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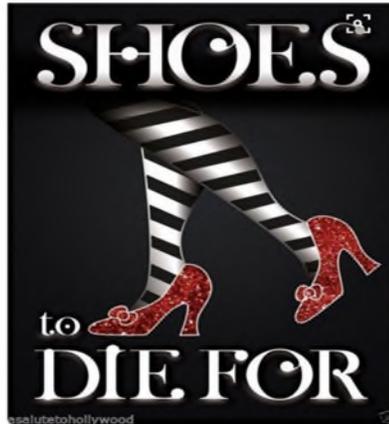
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American Legion Auxiliary
2021-2022
Department President
Cathy D. Post



*“Honoring Our Fallen
Serving all Others”*

Colors—**Red, Purple, & Gold**

Flower—**Poppy**

Hello there,

Time is moving so fast with this beautiful weather. Gold Star Mothers living Memorial dedication and homecoming will be here before you know it. Hope y'all can make it. I am still hoping for more donations for my "Special Project", remember each county has their own tree for their soldiers ultimate sacrifice for your freedoms.

Membership is coming in but we need more to be a Goal Department. 496 to be exact is what is needed!!

We do have one unit that is non-compliant with membership; however, we do have 12 Goal Units BRAVO...WELL DONE! Remember those beautiful rosette ribbons are waiting on you!

Let's get our hustle on and do a membership drive if ya can. At this time of the year, in my unit we will only charge \$19.00 (what we send forward) for new members, since it's so close to time for new cards. Check on members that haven't renewed, perhaps they need help, with the price of everything going so high. It's time to get your reservations for Department Convention! Ann Buchanan we wish you good luck in your election to the Central Division position.

Memorial Day is upon us, as is National Poppy Day. Thank God we can get out and do our poppies this year.

I will see some of you in Grafton on Memorial Day for the parade.

Let's remember in our prayers, the family of Kenny Smith, may he rest in peace.

Until I see you, stay safe, and thank your veterans and help your Legion flag the graves of our heroes.

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
Second Vice President-Laura Clark
Second Vice President-Mary Jennings
Sec/Treas.—Susan Brown
Chaplain-Kimberly Mellie
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' Welfare 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.

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.

New Unit Officers forms must be filled out and return to the office. Forms are due by June 1, 2022. Even if your unit does not change officers I need these forms returned completed. NO EXEMPTIONS!

Mandatory Funds are due!! Remember all funds must be paid 30 days prior to Department Convention. That means they are due into Department by June 9th.

Please make sure your unit's deceased members have been turned in to Department. Department Chaplain Laura is planning a beautiful service.

Directory updates—If you find a mistake in the Directory. Please report the mistake to Department. Thank You!

To all Units that have not used the credits issued. I will be issuing checks for those credits at the end of May. If you have a credit and was planning to use it, please notify Department. Thanks!

Credentials will be mailed the week of May 23rd. Due back to Department by June 21, 2022.

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

Mail Call

Paulette Anderson, PDP, PDS&T surgery has been postpone for to later date due to doctor personal emergency.

Note

National President Kathy Daudistel will be visiting the Department June 30th—July 3rd. She will be attending Dept. President Cathy Post dedication of the "Gold Star Mothers Living Memorial". There is a small block of room at the Microtel Hotel in New Martinsville. Room cost is \$99.00 per night plus tax. Phone number is 304-810-2133 please use "American Legion Auxiliary National Visit" when making reservations.

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

Membership Chairman

As we are winding down this year, and we now have 12 units that are at Goal! Congratulations to the following units: Weirton Unit 10; Hundred Unit 120; Pt. Pleasant Unit 23; Williamstown Unit 159; Gary Unit 38; Elkins Unit 29; Belington Unit 96; Barboursville Unit 177; Franklin Unit 30; Paw Paw Unit 128; Kirby Unit 134; and Ridgeley Unit 136. There are several Units that are so close! It would be great if we could end this year on a high note!!!

