Department President  
Sharon Kauffman



## 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

## District Vice Presidents

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



# 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. Currently I do not have 2019-2020 mandatory funds paid for: McMechen Unit #5, Weirton Unit #10, Wheeling Unit #89, Hundred Unit #120, Clarksburg Unit #13 (poppies only), Pickens Unit #122, Pt. Pleasant Unit #23, Sistersville Unit #67, Hamlin Unit #111 (Poppies Only), Barboursville Unit #177, Gary Unit #38, Richwood Unit #97, Franklin Unit #30, Piedmont Unit #52, Petersburg Unit #78, Charles Town Unit #102, Ridgeley Unit #136, and Keyser Unit #152 (poppies and 10% only)**

**IF YOU HAVE PAID THESE PLEASE CONTACT THIS OFFICE. IF NOT PLEASE SEND IN ASAP TO HAVE YOUR UNIT IN GOOD STANDING WITH DEPARTMENT.**

**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.

## **Directory Updates:**

Page 13: Fifth District Vice President's email address should read [KittyKS2@comcast.net](mailto:KittyKS2@comcast.net)  
Page 18: Membership application is **not** the correct one. Please use the application that has **No Direct Descendent listed on it.** The new ones were in your workshop booklet, and on the Dept. website.  
Page 24: **Brian Nimmo** is the Medical Center Director for Hershel "Woody" Williams VA Center.  
Page 26: Under Mason County Unit #23: New President-Marcia Finley 709 Main St. Pt. Pleasant 25550 304-675-2260.  
Meetings held Last Tuesday of Month 6:30  
Email Contact: [marciafinley@yahoo.com](mailto:marciafinley@yahoo.com)

## **Fall Conferences**

5th District Auxiliary Conference  
Saturday September 19th  
Huntington Unit #16

6th District Auxiliary Conference  
Saturday October 17th  
Welch Post #8 Home

10th District Joint Fall Conference  
Saturday October 3rd  
Charles Town Post #71

3rd District Joint Fall Conference  
Saturday October 24th  
Shinnston Post #31

4th District Joint Fall Conference  
Saturday October 24th  
Parkersburg Post #15

1st District Auxiliary Conference  
TBA

## **Department Headquarters**

### **NEW Office Hours**

**Monday-Friday**

**8:30-11:30**

**12:30-3:30**

**Lunch 11:30-12:30**

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### **Department Website:**

[www.wvaux.org](http://www.wvaux.org)

### **Rhododendron Girls State Website**

[www.wvgirlsstate.org](http://www.wvgirlsstate.org)

### **The American Legion**

**Department of WV**

[wvlegion@suddenlink.com](mailto:wvlegion@suddenlink.com)

### **American Legion Auxiliary**

**National Website**

[ALAforveterans.org](http://ALAforveterans.org)

## **Remember Our Friends**

*Beth Kilgore, Dept. Historian and 5th District President is back in the hospital for complications on her foot. She hopes to be home soon. Please keep her in your prayers.*



**“Honoring Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows”**

**Membership Chairman**

Happy Fall Y'all -- Wow, what a great turn-out for the Membership Workshop! We had twelve first-time attendees. Please be sure to look at the handouts that were in the folders and membership incentives and awards for the year.

We had 11 Units that reached Target # 1 September 15 @ 30%! Congratulations to **Wheeling # 1, Logan # 19, Spencer #21, Shinnston # 31, Follansbee # 45, Cowen # 62, Charles Town #71, Paden City # 86, Charles Town # 102, Capon Bridge # 137, and Keyser # 152.**

Congratulations to **LOGAN # 19**, the first Unit in Department to reach GOAL!!!!

Remember the 15th of every month is our Target Date. National just sent out the renewal notice and can only wait to see how many Units reach our next Target #2 October 15 with 35%.

The next Spirit Article will have the District and Department Challenges.

Start planning your outfits for Mid-Winter and practice those dance steps of our yester-years.

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd  
Membership Chairman



**Department 1st Vice President**

Dear Friends,

Fall has arrived early... a tad of frost today. If you did not make it to workshop, you missed a good one!! Thank you, Madam President Sharon, Membership Chairman Linda Lancaster, Paulette Anderson for all your guidance, and Rosemary Thomas for your leadership and Girls state.

This year we had 12 new attendees for workshop, that is wonderful. So happy to see new interest! Congratulations to all the units that won awards this time. Masks were certainly a fashion statement this past weekend, some really out done themselves.

We have one unit on the Jitterbug side of the state that has already made goal, 109.09% to be exact, CONGRATS LOGAN #19. Way to go!

Time to start working with children if possible, Halloween is coming up and if your community is participating, we need to get the papers to them about safety. Also let's get started with Girls State, the National President will join us this year for her visit.

