



# The Auxiliary Spirit



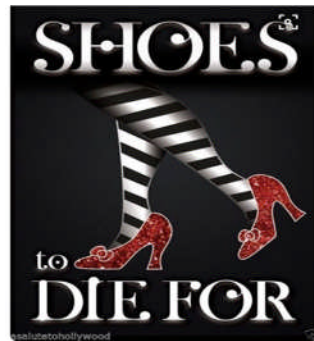
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Department President  
Cathy D. Post



*“Honoring Our Fallen  
Serving all Others”*

Colors—Red, Purple, & Gold

Flower—Poppy

Hello my Auxiliary Members,  
WOW we finally made it to Mid-Winter Conference. I trust everyone arrived safely home for Oglebay. I don't know about y'all, but I had a fantastic time, however I was very tired. We had a great turn out! Having everyone in costume was so much fun. Even Sidney, our Girls State Governor enjoyed it. I want to thank each of you that put some much thought and time in you outfits. They were superb!! We will do something with it at Convention so hang on to them.

Thank you, Sue Brown, for all your help. Many thanks to Susan Wade for a great Membership luncheon. We thought it wasn't gonna be so good, but you sure pulled it off, it was fabulous!! Thanks to Debbie Michael for you design and setup. Savanna Kauffman thank you for your help. Dr. Rosemary Thomas, you just mesmerize me every time you speak. Thank you so very much. Lynda Lancaster-Loyd thanks for keeping us all updated on Rhododendron Girls State. Ann Buchanan great job on the Poppy Display and everything you do for Girls State. The silent auction and basket raffle was a tremendous success, bravo Roxie Nicholson and Linda Crumm. Comfort items were outstanding, Paulette Anderson and Barbara Beth Beaver you Rock!! Kelli Immel, you did a fantastic job with our Juniors and they did wonderful with the Military Childs table. Laura Clark...perfection on the honors to POW/MIA and Four Chaplains. Thank you to all members in attendance, you show your faithfulness to our aims with The American Legion.

Congrats to all the units that received their target ribbons, and we have another goal Unit Ridgeley Unit #136.

As for my Special Project Gold Star Mothers Living Memorial....  
OUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT KATHY DAUDISTEL WILL  
BE IN ATTENDANCE JULY 2, 2022. SAVE THE DATE!!  
OMGoodness I'm so excited!!

Until next time...Thank a Veteran.

For God and Country  
Cathy D. Post  
Department President



## Department Officers 2021-2022

President-Cathy Post  
1st Vice President-Savanna Kauffman  
2nd Vice President-Debbie Michael  
Secretary/Treasurer-Susan Brown  
Chaplain-Laura Clark  
Historian-Kimberly Mellie

### District Presidents

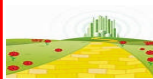
1st District-Stephanie Handley  
3rd District-Carla Wilfong  
4th District-Patsy Young-Greiner  
5th District-Kitty Kelly-Smoot  
6th District-Peggy Swartz  
10th District-Savanna Kauffman

### District Vice Presidents

1st District-Kim Elliott  
3rd District-Kimberly Mellie  
4th District-Marcia Finley  
5th District-Frema Wilson  
6th District-Mary Spence  
10th District-Jo Beth Delawder

### Endorsements 2022/2023

President—Savanna Kauffman  
First Vice President—Debbie Michael  
First Vice President-Mary Jennings  
Sec/Treas.—Susan Brown  
NEC—Paulette Anderson



## 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:** (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 had received an Spirit by email in the past please let me know.

**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'm spreading the word about taking the member survey from National. The survey went live on the week of February 2 with reminder emails sent to those emails addresses that National has in their data base. The data collected will provide feedback on how members serve and support the Auxiliary mission. This survey takes about 15-20 minutes. To take the survey go to [survey@ALAforVeterans.org](mailto:survey@ALAforVeterans.org). The survey will close later this month (February).

Thank you Cathy for the great Mid-Winter conference held at Oglebay Resort!

Spirit articles are coming to me longer when 200 words. PLEASE check to see how long your articles are before sending. I will have to edit any article that's to long.

Please use the correct mailing address when sending communications to Department. There is still mail going to the New Martinsville's address. There will come a time when the post office will no longer forward mail sent to that address.

Reminder— 990N are DUE! Most be filed to keep your Unit's tax exempt status. Copy needs to be sent to Department

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

### Department Headquarters

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### Spring District Conferences

1st District—April 24th @ Chester #121  
3rd District—March 12th @ Shinnston #31  
4th District—April 23rd @ Parkersburg #15  
5th District—April 9th @ Ceredo/Kenova #93  
6th District— April 23rd @ Bluefield #9  
10th District—March 26th @ Petersburg #78

    Birthday Dinners  
Shinnston #31—March 13th





American Legion Auxiliary  
Alderton-Dawson Unit 60  
Berkeley Springs, WV

A regular meeting of American Legion Auxiliary, Alderton-Dawson Unit 60 of Berkeley Springs, WV was held on January 13, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the Post Home. The Unit unanimously endorsed Debbie Michael for the office of Department 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President for the administrative year of 2022-2023.

Debbie is eligible through the military service of her brother, Charles Bohrer who served in the USAF for 25 years. Debbie's closeness and love for her brother is where her love for the military and Veterans comes from.