We have 1 Unit that the membership is below 10. That means they are in noncompliant with National. This needs to be addressed and try to help this unit!!!

We only have 1 more Target and that is July 1st. Let's go out with a bang!!!

Above all, let's remember WHY we are in this great organization!

Thank a Veteran! Be kind to one another!

God Bless America

Susan Wade

Membership Chairman



Department 1st Vice President

Hello to all,
Happy June!!
This article is going to be short and sweet. My apologies that I couldn't make it to 1st District Conference this time. I was in Indianapolis for the leadership training and learned some new materials. On the membership side - keep up the good work with membership. Reminder next target #4 of 100% is Due July 1st. Hope to see you all at Huntington in July for Convention!
Remember: 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 had a wonderful Mother's Day. Spring has sprung and Memorial Day is getting close. Congratulations on membership. Districts 1, 4, and 6, you are doing amazing. Keep up the good work. You still have time to make goal if your unit has not. Sure hope everyone is making their plans to attend Department Convention. Please try to be there. We have fun and it's great getting to see everyone. If I can help you, please contact me at katndebbie@gmail.com or call me at 304-258-2705.

Hugs!!
Debbie Michael
Department 2nd Vice



3rd District Vice President

The Vice President's role is to help encourage and increase membership. This is a tough job but with all the technology around us, we have better ways to communicate and encourage others to join. We all should also be making a connection with our Juniors! This is a worthy organization, and we need to concentrate on adding new members.

Those who have not reached goal....keep up the hard work!

Have a wonderful and warm June!

I'm here if you need anything.

Kim Mellie

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3rd District President

Here it is June Spirit already, the year has gone by quickly. July is Summer Convention in Huntington.

It has come to my attention that some Units have not paid their Mandatory Dues for 2021-2022, remember these have to be paid in order to vote.

We have one goal Unit and several more that are close. Get out there and Remind members that their dues are past do.

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

carlajwilfong@gmail.com. Take care and hope to see you in Huntington.

Carla Willing

Third District President

6th District Vice President

From talking with some of the members they are starting back to having meetings in person and doing activities and events. I would like to thank Bluefield Unit #9 for hosting our District 6 meeting. We had an enjoyable and informative meeting. Please continue to contact your members and collect dues for this year to meet your unit's goal as we only have until July 1, 2022 to meet the 100% goal. Congratulations to Gary Unit 38 for meeting their 100% goal. Hope that every Unit was able to submit their candidates for Girls State.

Wish that everyone was able to spend time with their family and friends over the Memorial Day weekend.

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

Date to remember: WV AL/ALA Department Convention Huntington, WV July 7,8, 9.

Prayers for all to be safe.

Mary E. Spence

Vice President, District 6

4th District President

Greetings from the Members of the 4th District:

Thank to all members who came out to the District 4 Spring Conference held in Parkersburg on April 23, 2022. We were honored to have Department President Cathy Post and Department Secretary/Treasurer Susan Brown with us. President Cathy told us all about her special project. Please support this wonderful project. We hope to see you all in Middlebourne for the dedication of the trees.

We are looking forward to the annual American Legion Convention at the Double Tree by Hilton in Huntington, WV in July. Bring your dancing shoes. I am sure we will be dancing the night away with Dorothy and all her friends, as we celebrate the awesome year we just completed.

Membership is the backbone of our organization. Our Veterans and their families need our support now more than ever. Please carry a membership application with you and let's continue to recruit new members.

God Bless the United States of America!

Patsy Young-Greiner

4th District President

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1st District President

Hello 1st District,

I would like to thank Department President Cathy Post for attending 1st District Spring Conference and all others who were in attendance that day. Thank you Chester Unit 121 for holding Spring Conference and did a wonderful job decorating and keeping with President Cathy's theme of Wizard of OZ. Thank you Paulette Anderson for a lovely memorial service. Congratulations to Kimberly Elliott on being elected your next 1st District President.

