



The Auxiliary Spirit



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Department President
Cathy D. Post



*“Honoring Our Fallen
Serving all Others”*

Colors—**Red, Purple, & Gold**

Flower—**Poppy**

Greetings from Rhododendron Girls State:

As I write this, it is the first day of Girls State. Things are revving up and it is exciting. So Happy I was able to attend, as I have been a bit under the weather. My term is nearing its end very quickly, some things I have missed due to Covid, however I feel I have covered a great deal. Girls State Special Project is Wreaths Across America, I could not be more pleased. Ladies make sure to send your donation to link that was provided for you. Group Name: American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of West Virginia

- Group ID: WV0109
- Group Plan: 3 for 2
- Group Page: www.wreathsassamerica.org/WV0109
- Location Name: Grafton National Cemetery
- Location ID: WVGRFT

The Gold Star Mothers Living Memorial is flourishing, concrete has been poured for their bench and flagpole and the dedication is set for July 2, 2022, at 11:00am, I would sure appreciate your presence at this occasion. I have decided to cancel my homecoming. It was just too close to convention, and we need to watch our gas money at this point.

What an honor to represent our American Legion Auxiliary in the Grafton Memorial Day parade and to lay the wreath on the hallowed grounds that the National Cemetery with Comrade Rich Crumm.

14 Goal Units, well done ladies. So many more are so close, we still have time to hit target four. Dig deeper Gals!

As I close out my last article, I want to wish all the new incoming officers and chairpersons the very best of luck in 2023. Don't forget the National President Kathy Daudistal will be arriving June 30, with a reception at Post 28 in New Martinsville, July 1 we will be in Shinnston Post 31 for a luncheon and wreath laying at Clay District, then on to the National Cemeteries and Mothers Day Shrine with wreath laying there also. July 2 she will attend the Gold Star Mothers dedication ceremony, then fly out July 3.

Thank you for all your support this past year, I love you all and will see you in Huntington at State Convention.

For God and Country, in the spirit of service not self,
Cathy Darlene Post
Department President 2022

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

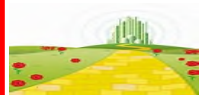
1st District-Stephanie Handley
3rd District-Carla Wilfong
4th District-Patsy Young-Greiner
5th District-Kitty Kelly-Smoot
6th District-Peggy Swartz
10th District-Savanna Kauffman

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 returned to the office. Forms are due by July 1, 2022 Even if your unit does not change officers I need these forms returned completed. NO EXCEPTION!

ALAMIS—Starting in July Unit Full will be available to all units with Department approval. You will have the ability to pay membership dues, rejoin former members within your unit, and new members. ALL transfer request of current members, expired members or former members will still need to be proceeded by the department. Units will need to use a credit or debt card to process membership to National.

New pricing will go into effect January 2023—Unit Full \$20.00; Unit write \$15.00; Unit view \$10.00;

Junior members born on or after January 1, 2005 are junior members for 2023.

Remember to mail credentials back to headquarters by June 25, 2022.

Luncheon reservation need to be back to headquarters by July 1st or call with count and selection.

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

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American Legion Auxiliary
National Website
ALAforveterans.org

Mail Call

Paulette Anderson, PDP, PDS&T had back surgery on June 8th. Cards can be sent to Paulette Anderson, 1251 Doolin Run Rd., New Martinsville WV 26155.

Mary Jennings, Community Service Chairman recently had surgery. Card can be sent to Mary Jennings, 929 Old Eccles Rd., Beckley WV 25705

Irene Weber PNCDVP & PDP fall over Memorial weekend and sprained her right ankle. Cards can be sent to Irene Weber, 355 Harrison Ave., Berkeley Springs, WV 25411



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.

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

Membership Chairman

As I write my final message as your Membership Chairman, I want to Thank the Units that worked so hard this year. I have to apologize to Charles Town Unit 102. I don’t know how I missed congratulating them in my last Spirit message. They have met all target dates and was the first Unit to reach Goal. They are now at 121.43%. Wow that’s awesome!! Other units already meeting Target 4 are Moundsville Unit 3; Weirton Unit 10; Hundred Unit 120; Pt Pleasant Unit 23; Williamstown Unit 159; Gary Unit 38; Elkins Unit 29; Barboursville Unit 177; Franklin Unit 30; Moorefield Unit 64; Petersburg Unit 78; Paw Paw Unit 128; Kirby Unit 134; and Ridgeley Unit 136. These numbers are from June 9th. We still have time to meet the last Target date. Let’s go the extra mile. We can do this!!! I want to Thank President Cathy for this Chairmanship. Thank you to all the Membership Team!! Good luck to the new Chairman!! I am looking forward to Department Convention and seeing everyone!!!

