



# The Auxiliary Spirit



The American Legion Family



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Department President  
Cathy D. Post



*“Honoring Our Fallen  
Serving all Others”*

Colors—**Red, Purple, & Gold**

Flower—**Poppy**

Hello my Auxiliary Sisters,

I do believe Fall is over as it was spitting snow as I write this. I am doing much better thanks to all your prayers. I was able to attend Commander Bill Haught's homecoming in Follansbee and ride in my second parade in Shinnston for their celebration. A lovely day shared with Unit 31, always great hospitality, and fabulous meal. I love doing the parades as that allows me to put our organization out to the public...always branding!!

I was saddened to learn that I will not be permitted to spend time with our veterans in the hospitals or nursing homes. Covid is keeping us from doing our traditional wonderful Gift Shops again this year. They will continue to some degree with fewer members being able to be present. Let's not forget them, we can still send cards, letters, and colorings from the children. Also be generous with your comfort items, either take them to your local facility or bring them to Mid-Winter conference to Paulette Anderson VA&R Chair.

Speaking of Mid-Winter, it's time to get those registrations and reservations sent in to Dept. Headquarters. You still have plenty of time to get your costumes ready. Internet searches along with Pinterest will give you tons of ideas. Bring your boots and long johns with ya .....just incase we have a beautiful snow again this year.

Our state membership goal is 4,894, we have 2,537, we are over halfway up the yellow brick road to see the great Wizard. Keep pushing. Remember, as of December 31, those unpaid will lose their benefits and be delinquent. We are ALL responsible for membership, EACH ONE REACH ONE. With our economy, many may need help, those little cards make a great Christmas gift!!

We have many sisters and their families needing prayer, please lift them up. I wish you all a happy and blessed Thanksgiving. Stay safe, many of our precious West Virginians have lost their battle with COVID.

Thank all veterans every chance you get.  
For God and Country



## 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





# 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. We don't pay 15 cents a member any more.**

**The Spirit is free by email or website.**

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

**If you wish Spirit by mail,** send \$18.00 for the year (Aug-July)

**Membership:** National is once again honoring our "new" female veterans again this year. Please remember to put "**Honor Our Female Veterans**" at top of application. If a member is rejoining, I don't need an application sent in. You may want one for your records to make sure she is still eligible. If you do send one in, write either "rejoin" or her ID number on the application so she won't be listed as a new member in the system. **Please don't send me the DD214.**

They are for the unit files only. **Post Officer signature** is all I need on application to verify the eligibility. All applications sent to the Department Office needs to be the original. Copies are for you to keep.

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

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

Units' 990N are due, please send a copy of the confirming to Department for filing.

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

You need to use the correct address for Department. There is still mailing going to New Martinsville. There will be a time when the post office will no longer forward mail to the correct address, and all mail will be sent back to the sender.

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

## Department Headquarters

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**Office Closed**  
November 11  
November 25 & 26





**American Legion Auxiliary  
Martinsburg/Berkeley Unit #14  
1671 Kelly Island Road  
Martinsburg, WV 25405**

At a regular meeting held on November 11, 2021 we the members of the American Legion Auxiliary Martinsburg/Berkeley Unit #14, Department of West Virginia, unanimously voted to endorse Savanna M. Kauffman for the position of Department President for the year 2022-2023.

Savanna has been a member in good standing of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #14 since 2011. Her eligibility is through her Grandfather, Gerald C. Kauffman Sr.

Savanna works for Home Instead Senior Care and is working on her Bachelor's degree online. She currently holds an associate's degree in Business Applied Science for Computer Applications from Blue Ridge Community & Technical College graduating in 2016. She graduated from Martinsburg High School in 2013.

Savanna has held multi offices and chairmanships on Unit, District, and Department level.

On the Unit level she has held the position of Sergeant-of-Arms, Historian, Chaplain, Secretary/Treasurer, and President. She is still currently holding the Secretary/Treasurer position.

On the District level she has held committee chairmanships; National Security, and Americanism. She was appointed Sergeant-of-Arms for District President Sharon Glassford. She is currently serving as the 10<sup>th</sup> District President.

On the Department level she was elected to the position of Junior Chaplain. She was the National Security chairman. She served as a personal page and sergeant-of-arms for the Department and National conventions. She served as Department Historian, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, and is currently the Department 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

Savanna is a proud mother of her 12 year old son (Brutus – dog). Savanna is a brave individual that lost her mother when she was 9 years old and her father when she was 15 years old. Since then her Aunt Sharon and Uncle Gerald Kauffman Jr raised her to be the woman she is today.

