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*“Lighting Up Our Future For
Our Veterans”*

Colors—**Red, White, & Green**

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

Hello Auxiliary Members,
It's March! Happy St. Patrick's Day month to you all! It may be March but still talk about Christmas!!! We have 21 more Sundays to still celebrate Christmas.

For midwinter we was honored to have our Central Division Vice President with us Ann Rehbein. I was happy to see everyone there and missed those that couldn't be there. The Leadership Workshop and Membership Luncheon was a great turn out, Members that was dressed up you looked great! Thanks to Dr. Rosemary Thomas for her "Crisis in Leadership" session. Thank you to membership team! A big hand to the distinguished guest committee.

Now we're getting ready to be traveling to our spring conferences and birthday dinners. If you have something planned and want me there let me know. Membership in our state goal is 4935, we have 3911 percentage of 79.25%, in our Department we have the Candy Canes are in the lead with 83.33% and the Gingerbread is 77.61%. Keep doing what we all do best. We still have 3 units 10 and under let's try and get them up. Congratulations to those units that made 100% goal they are: Shinnston #31, Milton #139, and Charles Town #71.

My special project is Christmas Veteran Gift Shops and any donations will help. Currently we have \$2,730.00. Thank you to all that donated and continue donating.

I will leave you all with this quote: "Christmas isn't just a day, it's a frame of mind." 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
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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

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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 at National Convention in August 2022. This increase will go into effect for the 2024 year. National dues was increased 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 costs, so another increase will not happen for a couple of years. Units need to increase their dues for the 2024 year.

Junior members who turn 18 yrs. old before January 1st of the membership year 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 destroyed. 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 past time for you to do your 990N postcard. Please remit to IRS and send Department a copy—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.

The 2024 Unit Membership Data Forms have either been mailed or emailed to ALL UNITS. Please observe the return date of April 15, 2023.

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. If you are unable to read a new application, how am I suppose to read it. Please clarify illegible writing. The ONLY time that the unit secretary can sign an application is when a female veteran is joining under herself—No Exceptions! Applications will be returned.

Just a small note; Post and Unit may meet on the same day. They just do not hold their business session together.

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

Those of you who wish to run for a Department office may send in your endorsement at this time.

Endorsements for 2023-2024

President	Debbie Michael
2nd Vice	Kimberly Mellie
Sec/Treas.	Susan Brown
Historian	April Wallace

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National Website**
ALAforveterans.org

Mail Call

Beverly Ann Kile, wife on Bill Kile, NEC passed away on Friday, January 20th. Cards may be sent to the family at;

Bill Kile & family
PO Box 307
Petersburg WV 26847

Past Department Commander George Sinkewitz passed away on Wednesday, February 1st. Cards may be sent to the family at;

Charlotte Sinkewitz & Family
1932 Washington Avenue
Huntington WV 25704

Please keep Beth Kilgore in your prayers—Thinking of you/Get Well cards maybe sent to:

Beth Kilgore
3609 Hughes St
Huntington WV 25704

“Christmas 365 around the World”

Membership Chairman

Hello everyone

To those who came to Mid-Winter hope you had a great time. We have 3 Goal Units Charlestown #71, Milton #139 and Shinnston #31 congratulations, go Candy Canes. We need 4935 to make Goal for WV we have 3981 which leaves us with 954 more to go. We are so close and there are more Units close to 100%. So let's go WV. Remember call or send a card to those who haven't paid their dues for this year or even a phone call. Maybe a luncheon to try and get them to pay their dues invite those who might want to join. Always be happy and cheerful. Be positive when talking to those who haven't paid and to those you want to join. Explain to them all the things we do for our Veterans and their family's ,and also the community. Also let me here from the Unit Membership chairperson on how you are doing and if you need help. The District Vice have been call so please respond to them. As they have to give a report also.

For God and country
Sharon Kauffman
Membership Chairperson



District Spring Meetings

First District—April 23rd @ Marne Unit #28 Post home, New Martinsville

Third District—March 4th @ Shinnston Post #31, Shinnston

Fourth District—April 16th @ Pt. Pleasant Post #23, Pt. Pleasant

Fifth District—February 25th @ Huntington Post #16, Huntington

Sixth District - April 22nd @ Welch #8

Tenth District—March 25th @ Charles Town Post #71, Charles Town

Department 1st Vice President

Hello to all!

What a wonderful time at Mid-winter. It was so great seeing all of you that I only see a few times a year.