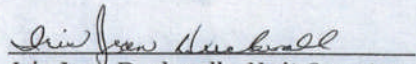
Since joining the American Legion Auxiliary in 1976, Debbie has been an active member, having served every office except for Treasurer and chaired numerous committees on the Unit level. She is currently our Unit Historian and chairs 3 committees. On District level she has served as President, Vice President, and Children & Youth Chair. For 3 years she served as the Department Junior Activities chairperson and currently serves as Department 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

Debbie has been married for 45 years to her husband Kat Michael who is a WV SAL Past Detachment Commander and currently the SAL Commander at Post 60. Her family is one of her greatest joys, she has 2 sons, 2 stepsons, 13 grandchildren, and 1 great grandson.

It has always given her immense pleasure to volunteer with an organization that cares about our military and veterans as much as she does. Debbie has a son, and two grandsons who are currently serving in the military. Debbie is always cheerful, encouraging, and we can always depend on her to lend a helping hand no matter what the need may be. She will go the extra mile to get the job done.

We are proud to present Debbie Michael, as our candidate for the 2022-2023 year for the office of Department 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. We hope that you will join us in endorsing her, knowing that she will serve with the same enthusiasm and pride that she has for our Veterans.

  
Nichole L. Shepherd - Unit President

  
Iris Jean Duckwall - Unit Secretary

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 32  
1708 South Kanawha Street  
Beckley, WV 25801

At a regular meeting held on January 11, 2022 the membership of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 32 unanimously endorsed Mary H. Jennings for the position of the Department of West Virginia 1st Vice President for year 2022-2023. I am submitting my endorsement for 1st Vice President for the year of 2022-2023.

Mary is eligible through her son, Ronald H. Jennings, Jr. a 17-year WV Army National Guard Veteran. Ronald, Jr. was deployed to Haiti, Hurricane Katrina, The Mexican Border and Iraq. He was stationed with the 111<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade, Eleanor, WV.

Mary has been a member in good standing of the American Legion Auxiliary of the Department of West Virginia for 10 years. Mary served the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of West Virginia as Chaplain.

Mary has served as Unit Treasurer for 4 years and as Secretary/Treasurer for 6 year.

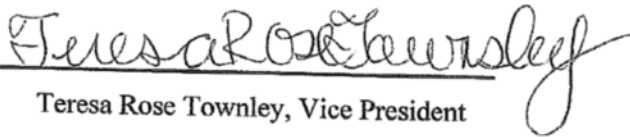
Mary also serves the 6<sup>th</sup> District as Secretary.

Mary's son, Ronald, Jr. served 6 years as American Legion Commander Post 32, her two grandsons, Robert Edward has served as the Commander for the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 32 and is serving the Detachment of West Virginia Sons of the American Legion as Vice Commander. Ronald Howard, III is currently serving as Commander for the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 32 and serves as Sgt. Of Arms for the Detachment of West Virginia Sons of the American Legion. Ronald, III joined the West Virginia Army National Guard and completed his basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia. He is currently at the State Police Academy training and learning the WV laws as a Beckley City Police Officer.

We, the Membership of Beckley Unit 32, are asking you to join us by electing Mary H. Jennings for the position of American Legion Auxiliary, Department of West Virginia 1st Vice President.



Linda Day, President



Teresa Rose Townley, Vice President

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

***Membership Chairman***

We are back home from a wonderful Midwinter Conference at Oglebay. It was great seeing everyone. Department President Cathy did an outstanding job. It was very informative and we had a great time with our theme "The Wizard of Oz". The luncheon was great! Thank you to Department Vices Debbie and Savanna for helping me set up for the luncheon. Everything looked beautiful!!

Membership ribbons were handed out to the Units that met the 25% target and the 50% target dates. Thank you to our Department Vices Debbie and Savanna, for handing out the ribbons. There were 16 ribbons given to the units reaching 25%; and 44 ribbons given to the Units that reached 50%. We now have 2 Units that are Goal Units. They are Charles Town Unit #102 and Ridgely #136. Congratulations to all!!

The "Lions" are ahead 78.97% to the "Tin Man" at 73.31%. Keep working on membership as we want to increase these numbers. WE CAN DO THIS! DO NOT hold dues!!

Thanks to all!!

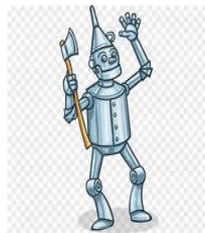
God Bless America

Susan Wade



***Department 1st Vice President***

Hello to all,  
Happy March!! Wishing you all a Happy St. Patrick's Day!  
It's time to put on your big smiles because spring is just around the corner. I hope that all of you who attended the Mid-Winter Conference enjoyed the programs and shared the info with your units. Everyone that dressed in costumes was great!  
Membership - Congratulations again to all units that made goal for 25% and 50%. Keep up the good work! Remember Target #3 at 75% is the next goal. Our membership is moving along! I'm so proud of the units that is pushing all the membership. Tin Man's side (which is my side) of the state is down from the other side, but that's okay members, Don't let that bother us, keep striving for our goal marks. Just remember your members trust you to forward their membership dues into Department and in good faith it is your duty to do so in a timely manner. There are no excuses for holding dues!  
Our Veterans depend on us so we need to work harder to keep our units strong. Unit next month, Thank you so much for all you do for the Veterans.  
\*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 hope everyone has gotten lots of rest since Mid-winter. It was such a nice conference. So great seeing everyone.

Thanks to those in the 1st, 4th and 6th districts for their hard work in membership. You, "Cowardly Lions" are leading the pack. Let's have that "Roar" get even louder. Remember, DO NOT hold membership.