God Bless You All

Susan Wade

Membership Chairman



Department 1st Vice President

Hello to all,
Happy July!! Happy Fourth of July!! I can’t believe it’s July already! Time does fly they say and they are right. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Department 1st Vice President. It has been an honor and privilege. I have learned so much and met a lot of kind, caring, and hardworking women and men. I enjoyed working with all of you. Department President Cathy Post: “Thank You So Much For A Wonderful Year” and the team I had the opportunity to work with.
On the membership side - I am grateful for each members dedication and hard work this year on membership. It was enhanced. I’m so proud of everyone keeping up with all of it. Congratulations to all of you that has 100%, As of now there are 15 units, they are district 1 has 3 units, district 3 has 1 unit, district 4 has 2 units, district 5 has 1 unit, district 6 has 1 unit, district 10 has 7 units. Looks like the Lion Team is winning the membership side with 93.23% with our side at 89.73%, even though our side didn’t win we are all winners! Reminder you still have until July 1st to make 100%. I 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!

Congratulations to all the goal units. Your hard work has paid off. To those who are close, don’t give up. “Lions” you are still in first place. Way to go!

I hope everyone has made their reservations for the department convention. Please try to attend.

I am looking forward to seeing you all.

If I can help you, please let me know.

Have a wonderful 4th of July!

See ya in Huntington!

Hugs to all!

Debbie Michael
Department 2nd Vice



1st District Vice President

Hello ladies,
Happy Independence Day!
Wow! It's July already, half the year is going to be gone before we know it. July 1 is our fourth and last target date for this year, some of our units are so close but some need to push a little harder, come on ladies we can do this let's get those numbers up and see how many units we can get to 100% before July 1, remember they have to be sent in before the first to get credit for the target date. Hope to see you all in Huntington, Until then, keep the faith, God bless Our troops, and God bless America.

Kim Elliott, 1st District VP



3rd District President

This is my last Spirit Article as District President. It has been my pleasure working with all the Units these past years.

I hope all Units have paid their mandatory dues, these are important, they Give you your voting rights at Convention. Keep up the good work at Membership. Some Units have slacked off, but you still have time to get Them in.

I hope you work with Kim Mellie, as she will be going in as District President This coming month. If you need my help anytime, feel free to call me at 304-592-0247 or email me at: carlajwilfong@gmail.com. I will always be Here for you.
Carla Willing
Third District President

3rd District Vice President

Hello all! Hope your summer is off to a great start. We could be doing better with membership! If you need help, please feel free to email or text me. Remember sometimes it is better to have virtual meetings to include those that can't make an in-house meeting. Some may be more apt to attend virtually. Maybe alternate so that no one gets burned out on attending meetings. See you in July!
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4th District President

Greetings from the Members of the 4th District:

....and just like that, we are wrapping up another successful year!! Congratulations on all your hard work!

As another year ends, we remember our work for our Veterans and their families never ends. I am happy to report District 4 has the highest membership percentage (97.89%) of any auxiliary unit in the department. Special thanks to all the hardworking members for making this a wonderful year for Department President Cathy Post.

We are looking forward to the annual American Legion Convention at the Double Tree by Hilton in Huntington, WV in July. We hope to see everyone there!

Please continue to recruit and retain members. Our Veterans and their families need our help and support more than ever. Please continue to carry membership applications with you. You never know when and where you will find potential members. We appreciate all you do for this great organization.

Stay Safe and God Bless the United States of America!

Patsy Young-Greiner
4th District President
304-295-8844

6th District Vice President

Our next major event is the Annual Department of West Virginia American Legion Auxiliary Convention in Huntington and I hope to see everyone at the convention in July. All dues for 2021-2022 must have been received by our last target date of July 1, 2022. District 6 is currently at 96.28% of goal.

August 1, 2022 starts our new membership building year.

The Annual Department of West Virginia American Legion Auxiliary Convention will be held in Huntington on July 7, 8, and 9. I look forward to seeing and visiting with all of you there.

I hope everyone will be able to enjoy a celebration for the July 4th weekend with family and friends. Continue to pray for our State and Nation.

Prayers for all to be safe.

Mary E. Spence
Vice President
District 6



5th District President

Hello District 5!!