My own unit, #48, furnished flags for our football team to carry on the field in honor of 9-11. It was very well received by the community. Stay involved with the kids, they all have mothers, sisters, aunts and grandmothers that can join. If they see what you are doing with the children, that might just get you new members.

Until next month, wear your mask, stay safe and check on your veterans.

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 Side,

It was nice to see everyone at the workshop. We had 12 new members there, glad to see new faces there.

I'm ready to attend all the up coming district conferences.

This is a new year so let's have a great year. Congratulations to Logan #19 for making goal!!!

Way to go on the membership so far. We are all winners but let's the Korea side win vs Cathy side. We have 5 units with 30% and congrats to the other side as well..

If anyone needs me my information didn't change so give me a call, text, email, or Facebook messenger and just leave a message and I will get back to you.

Be you - Do you - Love you  
For God and Country  
Savanna Kauffman  
Department 2nd Vice President



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

### *1st District Vice President*

Hello everyone of 1st District,

I was nice to see such a good turnout for Fall Workshop. Wish more units from 1st District were in attendance.

I know this membership year has just begun but keep pressing forward and reach out to your membership.

Remind them that they don't have to wait to pay 2021 dues.

Looking forward to this upcoming membership year and hoping it is better than the last.

God Bless and Stay Safe,  
Stephanie Handley  
1st District Vice President  
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### *3rd District Vice President*

Hello again fellow members.

I hope you are doing well and trying to maintain some normalcy through this!

Meetings are tough to have but there are lots of virtual options to use to check in with your members. Consider running a "special" on membership dues.

Congratulations to Shinnston 31 who is at 41% of their goal and to Braxton, Bridgeport, Buckhannon, and Clarksburg who are all doing well toward reaching their goal. All are above 10%!

There are some great membership information on the ALA website too. Wishing you a wonderful September

Kim Mellie  
District 3 Vice President  
[kmellie@comcast.net](mailto:kmellie@comcast.net)

### *3rd District President*

This past weekend Fall Workshop was held in Clarksburg. We had two Units from our District represented. I was disappointed in this, two Units were close by but no one attended.

Fall Conference will be held October 24th at Shinnston, because of the Pandemic some places could not hold it. I hope that Spring Conference can be hosted by another Unit. It is only fair.

I will be sending out letters this weekend to all Units, Please make an attempt to attend. We also have two Units that do not have their mandatory funds for 2019-2020 paid, please do so. so far this year we have only three Units in our District that have not sent in any dues.

I am sorry to say that Third District has lost another Unit, Jane Lew Unit #166. I hope the members of this Unit keep their dues paid, send them to Department Headquarters.

I will try to have more information for you in next months Spirit. Keep up the good work.

If you need my help, I am just a phone call away. 304-592-0247 or email me at : [carlajwilfong@e-mail.com](mailto:carlajwilfong@e-mail.com).

Service to others not self  
Carla Wilfong  
Third District President

### *4th District President*

Greetings to Members of the 4th District:  
I am so excited about the 2020 – 2021 year!! Attending the Department Fall Membership/Leadership Workshop was a wonderful experience.

We received our new program materials for the coming year. We had a lot of fun! We raised a lot of money from the birthday present auction. We made new friends as well as renewing old friendships.

District 4 will hold a joint Fall Conference at Post 15, in Parkersburg, WV, on October 24, 2020. Registration will be at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. **Masks will be required.** Social distancing will be observed. We hope to see you there!

Membership is the bloodline of our organization. We must retain our members and recruit new members. We will make President Sharon Kauffman proud, again this year!

Let's get busy "Honoring our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows." Don't forget to carry a current membership application with you.

God Bless  
Stay Safe,  
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### *4th District Vice President*

Greetings to Members of the 4th District,

New membership goals are here! The Department is aiming for 30% by September 15th and as of right now Spencer #21 has exceeded that target at 38.24%. Congratulations! The rest of our units are currently as follows: Parkersburg #15 (9.07%) Pt. Pleasant #23 (0.85%) Tyler County #48 (2.63%) Sistersville #67 (Not yet reported), New Haven #140 (2.88%) and Williamstown #159 (12%).

It is still early so don't be discouraged. National has now mailed the dues reminders so you can anticipate renewals to start coming in on a more regular basis. Follow up with your members with post cards, facebook posts, emails or a phone tree.

New Membership Applications are now available and this would be a good time to talk to your friends and neighbors about becoming a member. If each of us brought in one new member just imagine how much we would grow and how much we could accomplish. Find your inspiration and do it. If competition motivates you then ask me about how you can win a prize for bringing in new members this year. If being of service is what motivates you then think of how many more lives your unit can touch when people join. Maybe you just feel a passion in your heart for the American Legion Auxiliary. If so, then adding new members is how you can assure its success and the longevity. Find what moves you and stirs your heart to this cause.

