



# The Auxiliary Spirit



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Department President



*“Lighting Up Our Future For Our Veterans”*

Colors—**Red, White, & Green**

Flower—**Poppy & Poinsettias with Pine Cones & Holly (cherries)**

Hello Auxiliary Members,  
As 2022 comes to a close, I would like to thank all the people that support and guided me this year. We still have another wonderful year!  
We have been counting down to Christmas, when you read this it will be 9 more days until Christmas, but we have 28 more Saturdays to still celebrate Christmas.  
I planed to be in the Christmas parades but I was late putting my reservation in for them, so I got to watch Charles Town. There was 3 others but I didn't make it to them. I had a great time celebrating with Mr. Gano at his homecoming. The Gift Shops are almost done. I enjoyed myself at Martinsburg Gift shop, I'm sorry to Huntington and Clarksburg for not making it to yours, but wish I was there. Beckley didn't have one due to Covid rules. Membership in our state goal is 4935, we have 3,152. Keep up the good work. I hope everyone got there dues in for a chance of that car Mr. Hicks is raffling off. The Candy canes are in the lead with 65.31% and the Gingerbread is 61.37%, We have 41 units with 50%.  
I'm excited to say that I can't wait to see everyone at Mid-Winter. Reminder: don't forget to bring your Christmas fashion gear to wear for the luncheon.  
I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!  
I will leave you all with this quote: "Christmas isn't a season. It's a feeling."  
So go love one another!  
Until next month, Thank your veterans and be kind to each other.  
For God & Country  
Savanna Kauffman  
Department President

### Department Officers 2022-2023

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

### District Presidents

1st District-Kim Elliott  
3rd District-Kimberly Mellie  
4th District-Patsy Young-Greiner  
5th District-Kitty Kelly-Smoot  
6th District-Peggy Swartz  
10th District-Diana Teter

### District Vice Presidents

1st District-Stephanie Handley  
3rd District-Roxie Nicholson  
4th District-Pamela Hansom  
5th District-Laura Clark  
6th District-Mary Spence  
10th District-Jill Davis





# 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 (any amount the unit can afford);**

**Unit Welfare Fund - Veterans' Welfare Fund (any amount the unit can afford), & 10% of Poppy Proceeds.**

**Membership:** Award—10 Plus 3 in 2023—Recruit 10 New Senior Members and 3 New Junior members. New members must be entered and paid in ALA-MIS by June 1, 2023. Forms must be received at ALA NHQ by June 3, 2023. One entry per recruiter.

There was a dues increase voted on and passed. This increase will go into effect for the 2024 year. National dues was increase by \$6.00 per diem. This means that units will need to send a total of \$25.00 for National and Department per diem for 2024 year. National will be looking at different ways to cut cost, so another increase will not happen for a couple of years. Units need to increasing their dues for the 2024 year.

**Junior members who turn 18 yrs. old before January 1st of 2023 are considered Senior members. Please take notice of their status National has marked on your roster. Do Not change status!**

If your unit has old applications with great granddaughters on them, they need to be destroy. Department will return any of the old applications that have been marked great granddaughter. If you need new applications please call or email the office.

It is time for you to do your 990N post-card. Please send Department a copy—

Updated dates for Gift Shops that was received:  
Herschel "Woody" Williams VAMC,  
Huntington  
Dates were changed to December 21-22

Has your District schedule Spring conference? If so headquarters needs dates—  
Thanks!

Note—Unit Member of the Year is to be sent to the Leadership Chairperson, not Past Presidents Parley.

Website is updated!! New Standing Rules is posted, Award Manual, Scholarship form, Americanism essay, Year-end reports and Poppy order form are all there. Call if you need printed programs.

Second dues notices will be sent out by National on February 1, 2023.

Homework for the Units. Please send to Department your membership chair that receives dues, if new. National is getting ready to send second dues notices. They want to be sure that addresses are correct for remittance. **Please call and have me check your unit's remits address—just checked Moundsville and it was wrong.**

What is your Unit's official mailing address that National has? Please submit your official address to Department for update.

New members—when sending in a new application please make sure they are complete. The ONLY time that the unit secretary can sign an application is when a female veteran is joining under herself—No Acceptations! Applications will be returned.

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

## Department Headquarters

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Notice—Officers & Chairpersons  
All Spirit articles are due into Department Headquarters by the 15th of each month. Acceptation is the Membership team articles are due upon receipt of target sheet.  
Thank you!

PDP Dortha Parsons brother Charles Eugene Hurst passed away on November 28th, service were held on December 1st. Sympathy cards may be sent to Dortha Parsons, 130 Washington Ave., #201, Clarksburg WV 26301

Standing Rules Chairperson Tiffany Sine-Orlando is home after surgery from a fall she had in December. Cards may be sent to Tiffany Sine-Orlando, 150 Achilla Terrace Martinsburg WV 25404

Merry  
Christmas  
And  
Happy  
New Year  
To each of you!