If I can help you, contact me.  
Hugs to all!!  
Happy Saint Patrick's Day.  
"May the luck of the Irish be with you"

Department 2nd Vice President  
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**1st District Vice President**

Happy Spring to you all! Did everyone enjoy midwinter? Weren't the costumes fabulous! Since we have passed our second membership goal in January, everyone's numbers should be at or above 50%. If not, let's work on getting those numbers up! If you need some assistance please give me a call or send me an email. I hope to see you all at the 1st District conference in Chester on April 24. Until then stay safe, keep the faith, and God bless America.

Kim Elliott, 1st District VP  
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**3rd District President**

Here it is that time of the month for Spirit reports. I am setting here drinking my coffee and thinking what should I say. Some Units in Third District needs to work on membership. Remember 2021 dues Do not count now, you need 2022 dues paid to be a current member. So get them Paid.

Third District Spring Conference will be Saturday, March 12, hosted by Shinnston American Legion Family. Remember the Auxiliary can hold their conference by their selves. If your Unit has lost any members this year, please send us a list for the Memorial Services.

Also, Shinnston American Legion's Birthday Dinner will be on Sunday, March 13th, Please let us know if you plan to attend. If you need my help, please call me at 304-592-9247, or email me at carlajwilfong@gmail.com God Bless America and all our Veterans. Carla Wilfong

**4th District President**

Greetings Members of the 4th District-Mid-Winter Conference was a huge success! Madam Department President, Cathy Post was adorable dressed in her "Dorothy" costume. I am so proud of our American Legion Organization. We have accomplished so much, and the year is only half over. Many district auxiliary units have met their membership goals. Please keep those dues coming in.

The VA&R program was awesome! Donations came pouring in from all over this great state!! We were able to send much needed clothing items, personal care items, snacks and blankets to our Veterans at the V.A. Hospitals, WV Veterans Home, and our homeless Veterans. Thanks to each Unit that participated in this program.

The District 4 Spring Conference will be held in Parkersburg at Post 15 on Saturday, April 23, 2022. Registration is at 9:00 a.m. Meeting immediately following. Lunch will be served. Elections will be held. There will be a memorial service for deceased members. We look forward to seeing you all. Watch your mailbox, you will be receiving more information soon!

Please continue to do wellness checks on our members and the elderly.

For God and Country

Patsy Young-Greiner

4th District President

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**1st District President**

Good Day Ladies of 1st District!

I would like to congratulate President Cathy Post on a successful Mid-Winter conference, and Dr. Rosemary Thomas on a very informative leadership program. Thank you to all from 1st District who attended conference. I hope you went away with some informative information like I did.

Just a reminder that 1st District Spring convention will be on Sunday, April 24, 2022 at Chester Post 121. I hope that everyone can attend. Please look for more information regarding registration to be sent out very soon.

For God and Country

Stephanie Handley  
1st District President



**10th District President**

Hello to all,  
Happy March!! Wishing you all a Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Glad to see everyone that showed up at the Mid-Winter Conference. It was good to see everyone and meet new faces. All the costumes turned out great!

Membership - Congratulations again to all units that made goal for 25% and 50%. Keep up the good work! Remember Target #3 at 75% is the next goal.

Heads up: 10th District Spring Conference is on Saturday, March 26, 2022 held at Petersburg.

I hope you all make plans to come. Please send Melanie our Chaplain your units deceased member list. This is for the Memorial Service.

Unit Presidents please be ready to give your reports for what your units have done this year.

Until next month,  
\*always spread kindness\*

For God and Country  
Savanna Kauffman  
10th District President  
#(304)582-2976



### 5th District President

Hello District 5!!

I hope everyone is staying safe and warm!! This winter has been one of our crazier ones, huh! We're on the downside – the time changes this month so we have more daylight, and that's always good!!

As I am writing this, I'm still basking in the wonderful time had at our Mid-Winter Conference. WOW!! Rosemary Thomas had a very interesting workshop about finding our inner leadership qualities, and it was just SO interesting!! I just LOVE hearing that woman teach – she is AMAZING!!! We are so lucky to have her as one of our own!!

We were also blessed to have a visit from our WV Rhododendron Girls State Governor, Sydnee, and her family. What a fascinating young lady we have representing our state!! If she is our future, we are in great hands!!

And what a surprise – our past district president, Beth Kilgore, was able to join us for a while!!! She is doing very well, but continues to remember her in your prayers. She still has a long trip on that recovery road!! We love you, Beth!!! District 5 received only a few membership goal ribbons. I KNOW we can do much better!! I will bring them to you when I come to visit you within the next few months. Or, better yet, why don't you join us for our District meeting on March 19th at Ceredo-Kenova Post 93! Registration will be from 9:00 – 10:00 and lunch will be served around noon. Please try to send at least two members from your Unit to learn what's going on. We need more attendance!!

If I can be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to call, email, write, or text. If I don't know the answer right away, I'll sure dig for you and find out something!! We learned at Mid-Winter that those ol' cowardly lions are ahead of us in membership. Now we may only be a bunch of tin men, but we have the HEARTS!! Let's get out there and show them what we can do with our hearts!!

Stay warm and be KIND to one another!!  
Much love,

Kitty Kelly-Smoot, your District President

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### Chaplain

It is hard to believe that it is almost spring, but that also means nicer weather and an opportunity to go outside and appreciate all of what God has to offer. Have you stopped and just thanked Him for everything he has done, is doing, and will do for you? We are able to worship freely, express our opinions, and gather peacefully all because of the men and women who have paved the way in our Armed Forces. Some have paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives. We are forever grateful.

