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Department President
Cathy D. Post



*“Honoring Our Fallen
Serving all Others”*

Colors—**Red, Purple, & Gold**

Flower— **Poppy**

Hello,
This is such a wonderful time of the year for most. I have had a few great moments this year despite Covid. I've done three parades, putting us out there with branding, This past week I got to help with gifts for the VA hospital in Clarksburg. I spent the day with Roxie and gals from Shinnston #31. Yesterday I went to Grafton National Cemetery and helped with Wreaths Across America, what a beautiful act of love and respect. I did find out that we all need to do a little fundraising for that cause, with close to 2,000 veterans there and only 750 got wreaths. We are better than this, let's all step up our efforts for this project, if at all possible. I will soon have a link posted on our facebook page for donations.

MEMBERSHIP!!!

The Lion is ahead of the Tin Man. Please don't hold dues, get them sent in before the end of the year. If you hold them and someone needs AEF you may keep them being eligible. No one wants to lose any benefits we have. We still have two units without ANY paid dues. What can we do to help you with that? Vices, please reach out to them. All Districts but are over 50%, but some units have a ways to go, next target is 75% no later than Jan 1, 2022. Charlestown is the only Goal Unit, Kudos to them!! We can do this, makes some calls, send an email or text, whatever it takes.

As for Mid -Winter, we still do not have any information from Olgebay on our menu for Membership Luncheon. We are doing the best we can about that, but we are at their mercy. Get your registration sent into Dept Headquarters in Charleston for this and make your room reservations.

Reach out to your local veterans and make sure that no one does without this holiday season. Many are lonely, send a Christmas card, take food or snacks or do a home visit. We are all care takers of our veterans.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a blessed and prosperous New Year. Safe travels to those visiting away from home and be safe, as that ugly Covid is still amongst us. Keep our troops in your prayers, many will not be home for the holidays, also we have many in our Legion family that need our prayers.



For God and Country,
Cathy D Post
Dept. President

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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: (Unit General Fund)- Bonding (\$5.00), Education (Scholarship), & Girls State Project;

Unit Welfare Fund - Veterans' 1st Fund (any amount your unit can afford), 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.

The Spirit is free by email or website.

All you have to do is email to let me know. The same for mail call. If you only want or the other, that can be done also.

If you wish Spirit by mail, send \$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.

I would like to explain how National determines when a junior becomes a senior member. Since National sends out dues notices in advance (I will use year 2022 as an example), and you have a junior that turns 18 before January 1, 2022. National considers her to be a senior member. Please watch your roster for these changes.

PLEASE look at the length of your Spirit article and your spacing. If you are sending it in Words. Please use no spacing and 10 fonts. I've had to modify some of the articles sent to fit the allotted space. Sorry, but they were just too long. Please make them less then 200 words.

Units' 990N are due, please send a copy of the confirming to Department for filing. As of now I have received 1 confirming. Remember to keep your unit's tax exempt status, you most file with the IRS.

If you need to change the remits address for dues notice, I have until Dec. 31st to do this for you.

You need to use the correct address for Department. There is still mailing going to New Martinsville. There will come a time when the post office will no longer forward mail sent to New Martinsville. Please use the correct address.

Correction—Directory
Chaplain Laura Clark phone number
304-972-8944

Reminder—Department is not called State. All States are referred to as Departments by National. Our Department is divide into Districts and we are in Central Division.

Reminder—Your membership is through the Unit not the Post.

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Office Closed
December 24 & 27
December 31
January 3, 2022



“There’s No Place Like Home Of The Brave, Because Of Their Courage, We Shall Never Forget”

Membership Chairman

I can't believe that we are going into a new year! The older I get, the faster time goes by!

Please, send in your dues NOW. If your dues are not paid into Department by December 31, you are delinquent! This could effect insurance, if you carry it through the Legion; the Auxiliary Emergency Fund if you need assistance and any other benefits that you have by being a member in good standing. Plus, you are helping our Veterans!!

Again, DO NOT HOLD DUES. If you have 1 or 10, they make a difference!

Remember our next Target Date is January 1, 2022. Please have your dues into headquarters by Dec. 31st. We will be having a drawing at our membership luncheon at Midwinter. All members that are paid by Dec.31 will have a chance to win \$50.00.

We still have 1 Unit that has reached goal, Charles Town #102. Several are close. We still have 2 units with 0.

The Lions are ahead of the Tin Men: 64% to 59%. So close!! Our membership to date is 3026 and we need 4894. We are in 2nd place in National, just behind the Northwestern Division. I know with everyone working together, we could make 1st place in our division. That would be awesome!!

FYI: We have tried to get information for the membership luncheon at Midwinter. There is a lot of obstacles: price increases, short of staff, etc. We have made several suggestions, trying to go with costs we can all be comfortable with. Still waiting. As soon as we know, we will let you all know!!

Susan Wade

Membership Chairman



Department 1st Vice President

Hello to all,
Happy January!! Can't believe it's a brand new year already! Time flies by, so capture every moment.