## *“Christmas 365 around the World”*

### *Membership Chairman*

Hello Auxiliary Member,  
Happy January!! I can't believe that we are going into a new year!  
Let's talk about Membership! For our state goal is 4935, we have 3,152. We are 3rd place in Central Division with National at 65.43%. In department the candy canes are in the lead with 65.31% and the gingerbread is 61.37%, We have 41 units with 50%. This comes from Nationals!! Remind your members that if dues aren't paid by December 31st, they no longer have privileges at the Legion. We all need to continue to stay focused and get our members paying. Recruit new members and rejoining the ones who we've missed these past few years! Please DO NOT hold dues.  
We still have 8 units in the department with 10 or below that's try to get them up.



### *Department 1st Vice President*

Hello to all!

It's that time of year when we are all so busy but, membership is moving on. We have 31 units in 3rd, 5th and 10th districts. Only 6 of those units have not made the 50% target. Great job! Unfortunately 2 units still have zero. Those units have a rough time in the beginning but they pulled through last year and I believe made goal. Please let me know if I can help.

A BIG Congratulations to 3rd District for having every unit at the 50% target or higher. You Rock!!!

I hope you are making plans to attend Mid-winter in February.

I would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful, healthy, prosperous 2023!

Hugs to all!

Department 1st Vice  
Debbie Michael  
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### *Department 2nd Vice President*

Seasons Greetings and Happy New Year to my Gingerbread team!

We are now half-way through the year and have come to our 2nd target date of 50% of your 2022-2023 membership goal. I am extremely happy to report that each district has met and/or exceeded 50% by the December 15th date and that is something to be very proud of and to be applauded. Join me in celebrating the leaders from each district!

District 1: Moundsville #3 with 79.51% of goal

District 4: Parkersburg #15 with 76.87% of goal

District 8: Cowen #62 with 91.30% of goal!

WOW! Way to put in the work! Please remember to contact members who have not renewed their memberships as well as find opportunities to sign up new members (senior and junior members alike). There is still a lot of year left to achieve your goals and please reach out to me and/or your district presidents and vice presidents should you need any help. We are all in this together!

For God and Country,

Laura Clark  
2nd Vice President – Gingerbread Team  
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### ***Department 1st Vice President***

Merry Christmas Ladies,  
I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and getting all of your decorating, baking and shopping completed. 1st District is working hard on membership. The Gingerbread Team is moving along and showing some good numbers. There are a few units that need to work on submitting more membership numbers in as soon as possible. Please do not hold membership. Process your dues as soon as you can after receiving them. If you are having a difficulties or need questions answered feel free to reach out for assistance. The majority of the units in 1st District reached the 50% goal for membership. Keep up the good work.

Happy Holidays,  
Stephanie Handley  
1st District Vice President  
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### ***5th District Vice President***

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year 5th District! I hope that everyone is having a joyous holiday season with family and loved ones. I am so excited to announce that 5th District has surpassed the 2nd target date of 50% with a total of 62.28% collectively. I am so proud of each of your units and the hard work you have put forth to increase your membership for the betterment of our veterans and their families. The following units are currently leading the way:  
St. Albans #73 with 68.97% of goal!  
Logan #19 with 77.27% of goal!  
Barboursville #177 with 85.61% of goal! CONGRATULATIONS!!  
Please feel free to reach out to me anytime with any questions you may have and continue to keep your eye on the prize. TOGETHER WE CAN ACHIEVE MORE!

Blessings,  
Laura Clark  
5th District Vice President  
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### ***3rd District Vice President***

Members of Third District, what can I say. I asked you all to step up and you did it. Yay!!!!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
we are all over the goal of 50% and I am so proud of each of you. Keep up the good work and we will be the first District to 100%, and there is not a doubt in my mind that we can do this.

Now take the rest of the year to relax and unwind, then we'll get back to work after the first of the year.

Again, thank you and have a Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year

Roxie Nicholson  
3rd District Vice President

### ***6th District Vice President***

Hello to all our District 6 members. Hoping everyone had a Merry Christmas. Our prayer for 2023 will be that we can all come together as a nation and have a better 2023 year. It appears that our winter season is predicted to come in mildly, buy that can change any time.

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

As you know our January 1, 2023 target goal is 50% but remember all dues had to be paid and delivered by December 31, 2022 to be eligible for the drawing for the Chevrolet Corvette. We must work hard to reach our March 15, 2023 target goal of 75%.

Dates to remember are:

Mid-Winter conference February 10-11/2023 at Oglebay Resort and Conference Center  
Hope all had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year with family and friends and that you enjoyed your Christmas Holiday Season. Stay safe.

Pray for Our Country.

Mary Spence  
Vice President  
District 6

### ***4th District Vice President***

Hello all!