Well, here we are – another interesting year coming to an end. I hope you have made plans to attend our annual department convention in Huntington on July 7-9. I'm sure it will be fun and educational, as usual!! Can't wait to see everybody who can attend!

It was another very trying year membership-wise in District 5. I hope we can do better in the coming year. I take blame for my part in that I didn't get to get out and visit everybody like I wanted to. I WILL do better in the coming year. But you all have to do your part, too! Come to the District meetings!! Hold your Unit meetings!! Send in your reports!! ASK QUESTIONS!! We're here to help! Our new vice-president is Laura Clark, so you'll be hearing from her about your membership.

I hope you are staying safe and cool. Be careful out there!!

See you at Convention!!

Kitty Kelly-Smoot, your district 5 President

Kittyks2@comcast.net

Home: 304-525-4242
Cell: 304-412-3649



10th District President

Hello to all,
Happy July!! Happy Fourth of July!!
I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your District 10 President.
We didn't have Fall conference due to Covid but we had our fall and loved every minute of it. I got the opportunity to sworn in Petersburg Unit #78 in with their new officers this month. It has been an honor and privilege to do so.
Good luck to the new President, Vice and her team
I hope all Fathers had a wonderful Father's Day. Remember our Veterans on the 4th of July.
Membership: I'm so proud of you all on membership. Congratulations that our district has 7 units with 100%. Also so proud of everyone else.
Until next month,
always spread kindness
For God and Country
Savanna Kauffman
10th District President
(304)582-2976

Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Hello Ladies,
First I want to thank President Cathy for appointing me as your 2021-2022 Auxiliary Emergency Fund chairman. Thank you to the units that sent me their year end reports.
Hope to see everyone at convention in July.
For God and country
Thank you to our veterans
Margaret Yost
Auxiliary Emergency Fund Chairman
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Historian

State Historian

Awesome job Marhsall-Holley-Mason Unit 102 on turning in a comprehensive and exciting history report! Congratulations on your 80 years of dedicated service! Kuddos to Shinnston Unit 31 for another awesome History report. Also, a shout out to Martinsburg-Berkley Unit 14 who had all members share duties of the Historian! I also received annual reports from Unit 21, Unit 34, Unit 28, Unit 8, Unit 9, Unit 29, Unit 71, and Unit 3! Thank you all for a job well done!! Those that are submitting History books in July...good luck and spread the word of your wonderful Units!



Children & Youth

Hello everyone! Sorry I have been absent for a couple of months. It was not my intention. I hope everyone has been busy making your community a better place for the children. They need our love and support now more than ever.

Summer is upon us and it is the perfect time to be planning for back to school. The kids will need everything from shoes to clothing to backpacks filled with school supplies. What can your unit do to ease the burden these children may be feeling?

Thank you for all the units who submitted yearend reports. It is evident by the work you are doing you care about these kids.

If you have any questions, please let me know at 304-654-7750 or MBKilgore@frontier.com.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Department Convention.

Beth Kilgore,

Chairman

Junior Activities

First, I would like to thank President Cathy for asking me help with our young Ladies this year. And with thank you the senior members for help shape our young ladies into the future American Legion Auxiliaries membership. Looking forward to seeing everyone next month for summer convention hope everyone will have their minds open to what a great year we have had and to the great year we're looking forward to coming up. Don't forget your white dresses. God in County
God Bless
Kelli A Immel
Juniors Activities

Education

With 16% of the Units reporting, the following is a recap of the Education activities: Four Units participated in the Veterans in the Community Schools program. There were 36 hours spent and seven schools served. One reported doing a flag program during a bible school session. "American Education Week" activities were three schools and 346 students served for a total of 19 hours at a cost of \$165. "Teachers Appreciation Week" had participation of 12 schools with 13 hours. Units reported giving out large fruit and candy baskets, thank you cards, sheet cakes and hygiene items. Markers, notepads, pencils, pens, paper and a travel cart were donated to schools with the "Give 10 to Education" program. Units reported spending \$85. Two Juniors participated in Educational activities for 6 hours. A total of \$30 was donated to the National Presidents Scholarship Fund and \$5 to the Department Scholarship Fund. Four Units reported distributing scholarships to their local schools. One Unit with a membership of 34 gave out four scholarships of \$500 each. Another Unit with a membership of 170 awarded three scholarships totaling \$1500. Four Children of Warriors Scholarships were received by Department. After the committee judging, one was forwarded to Central Division for consideration. One application was received for the National Non-Traditional Student Scholarship and one for the Loyalty Junior Scholarship. Both were forwarded to Central Division for further judging. (WV had no National winners.) There were no entries for the National Spirit of Youth Scholarship or the Department Scholarship.