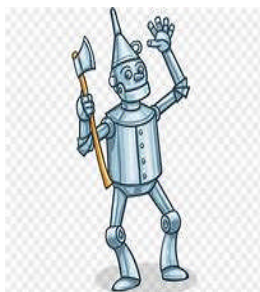
Wishing you a Happy New Year! Let's make 2022 the best of them all. Praying that Covid let's us do more. It's beginning to be more colder outside, so bundle up. The times are so very different, my thoughts turn to all of you. I sure miss everyone, can't wait until our next adventure. That next adventure for us should be Mid-Winter.

Our membership is moving along! I'm so proud of the members that is pushing all the membership. Tin Man's side (which is my side) of the state is down from the other side from 59% to 64%. That's okay members, Don't let that brother us, keep striving for our goal marks. Remember Target #3 at 75% is the next goal.

Unit next month, Thank you so much for all you do for the Veterans. I wish you all a safe joyous New Year.

Be you - Do you - Love you

For God and Country
Savanna Kauffman
Department 1st Vice President
(304)582-2976



Department 2nd Vice President

Hello to all!

I'm sure everyone is busy getting ready for Christmas. Such a beautiful time of the year.

Congratulations to my "Cowardly Lions" from 1st, 4th and 6th districts... Great job in membership. I knew you could do it. Please keep up the good work.

I hope you are making plans to attend Mid-winter. Oglebay is a beautiful place and our meetings are fun

If I can help you, please contact me.

Merry Christmas to all and to all a Good Night!

Hugs!

Department 2nd Vice
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3rd District Vice President

Congratulations on all Units that are actively recruiting new members. As of November...Congratulations to Buchanan #7, Elkins #29, Shinnston #31, and Braxton #33! All these Units are above 60% of their membership goal! Keep up the excellent work.

Keep checking on the Veterans and Unit members that are shut in. This cold weather tends to be very hard on some.

Remember to sign up for the 2022 Department Mid-Winter Conference at the beautiful Oglebay Resort. Currently, I have been to 2 State and 1 National Conference, and I have enjoyed all! Please let me know if you need any assistance.

Kim Mellie
District 3 VP
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6th District Vice President

Hello to all our District 6 members. Hoping everyone had a Merry Christmas. Our prayer for 2022 will be that we can come together as a nation and reopen our country and have a better 2022 year. It appears that we may be enjoying an unusually warm New Year since the weatherman predicts warm temperatures.

I had the opportunity to speak with several of District 6 Unit representatives. Good news is that several units have been extremely active in collecting dues, purchasing and delivering gifts to our Veterans hospital, nursing homes, and hosting Christmas Dinner at their post for the veterans.

As you know our January 1, 2022 target goal was 50% but now, our new target goal for April 1, 2022 with target membership set at 75%.

Dates to remember are:

Mid-Winter conference February 11-12/2022 at Oglebay Park

Summer conference July 8-9, 2022 Huntington Hilton

Girl State. June 12-17-2022. Davis and Elkins College, Elkins, WV

Hope all had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year with family and friends and that you enjoyed your Christmas Holiday Season. Stay safe.

Pray for Our Country.

Mary Spence
Vice President
District 6



1st District President

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Is everyone ready for the holidays? I can't believe that it is already here. I apologize that some of this is a little late, but for some reason Susan didn't receive the article in November. I want to thank Cameron for hosting a wonderful fall conference. The food was delicious and the decorations were very nice. Thank you to those who were able to attend conference and were able to take with you some valuable information back to your units. Did any units do anything to honor our veterans for Veteran's Day? If you did make sure you keep track of what you did for reporting purposes when it comes time to submit your reports. All Units continue to work on your membership and ways to increase your numbers, but it looks like 1st District is doing pretty well with submissions of membership. Did your Unit do anything for the Christmas Holiday? Mid-Winter will be the next time we will get together and discuss what has been going on. Do forget about the comfort item drive at Mid-Winter. Look for information regarding Mid-Winter in the upcoming spirits.

Merry Christmas and God Bless!

Stephanie Handley
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3rd District President

Good afternoon to all Auxiliary Members. It is a busy time of the year for everyone. I am going off last month's membership report

It looks like two Units in Third District has not sent in any membership.

Please send it in ladies, the end of the year is just around the corner, we do not want any delinquent Units.

All officers must have dues paid.

Mid winter is coming up really soon

and I would like to report all Units are in good shape. If you need my help just call me at 304-592-0247,

or email me

at: carlajwilfong@gmail.com.

Carla Wilfong

Third District President

4th District President

Greetings Members of the 4th District

Whew! Glad to have 2021 behind us!

We will have to work even harder for programs and membership in 2022.

Membership renewals are down. Veterans, families, and members are

struggling all over the world. If you or your Auxiliary can afford to renew dues for a member, please do. Mem-

bers in good standing are vital to the American Legion Auxiliary organiza-

tion.

It is hard to get out and about due to winter and the threat of the COVID pandemic. Please reach out to members for a wellness check by email, text, telephone or card. We can all use a hug, even if it is a "virtual" hug.

The Mid-Winter Conference is scheduled for February 11-12, 2022 at the Oglebay Resort & Conference Center in Wheeling, WV. We look forward to seeing old friends and making new friends. Encourage unit members to attend the Conference. Make it a learning experience for everyone!

God Bless the USA!