Christmas is almost here! Hope you all have a very Merry Christmas. Keep our Veterans in mind during this holiday season. Pick a deserving family or two and buy them a Christmas meal. Help a family by buying gifts for their children if they can't afford to do so. Visit your Nursing homes and deliver a token of your appreciation to our Veterans and brighten their day. Plan a holiday party for the Veterans of your Post. Send cards and care packages to our soldiers. Enjoy time with family and friends.

District 4 is at 61.84% Membership goals.

The membership target sheet dated December 15, 2022, is as follows: Parkersburg #15 is at 76.87%. Spencer #21 is at 58.62%. Pt. Pleasant #23 is at 63.44%. Tyler County #48 is at 2.38%. Sistersville #67 is at 35.71%. New Haven #140 is at 51.75%. Williamstown #159 is at 51.69%. Thank you and please continue to work to get members paid by year-end.

So happy to report District 4 and District 5 met and exceeded their challenge of 50% paid members by December. Congratulations, Great Job!

Don't forget December 17th is National Wreath Laying Across America. Please participate at a cemetery in your area.

Stay safe and healthy and have a Happy New Year!

Pam Harmon  
District 4 Vice President

### **10th District Vice President**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!! Wow the New Year has come up on us quick. Membership is starting to slow down for most units. Your members may need a little reminder, it never hurts to reach out to them by mail, email, or just a friendly call. I have found this to help out with some. Mid-Winter is just around the corner. I hope to see everyone there, these meetings help to inform each unit to what is going on and I find to be very helpful due to the seasoned members that come. Hope to see you soon.

Jill Davis  
10 District Vice President

### **6th District President**

Hi Everyone,  
Hope everyone is staying well.  
I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and hope everyone is ready for the man in the red suit.  
I have heard from Bluefield Unit 9 they are sending in their membership and sorry they are a little late, also they have taken baskets to the First Respondent. Welch Unit 8 has been taking baskets to the ones in Welch.  
Hope everyone is working on membership, and have paid their mandatory funds. I have not heard from the other Units but I am sure they are working very hard. I know Beckley Unit 32 has worked hard getting things ready for the Gift Shop at the VA Hospital.  
I need for the Units in Sixth District and all other District to send me something on Community Service.  
At this time I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.  
So until next time please stay well and say a pray for our Veterans, and keep all of us in your prayers.  
God Bless  
Peggy Swartz  
6th District President



### **1st District President**

Happy Holidays Ladies!  
Wow! Has this year passed by quickly, you can really feel old man winter nipping at your heels now. Christmas is just around the corner, please remember those in need while you're out shopping, a pair of gloves or a warm scarf can help a person a lot, a box of food left by a secret Santa on the porch of a family in need is always a wonderful gift. With the end of the year coming up don't forget to encourage your members to get their dues paid in time for the car drawing, what an incentive! And we have a new month coming up, bringing with it a whole new year, let's make the most of it, and spread as much happiness as we can! Take care of yourselves, Hope to see you all in February, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and God bless America.  
Kim Elliott,  
First District President.

### **10th District President**

As I look around the District and throughout the state at all the events, giving and outreach I find myself very proud to be a part of this organization. When I think back over the years I realize I could have been a veteran but the choices I made in life did not hold that for me. With that I want to say that even though I was not in the military, I am more than grateful for the Auxiliary and the opportunity to serve in some capacity.  
Please continue what you are doing that makes the difference to Veterans, community, youth and especially those that are unable to get out and do for themselves.  
With the New Year and the holidays behind I am hopeful all took the time to enjoy one another and not let the stress of the season affect your time together. Holiday greetings and Happy New Year to everyone. May God richly bless you and your family.

Diana Teter  
District 10 President

### **4th District President**

Greetings from the 4th District:  
January 2023 has arrived. Happy New Year to all Auxiliary Sisters and Comrades!  
President Savanna has declared "Christmas 365 around the World." What a great year we are having!  
February brings our Department Mid-year Conference at the beautiful Oglebay Park. We are looking forward to seeing old friends, making new friends, and sharing ideas about our successes. This Department is not 100% in membership yet so let's all keep working hard to recruit new members, retain current members and re-instate members whose membership has lapsed.  
Congratulations to all Units that have met the 50% Membership Target goal. District 4 is currently 61.84% in membership. Keep up the great work.

Looking forward Department program chairmen are available to answer any and all questions regarding annual program reporting. The projects we complete, and report speak volumes regarding the needs of our Veterans when the reports are presented to Congress on Capitol Hill. So please take time to report.

Remember – If you love your Freedom, Thank a Veteran.

For God and Country  
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### **3rd District President**

Hope you Holidays were amazing! Keep up the good work on membership! Please send me anything you are doing via the District 3 Facebook page, email or whatever you can. I'm here to help with membership and I'm just a phone call away! 304-216-9943 Hope to see you all at Mid-Winter.