Dianne McClung
Education Chairman

Legislative

On June 15th, the Senate passed the PACT ACT with several adjustments. It now needs returns to the House for another vote due to the adjustments. The House had previously passed this. The hope is it will pass the House by close of session June 22 and move on to the President to be signed. As we close our year and start to move into a new year, please remember, Legislative is a very important program. We need to support The American Legion Agenda and contact our representatives. This helps get our Country's Veterans improved benefits and more benefits. It's been fun the last 3 years, but I'm taking a break from writing about Legislation. However, I will continue to contact our representatives. Hope to see many of you at Department Convention.
Lisa Cadwallader

National Security

Here it is the July Spirit. It has been a pleasure filling the position of National Security Chairman for Department. I hope you work with the incoming Chairman this coming year, as you have with myself the past Several years.
Keep honoring our Veterans. Help the homeless Veterans, as there are several in our communities. Help our Veterans families as they may Need as so. Hold your blood drives, donate blood when it is needed.
If you need my help, please call me at 304-592-0247 or you can email me at: carlajwilfong@gmail.com.
Carla Willing
National Security Chairman.

Past President Parley

I would like all PDP to bring something from their year. Costume or what you special project was. This is for the Past Department Presidents Luncheon hope to see a lot of you there. Come support you PDP at the luncheon.

Thank You
Sharon Kauffman
Past President Parlay

Child Welfare Foundation

Boy, I am extremely hungry. They tell me I will be fed at Department Convention. Won't you help fill me up?



Note: I still have pigs. If you need some, let me know and I will bring to Department Convention.

Beth Kilgore,

Chairman

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Poppy

Ladies, I hope that each of you had a wonderful Poppy Day and received lots of donations to help our veterans. It makes no difference if where able to hold it on May 27 or before or after May 27. The important that you get out in the community to inform them the meaning of the poppy and the support given to our veterans from the donations collected.

I have enjoyed this year as Poppy Chairman and seeing the donation increase this year in poppy donations. Our veterans will be served and our hearts will be warmed by our ability to show them our respect and honor for their service.

You have until June 1 to send me pictures of how you used the poppy in your post, unit, and community. Give a brief description of how it was displayed and where it was displayed.

Thank you to all the units that made donations beyond their mandatory (10% of donations). I hope that more units formed a Poppy Club among their members to help raise money. We are sure to have better results than last year, even though we are still having some difficulties with COVID and have to adjust our way of doing things.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at Department Convention. We will be able to celebrate our successes of the 2021-2022 year. We will be ready and willing to start on a new year with new successes since we have learned from past successes and failures. Thought to remember "Failure is not FINAL" learn and try again.

Ann Buchanan
Poppy Chairman

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

I want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, messages, and phone calls during my surgery and recuperation. Words can't express how I feel for the kindness of your hearts!

I plan to be at the convention and hope to see you all!!

Paulette Anderson, PDP

VA & R Chairman





American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

Rhododendron Girls State

Another successful Girls State Session is now in the books. Thank you to all who made this a once in a lifetime opportunity to our leaders of today! It takes year long preparation in planning these sessions. However, we could not do this without you in securing the funding, selecting the girls and getting them to Elkins. Thank you to Director Rosemary Thomas and Assistant Director Kate Garlick and their awesome team in leading these young ladies.

We had 195 girls registered. This is such a rewarding experience and to see these young ladies come in and when they leave is certainly a transformation of themselves. They learn about city, county and state government, and other opportunities that they learn and find successes in their futures and make lifetime friendships. Congratulations to the newly elected Rhododendron Girls State Governor Lakyn Campbell of Parkersburg. Also congratulations to Jordon Niggemyer, and Madison Rhodes our 2 Girls Nation Senators.

Girls State Girls Will Always Be Til The End Of Time!