Patsy Young-Greiner

4th District President

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5th District President

HAPPY NEW YEAR DISTRICT 5!! I hope everyone is healthy and "holiday-ed" because we have LOTS of work to do!! District 5 is lagging far behind in just about everything, and that is NOT good!! I'm looking forward to seeing each and every one of you just as soon as I can. Maybe then we can get back on the right path! Mid-Winter conference is just around the corner as I write this. I hope several of you can make it to Wheeling on February 11th. I just love conferences!!! We learn so much and have SO much fun!!! We're debuting our new membership song for this year!! I'm just praying for decent traveling weather!! Please let me know how I can help your Auxiliaries. I know that even with the pandemic still showing its ugly head you are doing things for our veterans and each other. We need to know what's happening in "your neck of the woods!" Continued prayers for healing for our District Commander Ed and our past District President Beth!! Get those dues in!! Much love, Kitty Kelly-Smoot, your Dist. President Kittyks2@comcast.net Cell: 304-412-3649 Home: 304-525-4242

NEC

Hello Everyone,

I am sure it has been a very busy month with the Holidays and events throughout. Now is the time to reflect on all we have accomplished this year so far. Then move forward in the direction to complete tasks we set in the beginning of the year as well as taking care of issues that have arisen during this year. With that in mind I want to let all units know that the National ALA Constitution & Bylaws is in stock and ready for member purchase!!! It is now spiral bound and more manageable. If anyone has any questions/concerns, then remember my door is always open. If I would not know an answer, then I would find it.

Until next month Be Safe and God Bless!!!

Rhonda Best, NEC

10th District President

Hello to all, Happy January!! Wishing you a Happy New Year! Let's make 2022 the best of them all. Holiday Greetings to the members of 10th District! This time of the year everyone is busy preparing for the holiday season such as decorating, baking, wrapping, and gifting. There is limited activities in the Auxiliary units and communities due to the coronavirus, but that doesn't stop us for helping our Veterans. Membership - still do what you all do best and that is to continue to bring in that membership. Thank you for your donations and hard work within your communities. Many people are hurting financially and your efforts will make their holidays a little brighter. Remember always thank a Veteran if you see them! *always spread kindness* For God and Country Savanna Kauffman 10th District President #(304)582-2976

Historian

Let me start by encouraging you to use the American Legion Auxiliary National Website as a valuable source of information to help carry out our mission. It was here that I discovered a great idea to preserve Unit records. Some Units may not have a great place to store their records due to not having a permanent place in the Post home. Ask a local library to help store the information. Make sure the information is stored in a digital format as well. In my five years, I have noticed that we have lost more information than we have recorded. It is upsetting, as I know our ladies deserve more recognition. Another interesting note is the Veterans History Project...check it out. <https://www.loc.gov/vets/> A wonderful project to ensure that the future gets a firsthand look at the realities of war. Please email your Historian Reports to me at kmellie@comcast.net.

I will include your Units activities in President Cathy Post's History Book!

Chaplain

As we usher in the new year, it is important to remember our veterans, their families and active servicemen and women. A simple text or Facebook message will go a long way and remind them that they are always in our thoughts and prayers. You can also send a card and include a personal message.

Here are some samples of New Year messages and encouraging words you can use:

1. Wishing a very Happy New Year to all our soldiers who are always there guarding us and protecting us. May you always stay safe and happy.
2. On the occasion of the New Year, sending warm wishes on New Year to all the soldiers. May this year bring you more happiness and peace.
3. May the coming year be blessed with warmth of love for you and your family... May God shower your life with eternal peace and happiness and bring you success at every step of your life.... Wishing you a very happy and successful New Year full of blessings!!!

These are of course just examples, but I challenge you to reach out to as many veterans and active servicemen and women for the coming new year and wish them the happiest of New Year!

Happy New Year to all of you and may God continue to bless you!

Laura Clark

Department Chaplain

304-972-8944 (NEW Phone Number-- please update your directory)

*Happy
New Year*

Americanism

Hello Fellow Auxiliary Members

Part 3 and Final: Oratorical Contest- Eligibility

High School Students under age 20 are eligible. Competition begins at the post level and advances to a state competition. Legion Department representatives certify one winner per state to the national contest, where department winners compete against each other in two speaking rounds. The contest caps off with a final round that decides the three top finishers. Speaking subjects must be on some aspect of the U.S. Constitution, with some emphasis on the duties and obligations of citizens to our government. Speeches are eight to ten minutes long; three to five minute speeches on an assigned topic also are part of the contest.

I hope each unit has an opportunity to at least observe an Oratorical Contest. I encourage everyone to find the closest one near you for the year 2022 and include it in your Year-End Report.

Please remember to get any Americanism Contest Entries turned in by the deadline. I am hoping to receive several.

Until next month Be Safe and God Bless!!!

Rhonda Best

Americanism Chairman

Children & Youth

Hi Everyone!

If your Unit has held a Christmas party for the children in your area, please send me the picture that you have took. My year-end report to National I would like to include your pictures. Start thinking about spring, and what your Unit can do to improve the life of children in your area.

Remember the Youth Hero and Good Deed Award; Good Deed Award – youth should demonstrate leadership role in community service. Youth Hero Award – Youth should demonstrate a physical act of valor.