I had the honor and privilege of presenting the Four Chaplains Ceremony at the Mid-Winter Conference on Saturday, February 12th. During the ceremony, we paid homage to the Four Chaplains who selflessly gave up their life jackets to other soldiers aboard the USAT Dorchester as it was quickly sinking off the shores of Greenland.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

ALA Past National Chaplain, the Rev. Isadore Fox was the wife of Lt. George Fox (one of the Four Chaplains). She served as the ALA national chaplain in 1970-71. Isadore also served the Department of VT as a chaplain for many years and as department president in 1960-61.

Thank you to our veterans who demonstrate SERVICE BEFORE SELF!

God Be With You,  
Laura Clark  
Department Chaplain  
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### NEC

Hello Fellow Auxiliary Members,

**I hope you all are well and safe. I was awesome to see several auxiliary friends this month for the Mid-Winter Conference. President Cathy along with her membership team and other chairmen did a wonderful job and as always Rosemary Thomas, Leadership Chairman, opened our eyes to all the possibilities we possess. I did mention at this conference that National has brought the need for a dues increase for members. This will be presented at the NEC meeting in March and again at National Convention. If this is voted in, then we will not see it until 2024. However, this is information your units may want to discuss. I will forward more information to everyone after my meeting. Also, National has asked the NEC to assist in getting the request for "Member Survey" out. I am sure most of you have received an email or saw it on our Department Facebook. If you have not taken this survey, then go on to National's Website ([www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org)) and click on the link to do so. Until next month be safe and God Bless.**

Rhonda Best,

### 6th District Vice President

Hello to our District 6 members. Hoping everyone had a wonderful Valentine's Day. It appears that the groundhog definitely was correct in seeing his shadow; but, keep in mind that spring is only a few weeks away.

Hope those that were able to attend enjoyed the Mid-Winter Conference, sorry I missed it. I heard that it was a great success.

I had the opportunity to speak with several of District 6 Unit representatives. Some of our units have lost some members and are trying to rebuild with new members; but, unfortunately the Omicron virus is making this difficult.

Hopefully by next month we will know more about the plans for Girls State.

Our April 1st, 2022 membership target is 75% of all dues collected.

Dates to remember are:

State Convention July 2022 Huntington Hilton

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

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

Stay safe.

Pray for Our Country.

Mary Spence

Vice President

### *Americanism*

Hello Fellow Auxiliary Members,

I hope everyone is well, safe, and happy. I have received 4 Essay Entries. I want to remind you that I need any entries received by your unit no later than February 28th. Also I want to share important Americanism Dates in February for fly the flag dates and historic dates to remember: Lincoln's Birthday, Saturday February 12, 2022, Presidents Day, Monday February 21, 2022, Washington's Birthday, Tuesday February 22, 2022, February 2, 1790- The Supreme Court convenes for the first time, February 4, 1789- The first presidential election takes place but the results will not be known until April 6, and February 24, 1785- Congress appoints Johan Adams to be the United States Ambassador to Great Britain. I thought these are interesting facts. Unit Presidents- please share with your units. Until next month be safe and God Bless.

Rhonda Best

Americanism Chairman



### *Child Welfare Foundation*

The diet's working! On the other hand, I think I have lost TOO much weight! Once again, I am collecting your coins and spare change to help raise money for the Child Welfare Fund.

Thank you for your generosity as we collected \$277.05 at the Mid-Winter Conference in February!

Beth Kilgore  
Chairman



### *Children & Youth*

What makes a YOUTH CAREGIVER?

A young person who selflessly gives of themselves to aide others who need extra assistance. A young person who serves meals to a neighbor who is recovering from a health crisis. A young person who offers to give comfort and support to a friend or family member with no expectation of payment. The youth of today are committed to helping, volunteering, and makes a difference in the lives of others.

Empowering and educating our youth on this important life responsibility is one way the American Legion Auxiliary remains relative and aligned to the needs of those we serve and our youth program initiatives.

Recognizing kids who go above and beyond is a great way to support positive behaviors and recognize those who display values that reflect kindness and compassion. The American Legion Auxiliary's NEW Youth Caregiver Award is an opportunity to individually recognize young people who provide care to others.

The Youth Caregiver Award certificate can be downloaded from [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org), updated and presented to young people who have demonstrated the components of caregiving to others.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: April is Children & Youth Month and April 15th is "Purple Up Day" to support our military kids!

Beth Kilgore  
Chairman

### *Community Service*

I was glad to see those that came to the Mid-Winter Conference. It was a learning experience for me and also a bad time. As we started the Saturday morning session my phone rang. I thought I had turned it off. It was embarrassing but the call was about a death in my husband's family. Please remember them on your prayers.

Now let's get back to Community Service. The animal shelters need food, people to help clean, walk the dogs, cats, help bath, clean the stalls, help feed, talk to people who come in to look at the animals. They also need people to transport animals from time to time to a doctor appointment, or to a destinated place to meet their new family.

The animal shelters not only take small animals there are times when large horses and other large animals are abused or neglected, and the courts will order the shelters to hold them unit there is a hearing.

If you love animals and can help the Shelters, it will save a lot of animals from being put to sleep.

God bless you all and keep your animals safe in this cold weather.....

May Jennings  
Community Service

St. Patrick's  
Day



### ***Education***

The Department and National Scholarships are due March 15 to this chairman. They may be scanned to me but the paper copies should also be mailed to me. National has advised that the SAT/ACT requirement will be waived for the 2022 scholarship applications. Students should make a notation with their application stating if they were unable to take the test due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

Although the Department Scholarship dates were not updated on the website, the form can be used for 2021-22 and are due March 15, 2022.