She is active in her community, she volunteers at various events because she loves helping others in our community and our veterans.

We are very proud to endorse Savanna M. Kauffman as a candidate for the position of Department President of American Legion Auxiliary, Department of West Virginia for the year 2022-2023 knowing she will continue to serve our Department with honour.

*Sharon Kauffman*  
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Sharon A. Kauffman, Unit President

*Sarah M. Tolstyka*  
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Sarah M. Tolstyka, Unit 1<sup>st</sup> VP



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

***Membership Chairman***

Our membership is moving along! Some faster than others! I want to congratulate Charles Town Unit #102 for being the first unit up the yellow brick road at 100%! Great job!! We have several units that are getting closer to the top! We appreciate all the effort put in as we continue to climb!!

With the holidays upon us, now is a great time to see if there are members that need help with paying their dues. Especially the older ones!

National is again honoring our new female veterans. Don't forget to put this at the top of their application.

I want to again remind all units: as we have 4 target dates- the next one being January 1st your unit needs to have their dues in before Jan.1st. Our secretary will do her best to have all dues counted! Being a holiday, we hope you allow ample time to have your due into the office. Remember any dues not in by January 1 will be delinquent.

I hope many units are planning on attending Midwinter conference. We have a great time scheduled. Our membership team and officers will be dressing their part all day Saturday. All members are apple trees. This could be interesting!!

We encourage all members to join in the fun!!

We will be presenting those units who have reached goal and met the target dates with ribbons.

Hope to see you there. I hope the weather cooperates! It sure was beautiful with the snow last time we were there. The roads are well maintained and should not be any problem!

Susan Wade



***Department 1st Vice President***

Hello to all,  
Going to make this short and sweet.  
Happy December! Merry Christmas to all!  
Stay safe and warm during the holidays. I want to give a big THANK YOU to all that send cards, called, texted, emailed, and facebooked me, I greatly appreciate it. It means more than you will even know! My sister is in a better place with no pain.  
Remember Target #2 at 50% is due on January 1, 2022. Those that have reached that continue on with the next goal. Next goal is 75%.  
Unit next month and 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 is enjoying this wonderful fall weather.

Now that Halloween is over, we can think about giving thanks for all we have. We are so thankful for our Veterans and the sacrifices they have made for us. Please reach out to them.

“Cowardly Lions” from 1st, 4th and 6th districts....Let’s be able to “roar” really loud at Mid-winter. I’m not sure how membership is doing in your districts but please keep in contact with your units to push forward to make our “Oz” happy. Please continue to sign up new members and get those renewals.

Here’s wishing everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving. Family, friends, our military and Veterans is what it is all about!

Please contact me if I can help you.

Hugs to all!  
Debbie Michael  
Dept. 2nd Vice  
Katndebbie@gmail.com  
304-258-2705





### 3rd District President

Happy Holidays to all Auxiliary members and their families.

I know this is a very busy time of the year for everyone. Be sure to hold your Meetings and send dues in. If any Unit Officers have not paid their dues, do so now. Remember you are delinquent after December 31st.

Membership seems to be coming in pretty good at the present time. There is just a couple Units that need to send in dues. Also check and make sure your Mandatory dues are paid for last year and go ahead and pay this years.

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

Jerry's health is not good at this time and cannot visit Units like I want to.

Carla Willing  
Third District President



### 10th District President

Hello to all,  
Happy December! Merry Christmas to all!

I appreciate all the sympathy messages and others thinking about me. It means a lot to me that you care.

Remember our Veterans during the holidays in any way you can. Keep those cards and letters going to them since they can have no personal visits. I'm sure they are lonely.

R. E. D...Remember Everyone Deployed...WEAR RED ON FRIDAYS!!!

\*always spread kindness\*

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



### 4th District President

Greetings Members of the 4<sup>th</sup> District

Our organization continues to honor our fallen and serve all others with our daily deeds and actions. Units work hard to honor and keep the memories of our Veterans alive. Membership gives us a strong voice in the community, state, and nation. Please recruit and retain members.

Gold Star Family Monuments are being built all over West Virginia and the United States. What a way to honor our fallen comrades.