I am so proud of our 3rd, 5th and 10th district “Candy Canes”! You have done a wonderful job in membership. We have a couple of units that are struggling, but most are doing really well. Don't give up. Keep asking...Keep trying. Let's give President Savanna 100%! We have one 100% plus in each of our districts. A big congratulations to 3rd District...Shinnston # 31...5th District Milton #139 and ...10th District Charles Town # 71. Great job!!!

Thank you to all the members who proudly wore their “Candy Cane” attire. You Rock!!!

If I can help you in any way, please contact me.

Hugs!

Debbie Michael
Department 1st Vice
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Department 2nd Vice President

How many of you are still amped up from the Mid-Winter Conference at Oglebay? It was such a great meeting and thank you to President Savanna for a wonderful time and to Dr, Rosemary Thomas for such an excellent leadership presentation. The weekend was topped off by a visit from Central Division Vice President, Ann Rehbein, and she was such a joy to get to know!

Let's talk about membership... we have to keep pushing member renewals and do not forget about your junior members! If you are planning any spring events, you may want to also incorporate a membership drive as well. Remember, if you host an event with children, you can not only sign up the parents, but potentially identify junior members! Now, for the leaderboard... DRUM ROLL please!

District 1: Newell #114 with 93.75%

District 4: Tyler County #48 with 88.10%

District 6: Richwood #97 with 93.33%
Congratulations to all units who are at 75% or more as you all have reached the 3rd target before March 15th!

As the Gingerbread team, we are 77.61% of goal and I am confident that we can reach 100% with everyone's desire and determination! Please let me know how I can help you and I look forward to celebrating our success at the department meeting in July!

Laura Clark

Department 2nd Vice President

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4th District Vice President

Hello all!

Spring is almost here and we have had some beautiful days for February. I hope you all have enjoyed them as much as I have. I also hope you had a "Sweet" Valentine's Day. Our District President, Patsy Greiner brought back news from the Mid-Winter Conference to share with us at Unit #15 Parkersburg. Each Unit has probably received the new Membership Dues Forms for 2024. Please fill those out and return them before the deadline. If possible, try to donate to your local Food Pantries/Food Banks. It seems they are really struggling right now with food items low on their shelves. Also, they always appreciate any volunteering you can provide to them. Strive to come up with ideas to provide for our Veterans and show our appreciation for what they have done and keep doing for us every day!

District 4 is at 80.87% Membership goals.

The membership target sheet dated February 16, 2023, is as follows: Parkersburg #15 is at 88.06 %, Spencer #21 is at 72.41%, Pt. Pleasant #23 is at 82.82%, Tyler County #48 is at 88.10%, Sistersville #67 is at 35.71%, New Haven #140 is at 79.72%, and Williamstown #159 is at 73.03 %. I wanted to congratulate Tyler County on their paid membership last month but was not able to send in an article so I wanted to tell them now, "Great job!" Hopefully Sistersville will bring their percentage paid up next month with the reminders for dues payments that were mailed this month. Thank you and please continue to work to get members paid and bring in 10 New Members and 3 Juniors for this year's goal.

Stay safe and healthy!

PAM HARMON
District 4 Vice President

5th District Vice President

Hello 5th District! I missed so many of you at the Mid-Winter Conference and I look forward to catching up at our Spring District meeting! I am so proud of this district and all of you who are working so hard on your membership goals. Let's celebrate our Top 3 units by percentage of goal as of February 16th.

3rd Place Huntington #16: 80.14%

2nd Place: Barboursville Unit #177: 93.18%

1st Place: Milton #139: 101.75%

CONGRATULATIONS Barboursville for already reaching goal! I am so incredibly proud of you and your achievements! I will be reaching out to all units to schedule a time to connect and possibly attend a meeting in the near future.

For God & Country,
Laura Clark

5th District Vice President
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6th District Vice President

Hello to our District 6 members. Hoping everyone had a wonderful Valentine's Day. I hope that the groundhog's prediction doesn't bring harsh weather to us. Just remember only a few more weeks left of winter. May the spring flower bud soon.

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

Our Units should be exploring candidates for Girls State and also work on recruiting for new members.

Our April 1st, 2023 membership target is 75% of all dues collected.

Dates to remember are:

State Convention July 13-15, 2023

Huntington Hilton

Girls State - June 11-16, 2023 at Davis-

Elkins College, Elkins, WV

Hope all of you have an enjoyable St.

Patrick's Day. Look for the pot of

gold— buy your ALA lottery ticket.

Stay safe.