Remember--the National Children of Warriors Scholarship can only be submitted through the National website.

Dianne McClung  
Education Chairman

### ***Junior Activities***

Hope everyone made it home safely from Mid-Winter. It was great seeing everyone. We had five young ladies in our meeting. Thank you to the members that bought the Juniors with you remember these young ladies are the future senior membership of the ALA.

Make sure we're working on the patch program. And remember that end of year reports will be needed soon so start working on them so we can show that our young ladies have been busy this year in West Virginia. God Bless,

Kelli A Immel  
Kitbasket@hotmail.com



### ***Legislative***

It was good to see those that made it out to Mid-Winter. If you missed the Leadership piece that Rose Mary did in the afternoon, you missed a really good piece. Of course, I always enjoy Rosy Mary's wonderful interactive Leadership pieces. Great job Rosy Mary!

WV legislators are working on 37 bills for Veterans, and 4 have become laws. Some legislative workings...

\*Fairmount is working to shorten the suicide hot line to #988.

\*Getting National Guard the same benefits as Military

\* Shortening the process to apply for VA benefits, so it automatically happens at discharge.

\*Veterans only nursing center in Clarksburg

\* SD 598, Veterans Suicide

\* Adding another State nursing facility in Beckley

There is 2.74 Billion Federal money is coming into the State to help veterans.

Lisa Cadwallader  
Lisac.ala71@gmail.com

### ***National Security***

I am setting here reflecting on what I should write. National says that this program is for Military that is now serving, but in reports from National it says ALL Veterans.

So when we purchase and distribute our Comfort Items we should consider this. Also remember that all our Veterans Hospitals are collecting items for the Homeless Veterans. Each month we receive a Newsletter from the regional VA Hospital and they are requesting items.

We need to support our Veterans give blood, purchase comfort items throughout the year. Help our homeless Veterans. Talk with our Senators and Representatives both in Washington and in Charleston.

Please fill out our reports and send them as soon as possible. The Chairperson have to send our reports to National, in May.

If you need my help, please call 304-592-0247, or email me at:

carlajwilfong@gmail.com.  
God Bless America and All Our Veterans  
Carla Wilfong

### **SILENT AUCTION**

Mid-Winter was a good time, and we had a wonderful Silent Auction. I wish to thank everyone for all their donations and help.

- 1 Paulette Anderson for the Visa \$25.00 Gift card
- 2 Cameron Unit 18 for the \$25.00 Applebee card and the \$25.00 Cracker Barrel card
- 3 Shinnston Unit 31 for giving me permission to buy whatever I needed to put in the basket and I ended up spending \$52.50
- 4 All the members who bid on the items that were so generously donated and buying tickets on the basket
- 5 Most of all, thank you Linda Crumm for helping with everything.

The last time we had a Silent Auction we did \$602.00, this year we more than doubled it.

We made \$1218.00 for the Welfare Fund, I am very pleased and happy with this.

Wouldn't it be GREAT if next year we can double it again?

Thanks to ALL

Roxie Nicholson

## Poppy

I hope all of you are preparing for Spring and planning your Poppy Day in your community. It is good to present a poppy to your local politicians and ask them to wear on the day of your Poppy Drive. Make sure to share how the funds are used to assist veterans when getting a donation and always with a Smile say Thank You. Remember that you can collect in your Post all year.

We had a very good Midwinter Conference and lots of information was available. If you missed the conference, contact your District President for information.

We held the Poppy Poster Contest and here is a list of the winners. These posters will be submitted to National for judging. I will post pictures on the Department website.

Grade 7 – Class III Avery Tallman, Huttonsville

Grade 9 – Class V Ava Smith, Huntington High School

Grade 10 – Class VI Jocelyn Baker, Huntington High

Grade 11 – Class VII Elizabeth Jordan, Huntington High

Grade 12 – Class VIII Aziah Berry, Huntington High

Remember to take pictures of how you use poppies during the year and send a brief written statement explaining how, where, and when they were used to me before June 1, 2022. An award will be given at State Convention.

Ann Buchanan  
Chairman



## Constitution & Bylaws

### Standing Rules

It can be confusing when trying to understand where a rule should reside. Should it be in the Constitution, Bylaws, or Standing Rules?

In the Auxiliary, your Standing Rules should be more specific than the Bylaws, be administrative, and “process focused.” They should provide details about provisions in the Bylaws. They can be amended as frequently as needed to keep the organization up to date.

Using the example of dues, in the Bylaws, it would be correct to say unit dues would always be \$5 more than the amount due to department and national,

## Music

Membership song 2021-2022

Follow the Yellow Brick Road!  
Follow the Yellow Brick Road!  
Follow, follow, follow, follow  
Follow the Yellow Brick Road! .....

\*\*\*\* HEY STOP!!! \*\*\*\*

(This part spoken)

\*\*\* We're gonna do something different!

How about we LEAD on that yellow brick road!!!

After all, we ARE the American Legion Auxiliary, 100+ years strong!! \*\*\*

We're off to help our Susan,  
Our wonderful Wizard of Oz!

(these 2 lines rather hurried)

Dorothy and Toto help our Apple Trees grow

We honor our fallen – there's No Place Like Home!!

With Glenda's prayers as our guide,  
Our Auntie Ems are full of pride!  
Our Tin Man, our Lions, the Scarecrow, too  
With Munchkins around to follow us, too!

We're off to help our Cathy,  
In our victorious Department of OZ!!!!