I look forward to growing our District this year and am available at any time should you want to discuss growth ideas.

"Everything you can imagine is real." -  
Pablo Picasso

Dawn Lutes  
4th District Vice President  
304-679-6355  
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### 6th District President

Hello Everyone

Guess Fall is with us now with our cool temperature we are having. If you didn't get to come to the workshop in Bridgeport sorry you missed it.

Sixth District Fall Conference will be hosted by Welch Unit 8 on Saturday, October 17th, at the Post Home 159 McDowell Street Welch. Registration will be from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. Lunch will be served the price of the lunch will be \$5.00 per person. You may wear your mask if you wish. This is a very short message.

Hope to see you in Welch on the 17th of October.

Lets keep everyone in our prayers.  
Peggy Swartz  
President  
6th District

### 6th District Vice President

Hello to all our District 6 members.

Again hoping everyone is safe and healthy. Praying the coronavirus will soon come to a close. I am sure everything will not be the same once this is over; but, keep our faith in God and continue to pray for each other, family, and country.

We are now into our 2021 year for our membership drive. Welcome to the Fall season. Let's fall in line by getting our membership rolling.

I enjoyed talking with some of the Unit representatives for District 6. Unfortunately most units haven't been able to do a lot due to the Covid-19 virus situation. It was good to hear that some were beginning to schedule meetings while others were planning on holding Virtual meetings. I want to remind all members about our District 6 meeting on October 17, 2020. Please put this date on your calendar. I am so excited and can't wait to see everyone.

I understand that the Fall workshop was a success. Unfortunately I am sorry that I missed this meeting. As our news report indicate, we are still having spikes and hot spots throughout our state. Need to run as I am being chased by goblins and ghosts trying to keep my distance.

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

Keep enough candy on hand to ward off the ghosts and goblins.

Enjoy  
Mary E. Spence  
Vice President  
District 6

### 10th District Vice President

As I sat on my porch calling unit contacts, the cool air gave a hint that Fall is not far off. Fall activities are already underway as Charles Town #71 Capon Bridge #137 prepare for a Halloween evening for Trunk or Treat for their communities providing goodies for the kids in costumes.

The following units continue to serve "to-go" meals: Martinsburg #14 is working on a steak and shrimp dinner, Moorefield #64 is having a veterans' picnic for their unit/post, and Paw Paw #128 had a taco dinner and a breakfast supper, Berkeley Springs #60 and Capon Bridge #137 continue to have lunches and dinners available from their Post Homes.

Monthly meetings are underway in Martinsburg #14, Berkeley Springs #60, Moorefield #64, Charles Town #71, Petersburg #78, Romney #91, Charles Town #102 (phone conference meetings), Paw Paw #128, Capon Bridge #137 and Keyser #152.

Make plans to attend the 10th District Fall Conference on October 3rd in Charles Town #71. Many have already sent reservations, credentials, form letters. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Bonnie Wilcox  
10th District Vice President

### Chaplain

*"In the name of Jesus Christ who was never in a hurry, we pray, O God, that You will slow us down, for we know that we live too fast. With all eternity before us, make us take time to live---time to get acquainted with You, time to enjoy Your blessing, and time to know each other. Lord Jesus Christ, no matter where we are, far away or near at hand, off involved in the hurly-burly of life, immersed in human cares or joys, light-hearted or down in the dumps, draw us to Yourself, draw us so that we become totally Yours."*

Peter Marshall and Soren Kierkegaard

For God and Country  
Mary Jennings  
Chaplain



### 10th District President

Hello to all in the 10th District

It was great seeing everyone at Fall Boards. Thank you to the units who attended and congratulations to those units receiving awards. I will have that list for the next Spirit.

I hope you have mailed your credential and registration forms for our Fall Conference. The meeting is 9:00 am on Saturday, October 3rd at Charles Town 71. If you have any concerns or questions, please email me.

Please remember to bring your copy of our 10th District Constitution/Bylaws & Standing Rules so you can follow along as we go through it.

I will have all the unit info from Fall Boards to give to the 11 units who were not there. Please try to attend as mailing this will be expensive.

Please bring with you your officers and chairpersons list or email it to me. I have only received the list from one unit. I used last year's list for the conference mailings.

Stay well and Hugs!

Debbie Michael  
10th District President  
304-258-2705  
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### Historian

Start your new History Book for 2020-2021 year. They will be judged at Department Convention in Huntington.

The History book is your activities of what your unit has been doing for the current year.

Include a picture of your Unit President, name and location of your unit, and membership for the year.