Beth Kilgore
Children & Youth Chairman

Remember April 15th is Purple up! For Military Kids Day – Wear your purple!!!!

Child Welfare Foundation

The goal of CFW is to educate members and the general public about the program and its mission. The program is providing financial assistance to The American Legion in their efforts to award grants to youth-serving nonprofit organizations.

SO don't forget to feed the Piggy!
She's pretty hungry!

Beth Kilgore
TAL Child Welfare Foundation

Community Service

As we near the most important holiday of the year, we can find lots of charity's that need our help.

Toys for Tot's along with the Marine Corp. are collecting toys and clothing to deliver to needy families. The Salvation Army has had bellringers out ringing their bell at stores to buy toys, clothes and food for the needy. There are many churches doing the same activity's.

Remember the older adults that live ALONE you may want the stop by and check on them or give them a phone call. Everyone is always so busy at this time of year, and we need to make sure that the older adults have a good, delicious meal.

Also remember our Veterans who are in the VA Hospitals (write them a card, letter or a small note) thanking them for their service).

Make sure you keep notes on what you have done so you can send a report in.

Hope you all had a good Thanksgiving and will have a wonderful Christmas. Remember this was the birth of the baby Jesus. I want to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and good New Year.

Mary Jennings

Community Service Chairman



Education

Even though mid-year reports are not required by National this year, our Central Division Education Chairman Julie Moore has requested an update on what WV's Units have been doing this year thus far. Please send your comments to me by December 30. Julie is looking for answers to the following questions:

What has worked in their communities?

What are they doing to help promote scholarships?

Did the units contact their school counselors and provide them the information on the ALA Scholarships?

Are their units offering scholarships?

If so, how much?

How are they raising the funds to support a scholarship?

Did they celebrate National Education Week?

If so, what did they do?

Make sure the schools have informed of the scholarships available. Don't forget to inform them of The American Legion scholarships that are available. This information is available on the National website.

With the new year, it is a perfect time to think outside of the box and plan new activities for the Education program. The National website has the information you need to plan a Veterans in Community School event.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families. May you all be blessed in the new year.

Dianne McClung
Education Chairman

Junior Activities

ALA Junior members volunteer with other girls in their age group in many engaging activities:

Learning about patriotism and how to show respect for the American flag

Helping military families in practical ways such as mowing yards and helping military kids become acclimated at a new school

Distributing poppies and raising awareness, especially on Memorial Day and Veterans Day, so our veterans know we care about them

Practicing leadership by organizing service projects

Earning service patches while learning about ALA programs

Demonstrating responsibility for future scholarship, college, or military service applications

If you are a female ALA member 17 years of age or younger and love our country, imagine attending a regional or national meeting focused on Junior Activities with a hundred girls who could become your lifelong friends! The American Legion Auxiliary encourages young women to lead the way in continuing its legacy of serving veterans, the military, and their families.

Merry Christmas &

Happy New Year

Looking forward to seeing each of you in February for Mid - Winter.

God Bless

Kelli A Immel

Legislative

Happy Holidays!

I wanted to share with you that this year, Alix and Truman both from West Virginia introduced a bill while at Girls Nation. The bill (Menstrual Equity Act) is to expand the affordability and accessibility of sanitary products. The bill shall be cited by October 1, 2022.

The Menstrual Equity Act entails that:
(A) Biodegradable sanitary pads, tampons, and reusable menstrual cups be tax exempt nation-wide.

(B) Biodegradable sanitary pads and tampons shall be offered to students (K – 12) at no cost to the student, while at school.

(C) Given that 12% of our US military menstruates, if serving in a location where they are unable to purchase their own menstrual products, service members will be provided as needed:

- a) Biodegradable panty liner/sanitary pads
- b) Non-deodorant tampons with cardboard applicators.

Lisa Cadwallader
Lisac.ala71@Gmail.com

National Security

Happy Holidays to all Auxiliary Members.

All Packages should have been sent to our troops overseas, but you can mail them all year round. They enjoy receiving packages from home.

The following are a few items from National for our Program.

Reach out to our Elected Officials, both State and National.

Legislation is part of National Security. Emergency preparedness (the CERT Program) is part of National Security.

There is numerous programs and items that are part of the National Security Program. Most important is to support our Troops that are now serving, this can be abroad or at home.

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

Carla Wilfong
National Security Chairperson



Poppy

As we celebrate the holiday season, I hope that you will use the poppy as part of the decorating. The poppy is red and is a holiday color that can easily be used in your holiday decorations. Remember that we should be aware of the meaning of the poppy throughout the year.

When we start the New Year, please make contact with your school and give them the information on the Poppy Poster Contest. Some of you may have already made an initial contact, if so, do a follow-up in the New Year. If you need copies of the rules for the Poppy Poster Contest, please check the national website. You can also contact me and I can send a copy to you. I hope to have a lot of entries at Midwinter Conference for judging. To help create interest in elementary schools, you may want to make copies of the Poppy Coloring Book and send it to your local schools.

You can send me pictures of how you are using the poppies during the year at any time. I need to hear from some units as to what you are doing. I know that many of you have already done some projects with poppies.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each of you. Remember to include our veterans in your celebrations.