As in previous years, a little surprise will be presented at Convention to any Unit or District that sends me a video of y'all trying to sing our song! Have fun – I LOVE seeing these!!

Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Music Chair  
Text on cell: 304-412-3649, Email: kit-tyks2@comcast.net, Facebook: kit-

## Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Wow! All I can say is Wow! A great mid-winter conference, luncheon, and great friends! Thank you President Cathy, Leadership Chairman Rosemary Thomas and Membership Chairman Susan Wade! The costumes of the Department, and Districts were outstanding! A good time had by all! A HUGE SUCCESS on the Comfort Items Drive! 19 units and 1 District participated either by In-Good items, or monetary donations. A Grand Total of \$12,188.87 was collected! THANK YOU ALL!! A special Thanks goes to Beth Beaver, Paden City Unit #86, Patsy Young-Greiner, her daughter April, Parkersburg Unit #15, and our Juniors who helped pack and load the carts. I couldn't have done it without you.

Year End Reports will be sent out soon to Units. Please make sure you record your donations for the Comfort Items Drive. Be sure you include your unit members' hour bars.

Until Next Month,  
Paulette Anderson  
VA&R

## Constitution & Bylaws— continue

because this would naturally change if national or department changes their dues.

If you stated that your unit dues are \$30, this should be in Standing Rules because you would need to vote on the change of the exact amount of unit dues.

Civility lives in governing documents containing rules for all members to follow. Be sure to implement rules appropriately, follow your governing documents for how revisions should occur, and then help your members understand the changes by providing clarifying language and rationale for the change.

Excerpt from a guest blog by Jane Benzel, past National Constitution & Bylaws Committee Member

Dede Kelly  
Department Constitution & Bylaws  
Chairman



# American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

## *Rhododendron Girls State*

Girls State is fast approaching, and this year's dates will be June 12-17, 2022 at Davis & Elkins College in Elkins, WV with the cost of \$250 per citizen and does not include the cost of the parade t-shirt. I hope that those that attended a great Mid-Winter Conference in Wheeling, picked up their Girls State packet. If you were unable to attend, it will be mailed to either the Girls State Chairman or Unit President.

Please note that there are some vast changes to the Samsung Scholarship criteria so please pay attention to the details. Girls State citizen won a \$5,000 Samsung Scholarship this past year. Congratulations Olivia!

Please if you haven't started to secure your sponsors, please do so; as their discretionary funds may not be available due to Covid. Please contact your schools to let them know you are the contact person and your information if they have questions.

Please feel free to contact me or your district representative if you have any questions or if we can be of any assistance to you in any way.

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd,  
Rhododendron Girls State Chairman



## *District Representatives*

1st Dist. — Susan Brown  
2172 Grandview Rd.  
Moundsville WV 26041  
304-845-5122

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

4th Dist. — Cathy Post  
308 Main Street  
Middlebourne, WV 26149  
304-758-5114

5th Dist. — Ann Buchanan  
105 Cheyenne Trail  
Huntington, WV 25505  
304-654-9932

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

10th Dist. — Debbie Fox  
874 Longview Drive  
Berkeley Springs, WV  
304-258-5804



***Ways and Means***

Ticket sells are going really, really slow! Will have tickets at Mid-Winter for sell or take some back for your Unit to sell. Remember they make a great birthday gift! Look me up!

The first daily 3 drawing of the new year for \$100 was a no winner. Also, the first third Wednesday drawing for \$200 was a no winner. There were 15 lucky winners in January . Congratulation to each of you!

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

NOTICE—Please mail check and stubs to:

Susan Brown  
2172 Grandview Rd  
Moundsville WV 26041

Payable: Ways & Means



***January Ways and Means Winners***

Name	#'s	City	State	Date	\$\$\$
	620			1/1/2022	
Susan Michael	597	LaVale	MD	1/3/2022	25.00
Kimberly Rolls	166	Keyser	WV	1/4/2022	25.00
	715			1/5/2022	
Kitty Kelly-Smoot	373	Huntington	WV	1/6/2022	25.00
	825			1/7/2022	
	863			1/8/2022	
David Barnes	076	Paw Paw	WV	1/10/2022	25.00
	875			1/11/2022	
Daniel Veach	296	Shanks	WV	1/12/2022	25.00
Cathy Courtright	740	Cameron	WV	1/13/2022	25.00
Carol Fultz	163	Romney	WV	1/14/2022	25.00
	720			1/15/2022	
	020			1/17/2022	
Bob Joseph	699	Wheeling	WV	1/18/2022	25.00
	193			1/19/2022	
Noah Jones	303	Morgantown	WV	1/20/2022	25.00
	499			1/21/2022	
	526			1/22/2022	
Tina Ruckman	630	Rio	WV	1/24/2022	25.00
	093			1/25/2022	
Linda Bennett	651	Ft. Ashby	WV	1/26/2022	25.00
PDP Club	717	Moundsville	WV	1/27/2022	25.00
Steve Benyo	524	Wheeling	WV	1/28/2022	25.00
Heidi Hubbard	080	Friendly	WV	1/29/2022	25.00
Mike Callaway	676	Welch	WV	1/31/2022	25.00

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

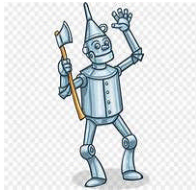
**February 10, 2022  
Department Goal— 4894 Membership to Date— 3718  
Department Unit 200 Goal—165 Membership to Date—124**