December brings holidays, community get-togethers and family gatherings. Please take the COVID pandemic seriously!! The pandemic continues to take lives all over the world. Please be safe, get vaccinated, wear masks. Follow the CDC suggestions and stay healthy.

Winter is knocking on our door. Many people will be staying indoors. Please remember our Veteran families with a phone call, a hot meal, or a greeting card.

Let's continue to have a wonderful year. If you need assistance in your units, I am always available by telephone or e-mail. Thank you for all you continue to do for our Veterans.

God Bless the United States of America!

Patsy Young-Greiner  
4<sup>th</sup> District President  
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### 6th District President

Hello Everyone

Hope that everyone had a nice Veterans Day and did a lot for the Veterans. I have not talked to any of our Units in 6th District except for Welch Unit 8, I know they cooked the night before the parade and helped with the parade on Thursday.

I would like to take this time to thanks each and everyone who sent me get well cards, and also the Units that sent cards to me. It really makes a person feel better, I am on my way for recovery and hope to be back doing the things I did before I got sick. Again thank each and everyone again. I also received some phone calls.

Hope you are working on Mandatory Funds.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Years.

Please keep everyone in our Prayers that are sick and most of all say a prayers for our Veterans.

This is a little on the short side but I did want to get something in the Spirit. So until next time God Bless each and everyone

Peggy Swartz ,President  
Sixth District





## Chaplain

Sometimes it's easier to think of the military troops who are deployed during the holiday season but not their families. This holiday season, let's remember those families and lift them up in prayer to the One who can provide the comfort they need:

Dear Lord,

I'm praying for all those who have a loved one on deployment around the globe. I know this time of year can be a challenge, even if the deployment isn't necessarily in a war zone. Being separated from those we care about is always hard.

I'm asking that you give these families a special peace this holiday season. Give them lots of opportunities to spend time in communication with their loved ones—through whatever means available. Thank you for all the different ways we have now to communicate around the world. Make sure packages and letter arrive in a timely fashion. Keep the digital and telephone lines clear and free from static.

Fill the days with activities to take their minds from the emptiness they feel. Surround them with friends and family who understand their struggles and can support them in ways that provide just what they need. Put people in their lives to be Your hands and feet during this stressful holiday season.

Remind them of the blessings that still surround them. Don't let them withdraw. Instead help them to take part in the joy of this season.

Most of all, give them tangible proof that You are there with them and with their loved one. Remind them of Your great love and all the ways You watch over the entire family, those at home and deployed.

Amen.

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. (Psalm 147:3, NASB)

For God and Country,  
Laura Clark  
Department Chaplain  
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## NEC

Hello Everyone,

It is so hard to believe we are already into the month of December. I will not be passing on any information in this article. Instead, I want to extend reminders that especially this month is a time of giving, sharing, and helping. We need to ensure that our Veterans know we are here for them and their families as well as families and children in our communities. Please be vigilant in your volunteering and assisting everyone with aiding veterans and families during the holiday season with food and gifts. I hope you all have a Wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

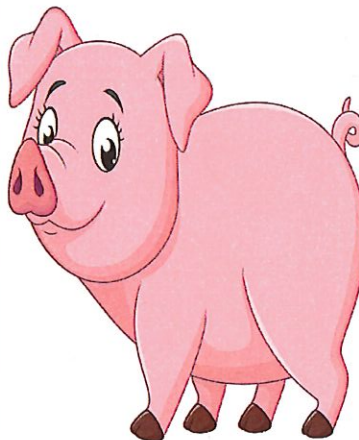
Until next month Be Safe and God Bless!!!

Rhonda Best, NEC

## Child Welfare Foundation

Lots of children and families in need this holiday season... are you still feeding me?

Don't forget to feed me!



## Americanism

Hello Fellow Auxiliary Members

Part 2: Oratorical Contest- Scholarship Information

Young orators earn some of the most generous college scholarships available to high school students. Over \$203,500 in scholarships can be awarded each year. The overall national contest winner gets a \$25,000 scholarship. Second place takes home \$22,500, and third gets \$20,000. Each department (state) winner who is certified into and participates in the national contest's first round receives a \$2,000 scholarship. Those who advance past the first round receive an additional \$2,000 scholarship. The American Legion's National Organization awards the scholarships, which can be used at any college or university in the United States.

Please remember our Veterans especially during the Holidays this month. I hope everyone has a Wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you all next year.

Until next month Be Safe and God Bless!!!