Ann Buchanan, Chairman

AnnBuch@aol.com

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

It is sad that the Christmas Gift Shops weren't able to be held in person again this year, but that didn't stop our Gift Shop Chairmen! Plans were in the making for gifts to be purchased, wrapped, and taken to the VA Hospitals, and dropped off to Volunteer Services, to be delivered to our Veterans! Hats off to you!!

Plans are still moving forward for the State Wide Comfort Drive at Midwinter. Drop off time and place are in the agenda this month. Please remember to have someone available to pick up the comfort items on Saturday afternoon.

If you can, please let me know either by email, or in person at the Conference, who is picking them up.

Please remember when you see a veteran in military related clothing, to thank them for their service.

Remember our caregivers of our veterans. They are serving also!
Every Day is Veterans' Day!

Paulette Anderson
VA&R
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MID WINTER SILENT AUCTION

Just wanted to remind everyone again about the Silent Auction at Mid-Winter.

We use this to raise money for the Welfare Fund, if you don't bring or send anything, we can't make any money. And while you're at Mid-Winter don't forget to bid on the items we have.

Also, I would like ideas for the basket we raffle off. Please call me with any ideas at 304-657-5740. If you are not going to be there, and want to donate an item for auction, please send to:

Roxie Nicholson

PO Box 14

Shinnston WV 26431

Thanks!

Past President's Parley

Unit Member of the Year
The Unit Member of the Year award recognizes those serving at the unit level who exemplify the values and ideals of the Auxiliary and whose accomplishments significantly impact the program work in their units. Recognition of the winners occurs at the American Legion Auxiliary's national convention. The application deadline is June 1 of each calendar year.

Sharon Kauffman
PDP

*Have A
Blessed
New Year!*



American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

Rhododendron Girls State

Wow is time flying even in these uncertain times! I hope you are on course with the Girls State program and in contact with your sponsors. Before you know it, you will be talking to prospective citizens and submitting their applications.

The dates will be June 12-17, 2022 at Davis & Elkins College in Elkins, WV with a cost of \$250 per citizen which does not include the parade t-shirt.

If you haven't already contacted your sponsors, please do so, as they may not have the discretionary funds to donate because of Covid. Get your Unit's name on their list so you can provide this once in a lifetime opportunity for these selected young ladies. We will have more information after Mid-Winter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your district representative or myself and we will be happy to assist you in any way. I wish for you the happiest of holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd,
Rhododendron Girls State Chairperson



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Comfort Items List for Midwinter

Grown Up Coloring Books
Colored Pencils
Word Find Books
Crossword Books
Board Games (checkers, chess, other adult games)
Crafts (all styles)
Slippers with non-skid bottoms, (any style with a back)
Belts All Sizes and Adjustable
Winter Coats (all sizes)
Winter Gloves and Knit Caps
Winter Scarfs
Men's Sweatpants Sizes 3X-5X
Unisex sweats size 2X-6X
T-shirts all sizes (including 2X-6X)
Socks for both men and women including Diabetic socks
Underwear for both men and women
Women Sport Bras (all sizes)
Deodorant (men and women)
Shaving cream
Shampoo
2-3 blade disposable razors
Nail clippers and Emory boards
Combs and brushes (individually wrapped)
Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
Liquid Detergent for washing clothes
Fabric Softener
Table fans for COPD patients
Non-perishable snacks

Homeless Veterans:

Non-perishable foods/snacks (soap, Vienna sausages, crackers, bottled water, flavored drinks)
Cleaning supplies (floor cleaner, counter cleaner, laundry soap, QS sheet sets)

Fisher House:

Holiday Decorations

Ways and Means

New 2022 tickets are available for sell. Let us know how many you want. Can not guarantee special numbers. Have envelopes of 10 and 20 tickets, or any amount of tickets. Will mail or deliver if local.

Cost for a ticket \$20.00 good for the whole year of 2022!

NOTICE—Please mail check and studs to:

Susan Brown
2172 Grandview Rd
Moundsville WV 26041

Payable: Ways & Means

Susan Brown
Linda Crumm



November Ways and Means Winners

Name	#'s	City	State	Date	\$\$\$
Geri Pack	944	Galloway	OH	11/1/2021	\$25.00
	391			11/2/2021	
	180			11/3/2021	
	615			11/4/2021	
	512			11/5/2021	
Shannon Harshbarger	417	Huntington	WV	11/6/2021	\$25.00
	243			11/8/2021	
	210			11/9/2021	
Ronnie Wolford	375	Romney	WV	11/10/21	\$25.00
	225			11/11/21	
Mike Gaspersich	155	Princeton	WV	11/12/21	\$25.00
	749			11/13/21	
Kenny Longwell	90	Sardis	OH	11/15/21	\$25.00
Leo Reid	92	Capon Bridge	WV	11/16/21	\$25.00
Frank Cooley	076	Welch	WV	11/17/21	\$200.00
	464			10/18/21	
	242			11/19/21	
Iris Jean Duckwall	547	Berkely Springs	WV	11/20/21	\$25.00
	890			11/22/21	
	180			11/23/21	
Jeffrey Pike	912	Welch	WV	11/24/21	\$25.00
Josh Loy	425	Levels	WV	11/25/21	\$25.00
	466			11/26/21	
Mary McMillion	232	Flatwoods	WV	11/27/21	\$25.00
	409			11/29/21	
	705			11/30/21	