Hope 1st District Units have something planned for their Poppy Day this month. National Poppy Day is on Saturday, May 28, 2022. Don't forget to use your poppies. Summer Convention is slowly sneaking up on us and is just around the corner in July. I hope each unit plans on sending someone to attend. Thank you to all units for their continued work on membership. Don't forget about 1st District picnic at the end of July and Golf outing in August. Girls State is just a few weeks away. Did your unit submit names of the girls who are going to participate? Did your unit submit Year End Reports? Looking forward to seeing everyone in July at Summer Convention.

God Bless our Veterans, Military and Families,

Stephanie Handley

1st District President

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10th District President

Hello to all,
Happy June!!

I hope all the Mothers had a wonderful Mother's Day. It appears that spring has sprung, with a little left over rain, wind and cooler temperatures.

I hope you all have gotten your End of Year reports to department on time. Let's hope the 10th District brings back some awards from Department Convention.

Membership: I'm so proud of you all on membership but Let's say that the other team is winning. We still have time to come back and win the next goal is in July. Reminder next target #4 of 100% is Due July 1st.

Until next month,

always spread kindness

For God and Country

Savanna Kauffman

10th District President

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Historian

I want to thank everyone for working so hard on their History Reports and getting them turned in on time.

History is the knowledge of and study of the past. It is the story of the past recorded in written form and with pictures to show our future Auxiliary!

History is the story of who we are, where we came from, and can potentially reveal where we are headed. Please record your history, preserve it for the Future.

Have a super June and remember Service NOT Self

Kim Mellie

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Constitution & Bylaws

What not to do in your Constitution & Bylaws, Part 2

From ALA National blog post on Monday, 11 April 2022

6. A rule requiring units to file their C&B with the department. Nope. Units are independent affiliates (see the national Standing Rule XI). Yes, departments can ask nicely with sugar on top, but should think twice if it's in their bylaws - are you ready to assume risk for the unit, department?

7. A rule requiring lapsed members to pay "back dues" before reinstating into membership. Sorry, no! Also, you can't discipline a member for not paying dues. If they no longer want to pay dues and belong to the organization, that is the decision of the member. If a member wants to keep "continuous years of membership," the member may opt to pay all the back dues owed, but it's not a requirement for reinstatement.

8. A department rule telling a unit how to discipline its members. That's the unit's job.

9. Empowering an officer with "executive powers." That's not really a thing. Spell out the duties of the office clearly. Check Robert's Rules if you aren't sure.

10. Having a rule that your unit will pay for any member to go to National Convention. True story. If it says it in your bylaws, you must do it.

11. A rule on who can run for national office. Those rules are determined by the National Convention body, not the unit or the department.

12. A rule that states a unit must follow a procedure "as stated in the Unit Guide." What happens if that part of the Unit Guide no longer exists? Better to just state the rules in your document instead of referring to an outside document.

13. "Recommend." A recommendation is not a rule.

14. "Chaplin." Charlie Chaplin is not a member of the Auxiliary (wink!). But there is a "chaplain."

Dede Kelly

Constitution & Bylaws Chair

Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Hello everyone,

Just a quick note to thank everyone for sending me your year end reports.

For God and Country

Margaret Yost

AEF Chairman

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Education

Three National Scholarship applications have been forwarded to Central Division (nine Departments) for further consideration.

The Children of Warriors Scholarship forwarded was submitted by Grace Smith of Chester. Three other applications were also received by the committee for consideration. For the first time, applicants had to apply through the National website only. Three \$5000 scholarships will be awarded in each of the five divisions.

Martinsburg Unit 14 submitted a Non-Traditional Student Scholarship, the only one received by Department. The application of Jeremy McCarty of Jane Lew was sent to Central Division. A winner in each division will receive a \$2000 scholarship.

One Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship was received and forwarded to Central Division. Rachel Sampson of Morgantown will be considered for one of two \$2500 awarded in Central Division.

No applications were received for the National Spirit of Youth Scholarship nor the Department Scholarship. Dianne McClung
Education Chairman

Junior Activities

Looking forward to seeing everyone in a couple months for summer conference. Let help our American Legion Family getting ready for Memorial Day. Please remember our Juniors are our future American Legion Auxiliary. Let keep our troops in our daily prayers and good luck to our Juniors that will be going to Girl State.