District 3 President  
Kim Mellie

### ***Chaplain***

I hope you have had a wonderful Holiday season! Thank you to Fran Mathess of Unit 174 for a prayer for President Savannah's book. Please try to bring comfort items to Mid-Winter as it helps our Veterans all year long. Please find it in your heart to send a note to a Veteran in a nursing home or hospital. An encouraging note to their families is also an important part of our organization. Check on all the members who can't get out. Organize a stuffed animal /blanket drive, a shovel party....anything you can to help out our Veterans and their families. May God continue to bless you and your families.  
Department Chaplain

### ***Auxiliary Emergency Fund***

Fellow Auxiliary Members,  
I hope that all of you are doing well and that you have been actively trying to raise some funds for AEF in your units.  
There is a new AEF Pin that has been introduced by National. The new pin is for individuals that donate \$100.00 or more to the AEF fund. All donations must be sent directly to the National Headquarters to be eligible for the pin. You can also log onto the National website and make a donation online. Just make sure to choose AEF as the recipient.  
If I can be of assistance to you or your unit in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.  
Have a Happy and Blessed New Year!  
Melanie Shambaugh  
AEF Chairman  
sham4wv@aol.com

### ***Child Welfare Foundation***

Mid-Winter is just around the corner and we are doing another collection to feed the pig. Bring your bills, change, or checks to help the Child Welfare Fund!



### ***Children & Youth***

As we plunge deep into the holiday festivities, I hope everyone is remembering the children and youth in your community. Please send me pictures of the events your unit participated in this year. As we gear up for the new year, I hope you are planning on an event or events to celebrate our children & youth during the month of April. It is never too early to begin planning for "Purple Up Day" on April 15th and remember to encourage your unit and post members to wear purple that day in honor of all military kids.  
May the new year be your best year ever!

Beth Kilgore  
Chairman  
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### ***Community Service***

This little note is asking that that each Unit sends me a report on what your Unit has done so far this year. I will need to get a report in for the National by the first of the year.  
Thanking everyone in advance,

Peggy Swartz  
Department Chairman

### ***Educations***

Did anyone celebrate National Education Week in your Unit? Have you contacted schools regarding our available scholarships? Consider volunteering for Boys' State or Girls' State to help out our Youth. Please let me know how you are working with Educating our Youth, and I can report the positive interactions with Nationals. I currently attend a video conference every month to learn more about what we can do and I would love to report to Nationals on some of our activities! Have a wonderful New Year and hope to see you at Mid-Winter.  
Kim Mellie  
Education Chair  
304-216-9943

### ***Leadership***

This month we will have a bit of a double dose... since I missed November. Sorry!

Two leadership crisis items to consider...

Ego, Vanity and Arrogance...

We've all heard the expression "Check your ego at the door". That often goes double for leaders. We have also heard there is no "I" in team. You get the idea.

Too often those in positions of leadership make it all about themselves. They are the first to jump in and take credit or insert themselves into the photo op. Resist that when appropriate. Sometimes you need to be that person who steps in and accepts the credit but always remember to do so on behalf of everyone who contributed to the success of the program or project.

The next issue is Deficiency of Self-Awareness - which goes hand-in-hand with the one about Ego, Vanity and Arrogance.

It is so important that we keep ourselves in check. Leaders need to know their followers but they also need to take time to know themselves. What makes you stand out as a leader? What makes you shine? What needs improvement? What needs to change... or not change?

We must hold ourselves accountable and be aware of how we are perceived by those around us. The age of texting and social media has confused some people's sense of self-awareness. Don't let that happen to you and as you mentor future leaders... teach them to avoid that temptation as well. Think before you speak. Think before you text. And definitely think before you post.

Looking forward to our time together in February at Mid-Winter. Hope everyone is planning to join in as we unpack these issues and find ways to strengthen our own leadership skills and those of future leaders all around us.

Leadership Chairman  
Rosemary M. Thomas

## ***National Security***

Good Afternoon!

Have you been on the ALA National Security Facebook page? If you haven't, then you should go on the page and ask to be accepted. Lots of information on there.

Is your unit planning on submitting a "Salute to Service Members Award"? If so, make sure you do this online. It is open to any of the following branches of service: Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, National Guard/ Reserve, and Space Force. June 1, 2023 is the deadline.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Paulette Anderson  
National Security

## ***Poppy***

Happy Holidays. I hope everyone is well or will be soon.

It is almost Mid-winter time, I hope to be there but is still Iffy.

I asked all units that are planning to be there to make a Corsage. It should contain Poppies, baby's breath and a Greenery, also a ribbon. It can be a wristlet, or one that is Pinned on. Please submit a card telling how many poppies You used. They will be voted on by a penny donation.

Start planning for Poppy Days coming up in May. If you Need my help call me at 304-592-0247 or you can email me at: carlajwilfong@gmail.com. God bless all our Veterans  
Carla Willing  
Poppy Chairman

## ***Public Relations***

Happy Holidays,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, except no snow. How is your unit getting the word out about whom we are and what we do? Is your unit delivering holiday meals to your local veterans or just providing meals for your local first responders? Did your post or unit have a children's Christmas Party? These are just a few examples of how you can spread the word about what we do. Remember branding during any function that you or your unit is involved in. Just a little auxiliary pin being worn may strike up a conversation with someone.