Until next month



## Americanism



Another Workshop in the books!! It was great seeing everyone!! It has definitely been too long! I pray that everything gets back to normal soon!!

Focus on the Mission, not the Candidate!!

November 3, 2020 is Election Day! I'm sure most of you are aware that The American Legion is a Nonpartisan Organization, as is the American Legion Auxiliary. Members need to be more conscientious of what we post on social media, the emails we send and the words we speak.

When you are wearing anything that shows you are representing the American Legion Auxiliary, please be careful what you say. You could inadvertently make an eligible member feel uncomfortable or turned off about joining.

If you are talking to potential new members and wearing Auxiliary attire, tread lightly on the subject of politics. This can cause the person to misunderstand the aims and purposes of our American Legion Auxiliary.

Please Vote on November 3rd!!

For God and Country  
God Bless You All  
Susan Wade  
Americanism Chairman



## Auxiliary Emergency Fund

At the 2020 Workshop held last weekend, Lapel Pins were given out to Units and One District that donated \$50.00 or more to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. Winner of Traveling plaques: Ruth Yoho (10-150) Capon Bridge #137 and No one won the Carol Williams (151 and over).

Units need to donate what they can this year, as with the Fires, in California, Hurricanes in Florida, Alabama, North Carolina's, members will need our help. It doesn't stop there. We will not know when West Virginia will need help.

Applications for AEF assistance can be downloaded from [www.wvvaux.org](http://www.wvvaux.org) or [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org)

Melanie Shambaugh  
AEF Chairman

## Education

Now that students and teachers are back to school, either by streaming or in person, they deserve our support. In a recent Facebook posting was the following Back to School Prayer: ***“Dear Heavenly Father, please put a hand of protection this school year on all the Children, Teachers and Staff. Watch over them. Protect them. Love them. We thank you God For all you do. Amen.”***

Parents must continue to review with their children the guidelines put out by the school systems. They should discuss daily activities with their children so they are aware of how things are going. The trick is to convey the seriousness of the situation without scaring their children. Hopefully the students can experience a normal education—at least the “new” normal and being with each other.

As Auxiliary members, we can add our support to the children, teachers and staff. The Give 10 to Education Program recommends donations such as books, backpacks, loose paper, notebooks, pencils, pens, markers, hand sanitizer, baby wipes, sporting equipment to name a few.

Keep track of your donations and cost so that you can report those contributions at year-end.

Dianne McClung  
Chairman

## Child Welfare Foundation

It is time to feed me for 2020-2021! I would like to surpass my weight that I gained this year.

Save your pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and of course your \$ Bills. Put in your Post home, at your unit meetings. Keep at your office and when you have extra change FEED ME!

At the Workshop my ALCWF received \$7.19. Let's build it up!!

Each month you will see somewhere in this Spirit ME growing FAT!!



## Junior Activities

Hi to all!

We had a nice meeting at Fall Boards. Thank you to Tori, Unit #48, Charli and Clara, Unit #60 for attending.

We learned about patriotism. I gave each girl a folder with info on the history of the flag, the Pledge of Allegiance and the Star Spangled Banner and how they came to be. We talked about all of this and the girls answered questions. Also, in the folder was info on membership. Miss Debbie Fox gave the girls totes to keep their info and goodies in. She also gave them cookies.

The girls made 6 patriotic wreaths, using red/white/blue clothes pins and stars. They presented one to our Department President, Sharon and to PDP Debbie Fox as a thank you.

The girls signed 100 Christmas cards for our Veterans. They were handed out to be given to the Veterans in the VA's in our state.

Please continue to work with the juniors and have them as involved in your projects/events as you can.

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

Hugs to all!  
Debbie Michael  
Junior Activities  
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## ***Legislative***

Between the Auxiliary and Legion we have a number of links that leads to many different tools. A few are listed below.

<https://www.legion.org/legislative> provides the legislative agenda, points paper, other resources, the action center and handbook.

<https://www.votervoicenet.com/AmericanLegion/home> the action center, sign up for alerts and find legislators. [www.legion.org/dispatch](http://www.legion.org/dispatch) digital dispatch

<https://www.alaforveterans.org/Resources/Legislative/> download the Legislative Advocacy Guide and find other legislative information.

<https://legiscan.com/US/> has a wealth of information on all legislative issues, but to focus on issues related to veterans just type Veterans in the search. It tells the bill number, status, a summary, and the last activity.

Lisa Cadwallader  
Legislative Chairman  
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## ***National Security***

Good afternoon Auxiliary members

Hope everyone is enjoying this weather, I know I am.

Fall Workshop has passed and I found out that many Units are working this program, but just not reporting what they did. Write everything down send it to me what isn't important to you may be important enough to include in my national report.