Thank you to the ones who did year-end reports!

In God and County
God Bless
Kelli A Immel

Leadership

Leadership Matters!

As we find ourselves in the midst of graduation season, facing summer break for schools across this nation... let's pause for a moment and think about how much leadership matters!

Thank you to each of you who have identified citizens of Rhododendron Girls State. We are preparing for an amazing week of leadership development and that's because of your commitment to the future.

If you need a reminder of just how important it is to develop leaders... think about our organization, our state, our nation. Leaders find themselves in tough spots sometimes... they are criticized, questioned, ridiculed and more. It's not all about the title and the glory... you know it's about the work too.

Why do we do it? Why do we put ourselves out there to be leaders? We do it because leadership matters!

Leadership matters as we strive to bring people together. Leadership matters as we focus efforts and resources on meeting a goal. Leadership matters as we take time to develop new leaders for the future. Make a commitment to yourself to find one way to improve your own leadership skills. We can all learn from one another. Let's start today!

Rosemary M. Thomas

Leadership Chairman

Legislative

I want to thank the few Units that turned in reports. My report to Central Division will be in by the time you receive this. Also, the best overall report will be turned in.

The American Legion is still working heavily on their agenda items for the year, and that is where our focus should be as well. The burn pits continue to stay at the top of the list. It's not that Legislators are against this, it's more a matter of funding, and already over loaded parking, patient to doctor ratio etc.

Lisa Cadwallader
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National Security

I want to thank all Units that sent me their End of Year Report. I did not receive reports from some of our Units and I know they have done something because they post them on Facebook.

We have Holidays coming up these next few months, remember all our Veterans, send care baskets to them. Some may be sent overseas in the near future.

Donate Blood, give to the homeless Veterans, most of all keep all our Veterans in our Prayers.

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

Take care of yourself and hope to see you in Huntington.

Carla Wilfong
National Security Chairperson

Past President Parley

Hello everyone
I can't believe not 1 unit member of the year, no timeless award, and no female veteran reports submitted .
Sharon Kauffman PPP

Child Welfare Foundation

I'm hungry for you money!!!
Please feed me!!!!!!



Poppy

Thank you to those units that send Poppy Reports. I have sent the Poppy Posters to the Divisional Chairman and my year end report to the Central Division Chairman and to the National Chairman. We will celebrate at Department Convention.

If you had pictures and a short write-up on how you used Poppies in your unit. The report is due by June 1, 2022. I love seeing how you displayed the poppy. Remember that National Poppy Day is May 27, 2022.

I hope that the units receive a lot of donations on that day.

See you at Department Convention.

Ann Buchanan
Poppy Chairman

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Please remember to send me your VA & R Hour Bars by June 1st. I will need the name, ID # if available and how many hours accumulated this year. If you have already done so, thank you in advance.

I will need your Caregivers' name if you plan on me making up a certificate for Him/Her. Please send that to me in the first part of June, so I may have time to get certificates ready.

Looking forward to reading reports. I know you have done so much for our veterans!

Looking forward to the convention and seeing all.

This is my last article for VA & R. I want to thank President Cathy for this position. Good luck to next years' Chairman.

Paulette Anderson
VA & R



Happy Father's Day

American Legion Auxiliary
Department of West Virginia
Fifth District

At a regular meeting of American Legion Auxiliary, Department of West Virginia, Fifth District April 9, 2022 held at the Ceredo Kenova Post 93. The endorsement of Ann Buchanan for the office of American Legion Auxiliary, Central Division Vice President for the year 2025-2026 was unanimously approved by the membership.



Ann Cameron Buchanan
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Ann is a retired from Cabell County Board of Education as Mathematics Teacher for 35 years. She worked at Point Pleasant High School, West Middle School, Beverly Hills Middle School, Huntington East High School, and Huntington High School.