Have a safe and happy holiday season,  
Stephanie Handley  
Public Relations Chairperson  
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PH: 304-670-4055

## ***Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation***

Happy Holidays. Mid Winter is less than 2 Months away lets pray

The weather will be nice.

Please contact your local VA Hospital or Nursing home to see what is Needed. Bring items to Mid Winter so we can send much needed

Items to the hospitals and nursing homes. If you purchase and take Them already, fill out your comfort item slip and bring to us.

Please make sure you have someone to take comfort items

back for you. Please be sure to let us know who will be doing

This for you.

I know this is short, I hope all Gift Shops have been covered. Shinnston 31, prepared gift bags and will be delivering them on the 19th.

Keep track of your hours so we can turn them in and receive our

Pins and bars that we work so hard for.

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

carlajwilfong@gmail.com.

God bless our Veterans

Carla Willing

Co VA&R Chairperson

## ***Mid-Winter Silent Auction***

For the Silent Auction at Mid-Winter, we are doing a theme on Valentine's Day, anyone who would like to contribute, please bring items for the basket to Mid-Winter or send to me at;

Roxie Nicholson

PO Box 14

Shinnston, WV 26431

Please bring items for everyone to bid on and don't forget to bid on other things that will be there.

Looking forward to seeing you.

## ***Constitution & Bylaws***

We have seen updates from 4 Units and know of a 5th currently working on theirs. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out. If there are topics you would like to see covered in articles, please reach out and let us know.

If your Unit has not updated your Constitution and Bylaws in 4 years you are out of date. In 2018 National changed eligibility to include the male spouse of female veterans. This not only changes eligibility, it also changes all locations where you refer to "she", "her", or "wife".

If your Unit includes when to file your E990, that goes in Standing Rules. Remember all Units should have their own EIN number and file their E990. We do not use the Legion EIN.

In the Unit Guide Book there is a good example layout of the Constitution and Bylaws.

Happy Holidays

Lisa Cadwallader

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# American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

## *Rhododendron Girls State*

I know this is a busy time of the year but please add this to your to do list: Please contact your high school guidance counselor(s) and school principal to let them know you are the contact person for Girls State give them your information as well as the dates of the 2023 Girls State Session.

Girls State will be held June 11 -16, 2023 at Davis & Elkins College in Elkins WV. What an amazing opportunity you are providing these young ladies. They become more engaged in leadership, patriotism, and being an informed citizen and formed many new friendships around the state.

Please note with rising costs the registration fee will be \$300 per citizen which will include the cost of the parade t - shirt. New this year, those elected to the Board of Public Works will be transported to the State Capital in Charleston to meet with their elected West Virginia counterparts.

You are invited to Davis & Elkins on Friday, June 16th for the Inauguration and Graduation Ceremonies.

We look forward to providing another great and successful session but we need your help! Start securing the funding now and you may have share sponsorships per citizen.

If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me or your district representative. Remember our Military and those that are unable to be with their families this time of year -- Wishing everyone a blessed Holiday Season and Happy New Year!

Lynda Lancaster -Loyd  
Girls State Chairperson



## *District Representatives*

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*From Our Family  
to Your Family  
Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year!*

*From  
Savanna Kauffman,  
President*

*Susan Brown,  
Secretary/Treasurer*

*Department of West Virginia*

American Legion Auxiliary  
Alderton-Dawson Unit 60  
Berkeley Springs WV

American Legion Auxiliary, Alderton-Dawson Unit 60, Berkeley Springs, WV would like to submit our endorsement for Debbie Michael for the office of Department of West Virginia President for the year 2023 -2024.

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

Since joining the American Legion Auxiliary in 1976, Debbie has been an active member, having served every office except for Treasurer and chaired numerous committees on the Unit level. She is currently serving on the Unit Executive Committee and chairs 3 committees. On District level she has served as President, Vice President, and Children & Youth Chair. For 3 years she served as the Department Junior Activities Chairperson and currently serves as Department 1st Vice President.

Debbie has been married for 46 years to her husband Kat Michael who is a WV SAL Past Detachment Commander and currently the SAL Commander at Post 60. Her family is one of her greatest joys. She has 2 sons, 2 stepsons, 13 grandchildren, and 1 great grandson.

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

We are proud to present Debbie Michael, as our candidate for the 2023-2024 year for the office of Department President. We hope that you will join us in endorsing her, knowing that she will serve with the same enthusiasm and pride that she has for our Veterans.

*Nichole Shepherd*

Nichole L. Shepherd Unit President

*Jennifer Schetrompf*

Jennifer Schetrompf-Unit Secretary

## *Ways and Means*

There were 14 \$25.00 winners in September, with one winner of the \$200.00 Wednesday. Congratulations to each of you!