Rhonda Best

Americanism Chairman





## Community Service

I hope everyone had a very nice Veterans Day and attended or participated in some way to help honor our veterans and our service men and woman currently serving our Country.

As we approach Thanksgiving there are several ways that your Unit and junior unit can participate by helping serve, clean up before or after Thanksgiving luncheon or dinner.

Also help collect and or take clothes to Goodwill or the Salvation Army. Take meals to shut in members or neighbors

Please remember those who are in hospitals or nursing homes including our Veterans at the VA who would love to receive a card from anyone during the holiday seasons

This is also true for our men and women currently serving our country as an active member of the Military.

Please jot down notes of what your unit and or juniors have completed each time you participate in an activity so you can refresh your memory when it is time to report that activity .

Happy Thanksgiving

Please say a prayer for all of our friends and family as was reported that several of our members and or family members are no longer with us.

Be safe..... COVID is still taking a toll.

Mary Jennings  
Community Services

## Education

I hope everyone is coping with the cold weather and staying warm. And while you're at it, keep up with Education projects at your local schools. American Education Week is November 11-19, encourage your local schools to invite a veteran to speak in the classroom.

Each Unit can help by donating to the Department Scholarship Fund if you haven't already done so.

Don't forget to promote all scholarships we have available to the students, from the ALA, the Department and National, the Legion, VAVS and units.

I hope to see many of you at Mid-Winter. If you have any questions about Education, contact anyone on the committee, but I would suggest you contact contact anyone on the committee, but I would suggest you contact Dianne McClung first.

Roxie Nicholson  
Committee Member  
Education

## Junior Activities

Hope everyone is having a great special time of year as we leave the warmth of summer to the cold of winter let us remember our Veterans that may not have a warm place or family to help them out . Our Juniors could have a blanket drive in their units for the local veterans as a special thank you for our freedom and warm the Veterans and make their hearts warm.

Here is some special information from national for our Juniors.

Registration is now open for Mission Development Training 201 and national ALA Junior meetings! Register at [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org).

Junior members who have celebrated their 8th birthday or older may attend the national Junior meetings. Many activities will be taking place that are fun and interactive. We hope by bringing the meeting closer to our Juniors, that many more will be able to attend this one-day meeting over a weekend.

Is the Junior meeting right for your Junior?

Yes - if they are interested in meeting other Junior members and national leaders outside of their local area who share their passion for helping veterans!

Yes - if they want to share great ideas with other Junior members across the country and learn more about what it means to be a member of the American Legion Auxiliary!

Five ALA Mission Trainings and national Junior meetings are planned for 2022. They will be held at the same time and locations throughout the winter and spring.

Baltimore, MD - Mar 26

God Bless

In God and County

Merry Christmas

Kelli A Immel





## Legislative

As we move into the holiday season, please keep in mind our Veterans. November is also Military Appreciation Month, so let's take a little time out of our busy schedules to write Congress encouraging them to vote in favor of The American Legion Legislation Agenda topics.

Military burn pits are one of the agenda topics. Burn pits have caused many health-related issues and our Veterans deserve treatment for the conditions they encountered during serving our country. What is a burn pit you ask? Burn pits had hundreds of tons of waste thrown into the pit daily to be burned off openly. The largest burn pit covered at least 10 acres. This was the fastest way to eliminate the waste. However, soldiers were exposed to the burning waste and fumes. Veterans who were deployed to Southwest Asia during the Gulf War, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom likely experienced burn pit exposure. Although this was the time period during which burn pits were utilized in high frequency, other military operations utilized burn pits when other sources of getting rid of waste were unavailable. New findings are coming to light more and more.

Happy Thanksgiving,  
Lisa  
Lisac.ala71@gmail.com

## Past President's Parley

***Remember to put someone in for the timeless, unit and military member of the year. I'm sure you all have someone who qualifies for these awards. Everyone have a great Thanksgiving and a Great Christmas. Also thank you all for the kind words and cards of my moms passing.***

***Sharon Kauffman***

***Past Department President***

## National Security

Received newsletter from National Security Chairperson, Ann Crawford, thought I would pass this on.

"National Security was the seventh main committee to be organized during the American Legion Auxiliary's year of 1928. It was known as National Defense and so remained until 1948, when it was changed to National Security."

We need to mentor our youth, so the legacy of our Nation will be continued. We should set up Blood Drives to help others.