Ann is married to Fred B. Buchanan (US Navy Corpsman) since April 16, 1966. Two children Scott (US Navy) from Tennessee and Shelley. Shelley was killed in an automobile accident on November 16, 2006; she is survived by two daughters (Taylor and Brena) who live in North Carolina. Scott has two daughters (Carey who lives in Florida and Sarah, who lives in Tennessee). All are members of the American Legion family.

On the national level, Ann has served as NEC Department of West Virginia; she served on the National Membership Committee and has served as Central Division Community Service, Girls State, Education, Americanism, and Leadership. She was on staff for Girls Nation in the office and Store Manager. She has attended all National Conventions between 2001 – 2019 and participated in training sessions during Conventions. She has attended three Mission Trainings.

On the department level, she has been active since 2001 serving as chairman for Membership, Junior Activities, Community Service, Girls State, Leadership, Huntington VAMC Gift Shop, West Virginia Veterans Home, Huntington VAMC Deputy, Poppy, Strategic Planning, and Finance Committees. Ann was elected to the offices of 5th District President, Department Historian, Department Chaplain, Department of 1st Vice President, and Department President. She has attended all Department Conventions, Midwinter Conferences, and District Conferences since 1990.

Unit chairmanships for Ann include: Juniors, Girls State, Leadership, Finance Committee, Community Service, Children & Youth, and Scrapbook, She was elected to Historian, Chaplain, 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President, and President.

She is actively involved in Madison Avenue Christian Church including: servicing as Elder, chairman of Community Service Committee and Christian Education Committee. She is an active member of the Disciples Women Group and has served as Treasurer, Worship Leader, President, and Prayer Leader. She teaches an adult Sunday School Class.

Ann worked with ARTS (Arts Resources of the Tri-State) Board Member for 10 years. She is active in Vietnam Veterans of America Auxiliary, Retired Teachers Association of Cabell County, and Retired Teachers Association of West Virginia

She volunteers at the Huntington VA Medical Center weekly – calls for the Eye Clinic to remind veterans of their appointment making at least 200 calls per week. She has not been able to call in 2021-2022 because of COVID-19

American Legion Auxiliary, Department of West Virginia, 5th District is proud to present Ann Buchanan as a candidate for 2025-2026 for the office of American Legion Auxiliary, Central Division Vice President.

Fifth District President
Kitty Kelly-Smoot

Fifth District Vice President
Frema Wilson



American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

Rhododendron Girls State

Thank you all for what you are doing for Girls State. I know you have selected some wonderful young ladies affording them this once in a lifetime opportunities and friendships.

Now that your applications have been sent in, please stay in contact with them now until the time they leave for Elkins. Let them know you are there for them if they have any questions. Remind them of the dress code, the white dress (skirt and blouse) needed for Inauguration. Who knows it could be one of your citizens elected in their community elections, House or Senate, Board of Public Works, Supreme Court or even the Governor!!!

Please feel free to contact your district representative or myself if you have any questions or if we can be of any assistance in any way.
Lynda Lancaster-Loyd, Chairman
Rhododendron Girls State



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10th Dist.— Debbie Fox
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Ways and Means

There were 18 \$25.00 winners in April, with no one winning the \$200.00 Wednesday. Congratulation to each of you!

Cost for a ticket \$20.00 good for the whole year of 2022! Never to late to purchase a ticket. They make GREAT gifts!

NOTICE—Please mail check and stubs to:

Susan Brown
2172 Grandview Rd
Moundsville WV 26041

Check Payable to: Ways & Means

Susan Brown
Linda Crumm



April 2022 Ways and Means Winners

Name	#'s	City	State	Date	\$\$\$
Dwayne Riffe	287	Ballard	WV	4/01/2022	25.00
Rita Alley	529	Casa Grande	AZ	4/02/2022	25.00
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Chuck Pearce	893	Gore	VA	4/05/2022	25.00
Mary Jo Thomas	031	Fairmont	WV	4/06/2022	25.00
	395			4/07/2022	
Kat Michael	023	Berkeley Springs	WV	4/08/2022	25.00
Jerry Duncan, Jr	695	Elbert	WV	4/09/2022	25.00
Larry Ruckman	478	Rio	WV	4/11/2022	25.00
	866			4/12/2022	
Sherman Baxa	464	Buckhannon	WV	4/13/2022	25.00
	661			4/14/2022	
Terree Hofe	140	Augusta	WV	4/15/2022	25.00
Nina Mason	284	Rio	WV	4/16/2022	25.00
Mac Watts	471	Augusta	WV	4/18/2022	25.00
Ted Watkins	472	Derry	PA	4/19/2022	25.00
	591			4/20/2022	
Nina Trivett	932	Bluefield	VA	4/21/2022	25.00
Ralph Richardson	571	New Martinsville	WV	4/22/2022	25.00
Brenda Minch	895	Wheeling	WV	4/23/2022	25.00
Laurie McDutire	185	Parkersburg	WV	4/25/2022	25.00
	045			4/26/2022	
	242			4/27/2022	
Janet Artnip	406	Barboursville	WV	4/28/2022	25.00
	504			4/29/2022	
Tom Hicks	046	Moundsville	WV	4/30/2022	25.00

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Because of Their Courage We Shall Never Forget”***

May 16, 2022

**Department Goal— 4894 Membership to Date— 4233
Department Unit 200 Goal—165 Membership to Date—131**

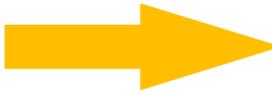
Debbie

Savanna

District 1			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	28	17	60.71%
Moundsville #3	237	224	94.51%
McMechen #5	29	24	82.76%
Weirton #10	58	58	100%
Cameron #18	149	127	85.24%
New Martinsville #28	117	93	79.49%
Wellsburg #34	25	22	88%
Follansbee #45	47	29	61.70%
Pine Grove #81	70	68	97.14%
Paden City #86	83	68	81.93%
Wheeling #89	18	14	77.78%
Newell #114	23	12	52.17%
Hundred #120	27	31	114.81%
Chester #121	143	111	77.62%
TOTALS	1054	898	85.20%

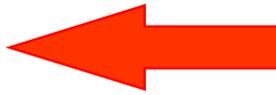
District 4			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	410	387	94.39%
Spencer #21	37	34	91.89%
Pt. Pleasant #23	200	209	104.5%
Tyler County #48	41	33	80.49%
Sistersville #67	44	39	88.64%
New Haven #140	137	126	91.97%
Williamstown #159	80	82	102.5%
TOTALS	949	910	95.89%

District 6			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Welch #8	49	47	95.92%
Bluefield #9	28	26	92.86%
Beckley #32	30	28	93.33%
Gary #38	87	87	100%
Cowen #62	24	18	75%
Richwood #97	24	23	95.83%
TOTALS	242	229	94.63%



**“Tin Man”
Team
Goal—2484
To Date—2037
82%**

**Membership
Chairman
The Great
OZ**



**“Lion”
Team
Goal—2245
To Date 2196
97.81%**



District 3			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	37	32	86.49%
Clarksburg #13	61	39	63.93%
Elkins #29	111	114	102.7%
Shinnston #31	253	240	94.86%
Braxton County #33	31	28	90.32%
Bridgeport #68	88	49	55.68%
Belington #96	17	17	100%
Pickens #122	20	17	85%
Morgantown #174	60	51	85%
TOTALS	678	587	86.58%

District 5			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Huntington #16	150	139	92.67%
Logan #19	17	15	88.24%
St. Albans #73	30	24	80%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	276	218	78.99%
South Charleston #94	15	7	46.67%
Hamlin #111	41	38	92.68%
Milton #139	60	49	81.67%
Barboursville #177	106	117	110.38%
TOTALS	695	607	87.34%