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

NOTICE—Please mail check and stubs to:

Susan Brown  
2172 Grandview Rd  
Moundsville WV 26041

Check Payable to: Ways & Means

Susan Brown  
Linda Crumm



Now available  
2023 Ways & Mean tickets  
We'll be happy to mail tickets to  
your unit!!!!  
Remember they make great  
Christmas gifts!

The first drawing for 2023 year  
will be January 2nd not January  
1st as printed on the tickets.  
Thank you!

## *November 2022 Ways and Means Winners*

Name	#'s	City	State	Date	\$\$\$
	662			11/1/2022	
Shannon Harshbarger	306	Huntington	WV	11/2/2022	25.00
Bonnie Wilcox	523	Romney	WV	11/3/2022	25.00
Renaë Fleming	703	Hawesville	KY	11/4/2022	25.00
	910			11/5/2022	
Shannon Harshbarger	907	Huntington	WV	11/7/2022	25.00
	808			11/8/2022	
Lucille Riggelman	104	Moorefield	WV	11/9/2022	25.00
	727			11/10/2022	
Sherry Dass	789	Romney	WV	11/11/2022	25.00
	988			11/12/2022	
	457			11/14/2022	
Belinda Utterback	105	Springfield	WV	11/15/2022	25.00
Wanda Lydick	388	Wheeling	WV	11/16/2022	200.00
	434			11/17/2022	
ALA—1st District	147	Moundsville	WV	11/18/2022	25.00
Curtis Vanoy	841	Bluefield	WV	11/19/2022	25.00
Amanda Dunlap	557	Winchester	VA	11/21/2022	25.00
	716			11/22/2022	
	769			11/23/2022	
ALA—Unit #14	856	Martinsburg	WV	11/24/2022	25.00
Margaret Woodworth	119	Burlington	WV	11/25/2022	25.00
Teresa Swihart	766	McMechen	WV	11/26/2022	25.00
Savanna Kauffman	186	Martinsburg	WV	11/28/2022	25.00
	440			11/29/2022	
	258			11/30/2022	

# Jan. 2023

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1 	2 Office Closed	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30	31				

*Programs of Month  
National Security  
Legislative*



# “Christmas 365 around the World”



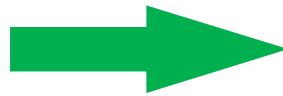
**December 15, 2022**  
**Department Goal— 4935 Membership to Date— 3152**  
**Department Unit 200 Goal—136 Membership to Date— 110**  
**50% Target**

## Laura

District 1			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	21	13	61.91%
Moundsville #3	244	194	79.51%
McMechen #5	31	15	48.39%
Weirton #10	65	47	72.31%
Cameron #18	156	68	43.59%
New Martinsville #28	104	80	76.92%
Wellsburg #34	29	12	41.38%
Follansbee #45	52	2	3.85%
Pine Grove #81	81	40	49.38%
Paden City #86	90	61	67.78%
Wheeling #89	22	3	1.36%
Newell #114	16	2	1.25%
Hundred #120	38	22	57.89%
Chester #121	134	91	67.91%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1083</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>60.02%</b>

District 4			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	402	309	76.87%
Spencer #21	29	17	58.62%
Pt. Pleasant #23	227	144	63.44%
Tyler County #48	42	1	2.38%
Sistersville #67	56	20	35.71%
New Haven #140	143	74	51.75%
Williamstown #159	89	46	51.69%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>61.84%</b>

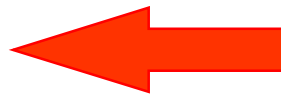
District 6			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Welch #8	55	29	52.73%
Bluefield #9	31	15	48.39%
Beckley #32	33	16	48.48%
Gary #38	97	68	70.10%
Cowen #62	23	21	91.30%
Richwood #97	30	26	86.67%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>65.06%</b>



**“Candy Canes”  
 Team  
 Goal—2459  
 To Date— 1606  
 65.31%**



**Membership  
 Chairman  
 A Star**



**“Gingerbread”  
 Team  
 Goal—2340  
 To Date 1436  
 61.37%**



## Debbie

District 3			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	40	30	75%
Clarksburg #13	43	28	65.12%
Elkins #29	121	74	61.16%
Shinnston #31	248	215	86.69%
Braxton County #33	35	21	60%
Bridgeport #68	62	43	69.36%
Belington #96	19	15	78.95%
Pickens #122	25	17	68%
Morgantown #174	60	42	70%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>74.27%</b>

District 5			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Huntington #16	146	96	65.75%
Logan #19	22	17	77.27%
St. Albans #73	29	20	68.97%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	223	113	48.50%
South Charleston #94	12	1	8.33%
Hamlin #111	47	21	44.68%
Milton #139	57	35	61.40%
Barboursville #177	132	113	85.61%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>62.28%</b>