District conferences are now starting so please attend them you may find more information. I just found out that a Unit in Third District one of their members made masks and distributed them to people, this was never reported. So please report everything you do. I will have more next month.

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

Service to others not self  
Carla Wilfong  
Chairperson

## ***Poppy***

I want to say "thank you" to President Sharon for asking me to finish the year as Poppy Chairman. I hope to be able to assist you and your unit with your Poppy Donations this year. It is a hard time to go out in the community and collect donations, however you do have some other options.

1) Put a canister in your post home or meeting space and you will find that a few dimes or quarters (even pennies) each month can add up.

2) Send a post card to members telling them the situation and asking for their donations, This can be used to form a Poppy Club.

3) Have a raffle and donate to the Poppy Fund. "Scentsy" has two different poppy items at this time and one is on sale.

4) Have juniors or younger SAL members make a poster for the Poppy Poster Contest. Then vote for a penny a vote for the best in each classification, Donate funds to Poppy Fund.

If you have any other ideas, please let me know,

Please continue to work on the Poppy Poster Contest. Even though students may have virtual learning, they will still do art,

I wish you luck and I look forward to hearing from you,

Ann Buchanan  
Poppy Chairman  
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***Midwinter Conference  
February 12-14, 2021  
Oglebay Resort  
Wheeling WV***

***State Convention  
July 8-11, 2021  
Doubletree by Hilton  
Huntington WV***

***National Convention  
August 27-September 2, 2021***

***Forms will be the Spirit and on Department Website***

### ***Tentative Schedule for Gift Shops***

***December 2nd Beckley VA***

***December 8th Huntington VA***

***December 4th Clarksburg VA***

***December 4th and 5th Martinsburg VA***

## National Executive Committeewoman

Hello Auxiliary Members,

Our recent NEC Virtual Meeting was well attended with 161 Members present. We discussed many things, went through Committee Reports, and passed a few items.

The Strategic Committee Group suggested Goals and Strategies to include Inclusion and Diversity into our Programs. It was approved to set up a Small Committee to work towards this suggestion. It is named "The Diversity and Inclusion Committee". Its purpose is to come up with a plan and procedure to ensure Inclusion and Diversity in our programs. The Committee will run only throughout the 2020-2021 Year. \*\*Any member is encouraged to apply for this committee\*\*. I will forward application information once it is submitted to me.

Trish Ward, Constitution & By-Laws Committee Chairman, and Committee Members were asked to review the "Code of Ethical Conduct" and how it can be used for Department and Unit Officers and Members. The result is "It cannot be implemented for Department and Unit Officers and Members". Recommendation was given and approved for the following: To Set up a Small Committee and the purpose is to come up with a Training Departments and Units can use. This training will show Departments and Units how to create a "Code of Ethical Conduct" geared to each Level. (Paperwork, Writing, etc.) \*\*Any Member is encouraged to apply for this committee\*\* This committee will dissolve at the completion of its goal or at the end of the 2020-2021 Year whichever one comes first. I will forward application information once it is submitted to me.

Resolution for Constitution & By-Laws was given and approved. This came about due to members asking for a better understanding of them.

It is Resolved as: **November 14th, 2020 be recognized as "ALA National Read Your Unit/District/County/ Department/National Constitution & By-Laws Day for the 202-2021 Administrative Year.**

Please submit any Event Pictures reading your Constitutions & By-Laws with your members.

Until next month Be Safe and God Bless!!!

Rhonda Best  
NEC

## Past President's Parley

Hello Auxiliary Members,

I hope everyone is doing well. During our Auxiliary Workshop recently held 12th of September 2020, it was brought to my attention there were Units that submitted a Year-End Report for "Past Presidents Parley". I did not receive them through the Postal Service. Please resubmit your report to Department Headquarter. I apologize for any inconvenience.

Through email I received a "Timeless Award" entry. The winner of this award is "Kimbaly Stanley". She is a Unit Member of Martinsburg Unit 14. She has gone above and beyond to help others within her unit as well as Veterans and their families. Kimbaly Stanley continues to give 100% along side her husband. Please congratulate her.

Until next month Be Safe and God Bless!!!

Rhonda Best,  
PPP Chairman

## 100 Years of Celebration 1919-2019



Hello Auxiliary Members,

I hope everyone is doing well. During our Auxiliary Workshop recently held 12th of September 2020 it was brought to my attention there were Units that submitted a Year-End Report for 100th Year Celebration. I did not receive them through the Postal Service. Please resubmit your report to Department Headquarter. I apologize for any inconvenience.