Our Units should send Care Packages to our Troops. Let them know we care. We should become involved with elections in your area. Help on Election Day.

The above is just a few things we should be doing. When your Unit does something, please drop me a line so I can report it. This should include volunteers and their hours. Money spent, and what it was spend for.

Carla Wilfong, Chairperson  
carlajwilfong@gmail.com  
304-592-0247.

## Poppy

I believe that Fall has arrived. The air is crisp, the weather is a little cooler, and the trees are beginning to change colors. We, however, are continuing to work and serve our veterans. I hope that everyone is preparing to celebrate Thanksgiving with family and friends. Take the time to honor each veteran as we give thanks for our earthly gifts.

Members, both junior and senior, can make a poppy banner (like the Blue Star Banner) and give it to all veterans in your community. Ask each family to put it in the window to spread the awareness of the Poppy and its meaning.

Continue next column

## Continue

Make a "Wall of Honor" in your post using the poppy and honor or remember the members of your post. The wall could be in a school, library, or community building.

On Halloween, use the Poppy Coloring Book as a treat.

Remember to send me a small write-up and pictures of what ever way you use the poppy throughout the year. Take care and serve our veterans evry day.

In accordance with the American Legion Poppy Program and Poppy Fund Rules revise in 2013 and 2014 by the American Legion Executive Committee, Poppy Fund may be used for:

The rehabilitation of veterans honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces after April 6, 1917.

The welfare of families of veterans of the above named period.

The rehabilitation of hospitalized military service personnel returning home and awaiting discharge who require treatment in service hospitals.

The welfare of veterans, active military personnel, and the families of veterans and active military personnel of the above named period where financial and medical need is evident.

Please keep the above in mind when spending Poppy Funds or Welfare Funds,

Ann Buchanan

Poppy Chairman



### *Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation*

Good Afternoon,

I hope you are enjoying these nice "autumn" days, but before long, old man winter will be setting in.

Speaking of "old man winter" you will find the Updated Comfort Item List and Form in this Spirit. I want to thank each VAMC Chairman for getting this to me. I know Midwinter isn't until February, but with the holidays coming upon us, it will be here before you know it. Please share this list with your Post, Squad, and Riders.

In the Midwinter agenda, it will have the time and place to drop off your comfort items at Oglebay in Wheeling. Remember, if you deliver the items yourself, I still need the list and total of ALL items donated.

I received this bit of info for "caregiver bars" and would like to share this with you. If a caregiver lives with the veteran they may be awarded 10 hours a week.

If they don't live with the veteran they may be awarded 5 hours a week. It is the responsibility for the caregiver to report these hours to the unit chairman/or department VA&R Chairman. These hours need to be reported by June 1, 2022.

Wishing the very best this holiday season!  
Remember Everyday is Veterans Day!  
Paulette Anderson  
VA&R

### *Martinsburg Gift Shop*

The gift shop has been moved to December 10th at 201 Woodbury Ace, Martinsburg WV, set up will be December 9 at 5:00 pm. This is due to that we can not have more than 2 people, and they weren't sure if they were going to allow us on the property due to Covid.

Thanks!

Sharon Kauffman  
VAMC Chairman



### MID WINTER SILENT AUCTION

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

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

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

Roxie Nicholson

PO Box 14

Shinnston WV 26431

Thanks!

# Merry Christmas





# American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

## *Rhododendron Girls State*

.Wishing you a very blessed Happy Thanksgiving. With those wishes, let us be grateful that we live in a free Country and have the opportunities we do.

With those opportunities, one of our premier programs is GIRLS STATE that provides the opportunity for upcoming high school seniors to participate in this hands-on learning experience of our political system.

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

Please start securing the funding for these girls. Since the pandemic, our sponsors may not have the discretionary funds to donate because they may not have had the opportunity to raise money. Get your Unit's name on their list so you can provide this once in a lifetime opportunity for these selected young ladies.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your district representative or myself and we will be happy to assist in any way.