District 10			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	71	46	64.79%
Franklin #30	22	0	0%
Piedmont #52	20	0	0%
Berkeley Springs #60	182	134	73.63%
Moorefield #64	86	51	59.30%
Charles Town #71	118	68	57.63%
Petersburg #78	78	55	70.51%
Romney #91	174	100	57.47%
Charles Town #102	41	33	80.49%
Paw Paw #128	38	25	65.79%
Kirby #134	37	27	72.97%
Ridgeley #136	70	49	70%
Capon Bridge #137	158	114	72.15%
Keyser #152	43	3	6.98%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1138</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>61.95%</b>

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](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_



41st Annual Mid-Winter Conference  
American Legion Auxiliary Conference Program  
Oglebay Wilson Lodge, Wheeling WV

**Friday, February 10, 2023**

8:00 am	Comfort Items Open	Seneca Room
12:00-4:30pm	Silent Auction Opens	Ballroom West 3
1:00-7 pm	Registration	Banquet View
1:00-2:00pm	Girls State Executive Board Meeting	Fort Henry Room
2:30-3:30pm	Policy and Procedure	Fort Henry Room
3:30-4:30pm	Membership	Fort Henry Room
7:00-9:00pm	Opening Joint Session	Ballroom West 1&2

**Saturday, February 11, 2023**

8:00 am -12:00 pm	Registration	Banquet View
8:00-12:00	Comfort Items	Seneca Room
8:00 am -2:00 pm	Silent Auction	Ballroom West 3
9:00 am	Opening Session	Fort Henry Room
	Call to Order	Savanna Kauffman, President
	Prayer	Kim Mellie, Chaplain
	Moment of Silence	
	Pledge of Allegiance	Katie Beth Caudill, Americanism Chairman
	National Anthem	Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Music Chairman
	Preamble of Constitution	Lisa Cadwallader, PDP, Constitution & Bylaws Chairman
	Mission Statement	Lisa Cadwallader, PDP, Constitution & Bylaws Chairman
9:15 am	Welcome	Savanna Kauffman, President
9:15-9:30	Missing Man Table & Four Chaplains	Kim Mellie, Chaplain
9:30 am	Juniors Session—Excused for their session	Spruce Room
9:30 am	Membership (Certificates/Goal Ribbons)	Membership Team
10:00 am	Central Division National Vice President Ann Rehbein	Introduction by Savanna Kauffman, President
10:30 am	“Christmas Veterans Affairs Gift Shop”	Savanna Kauffman, President
10:45	2022 & 2023 Ways & Means Report	Susan Brown, Ways & Means Chairperson
11:00 am	Recess	
11:15 am	Membership Luncheon	Terrace Room
	Sharon Kauffman and Membership Team	
	“Lighting up our future for our Veterans”	
12:30 pm	Reconvene	
12:30 pm	Girls State	Dr. Rosemary Thomas, Director
	2022 Rhododendron Girls State Governor	
	Lakyn Campbell	
	Parkersburg High School	
1:00 pm	Leadership Development	Dr. Rosemary Thomas, Leadership
3:00 pm	Poppy Posters & Poppy Corsage Contest	Carla Wilfong, Poppy Chairperson
	Silent Auction Raffle Basket Drawing	Roxie Nicholson, PDP
	Comfort Items Report	Marsha Duckworth
3:15 pm	Announcements	Susan Brown, Secretary
	Adjournment	Savanna Kauffman, President
4:00 pm	Church Services	Fort Henry Room
6:00 pm	Commander’s and President’s Reception	Ballroom West 1,2,&3
9:00 pm	Dance & Karaoke	Ballroom West 1,2,&3

*Silent Auction Closes at 2:00 pm on Saturday  
Please pick up your items and pay for them right after adjournment*

*Safe Travels Home!*

**Junior Meeting  
Mid-Winter Conference  
Wheeling, WV  
February 11, 2023**

<b>Registration...(Fee \$10).....</b>	<b>Spruce Room.....</b>	<b>8:30</b>
<b>Opening Ceremony with Auxiliary.....</b>	<b>Fort Henry Room.....</b>	<b>9:30</b>
<b>Missing Man Table &amp; Chapel of the Four Chaplain.....</b>		<b>8:45</b>
<b>Juniors Meeting.....</b>	<b>Spruce Room.....</b>	<b>9:00</b>
<b>Special Craft Project &amp; Cards for Veterans @ VA Centers.....</b>		<b>9:15</b>
<b>Card Signing.....</b>		<b>throughout the day</b>
<b>Lunch (on your own).....</b>		<b>11:00</b>
<b>Reconvene with Auxiliary.....</b>		<b>12:30</b>
<b>Lakyn Campbell—2022 Rhododendron Girls State Governor.....</b>		<b>12:30</b>
<b>Question &amp; Answer &amp; Ideas Session.....</b>		<b>1:00</b>
<b>Closing Ceremony &amp; Adjournment.....</b>		<b>3:00</b>