Throughout the 2020-2021 Year continue to Celebrate our 100th Year. During our Mid-Year Conference we will be doing 100th Year Photos. If anyone would like a copy for themselves, then we ask for a \$1.00 Donation to help with the cost of the film.

Until next month Be safe and God Bless!!!

Rhonda Best  
100th Year Celebration Chairman







# American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

## *Rhododendron Girls State*

The 2021 Girls State Session will be held June 13-18, 2021 at Davis & Elkins College, in Elkins, West Virginia. The cost once again is \$250 per citizen and this includes the cost of the t-shirt.

Please start to secure your sponsors now. During these unprecedented times, our “go-to” organizations may not have their discretionary monies to help sponsor a girl. They have not been able to meet or hold their fundraisers and/or bingos.

We will need to work extra hard this year in recruiting girls. Remember, they have no class of 2021 coming back from Girls State talking it up! It’s up to us! Also, the 2021 Session of Rhododendron Girls State will allow a minimum of 50 girls of the Class of 2021 to attend with a waiting list if they are wanting to attend.

Our National President Nicole Clapp is making her official West Virginia visit and will be attending our Girls State Session.

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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## Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

I just got back from delivering socks to the local Homeless Center as part of a VA Stand Down for veterans. Usually this is held in the streets with tents set up and the veterans pass by the booths, but since we can't have this many people congregating in one area safely, the Homeless Center is distributing on a one-on-one basis. Everything we do for veterans has drastically changed, but we need to continue to do what we can.

Something I want to bring to your attention about your annual report. First I know they take a lot of time in reporting if you do it right. Secondly, you can only report what your unit does and spends and not what your Post spends combined with yours even if it is a joint project. You can both claim the hours you both spent on the project. This would also hold true for a district program. If you ever have any questions, please ask.

By the time this message appears in the Spirit, the Leadership Conference will have been held. I look forward to seeing those who attend and getting the Plan of Works for the new membership year.

Mary Waybright  
V A & R

At the Fall Workshop the 2021 Fund-raiser tickets were there to hand out to units. Thank you to those who took some to sell.

I will be sending tickets out to units who didn't attend, the first part of the week.

Report for the First Half of the Fund-raiser (Jan.-June): 629 Tickets Sold

Beginning Balance: Jan. 1 \$525.00

Deposit: Tickets Sold \$12,580.00

Bank Charges: \$48.00

Expenses: Bank Charges: \$43.00

Harland Checks \$122.71

96-\$25 winners \$2,400.00

3-\$200 winners \$600.00

13-\$25 checks from 2019 \$325.00

Balance June 30th: \$9,662.29

Reserve for 1/2 Half \$5,000.00

1st Half Profit: \$4,662.29

General Fund—25% \$1,165.57

Welfare Fund—75% \$3,496.72

Unit Selling Most tickets, Romney #91—120 tickets. District Selling Most Tickets—10th District.

**New Challenge:** I challenge each unit in Department to sell at least 5 tickets by **December 31, 2020**. Unit name will be put in a drawing to be held at State Convention. **Remember: must have sold and money with tickets into Dept. by Dec. 31st.**

Paulette

## August Ways and Means Winners

Name	Number	City	State	Date	Amount
Anissa Hoover	604	Maceo	KY	8/1/20	\$25.00
Dottie Elkins	047	Romney	WV	8/3/20	\$25.00
	088			8/4/20	
Mildred Barber	101	Gary	WV	8/5/20	\$25.00
Marti Fisher	223	Romney	WV	8/6/20	\$25.00
Gary Thomas	403	Upper Glade	WV	8/7/20	\$25.00
Jimmy Hampton	060	Roderfield	WV	8/8/20	\$25.00
Paul Turman	273	Barboursville	WV	8/10/20	\$25.00
ALA McMechen #5	012	McMechen	WV	8/11/20	\$25.00
Sally Reid	356	Capon Bridge	WV	8/12/20	\$25.00
Judy Patterson	143	Romney	WV	8/13/20	\$25.00
Joe Shingleton	377	Exchange	WV	8/14/20	\$25.00
Pat McGraw	251	Welch	WV	8/15/20	\$25.00
	248			8/17/20	
Joe Ferrell	730	Narrows	VA	8/18/20	\$25.00
	124			8/19/20	
Shawn Mulac	759	Washington	PA	8/20/20	\$25.00
Sharon Biglemer	304	Moorefield	WV	8/21/20	\$25.00
	887			8/22/20	
Markay Hawkins	851	Moundsville	WV	8/24/20	\$25.00
	072			8/25/20	
Patty Davis	057	Romney	WV	8/26/20	\$25.00
Gerald Booth	014	Bridgeport	OH	8/27/20	\$25.00
	040			8/28/20	
Denise Rutter	586	Burlington	WV	8/29/20	\$25.00
Karen Jean Thomas	350	Upperglade	WV	8/31/20	\$25.00