District 2			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	101	61	60.40%
Franklin #30	14	15	1.071%
Piedmont #52	20	15	75%
Berkeley Springs #60	175	174	99.43%
Moorefield #64	78	69	88.46%
Charles Town #71	147	100	68.03%
Petersburg #78	70	66	94.29%
Romney #91	179	165	92.18%
Charles Town #102	28	34	121.43%
Paw Paw #128	30	30	100%
Kirby #134	28	28	100%
Ridgeley #136	47	60	127.66%
Capon Bridge #137	155	149	96.13%
Keyser #152	39	36	92.31%
TOTALS	1111	1002	90.02%

June 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Office Closed June 10 thru June 17	11
12 RGS Opening Citizen report	13	14 <i>Flag Day</i> 	15	16	17	18
19 	20	21 	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 National President Visit		
					<p><i>Programs of Month Rhododendron Girls State</i></p>	

The SPIRIT is emailed to all **Unit Contacts** and any **Unit Officers or member** with an email address, and has asked for the Spirit to be emailed to them.

All Department Officers, Department Chairmen, District Presidents/Vice Presidents, Past Department Presidents with email addresses. Spirits are posted monthly on the website: www.wvaux.org
Unit Presidents **with no email contact** will receive a free copy by mail.

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: _____

104th Annual State Convention
2022
ADVERTISING FORM

The American Legion
Department of West Virginia, Inc.

I hereby authorize the following advertisement to be placed in the official program of the 104th Annual State Convention of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia, Inc., scheduled July 7-9,2022, at Double Tree by Hilton, Huntington, 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 follows:

Authorized Signature: _____

Price List:	Full Page	\$100	Full Page (Color)	\$160
	Half Page	\$60	Half Page (Color)	\$100
	Quarter Page	\$35	Quarter Page (Color)	\$70
	Eighth Page	\$25	Eighth Page (Color)	\$ 50

Please send your ad along with a check made payable to: The American Legion
P.O. Box 3191
Charleston, WV 25332

Ad and Payment Deadline is June 22, 2022
No Deviation

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

X MEANS PAID UNIT AUDIT OF MEMBERSHIP & MANDATORY FUNDS — April 15, 2022

FIRST DISTRICT - Stephanie Handley President, Kim Elliott Vice President

Unit/Number	Bonding	Scholarship	Veterans Fund	Girls State	Poppies	10%	Membership
#1 Wheeling	X	X	X	X	X		
#3 Moundsville							
#5 McMechen							
#10 Weirton							
#18 Cameron					X		
#28 New Martinsville	X	X	X	X	X		
#34 Wellsburg							
#45 Follansbee							
#81 Pine Grove							
#86 Paden City			X		X	X	
#89 Wheeling							
#114 Newell							
#120 Hundred							
#121 Chester	X	X	X	X	X	X	

THIRD DISTRICT - Carla Wilfong President, Kim Mellie Vice President

Unit/Number	Bonding	Scholarship	Veterans Fund	Girls State	Poppies	10%	Membership
#7 Buckhannon	X	X	X	X	X	X	
#13 Clarksburg	X	X	X	X	X	X	
#29 Elkins	X	X	X	X	X	X	
#31 Shinnston	X	X	X	X	X	X	
#33 Braxton County							
# Bridgeport							
#96 Belington							
#122 Pickens							
#174 Morgantown							

FOURTH DISTRICT - Patsy Young-Greiner President

Unit/Number	Bonding	Scholarship	Veterans Fund	Girls State	Poppies	10%	Membership
#15 Parkersburg	X	X	X	X	X	X	
#21 Spencer	X	X	X	X	X	X	
#23 Mason County					X		
#48 Tyler County	X	X	X	X	X	X	
#67 Sistersville							
#140 New Haven							
#159 Williamstown	X		X				

**American Legion Auxiliary
Department Honorary Junior Convention
Huntington, WV
July 7, 2022
PENNSYLVANIA ROOM
2nd floor**

Registration.....	9:00
(Fee \$10)	
Opening Ceremony	9:30
Warm up & Snack Time.....	9:45
“Prayer Book”.....	10:00
How do you become a ALA Junior member?.....	10:15
Lunch (on your own).....	12:00
“Craft Time”.....	1:00
Election of Officers.....	2:00
Closing Ceremony & Adjournment.....	2:30
Installation of 2021-2022 Honorary Junior Officers.....	3:30

Please bring a white dress/skirt/top for installation!