**Debbie**

<b>District 1</b>			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	28	17	60.7%
Moundsville #3	237	195	82.3%
McMechen #5	29	24	82.8%
Weirton #10	58	46	79.3%
Cameron #18	149	111	74.5%
New Martinsville #28	117	88	75.2%
Wellsburg #34	25	22	88%
Follansbee #45	47	8	17%
Pine Grove #81	70	49	70%
Paden City #86	83	61	73.5%
Wheeling #89	18	8	44.4%
Newell #114	23	12	52.2%
Hundred #120	27	24	88.9%
Chester #121	143	100	69.9%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1054</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>72.6%</b>

<b>District 4</b>			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	410	347	84.6%
Spencer #21	37	30	81.1%
Pt. Pleasant #23	200	174	87%
Tyler County #48	41	32	78.1%
Sistersville #67	44	38	86.4%
New Haven #140	137	114	83.2%
Williamstown #159	80	69	86.3%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>84.7%</b>

<b>District 6</b>			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Welch #8	49	39	79.6%
Bluefield #9	28	22	78.6%
Beckley #32	30	28	93.3%
Gary #38	87	76	87.4%
Cowen #62	24	18	75%
Richwood #97	24	21	87.5%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>84.3%</b>



***“Tin Man”  
Team  
Goal—2484  
To Date—1821  
73.31%***

***Membership  
Chairman  
The Great  
OZ***



***“Lion”  
Team  
Goal—2245  
To Date 1773  
78.97%***



**Savanna**

<b>District 3</b>			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	37	29	78.4%
Clarksburg #13	61	34	55.7%
Elkins #29	111	100	90.1%
Shinnston #31	253	222	87.7%
Braxton County #33	31	22	70.9%
Bridgeport #68	88	28	31.8%
Belington #96	17	14	82.3%
Pickens #122	20	0	0%
Morgantown #174	60	39	65%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>71.9%</b>

<b>District 5</b>			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Huntington #16	150	125	83.3%
Logan #19	17	15	88.2%
St. Albans #73	30	24	80%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	276	163	59.1%
South Charleston #94	15	7	46.6%
Hamlin #111	41	29	70.7%
Milton #139	60	44	73.3%
Barboursville #177	106	92	86.8%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>71.8%</b>

<b>District 10</b>			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	101	56	55.4%
Franklin #30	14	0	0%
Piedmont #52	20	10	50%
Berkeley Springs #60	175	137	78.3%
Moorefield #64	78	70	89.7%
Charles Town #71	147	77	52.4%
Petersburg #78	70	61	87.1%
Romney #91	179	122	68.2%
Charles Town #102	28	34	121.3%
Paw Paw #128	30	21	70%
Kirby #134	28	24	85.7%
Ridgeley #136	47	55	117%
Capon Bridge #137	155	131	84.5%
Keyser #152	39	36	92.3%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1111</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>75.1%</b>

# March 2022

Sun    Mon    Tue    Wed    Thu    Fri    Sat

		1	2 Ash Wednesday	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 3rd District Shinnston Unit #31
13 Shinnston Birthday Din- ner Daylight saving time begins	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's 	18	19
20 First Day of Spring 	21	22	23	24	25	26 10th District Petersburg
27	28	29	30	31		
					<p><i>Program of Month AEF Community Service</i></p>	

**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.

*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  
 Department of West Virginia, Inc.  
 2021-2022 POPPY ORDER FORM

Unit Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are ordering a KIT for your unit you MUST order through Dept.  
 Each kit will cost \$80.00 plus S&H (From National & Department)  
 Poppy Kits need to be ordered at least 2 months in Advance  
 ALL PRE MADE POPPY ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY  
 MARCH 1, 2022

Must Include This Order Form With Any Order

<u>Pre Made Poppies</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1000 Poppies—	_____	_____
750 Poppies—	_____	_____
500 Poppies—	_____	_____
250 Poppies—	_____	_____
100 Poppies—	_____	_____
	Sub Total	_____
<b>Postage &amp; Handling: Flat Rate Boxes</b>		
Up to 100 Poppies	15.75	_____
100—750 Poppies	18.75	_____
751 & Over	21.75	_____
	S&H	_____
TOTAL ENCLOSED		_____

Make check payable to: Department Treasurer, ALA  
 Mail Order form & payment: 2172 Grandview Road  
 Moundsville, WV 26041

**WILL DELIVERED TO CONFERENCES AND MIDWINTER @ NO CHARGE  
 DO NOT ADD POSTAGE IF BEING HAND DELIVERED.**





2022

# 10 New in 2022!

Members who recruit 10 new Junior or senior Auxiliary members for the 2022 membership year.

**One entry per recruiter.**

**Certified forms must be received at ALA National Headquarters by June 3, 2022.**

**Please send this form to your department headquarters office no later than one week prior to the deadlines.**

**New members must be paid in ALAMIS by June 1, 2022.**

## ENTRY/CERTIFICATION FORM

*Please type or print legibly and fill out the form completely. Incomplete forms may not be processed.*

Recruiter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of <u>New</u> Members	Member ID#	Names of <u>New</u> Members	Member ID#
1. _____		6. _____	
2. _____		7. _____	
3. _____		8. _____	
4. _____		9. _____	
5. _____		10. _____	

**Certified by Department Secretary:** DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Department Secretary  
 Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dept Secretary Signature (required): \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*I certify that **all 10 members** are new and joined into the 2022 year.  
 \*I've provided or verified member ID numbers and that the form is filled out legibly and completely.  
**DO NOT SEND INCOMPLETE FORMS or more than 1 form per recruiter.**

**Units: Send form to your department secretary.**  
**Departments:**  
 Please either scan and email to:  
[membership@ALAforVeterans.org](mailto:membership@ALAforVeterans.org)  
 (Subject line: Recruit 10)  
 Or  
 Fax: (317) 569-4502 (Attn: Membership)  
 \*Must be received at NHQ by midnight June 3, 2022.