# 2020-2021 Membership Theme

## "Honoring Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows"



**Membership Target Sheet September 15th—30%**  
**Department Goal— 5132**  
**Membership To Date— 733 14.28 %**  
**Unit #200 Goal— 81 To Date— 15**

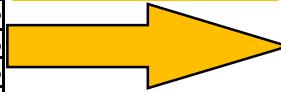


### Savanna

### Cathy

District 1	Unit	2021 Goal	2021	% of Goal
Wheeling #1		31	11	35.48%
Moundsville #3		228	47	20.61%
McMechen #5		32		
Weirton #10		49	1	2.5%
Cameron #18		143	15	10.49%
New Martinsville #28		132	11	8.33%
Wellsburg #34		26	1	3.85%
Follansbee #45		35	20	57.14%
Benwood #46		74	9	12.16%
Pine Grove #81		85		
Paden City #86		81	27	33.33%
Wheeling #89		16	2	12.50%
Newell #114		24	3	12.50%
Hundred #120		46		
Chester #121		138	11	7.97%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>1140</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>13.77%</b>

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

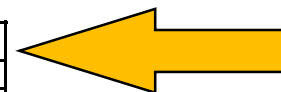


**Goal 2521  
To Date: 474  
( 18.80 % )**

**Membership  
Chairman  
"Rosie the  
Riveter"**

District 4	Unit	2021 Goal	2021	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15		485	44	9.07%
Spencer #21		34	13	38.24%
Pt. Pleasant #23		233	2	0.85%
Tyler County #48		38	1	2.63%
Sistersville #67		87		
New Haven #140		139	4	2.88%
Williamstown #159		100	12	12.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>1116</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>6.81%</b>

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



**Goal 2530  
To Date: 244  
( 9.64 % )**

District 6	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
Welch #8		60	2	3.33%
Bluefield #9		29	4	13.79%
Beckley #32		28	1	3.57%
Gary #38		80	2	2.50%
Cowen #62		21	8	38.10%
Lewisburg #69		34		
Richwood #97		22		
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>274</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6.21%</b>

District 3	Unit	2021 Goal	2021	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7		42	5	11.91%
Clarksburg #13		58	7	12.07%
Elkins #29		133	4	3.01%
Shinnston #31		270	111	41.11%
Braxton County #33		33	7	21.21%
Bridgeport #68		86	13	15.12%
Belington #96		20		
Pickens #122		20	1	5.00%
Jane Lew #166		10		
Morgantown #174		45		
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>717</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>20.50%</b>

District 5	Unit	2021 Goal	2021	% of Goal
Huntington #16		163	34	20.86%
Logan #19		11	12	109.09%
St. Albans #73		31	5	16.13%
Ceredo-Kenova #93		281	13	4.63%
South Charleston #94		15	1	6.67%
Hamlin #111		37	2	5.41%
Milton #139		71	17	23.94%
Barboursville #177		142	7	4.93%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>751</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>12.12%</b>

District 10	Unit	2021 Goal	2021	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14		99	17	17.17%
Franklin #30		16		
Piedmont #52		29		
Berkeley Springs #60		167	24	14.37%
Moorefield #64		60	7	11.67%
Charles Town #71		152	47	30.92%
Petersburg #78		67	1	1.49%
Romney #91		164	47	28.66%
Charles Town #102		26	25	96.15%
Paw Paw #128		24		
Kirby #134		30	6	20.00%
Ridgeley #136		41	1	2.44%
Capon Bridge #137		136	45	33.09%
Keyser #152		42	37	88.10%
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>1053</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>22.22%</b>

# October 2020

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						<p><i>3rd Dist.</i> <i>Conference</i> <i>Shinnston 31</i> <i>4thDist. Conf.</i> <i>Parkersburg</i> <i>15</i></p>	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
<p><i>1st District</i> <i>Auxiliary</i> <i>Conf. TBA</i></p>							