***“There’s No Place Like Home of the Brave;
Because of Their Courage We Shall Never Forget”***

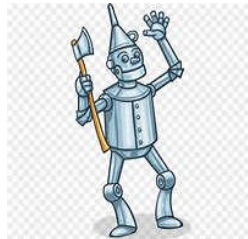
**December 15, 2021
Department Goal— 4894 Membership to Date— 3029
Department Unit 200 Goal—165 Membership to Date—117**

Debbie

District 1			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	28	16	57.14%
Moundsville #3	237	152	64.14%
McMechen #5	29	22	75.86%
Weirton #10	58	40	68.97%
Cameron #18	149	83	55.70%
New Martinsville #28	117	82	70.09%
Wellsburg #34	25	20	80%
Follansbee #45	47	4	8.51%
Pine Grove #81	70	34	48.57%
Paden City #86	83	49	59.04%
Wheeling #89	18	6	33.33%
Newell #114	23	12	52.17%
Hundred #120	27	21	77.77%
Chester #121	143	65	45.45%
TOTALS	1054	606	57.50%

District 4			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	410	309	75.37%
Spencer #21	37	28	75.68%
Pt. Pleasant #23	200	143	71.5%
Tyler County #48	41	26	63.42%
Sistersville #67	44	30	68.18%
New Haven #140	137	80	58.39%
Williamstown #159	80	28	35%
TOTALS	949	644	67.86%

District 6			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Welch #8	49	36	73.47%
Bluefield #9	28	16	57.14%
Beckley #32	30	24	80%
Gary #38	87	69	79.31%
Cowen #62	24	18	75%
Richwood #97	24	21	87.5%
TOTALS	242	184	76.03%



**“Tin Man”
Team
Goal—2484
To Date—1478
59.50%**

**Membership
Chairman
The Great
OZ**



**“Lion”
Team
Goal—2245
To Date 1434
63.88%**



Savanna

District 3			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	37	26	70.27%
Clarksburg #13	61	19	31.15%
Elkins #29	111	78	70.03%
Shinnston #31	253	197	77.87%
Braxton County #33	31	22	70.97%
Bridgeport #68	88	25	28.41%
Belington #96	17	14	82.35%
Pickens #122	20	0	0%
Morgantown #174	60	19	31.67%
TOTALS	678	400	58.99%

District 5			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Huntington #16	150	111	74%
Logan #19	17	15	88.24%
St. Albans #73	30	4	13.33%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	276	120	43.48%
South Charleston #94	15	7	46.67%
Hamlin #111	41	16	39.02%
Milton #139	60	31	51.67%
Barboursville #177	106	86	81.13%
TOTALS	695	390	56.12%

District 10			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	101	49	48.52%
Franklin #30	14	0	0%
Piedmont #52	20	1	5%
Berkeley Springs #60	175	127	72.57%
Moorefield #64	78	60	76.92%
Charles Town #71	147	48	32.65%
Petersburg #78	70	45	64.29%
Romney #91	179	105	58.66%
Charles Town #102	28	31	110.71%
Paw Paw #128	30	18	60%
Kirby #134	28	24	85.71%
Ridgeley #136	47	40	85.11%
Capon Bridge #137	155	104	67.10%
Keyser #152	39	36	92.31%
TOTALS	1111	688	61.93%

Jan. 2022

Sun

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2	3 Office Closed	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

*Program of Month
National Security
Legislative*

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 contact** will receive a free copy.

Subscription will Cost \$18.00

Runs August through July Each Year

MAIL TO:

American Legion Auxiliary
Department of West Virginia
2172 Grandview Road
Moundsville, WV 26041

NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____



American Legion Auxiliary
Earl Francis Unit #3
800 First Street
Moundsville, WV 26041

At a regular meeting held December 7, 2021 the members of American Legion Auxiliary, Earl Francis Unit #3 unanimously endorsed Susan S. Brown for the position of Secretary/Treasurer for the Department of West Virginia for the year 2022/2023.

Susan's eligibility is through her father Walden P. Southworth, who served during WWII in the Army Air Corp from September 1942 until being honorably discharged on September 1945. She has been a member of her unit since 1990.

At the unit level Susan has served as President, Secretary, and Treasurer. On the District level Susan has served for the past ten years as First District Secretary/Treasurer.

Susan served on the Department level as Historian, Chaplain, Second Vice President, First Vice President, and served 2003/2004 as Department President. She served as NEC from 2004/2005. She has held multi chairmanships on the Department level, and currently serving as the Secretary/Treasurer for the Past Department President Club. She is currently serving as the Department Secretary/Treasurer.

Susan has been married to William Brown since March of 1987. She has one son Thomas Kleinedler, who served in the US Marine Corp from February 1997 until February 2001, and she a proud grandmother of her grandson Anthony.

Susan retired in May of 2019 from Tri-State Electric & Machine Co., Inc. after 40 years of employment, working as the secretary/bookkeeper.

We, the members of Earl Francis Unit #3 are very proud to endorse Susan S. Brown as a candidate for the position of Department Secretary/Treasurer for the year of 2022/2023.