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd,  
Rhododendron Girls State Chairperson



## *District Representatives*

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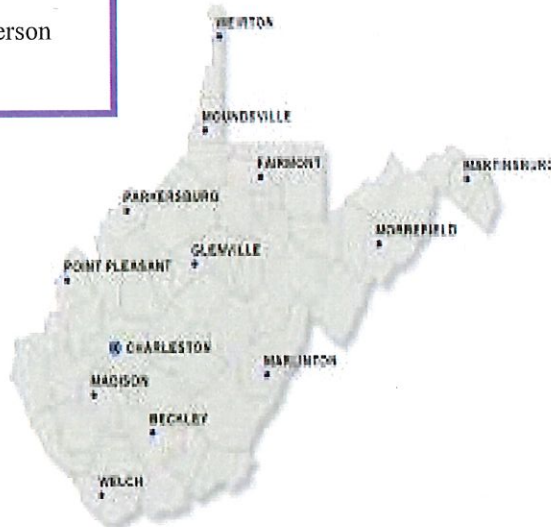
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304-448-2394

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874 Longview Drive  
Berkeley Springs, WV  
304-258-5804









## Comfort Items List for Midwinter

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

### **Homeless Veterans:**

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

### **Fisher House:**

Holiday Decorations



## Ways and Means

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

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

NOTICE—Please mail check and studs to:

Susan Brown  
2172 Grandview Rd  
Moundsville WV 26041

Payable: Ways & Means

Susan Brown  
Amanda Carpenter

## October Ways and Means Winners

Name	#'s	City	State	Date	\$\$\$
Stacey Bromley-Wenger	902	Gore	VA	10/1/2021	\$25.00
Vonda Gilreath	784	Highview	WV	10/2/2021	\$25.00
Marvin Miller	859	Elbert	WV	10/4/2021	\$25.00
ALA Roane Cty #21'	554	Spencer	WV	10/5/2021	\$25.00
Tiffany Davis	306	Capon Bridge	WV	10/6/2021	\$25.00
Patricia Williams	627	Cowen	WV	10/7/2021	\$25.00
Dorothy Six	045	Cameron	WV	10/8/2021	\$25.00
Pam Ciampenella	831	Roderfield	WV	10/9/2021	\$25.00
Liz Cashdollar	621	Mingo Jct	OH	10/11/21	\$25.00
Gina Ray Perry	702	Keyser	WV	10/12/21	\$25.00
	376			10/13/21	
	28			10/14/21	
ALA First District	662	Moundsville	WV	10/15/21	\$25.00
	320			10/16/21	
	286			10/18/21	
Susan Wade	322	Paden City	WV	10/19/21	\$25.00
David Barnes	216	Paw Paw	WV	10/20/21	\$200.00
Bill Combs	945	Pt. Pleasant	WV	10/21/21	\$25.00
Jeanne Queen	144	Ellicott City	MD	10/22/21	\$25.00
Paulette Anderson	53	New Martinsville	WV	10/23/21	\$25.00
	380			10/25/21	
Nina Mason	729	Rio	WV	10/26/21	\$25.00
Lisa Cadwallader	906	Kearneysville	WV	10/27/21	\$25.00
Mildred Kenneda	961	Rocky Gap	VA	10/28/21	\$25.00
	894			10/29/21	
	605			10/30/21	





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

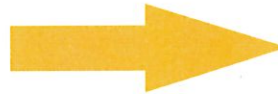
November 15, 2021  
 Department Goal— 4894 Membership to Date— 2537  
 Department Unit 200 Goal—165 Membership to Date—105

**Debbie**

District 1			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	28	2	7.14%
Moundsville #3	237	124	52.32%
McMechen #5	29	0	0%
Weirton #10	58	33	56.90%
Cameron #18	149	76	51%
New Martinsville #28	117	71	60.68%
Wellsburg #34	25	20	80%
Follansbee #45	47	1	2.12%
Pine Grove #81	70	33	47.14%
Paden City #86	83	49	59.04%
Wheeling #89	18	2	11.11%
Newell #114	23	12	52.17%
Hundred #120	27	20	74.07%
Chester #121	143	66	46.15%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1054</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>48.29%</b>

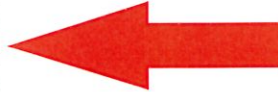
District 4			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	410	273	66.59%
Spencer #21	37	22	59.46%
Pt. Pleasant #23	200	114	57%
Tyler County #48	41	26	63.42%
Sistersville #67	44	17	38.64%
New Haven #140	137	80	58.39%
Williamstown #159	80	14	17.50%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>57.53%</b>

District 6			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Welch #8	49	32	65.31%
Bluefield #9	28	9	32.14%
Beckley #32	30	19	63.33%
Gary #38	87	69	79.31%
Cowen #62	24	16	66.67%
Richwood #97	24	0	0%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>59.92%</b>