**Department Traveling Plaques      2020 Sign Out Sheet of Winners**

Americanism	1) Sally Arcuri (First Place) __ Tyler County Unit #48
Auxiliary Emergency Fund	2) June Harbert (Second Place) __ Welch Unit #8 3) Ruth Yoho (10-150) __ Capon Bridge Unit #137 4) Carol Williams (151 and over) __ NO ONE _____
Chaplain	5) Patricia Moore (10-150) __ NO ONE _____ 6) Nina Mason (151 and over) __ NO ONE _____
Children & Youth	7) Shirley Davis (First Place) _____ Welch Unit #8 8) Irene Weber (Second Place) _____ Huntington Unit #16
Community Service	9) Mary Ann Piatt(10-150) _____ Welch Unit #8 10) Imogene Kirkland (151 and over) _____ Moundsville Unit #3
Education	11) Janet Durbin (10-150) __ Charles Town Unit #71 12) Virginia Beaty (151 and over) __ Ceredo-Kenova #93
Field Service	13) Joyce Seamonds (10- 150) __ Charles Town Unit #71 14.) Paulette Anderson (151 and over) _____ Huntington Unit #16
Girls State	14) Ann Buchanan (10-150) _____ 15) Lilliam Luttrell (151 and over) _____ 16) Betty Rea (Best Girls State Scrapbook) _____
History	17) Janet Culp (10-150) __ Braxton County Unit #33 18) Roxie Nicholson (151 and over) _ Huntington Unit #16
Junior Activities	19) Betty Shumate (10-150) __ Sistersville Unit #67 20) Margaret Kercheval (151 and over) __ Berkeley Springs Unit #60
Honorary Junior President	21) Kati Hart _Cami (Martinsburg Unit #14 Staying the Same Until 2021) 22) WV Junior Member of the Year __ NO ONE _____
Legislative	23) Lynda Lancaster (10-150) __ Moorefield Unit #64 24) Debbie Fox (151 and over) __ NO ONE _____
Leadership	25) Marlene Bonar (10-150) _____ NO ONE _____ 26) Marie Bailey (151 and over) _____ Huntington Unit #16
Membership	27) Virginia Blake (Highest % by January 31st) __ Milton Unit #139 28) Katena Karnes (Most New Members 30 Days Before Convention) _ Ceredo Kenova #93
Music	29) Ella Mae Short _____ Charles Town Unit #71
National Security	30) Wilma Mayfield (10-150) __ Charles Town Unit #71 31) Lisa Cadwallader (151 and over) __ Parkersburg Unit #15
Past Presidents Parley	33) Susan Brown(10-150) _____ 33) Norma Lee Clise (151 and over) _____

**Department Traveling Plaques 2020 Sign Out Sheets (Continued)**

Timeless Award 34) Twyla Finley \_\_ Kimbaly Stanley Martinsburg Unit #14

Unit Member of the Year 35) Janice Gamerdinger \_\_\_\_ NO ONE

Poppy 36) Brady Stone (Highest % in Poppy Club) \_\_ Ceredo-Kenova Unit #93  
37) Lorena Jennings (10-150) \_\_\_\_ NO ONE  
38) Sharon Glassford (151 and over) \_\_ Ceredo-Kenova Unit #93

Public Relations 39) Helen Kessler (10-150) \_\_ Welch Unit #8  
40) Dianne McClung (151 and over) \_ Charles Town Unit #71

Unit President Award 41) Tallulah Simpson (10-150) \_\_ Lou Dillon Welch Unit #8  
42) Jerri Ritenour (151 and over) \_\_ Ann Buchanan Huntington Unit #16

V A & R 43) Betty Burton (10-150) \_\_ Benwood Unit #46  
44) Anna Jane Williams (151 and over) \_\_ Berkeley Springs Unit #60

Total Participation 45) Ina Polsinelli (10-150) \_\_\_\_ NO ONE  
46) Jessica Payne (151 and over) \_ Huntington Unit #16

Ways & Means Sold \_\_ 629 \_\_ tickets \_\_ 3 \_\_ \$200.00 winner \_\_ 0 \_\_ \$100.00 winner \_\_ 96 \_\_ \$25.00 winners  
Winner of Unit Sales \_\_ Romney Unit #91 \_\_ District Sales \_\_ 10th District \_\_

**2020 CASH AWARDS**

Scrapbook: Senior (10-150) \_\_\_\_\_ NO ONE \_\_\_\_\_  
Senior (151 and over) \_\_\_\_\_ Shinnston Unit #31 \_\_\_\_\_  
Junior \_\_\_\_\_ NO ONE \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Book: Senior (10-150) \_\_\_\_\_ NO ONE \_\_\_\_\_  
Senior (151 and over) \_\_\_\_\_ NO ONE \_\_\_\_\_

History Book: Senior (10-150) \_\_\_\_\_ NO ONE \_\_\_\_\_  
Senior (151 and over) \_\_\_\_\_ Huntington Unit #16 \_\_\_\_\_  
Junior History\_\_ Charli Michael Berkeley Springs Unit #60 \_\_\_\_\_

Public Relations Book: Senior (10-150) \_\_\_\_\_ NO ONE \_\_\_\_\_  
Senior (151 and over) \_\_\_\_\_ Parkersburg Unit #15 \_\_\_\_\_

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.wvvaux.org](http://www.wvvaux.org) Unit Presidents **with no email contact** will receive a free copy.

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