Rhonda Best

Mary Richards



Marne Unit #28

New Martinsville, WV

At a regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary, Marne Unit #28 New Martinsville held at the Post Home, the endorsement of Paulette Anderson for the office of National Executive Committeeperson for the 2022-2024 year, was unanimously approved.

Paulette is eligible under her husband John who is a Vietnam Era Veteran. She is 33-year member of Marne Unit #28. John is a 35-year member of Marne Post 28, New Martinsville, WV.

Paulette has held several offices on Unit capacity, serving as President, 1st Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Chaplain. She has been Chairman of various committees.

Paulette served as 1st District President and Vice President. She is currently District Chaplain, and District Veteran's Affair and Rehabilitation Chairman for 2021-2022 year.

Paulette served in Department on several Committees and served as in-house auditor for 7 years. She served as Department Chaplain, Department 2nd Vice President, and became President in year 2005-2006. She served as National Committeeperson in 2006-07. She retired July 31, 2021, as Department Secretary/Treasurer where she held that position for 10 years.

Paulette served as National Central Division Chairman on Membership, Education, Poppy, and Children & Youth.

Paulette has 3 children, 5 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren.

As ask that you consider Paulette Anderson as our candidate for 2022-2024 year for the position of National Executive Committeeperson so she may continue in her service to our department.

Christy Bland

Unit President

Tammy Williams

Unit Secretary

2022 DEPARTMENT MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

RESERVATION FORM

February 11-12, 2022

Oglebay Resort and Conference Center

465 Lodge Road

Wheeling, WV 26003

\$79.00 per night room rate (plus 12% tax & 3% Historical Fee & Service Fee 1.80 Daily)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

Arrival Date _____ AM PM Departure Date _____

Room Type: (circle one) Double King (Additional charge of \$10 for a King)

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 \$79.00 (plus 12% tax & 3% Historical Fee & Service Fee Daily \$1.80) = \$92.18 per night.

(Circle one)

Check cash credit card

_____ credit care # _____

type _____

Expiration date _____

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

Mail to: Oglebay Resort and Conference Center

ATTN: Cindy, Group Reservations

465 Lodge Road

Wheeling, WV 26003

Cancellation, at least 48 Hours in advance

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

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER EARLY – THANKS!

**CANCELLATION MUST BE
48 HOURS IN ADVANCE
TO RECEIVE REFUND**

YOU ARE INVITED
TO THE 41ST ANNUAL
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 11-12, 2022

OGLEBAY RESORT AND CONFERENCE CENTER
WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

ADVANCE REGISTRATION - \$25.00
AT THE DOOR REGISTRTION - \$30.00

RETURN BOTTOME PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

I AM SENDING \$ _____ FOR _____ ADVANCE REGISTRATION(S).
PLEASE ATTACH A LIST OF INDIVIDUALS FOR WHICH YOU'RE PAYING.
SPELL NAME AS IT IS TO APPEAR ON NAME BADGE DURING CONFERENCE

NAME (S) _____

TITLE: _____

ADDRESS _____

POST/UNIT/SAL NO. _____

MAIL TO: THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA
PO BOX 3191
CHARLESTON WV 25332

DEADLINE DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2022

41st Annual Mid-Winter Conference 2022 ADVERTISING FORM

The American Legion
Department of West Virginia

I hereby authorize the following advertisement to be placed in the official program of the 41st Annual Mid-Winter Conference of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia Inc., and scheduled February 11-12, 2022, at Oglebay Resort and Conference Center, Wheeling, West Virginia.

Date: _____, 2022 _____
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 follow:

Authorized Signature: _____

Price List:	Full Page	\$100.00	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 you ad along with a check made payable to: **The American Legion
PO Box 3192
Charleston, WV 25332**

Ad and Payment Deadline January 15, 2022
No Deviation



40th Annual Mid-Winter Conference
American Legion Auxiliary Conference Program
Oglebay Wilson Lodge, Wheeling WV

Friday, February 11, 2022

8:00 am	Comfort Items Open	Fort Henry Room
12:00-4:30pm	Silent Auction Opens	Banquet Room 3
1:00-7 pm	Registration	Banquet View
1:00-2:00pm	Girls State Executive Board Meeting	Fort Henry Room
2:30-3:00pm	Policy and Procedure	Fort Henry Room
3:15-3:45pm	Back to Basics Meeting	Fort Henry Room
4:00-5:45pm	Governing Documents Committee	Fort Henry Room
5:15-5:45pm	Membership	Fort Henry Room
7:00-9:00pm	Opening Joint Session	Banquet Room 123

Saturday, February 12, 2022

8:00am -12:00 pm	Registration	Banquet View
8:00-12:00	Comfort Items	Fort Henry Room
8:00am -2:00 pm	Silent Auction	Banquet Room 3
8:30am	Opening Session	Fort Henry Room
	Call to Order	Cathy Post, President
	Prayer	Laura Clark, Chaplain
	Moment of Silence	
	Pledge of Allegiance	Rhonda Best, Americanism Chairman
	National Anthem	Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Music Chairman
	Preamble of Constitution	Dede Kelly, Constitution & Bylaws Chairman
	Mission Statement	Rosemary Thomas, Leadership Chairman
8:40am	Welcome	Cathy Post, President
8:45-9:15	Missing Man Table & Four Chaplains	Laura Clark, Chaplain
9:15am	Juniors Session	Spruce Room
9:15am	Membership (Certificates/Goal Ribbons)	Membership Team