**Pool time together?? There is an indoor pool!**

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

**Remember to bring your bathing suits!**

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



## 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



2023 DEPARTMENT MID-WINTER CONFERENCE  
RESERVATION FORM

February 10-11, 2023  
Oglebay Resort and Conference Center  
Wheeling, West Virginia 26003

**\$85.00** per night room rate (plus 12% tax & 3%)  
**THIS RATE WILL ONLY BE GOOD TILL JANURAY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Room Type: (circle one)      Doubles      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 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 **\$85.00** (plus 15% tax) = \$102.35 per night

(Circle one)

check      cash      credit card  
# \_\_\_\_\_      credit card # \_\_\_\_\_  
type \_\_\_\_\_  
expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Mail to:      Oglebay Resort and Conference Center  
ATTN: Tim Rhodes, Group Reservations  
465 Lodge Road  
Wheeling, West Virginia 26003**

**Cancellation, at least 48 hours in advance  
This form must be mailed to reserve a room at Lakeview  
Resort. (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 43<sup>rd</sup> DEPARTMENT MID-WINTER

February 10-11, 2023  
Starts at 7pm on Friday(10<sup>th</sup>) evening.

Oglebay Resort and Conference Center  
Wheeling, WEST VIRGINIA

ADVANCED REGISTRATION - \$25.00  
AT DOOR REGISTRATION - \$30.00

RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

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-  
I AM SENDING \$ \_\_\_\_\_ FOR \_\_\_\_\_ ADVANCED REGISTRATION(S).  
**PLEASE ATTACH A LIST OF INDIVIDUALS FOR WHICH YOU 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, 2023**

**43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mid-Winter Conference  
2023**

**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 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mid-Winter Conference of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia, Inc., scheduled February 10-11, 2023, at Oglebay Resort and Conference Center, Wheeling, West Virginia.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

\_\_\_\_\_  
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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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 January 16, 2023.  
No Deviation

**2023 AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION**

**RESERVATION INVOICE**

AUGUST 25 - AUGUST 31, 2023

JW MARRIOTT CHARLOTTE

606 SOUTH COLLEGE STREET

CHARLOTTE, NC 28202

NAME(S) OF ATTENDEE(S)

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-MAIL:

King/Doubles (\$169 per night plus 15.25 % hotel tax) Two bay parlor rate \$299

**Parking rate per day---Valet Only \$35 per day**

**PLEASE MAIL PAYMENT BY MAY 1, 2023**

ARRIVAL DATE TO HOTEL	
DEPARTURE DATE FROM HOTEL	
KING OR DOUBLE	

	Quantity		
ONE NIGHT'S ROOM DEPOSIT @	\$194.77		\$0.00
ADDITIONAL OCCUPANT IN ROOM PER DAY - Flat Rate			\$0.00
REGISTRATION FEE @	\$35.00		\$0.00
NATIONAL COMMANDER'S BANQUET @	\$54.00		\$0.00
SOUTHERN BLOC BREAKFAST @	\$52.00		\$0.00
HOSPITALITY ROOM FEE @	\$25.00		\$0.00
TOTAL			<b>\$0.00</b>

**FIRST NIGHT'S DEPOSIT REQUIRED.**

**WE WILL BILL YOU FOR OTHER CHARGES**

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

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE AND MAIL TO:**

**Total**

THE AMERICAN LEGION

PO BOX 3191

CHARLESTON WV 25332

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

**First Night Deposit Required**

**PLEASE RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE"**

**THANK YOU**

\*You will not be charged for the Delegate fee. If you are not elected as a delegate at your District Convention or on the floor at the State Convention, Department Headquarters will bill you for the \$35.00 registration fee after State Convention.

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**2023 Mid-Winter Membership Luncheon**

**“Lighting up our future for our Veterans”**

**Saturday February 11, 2023**

**Oglebay Wilson Lodge Terrace Room**

**MENU**

*Choose of*

*Tomato Bisque Soup or Simple Salad with Ranch Dressing*

*The Club—Roasted turkey, roasted ham,*

*Lettuce, tomato, herb mayonnaise*

*Or*

*Tomato Bisque Soup or Simple Salad with Ranch Dressing*

*Italian Hoagie—Pepperoni, sopressata, mortadella Ham*

*Shaved onions, tomatoes, shredded lettuce*

*Provolone Cheese, oil and vinegar, Pasta Salad*

*All Sandwiches Serviced with House Made Potato Chips*

*Includes*

*Bread basket with butter, lemonade, iced tea, soft drinks, coffee, and hot tea*

**Price \$30.00 pre person**

**Advance Registration ASAP; Payment by January 31, 2023**

**NO DEVIATION**

**List of Names Attending:**

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**List Allergies beside name**

**Send Form and Payment to: ALA Dept. Treasurer  
2172 Grandview Road  
Moundsville, WV 26041**