Pray for Our Country

Mary Spence

Vice President

District 6

10th District Vice President

What a wonderful time Mid-Winter was. It was so nice to see everyone. Congratulations to all that received awards, Congratulations to Unit 71 Charlestown for already hitting goal. Great Job. There are so many units that are getting very close, keep it up. We are 3rd place in the Country, we are doing awesome this year so much further than we were last year. Franklin, Unit 30 we need those paid memberships, this is very important to keep your charter. Every unit in District 10 should have received their reminder to pay their dues, please get these out to your unpaid members. We want to try for 1st place in the country, I know some members have stated to me that they are not getting the renewal from National, we need to do our part and help them. A friendly phone call reminder may help as well. Hope to see everyone at the Spring Conference on March 25th held at Charlestown Unit 71. Our meeting starts at 8:30, at these conferences and conventions, we learn and get a lot of information to take back to our units. Please if you are able come. I am always here to help please feel free to contact me if you need me.

Thank you

Jill Davis

10th District Vice President



3rd District President

Congratulations on a wonderful showing of people from Morgantown Unit 174...Candy Canes were well represented at Mid-Winter! They have almost met their goal as well. Keep up the awesome work. Shinnston has also met their goal! What a wonderful group of people!

Third District Spring Conference will be held March 4th at Shinnston! There will also be a Memorial Service for deceased members so please get that information to our District Chaplain Lizabeth Turner bwt5225@gmail.com or to me kmellie@comcast.net. Please plan there as we need to vote on new officers and changes to the By-Laws. The support for the comfort drive, silent auction and President Savanna's Christmas 365 was superb! Remember to do what you can to help a veteran or their family.

Kim Mellie
District 3 President

Chaplain

A huge thank you to Peggy Miller and the Gary Unit 38 for the Prayer Book! It will be presented to President to President Savanna along with the State Prayer Book in Huntington! I thoroughly enjoyed present the POW-MIA and the Four Chaplain ceremonies at Mid-Winter.

Thanks to everyone who attended. The Church service warmed my heart! Thank you to the wonderful voice of Mr. Buchanan for starting the songs!

Please send me the names of any deceased members as we will do a Memorial Service in July.

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If I leaned nothing else....keep God in your heart and mind and life will be Amazing!

May the Power of God be with you always.

For God and Country

Kim Mellie

Department Chaplain

4th District President

Greetings

“Christmas 365 around the World” is President Savanna’s theme for the 2022-2023 year. Those words never meant more to me than on February 11, 2023, when we participated in the Department Mid-Winter Conference at beautiful Oglebay Park in Wheeling, WV. The weather was bit nippy up on the hill but the sunshine was brilliant!

I am always honored and proud to participate in American Legion activities. We get a chance to spend time with old friends and comrades and to make new friends.

President Savanna has chosen outstanding program chairmen. We got to actively participate in several programs. We laughed a lot, we learned more about patriotism and Americanism. We saluted our Veterans, both past and present. We got to enjoy the company of several Junior members. District meetings and elections will be held soon. Take time to recognize members who have served as mentors. Welcome new members in the “Spirit of Service Not Self”. For God and Country we will honor the sacrifices of our veterans, military and their families.

Remember—If you love your freedom, Thank a Veteran

Patsy Greiner
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10th District President

As we begin to spring forward let us leave all negativity behind and push forward to the things that matter most, God, Family, Veterans, Country, Youth and Community.

Mid-winter conference was very informative and I never regret going and learning. Every time I attend a conference I learn something new. Thank you to everyone that put so much work into presenting the things needed for a successful organization.

I ponder the fact that when I was in school (many years ago, I might add) we did not hear of Girl State but I sit in those sessions listening to the great opportunity and get a little teary eyed wishing I could have gone. I encourage all Units to think on sending as many as you can to this wonderful learning week at Davis/Elkins campus June 11-16.

Thank you to everyone that promotes our organization and stays on top of membership to help us grow in strength and numbers. Together we can make a difference.

Don’t forget about Spring Conference in Charles Town, March 25, 2023. Get your registration in early so you have a vote on any items that come up.

God Bless you all
Diana Teter
District 10 President



NEC

It was so good to see all who attended the Midwinter Conference at Oglebay Resort in Wheeling!

Our Distinguished Guest was CDNVP Ann Rehbein from the Department of Iowa. Thank you West Virginia for showing her a wonderful time while here! Ann gave us greetings from our National President Vickie Koutz. She emphasized President Vickie's Special Project Creative Arts, and our POW/MIA's that are still missing. Thanks to other members of the Distinguished Guest Committee, Cathy Post and Rhonda Best, for making Ann's visit a pleasant one.