**“Tin Man”  
Team  
Goal—2484  
To Date—1226  
49.36%**

**Membership  
Chairman  
The Great  
OZ**



**“Lion”  
Team  
Goal—2245  
To Date 1206  
53.72%**



**Savanna**

District 3			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	37	25	67.58%
Clarksburg #13	61	19	31.15%
Elkins #29	111	67	60.36%
Shinnston #31	253	177	69.96%
Braxton County #33	31	20	64.52%
Bridgeport #68	88	24	27.27%
Belington #96	17	0	0%
Pickens #122	20	0	0%
Morgantown #174	60	13	21.67%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>50.89%</b>

District 5			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Huntington #16	150	103	68.67%
Logan #19	17	15	88.24%
St. Albans #73	30	4	13.33%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	276	69	25%
South Charleston #94	15	2	13.33%
Hamlin #111	41	2	4.88%
Milton #139	60	24	40%
Barboursville #177	106	58	54.72%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>39.86%</b>

District 10			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	101	43	42.57%
Franklin #30	14	0	0%
Piedmont #52	20	0	0%
Berkeley Springs #60	175	110	62.86%
Moorefield #64	78	58	74.36%
Charles Town #71	147	20	13.61%
Petersburg #78	70	41	58.57%
Romney #91	179	105	58.66%
Charles Town #102	28	31	110.71%
Paw Paw #128	30	17	56.67%
Kirby #134	28	23	82.14%
Ridgeley #136	47	28	59.57%
Capon Bridge #137	155	92	59.36%
Keyser #152	39	36	92.31%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1111</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>54.37%</b>

# Dec. 2021

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Day 	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Battle of the Bulge (1944)	17	18
19	20	21 First Day of Winter	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Office Closed	25 Christmas Day 
26 Kwanzaa Begins	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Office Closed	
	Office will be Closed: December 24 December 31				<i>Program of Month VA&amp;R</i>	



WHO RECEIVES SPIRIT: Emailed to all **Unit Contacts** and any **Unit Officers** with an email address. It is emailed to

**All Department Officers, Department Chairmen, District Presidents/Vice Presidents, Past Department Presidents** with emails. Spirits are posted monthly on the website: [www.wvaux.org](http://www.wvaux.org) Unit Presidents **with no email contact** will receive a free copy.

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**MAIL TO:**

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

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

**2022 DEPARTMENT MID-WINTER CONFERENCE**

**RESERVATION FORM**

February 11-12, 2022

Oglebay Resort and Conference Center

465 Lodge Road

Wheeling, WV 26003

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ AM PM Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Non-Smoking Facility

Handicap Room: (circle one) wheelchair oxygen tank other

If you circled "other", please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

\*Members with wheelchair disabilities will receive first priority.

**One night's deposit must accompany this request to reserve a room. Any form without a deposit will be returned.**

Enclosed, please find one night's room deposit of \$79.00 (plus 12% tax & 3% Historical Fee & Service Fee Daily \$1.80) = \$92.18 per night.

(Circle one)

Check cash credit card

# \_\_\_\_\_ credit care # \_\_\_\_\_

type \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Mail to: Oglebay Resort and Conference Center**

**ATTN: Cindy, Group Reservations**

**465 Lodge Road**

**Wheeling, WV 26003**

**Cancellation, at least 48 Hours in advance**

**This form must be mailed to reserve a room at Oglebay Resort and Conference Center**

**(No phone calls for rooms will be accepted)**

**PLEASE PRE-REGISTER EARLY - THANKS!**



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

YOU ARE INVITED  
TO THE 41<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL  
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 11-12, 2022

OGLEBAY RESORT AND CONFERENCE CENTER  
WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

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

RETURN BOTTOME PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

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

NAME (S) \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

POST/UNIT/SAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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

**DEADLINE DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2022**

**41<sup>st</sup> Annual Mid-Winter Conference  
2022  
ADVERTISING FORM**

The American Legion  
Department of West Virginia

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022  
Name of Post/Unit/SAL \_\_\_\_\_

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Ad should read as follow:

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Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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	<b>Quarter Page</b>	<b>\$35</b>	<b>Quarter Page (Color)</b>	<b>\$70</b>	<b>\$70</b>
	<b>Eighth Page</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>Eighth Page (Color)</b>	<b>\$50</b>	

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PO Box 3192  
Charleston, WV 25332**

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No Deviation