Each recruiter will receive a special gift selected by the 2022 national Membership Committee chairman.

**One award per recruiter.**

**West Virginia American Legion Auxiliary  
Department Scholarship  
2021-2022  
Education and Scholarship Grant**

**Purpose**

To assist children of West Virginia Veterans, who are in need, to attend college or a school of higher education.

**Description**

For the payment of tuition and necessary fees only -- not to exceed \$500.00 per academic year. **It Must be renewed annually** with letter of enrollment and not to exceed a total of four awards -- or a total of \$2000.00

**Eligibility**

Applicant must be a son, daughter, grandson, or granddaughter of a Veteran.  
Applicant must be a resident of West Virginia, under 22 years of age when applying for first grant.  
Applicant must be a high school graduate or in graduating class when applying.  
Applicant must demonstrate financial need in order to qualify.  
Applicant must achieve qualifying score on Scholastic Aptitude Test for the College Entrance Examination Board of West Virginia Colleges except if the applicant wishes to pursue some other career such as Beauty Culture, Nursing, etc.

Must have 16 credits of A, B, or C grades in last five (5) semesters of high school and must maintain a "C" average to be considered for renewal of grant. Copies of grade transcripts must be submitted to Department Scholarship Chairman each year to be considered for renewal.

**Application Procedure**

1. Application must be submitted prior to **March 1, 2022** to **Unit President or Unit Scholarship Chairman** for thorough investigation as to actual financial need before being presented to the Department Education Chairman for consideration.
2. A certified transcript or photocopy of the applicant's high school grades.
3. Be prepared to submit a Parent's Confidential Financial Statement as evidence of financial need.
4. Present a letter of acceptance to a college or university of your choice in state of West Virginia **ONLY!**
5. A copy of ACT or SAT test scores.
6. A brief statement of the military service of parent (parents), or grandparents including the branch of service and dates of service, and a **photocopy of veteran's DD214**, or other proof of military service,

**Application must be submitted to the Unit President of the American Legion Auxiliary in your community in which the applicant resides on or before March 1, 2022.**

1. Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_
2. Home Address \_\_\_\_\_
3. Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name of Parent ( Parents) or Grandparents by which applicant is eligible \_\_\_\_\_  
Living \_\_\_\_\_ Deceased \_\_\_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_\_\_
5. Brief statement of Military Service of parent (parents), or grandparents including branch of service and dates of service and a photocopy of veteran's DD 214 or other proof of military service.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Family Income \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Father \_\_\_\_\_
7. Children in Family under 18 \_\_\_\_\_ Over 18 \_\_\_\_\_
8. Date of Graduation from High School \_\_\_\_\_
9. Location \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Credits \_\_\_\_\_
10. Rank in Class \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Average \_\_\_\_\_
11. Your choice of college or school of higher learning and course of study in West Virginia \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. Describe your involvement in school, church, and community activities. Use attachment if necessary. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. Information as to need of scholarship (use extra sheet of paper if needed)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Print or type full name

Signature of Applicant

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**THIS PORTION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SPONSORING UNIT  
(PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT)**

The winning entry of each Unit shall be certified by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit President and Unit Secretary or Education Chairman and mailed to the **Department Education Chairman; Dianne McClung, Education Chairman, 1664 Butcher Bend Rd., Mineral Wells WV 26150**, to be received on or before **March 15, 2022**. Should an entry be received and no Unit affiliation around, then the application should be judged by the Department Education Chairman.

Unit Name and Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Unit President

Signature of Unit Secretary or Education Chairman

**2022 AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION**

**RESERVATION INVOICE**

AUGUST 26 - SEPTEMBER 1, 2022  
POTAWATOMI HOTEL & CASINO  
1611 WEST CANAL STREET  
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53233

NAME(S) OF ATTENDEE(S)

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-MAIL:

King/Doubles (\$144 per night plus 15.50 % hotel tax) One bedroom suite \$144

**Parking rate per day**---Complimentary

**PLEASE MAIL PAYMENT BY MAY 3, 2022**

ARRIVAL DATE TO HOTEL	
DEPARTURE DATE FROM HOTEL	
KING OR DOUBLE	

		Quantity	
ONE NIGHT'S ROOM DEPOSIT @	\$166.32		
ADDITIONAL OCCUPANT IN ROOM PER DAY - Flat Rate			
REGISTRATION FEE @	\$25.00		
NATIONAL COMMANDER'S BANQUET @	\$53.00		
SOUTHERN BLOC BREAKFAST @	\$52.00		
HOSPITALITY ROOM FEE @	\$25.00		
NATIONAL CONVENTION SHIRT@ Name: Size:	\$25.00		
TOTAL			

**FIRST NIGHT'S DEPOSIT REQUIRED.**

**WE WILL BILL YOU FOR OTHER CHARGES**

**PLEASE ORDER YOU NATIONAL CONVENTION SHIRT ON THIS FORM**

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE AND MAIL TO:**

**Total**

**THE AMERICAN LEGION  
PO BOX 3191  
CHARLESTON WV 25332**

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

**First Night Deposit Required**

**PLEASE RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE"**

**THANK YOU**

**\*You will not be charged for the Delegate fee. If you are not elected as a delegate at your District Convention or on the floor at the State Convention, Department Headquarters will bill you for the \$25.00 registration fee after State Convention.**