10:45am Girls State _____ Dr. Rosemary Thomas, Director
2021 Rhododendron Girls State Governor
Sidney Megna
North Marion High School

11:15am Wreaths Across American Challenge _____ Cathy Post, President

11:30am Recess

11:45am Membership Luncheon _____ Fort Henry Room
Susan Wade and Membership Team
"No Place Like the Home of the Brave, Because of Their Courage We Shall Never Forget"

1:00pm Reconvene

1:15pm Military Childs Table _____ Kelli Immel & Juniors

1:30pm Follow the Yellow Brick Road to Leadership _____ Dr. Rosemary Thomas, Leadership Chairman

2:30pm Poppy Poster & Pictures of Poppy Arrangements _____ Ann Buchanan, Poppy Chairman
Comfort Items Report _____ Paulette Anderson, VA&R Chairman
Silent Auction Raffle Basket Drawing _____ Roxie Nicholson, PDP
2021 Ways and Means Report _____ Paulette Anderson, Ways & Means Chairman
2022 Ways and Means Report _____ Susan Brown, Ways & Means Chairman

3:00pm Updates & Announcements _____ Susan Brown, Secretary
Adjournment

4:00pm Chapel Services _____ Banquet Room 123

6:00pm Commander's and President's Reception _____ Banquet Room 123

9:00pm Dance & Karaoke _____ Banquet Room 123

Silent Auction Closes at 2:00 pm

**Junior Meeting
Mid-Winter Conference
Wheeling, WV
February 12, 2022**

Registration...(Fee \$10).....	Banquet View.....	8:00
Opening Ceremony with Auxiliary.....	Fort Henry Room.....	.8:30
Missing Man Table & Chapel of the Four Chaplain.....		8:45
Juniors Meeting.....	Spruce Room.....	9:00
Special Craft Project & Cards for Veterans @ VA Centers.....		9:15
Card Signing.....	throughout the day	
Lunch (on your own).....		11:00
Reconvene.....		1:00
Military Childs Table.....		1:15
Question & Answer & Ideas Session.....		2:30
Closing Ceremony & Adjournment.....		3:00

Pool time together?? There is an indoor pool!

.....Agenda may change slightly.....

Remember to bring your bathing suits!

Let's Learn All We Can About The ALA!!!

CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT AND HOSPITAL SERVICES

This certifies that we (I) the undersigned parents (s) or guardian (s) of _____
In Unit _____, in event of our (my) child participates
in the American Legion Auxiliary Junior Activities, hereby consent and grant permission, should be
necessity of medical care arise, to the furnishing or medical treatment and hospital service as ordered or
recommended by a qualified physician, including the administration of an anesthetic, laboratory
procedures, medical or surgical treatment, X-ray examination or other hospital services.
We understand that the Unit named above has sole responsibility for registration, housing, food,
chaperoning, and emergencies of any nature. We further understand that each junior member
attending must be chaperoned by someone over 21 years old or older.
The chaperone should provide information on location and telephone number where she can be
reached.

WAIVER OF CLAIM

This further certifies that we (I) the undersigned in consideration of the benefits to be derived by our
child, in the event that she is a participant of the American Legion Auxiliary Junior Activities , do hereby
release and discharge the American Legion Auxiliary, its officers, agents, instructors, and employees
from any and all claims, demands, damages, suits, actions or causes of action which we (I) may, can, or
shall have by reason of any illness, injury, or accident incurred or suffered by said child while traveling
to, attendance at or participation in the American Legion Junior Activities held _____
from the time
of her departure from home until return thereto.

INSURANCE INFORMATION *(to be completed only if parent (s) carry a group medical insurance plan)*

Name of parent (s) Group Medical Insurance Carrier _____

Policy/Certificate Number _____

Parent to whom Policy was Issued _____

Employer to who Policy was Issued _____

Printed Name of Mother or Guardian _____

Signature of Mother or Guardian _____

Signature of Father or Guardian _____

PARTICIPANT MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION RELEASE FORM

I _____, am a participant in the American Legion
(printed Junior member's name)
Auxiliary Junior Activities of _____ Unit# _____.

I _____, am the Guardian, Parent (s) of
(printed Guardian, Parent (s))
_____, junior member of _____
(printed Junior Member's Name)
Unit # _____ and give my (our) permission for her photographs to be published on social media, local,
Department, and National newsletters; newspapers, and any website for the American Legion Auxiliary.

Signature Junior Member _____
Date _____

Printed Name _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____
Date _____

Printed Name _____

Parent/Guardian Daytime Phone Number (_____) _____

Parent/Guardian Nighttime Phone Number (_____) _____

Alternative Contact in case of Emergency (_____) _____

ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE ON THIS FORM

This permission form must be completed for every junior member attending any junior activities within
the _____ Unit # _____

Guardian _____

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

Parent/Guardian Mailing Address _____
City, State, Zip _____