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd

Rhododendron Girls State Chairperson



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5th Dist.— Ann Buchanan
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304-448-2394

10th Dist.— Debbie Fox
874 Longview Drive
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
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Ways and Means

There were 20 \$25.00 winners in May, with one winner of 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

May 2022 Ways and Means Winners

Name	#'s	City	State	Date	\$\$\$
Cindy Ross	666	Graysville	PA	5/02/2022	25.00
Sherman Baxa	539	Buckhannon	WV	5/03/2022	25.00
Aleesha Karmazin	653	Canonsburg	PA	5/04/2022	25.00
	873			5/05/2022	
David Crumm	938	Wheeling	WV	5/06/2022	25.00
JoAnn Camp	700	Spencer	WV	5/07/2022	25.00
Irene Weber	000	Berkeley Springs	WV	5/09/2022	25.00
Jackie Morgan	192	Rochester	NY	5/10/2022	25.00
Robyn Wolford	941	Romney	WV	5/11/2022	25.00
Ronald Jennings, Jr	845	Beckley	WV	5/12/2022	25.00
	887			5/13/2022	
Dorothy Six	836	Cameron	WV	5/14/2022	25.00
ALA Unit #81	626	Pine Grove	WV	5/16/2022	25.00
Sam Young	600	Vienna	WV	5/17/2022	25.00
JoAnn Camp	700	Spencer	WV	5/18/2022	200.00
Daniel Veach	296	Shanks	WV	5/19/2022	25.00
Michael Hott	024	Augusta	WV	5/20/2022	25.00
	379			5/21/2022	
	395			5/23/2022	
	924			5/24/2022	
Peggy Vannoy	813	Bluefield	WV	5/25/2022	25.00
Michael Stanislawczyk	045	Keyser	WV	5/26/2022	25.00
	302			5/27/2022	
Brenda Joseph	355	Wheeling	WV	5/28/2022	25.00
Joe & Becky Thomas	317	Sistersville	WV	5/30/2022	25.00
Nikki Flores	819	Moundsville	WV	5/31/2022	25.00



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

June 9, 2022

**Department Goal— 4894 Membership to Date— 4453
Department Unit 200 Goal—165 Membership to Date—131**

Debbie

District 1			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	28	17	60.71%
Moundsville #3	237	237	100%
McMechen #5	29	24	82.76%
Weirton #10	58	58	100%
Cameron #18	149	127	85.24%
New Martinsville #28	117	96	82.05%
Wellsburg #34	25	22	88%
Follansbee #45	47	30	63.83%
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	127	88.81%
TOTALS	1054	931	88.33%

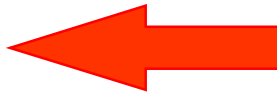
District 4			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	410	394	96.10%
Spencer #21	37	34	91.89%
Pt. Pleasant #23	200	211	105.5%
Tyler County #48	41	33	80.49%
Sistersville #67	44	39	88.64%
New Haven #140	137	136	99.27%
Williamstown #159	80	82	102.5%
TOTALS	949	929	97.89%

District 6			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Welch #8	49	48	97.96%
Bluefield #9	28	26	92.86%
Beckley #32	30	28	93.33%
Gary #38	87	90	103.5%
Cowen #62	24	18	75%
Richwood #97	24	23	95.83%
TOTALS	242	233	96.28%



***“Tin Man”
Team
Goal—2484
To Date—2229
89.73%***

***Membership
Chairman
The Great
OZ***



***“Lion”
Team
Goal—2245
To Date 2093
93.23%***



Savanna


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	241	95.26%
Braxton County #33	31	28	90.32%
Bridgeport #68	88	49	55.68%
Belington #96	17	14	82.35%
Pickens #122	20	18	90%
Morgantown #174	60	51	85%
TOTALS	678	586	86.43%

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	50	83.33%
Barboursville #177	106	125	117.92%
TOTALS	695	616	88.63%

District 10			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	101	64	63.37%
Franklin #30	14	15	1.071%
Piedmont #52	20	15	75%
Berkeley Springs #60	175	174	99.43%
Moorefield #64	78	79	101.28%
Charles Town #71	147	104	70.75%
Petersburg #78	70	71	101.43%
Romney #91	179	165	92.18%
Charles Town #102	28	34	121.43%
Paw Paw #128	30	31	103.33%
Kirby #134	28	28	100%
Ridgeley #136	47	62	131.92%
Capon Bridge #137	155	149	96.13%
Keyser #152	39	36	92.31%
TOTALS	1111	1027	92.44%

July 2022

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31						

*Programs of Month
Department
Convention!!*

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: _____

FIFTH DISTRICT: Kitty Kelly-Smoot President Frema Wilson Vice President

Unit/Number	Bonding	Scholarship	Veterans Fund	Girls State	Poppies	10%	Membership
#16 Huntington	X	X	X	X	X	X	139
#19 Logan							15
#73 St. Albans	X	X	X	X	X	X	24
#93 Ceredo-Kenova	X	X	X	X	X	X	218
#94 South Charleston							7
#111 Hamlin							38
#139 Milton							50
#177 Barboursville	X	X	X	X	X	X	125