Don't forget your bathing suits....Pool time together!!!!

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

REGISTRATION/PERMISSION FORM

Please complete the form entirely. Duplicate as needed. Incomplete forms will not be processed. NO FORMS ACCEPTED VIA FACSIMILE.

Name of Junior _____

Preferred name for Nametag _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Unit Name & Number _____

Name of Hotel Junior is staying _____

Please lists any food allergies/dietary restrictions _____

Date of Birth _____

As a junior member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of West Virginia, I am aware of my responsibility in attending the _____. I agree to conduct myself in a manner that will positively reflect on my Unit, the Department, my family and me. I further agree to abide by the rules established for the Junior Meeting. I understand that failure to abide by rules set forth for the Annual Junior State Convention will result in removal from all sessions and activities.

Date Signature of Junior Member

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Chaperone during the Department Junior Meeting _____

Note: Emergency contact person should accompany participating junior member to registration to provide a telephone and location for contact in case of an emergency during the actual time of the meetings.

Chaperone Emergency Contact Phone Number _____

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 _____



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Department President Cathy's Homecoming

July 2, 2022 following the dedication of Cathy's

"Special Project"

Gold Star Mothers Living Memorial

At the Middlebourne City Park

Dedication: 11:00 am with refreshments

Homecoming will start at approximately 3:00pm

Menu: Smoked Brisket and Chicken, Baked Potato,

Veggie, Various Salads and desserts & Drinks

Live Music, Fireworks & Beer Garden will round out the Evening

Price is \$20.00 *** RSVP by June 15, 2022**

Checks made to Cathy Post at 308 Main St.

Middlebourne WV 26149 or call 304-551-1602

**CALL FOR
HUNDREDTH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA, INC.**

The Ninety-Ninth Department Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary is hereby called in conformity with Article IX, Section 1 of the Department Constitution and Bylaws which provides, "That the Department Convention be held annually concurrent with the Convention of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia." The Convention will meet in Huntington, West Virginia on July 7, 8, 9, 2022 at the Doubletree by Hilton.

PURPOSE

The Convention is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, amending the Department Constitution, receiving reports of Department Officers and Chairmen, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it.

REPRESENTATIVES

Representation at the Convention shall be by Units. Each Unit shall be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for each fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof, whose dues have been paid and received by the Department Headquarters one month prior to the Convention for which they were elected. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote. **No Unit unrepresented shall have a proxy vote.** The elective officers, all Past Department Presidents, in good standing shall be delegates-at-large to the Department Convention, with vote to be exercised with their Units, provided said officers are present at the Convention.

ALTERNATES

Each Unit is entitled to one alternate for each delegate. The alternate will have power to vote **ONLY** in the absence of the regular Delegate.

CREDENTIALS

Membership cards must be presented by delegates and alternates. Certification of the election of the delegates and alternates **MUST** be mailed to Department Headquarters **no less than two weeks** prior to Convention, and **SHALL BE** accompanied by the Convention fee of \$20.00 for each accredited delegates so certified.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Pre-Convention Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday July 7, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Doubletree by Hilton in the Virginia-Maryland Room. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Department Elective Officers, NEC, the Eight District Presidents, all Past Department Presidents, and Chairmen of all standing committees. All members of standing committees, exclusive of the chairman, may attend the Executive Committee Meeting with the privilege of discussion but without vote. Any member in good standing may attend the Executive Committee Meeting with the privilege of discussion but NO vote.

DEPARTMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE

This committee will meet on Thursday July 7, 2022 at 1:00 pm in the Virginia Room. Those to attend this meeting are the three (3) members of the Finance Committee and the Department President and Department Secretary/Treasurer who are ex-officio members without vote.