SIXTH DISTRICT - Peggy Swartz President, Mary Spence Vice President

Unit/Number	Bonding	Scholarship	Veterans Fund	Girls State	Poppies	10%	Membership
#8 Welch	X	X	X	X	X	X	48
#9 Bluefield	X	X	X	X	X	X	26
#32 Beckley	X	X	X	X	X	X	28
#38 Gary	X	X	X	X	X	X	90
#62 Cowen	X	X	X	X	X	X	18
#97 Richwood	X	X	X	X	X	X	23

TENTH DISTRICT - Savanna Kauffman President, JoBeth Delauder Vice President

Unit/Number	Bonding	Scholarship	Veterans Fund	Girls State	Poppies	10%	Membership
#14 Martinsburg	X	X	X	X	X	X	64
#30 Franklin							15
#52 Piedmont							15
#60 Berkeley Springs	X	X	X	X	X	X	174
#64 Moorefield	X	X	X	X	X	X	79
#71 Charles Town	X	X	X	X	X	X	104
#78 Petersburg							71
#91 Romney	X	X	X	X	X	X	165
#102 Charles Town	X	X	X	X	X	X	34
#128 Paw Paw	X	X	X	X	X	X	31
#134 Kirby	X	X	X	X	X	X	28
#136 Ridgeley	X						62
#137 Capon Bridge	X	X	X	X	X	X	149
#152 Keyser	X	X	X	X	X	X	36

**American Legion Auxiliary
Department Honorary Junior Convention
Huntington, WV
July 8, 2022
Huntington Boardroom
2nd floor**

Registration..... (Fee \$10)	9:00
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 _____

*You may pre-register your Juniors that are coming by using this form.
Registration cost is \$10.00
Or at Door for \$10.00
Register early and a name tag will be made up in advance!*

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 _____

**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.



100th ANNUAL CONVENTION

Tentative Program

Thursday July 7, 2022

12:00– 6:00 pm	Registration	Lower Foyer
1:00 pm	Department Finance Meeting	Virginia/Maryland Room
2:30 pm	Convention Committee Meetings	
	Constitution & Bylaws Committee	
	Standing Rules Committee	
	Policy & Procedures Committee	
	Resolutions Committee	
	Credentials Committee	
7:00 pm	Pre-Convention Department Executive Board Meeting	Virginia/Maryland Room

Friday July 8, 2022

Juniors

9:00 am	Registration for Junior Department Convention	Lower Foyer
9:30-2:20 pm	Junior Department Convention	Huntington Boardroom
3:30 pm	Installation of Junior Officers 2022-2023	

Auxiliary

8:00-4:00 pm	Registration	Lower Foyer
8:15 am	Department/District Officers Line Up	
8:30 am	Processional	Virginia/Maryland Room
	District Presidents	
	District Vice Presidents	
	Past Department Presidents	
	Department Officers	
	Presentation of Gavel to	Cathy Post, Department President
	By	Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Department Convention Chairman
	Call to Order	Cathy Post, Department President
	Advancement of Colors	Holly Adams Sgt. at Arms
		Stephanie Handley Sgt. at Arms
	Invocation	Laura Clark, Department Chaplain
	Moment of Silence	Cathy Post, Department President
	Pledge of Allegiance	Rhonda Best, Americanism Chairman
	National Anthem	Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Music Chairman
	Preamble	Dede Kelly, Constitution & Bylaws Chairman
	Roll Call	Susan Brown, Department Secretary
	Rules & Order of Business	Susan Brown, Department Secretary
	Report of Policy & Procedures Committee	Savanna Kauffman, Chairman
	Constitution & Bylaws	Dede Kelly, Chairman
	Report of Credentials Committee	Debbie Fox, Chairman
	Report of Resolutions Committee	Paulette Anderson, Chairman
	Standing Rules Committee	Melanie Delawder, Chairman
	Presentation	Sharon Kauffman, PDP, Past Presidents Parley

“West Virginia Unit Member of The Year”

Friday July 8th (continue)

Citations and Awards:

Presentations of Traveling Plagues and Awards:

Americanism	Junior Activities
Auxiliary Emergency Fund	Leadership
Chaplain	Legislative
Children & Youth	Music
Community Service	National Security
Education	Past Presidents' Parley
History	Poppy
Girls State	Public Relations

Susan Wade, Chairman and Membership Team

Scrapbook
Unit Presidents Award
V A & R
Total Participation
Ways & Means

11:30 am

Break For LUNCH

Pennsylvania/Ohio Room

Presentation of "Timeless Award"

Sharon Kauffman, PDP, Past Presidents Parley

1:00 pm Joint Session with The American Legion

Grand Theatre

2:00 pm Reconvene

Virginia/Maryland Room

Complete Traveling Plagues and Awards

4:00 pm Recess

Practice for Installation

9:00 pm Karaoke

Grand Ball Room

Saturday July 9, 2022

8:00-12:00 pm Registration

2nd Floor Lower Foyer

8:00 Session Reconvene

Call to Order

Cathy Post, Department President

8:15 am Memorial Service

Laura Clark, Chaplain

9:00 am Greetings

William Haught, Department Commander

Brian S. Gano, Detachment Commander

Roll call for elections

Debbie Fox, Chairman

Paulette Anderson, Chairman

Dede Kelly, Chairman

Irene Weber, Chairman

Department Secretary—Susan Brown

Final Report of Credentials

Final Report of Resolutions

Final Report of Constitution & Bylaws

Final Report of Courtesy Resolutions

Nominations & Election of Officers 2021-2022

Election of Delegates & Alternates to National Convention

Appointment of Personal Pages at National Convention

Ratification of District President & Vice Presidents

1200 pm Recess

1:00 pm Reconvene

Installation of 2022-2023 Officers

Closing Remarks

Cathy Post, Department President

Retirement of Colors

2:00 pm Convention Adjourned

2:15 pm Post Executive Board Meeting

4:00 pm Religious Services

Grand Theatre

6:00 pm Commanders and Presidents Banquet

Grand Ballroom

9:00-12:00 Karaoke

Cash Bar

Have A Safe Trip Home

2022 Convention Committees

Convention Chairman.....	Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Huntington #16
Convention Recorder.....	Dede Kelly, Clarksburg #13
Sergeant at Arms.....	Holly Adams, Chester #121
.....	Stephanie Handley, Chester #121
Personal Pages.....	Carla Wilfong, Shinnston #31
.....	Margaret Yost, Shinnston #31
Floor Pages.....	Mary Spence, Welch #8
.....	Beth Beaver, Paden City #86
Distinguished Guest Committee.....	Rhonda Best, NEC, Moundsville #3
.....	Sharon Kauffman, Martinsburg #14
.....	Lisa Cadwallader, Charles Town #71
Rules & Order of Business.....	Susan Brown, Moundsville #3
Credentials Committee.....	Debbie Fox, Berkeley Springs #60—chair
.....	Susan Wade, Paden City #86
.....	Peggy Swartz, Welch #8
Election Committee.....	Shirley Davis, Ceredo-Kenova #91—chair
.....	Ann Buchanan, Huntington #16
.....	Irene Weber, Romney #91
Courtesy Resolutions.....	Irene Weber, Romney #91
.....	Dortha Parsons, Shinnston #31
Judging Committee.....	Beth Kilgore, Huntington #16
.....	Dortha Parsons, Shinnston #31
.....	Roxie Nicholson, Shinnston #31
Standing Rules.....	Melanie Delawder, Chairman, Moorefield #64
.....	Paulette Anderson, New Martinsville #28
.....	Linda Crumm, Dept. Unit #200
Policy & Procedures.....	Savanna Kauffman, Martinsburg #14
.....	Debbie Michael, Berkeley Springs #31
.....	Laura Clark, Huntington #16
Resolutions.....	Paulette Anderson, New Martinsville #28
.....	Holly Adams, Chester #121
.....	Stephanie Handley, Chester #121
Constitution & Bylaws.....	Dede Kelly, Chairman, Clarksburg #13
.....	Linda Crumm, Dept. Unit #200
.....	Debbie Fox, Berkeley Springs Unit #60
Music.....	Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Huntington #16
Parliamentarian.....	Lynda Lancaster-Loyd, Charles Town #31

Sgt. at Arms and Pages are to wear white blouses, navy blue skirts or dress slacks

(NO JEANS)

*Past President's Luncheon
Friday July 8, 2022
Double Tree by Hilton Huntington
11:45 am-12:45 pm*

Menu Choice of One Entree

DoubleTree Club

*Traditional Club sandwich with ham, turkey, and cheese topped with
Crispy bacon, lettuce, tomato, and mayo
House Chips, Cookie & Chef's Choice of Dessert
Coffee, Tea, and Water
Cost is \$22.00 A PERSON*

Chicken Sandwich

*Grilled boneless Chicken breast sandwich served on a brioche
Bun topped with cheese, lettuce, tomato, & house mayo spread
House chips, cookie, & Chef's Choice of Dessert
Coffee, Tea, Water
Cost is \$22.00 A PERSON*

*Send reservation and check to:
ALA Department Treasurer
2172 Grandview Road
Moundsville WV 26041*

Due Date: Friday July 1, 2022

No Deviation for this Luncheon

Please list any allergies

BESIDE YOUR NAME LIST TYPE OF MEAL.

HILTON GARDEN INN ROOM RESERVATIONS SEPTEMBER 2021 WORKSHOP

LINK TO RESERVE ROOMS COPY AND PASTE IN BROWSER

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/ckbgigi-hilton-garden-inn-clarksburg>

GROUP NAME WV AMERICAN LEGION

CHECK IN SEPTEMBER 8, 2022

CHECK OUT SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

HILTON GARDEN INN CLARKSBURG

606 EMILY DRIVE

CLARKSBURG WV 26301

PHONE # 304-326-9200

Booking rate \$93.00

(NOTE: The page will also allow to adjust check-in and check-out dates)

**IF MORE THAN ONE PERSON STAYING IN ROOM, PLEASE PUT A SECOND
NAME DOWN FOR CHECK IN**

Call To Department Fall Meetings

September 8-11, 2022

Hilton Garden Inn Clarksburg WV

This is a notice to all concerned about the Finance Committee Meeting and the Department Fall Executive Board Meeting. The purpose of these meetings are to set up the administrative year for our Department for 2019-2020.

September 9, 2022—Friday Meeting Room 1 (Rhododendron Room)

1:00 pm—Finance Meeting—**The three members of the Department Finance Committee**

Department President—ex-officio member without vote

Department Secretary/Treasurer—ex-officio without vote

Purpose of this meeting is setting up budget for this administrative year to be ratified by the Department Executive Committee.

4:00 pm—Membership Committee—**Department President, Department Membership Chairman Department Vice Presidents, District Vice Presidents**

5:00 pm—Rhododendron Girls State, Inc. Executive Board Meeting—5 Board of Incorporators, Department President, 6 District Representatives, Girls State Finance Officer, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, Director and Assistant Director

September 10, 2022—Saturday Meeting Room 1 (Rhododendron Room)

5:00 pm—American Legion Auxiliary, Department of West Virginia, Inc. Executive Board Meeting

According to Department Constitution: Article VII, Executive Committee: Section 1: Department Executive Committee which shall be composed of the Department President, Department First Vice President, Department Second Vice President, Department Secretary/Treasurer, Department Chaplain, Department Historian, National Executive Committeewoman, the eight District Presidents, all Past Department Presidents, and Chairmen of all Standing Committees (Americanism, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Children & Youth, Community Service, Constitution & Bylaws, Education, Finance, Girls State, Junior Activities, Leadership, Legislative, Membership, National Security, Past President's Parley, Poppy, Public Relations, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation. (Bylaws, Article IV, Committees, Section 2).

Section 2: All members of standing committees, **exclusive of the chairmen**, may attend Executive Committee meetings **with the privilege of discussion with no vote.**

Section 3: Any member in good standing may attend the Executive Committee Meeting **with the privilege of discussion but without vote.**

September 10, 2022—Saturday Workshop Meeting Rooms 1 and 2

Registration—8:00 am to 9:00 am (\$15.00) each **Session:** 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Purpose of this session is for instruction to Units/members/Officers and to announce the membership program for 2019-2020 year. There will be some different items for all to enjoy. **ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THIS WORKSHOP.** Good tool for learning if you want to help with leadership in your Unit, in your District and on Department level.

Travel Allowances: Travel allowances will be paid by Department to **all Department Officers, District Presidents, Department Finance Chairman, and Department Parliamentarian** that attend Department Executive Board Meeting. They will be allowed one day per diem (\$60) plus (if eligible) mileage as per Standing Rule #1. If not spending the night will receive \$20.00 plus (if eligible) mileage. (as per Department Budget)

District Vice Presidents that attend the Membership Workshop. They will be allowed one day per diem (\$60) plus (if eligible) mileage. If not spending the night, will receive \$20 plus mileage. (as per Department Budget)

HILTON GARDEN INN PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

2021 MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP SEPTEMBER 11th

DUE INTO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AUGUST 26, 2022

UNIT NAME _____ **UNIT #** _____

NAMES OF MEMBERS ATTENDING

REGISTRATION FEE \$15.00

WILL COLLECT AT WORKSHOP