The Upcoming event for our National President is the DC Conference held at the end of February. Among other items on her agenda will be Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation concern. Auxiliary Department Chairmen who attend the DC Conference will discuss this concern with their senators on the hill.

Paulette Anderson
National Executive Committee person

Educations

Department and National Scholarships were due by March 1st.

Hopefully individuals have taken advantage. I did receive one Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship at Mid-Winter and will forward that to the National Education Committee Chair. Best of Luck to the young lady! Please forward me the Scholarships as our Education Committee needs to judge them. My email is kmellie@comast.net.

Remember it takes a village to raise our children today!

Kim Mellie
Education Chairperson

Americanism

Contact the schools in your area and tell them about the Americanism essay! The theme for this year is, "What does Patriotism mean to you?" The essay must consist of a cover sheet, word requirements based on grade level, a sponsoring ALA unit, and then units must pick a date to have it judged and sent to me by April 1st! For one to be selected and turned in to Nationals by April 15th. Winners will receive \$50 and then \$50 donation in the student's name to go to the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship fund.

Katie Beth Caudill
Americanism Chairperson
Unit 16, Huntington

Junior Activities

The Juniors met on Saturday, February 10 at Mid-Winter Conference. We had four Junior members present. Patsy Greiner had the honor of pinning her granddaughter Emily Tallman Honorary Junior President. Special thanks to Peggy Swartz and April Tallman for assisting with the Juniors (I think they had as much fun as the girls did)! Emily opened her meeting and the Junior's went across the hall to help with pack the comfort items and distribute to the various VA hospitals, Veterans Home, Fisher House and Nursing Home.

They received National President Vicki Koutz's pin as well as a POW/MIA bracelet. We learned about the poppy and made a poppy bracelet as well as a poppy pin. We talked about the meaning of a POW/MIA and conducting a meeting.

The girls made and presented Valentine's for the Auxiliary and special Valentine's for our Department President Savanna and our special guest Central Division National Vice President Ann Rehbein.

They had an informative and fun meeting and can't wait to attend the next Junior meeting!

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd
Junior Activities Chairperson

Constitution & Bylaws

I hope every Unit and District have at least reviewed their governing documents. These are important documents that govern your Unit or District and need reviewed every year to assure they are up to date. It doesn't mean they need changed every year, but reviewed in case changes need made.

Remember to refer to each within that document/section. Meaning don't cross them. For example in the Bylaws don't state how your Constitution is changed, nor in your Constitution state how your Bylaws are changed.

Lisa Cadwallader, Chair
Lisac.ALA71@gmail.com

National Security

I am looking forward to reading your National Security End of Year Reports. Please make sure you put everything your unit has done on this report. Remember, to try for a Department Plaque you will need to do a narrative to include your unit's name and number, Chairman's name, and membership. Don't forget to include the yearend report with this narrative. Include pictures.

I will forward the best report onto National for consideration for a Unit Award in Central Division.

Paulette Anderson
National Security

Poppy

Good afternoon. I hope everyone enjoyed mid winter I thought it was really nice.

We had only three poppy corsages turned in for the contest. We collected \$284.89 this will go to welfare. Morgantown 174 won with Shinnston 31 coming in a close 2nd.

On the poppy pictures, there was five pictures submitted.

Class 3 grades 6-7, Autumn Bettis, Capon Bridge.

Class 4 grades 8-9 Sophia Bryant, Huntington.

Class 6 grades 12, Jocelyn Baker, Huntington.

Class 10, grades 10-11 Emily Tallman, Parkersburg.

Congratulations to everyone. Pictures will be sent to National.

Remember all end of the year reports are due earlier this year. Chairman Must have them in be the middle of May.

Carla Wilfong

Department of WV Chairperson.

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Good afternoon. I was glad to make it home and rest for a few days, Before beginning a busy next few weeks. I want to thank Dortha Parsons for all her hard work in the Comfort Item Room. Also thank Lynda Lloyd, Peggy Swartz for bringing the Juniors to help us. They were a big help. I want to thank all the units, Posts, and SAL for their donations. Also the Moundsville VFW 437 for Their donation of socks.

We collected over 8,514 items, with a money value of \$13,3166.90, Money donation of \$2,495.00 for a grand total of \$15,661.90.

Everything was divided between the four VA Hospitals, the Nursing Homes, and some to Fisher House in Huntington.

I need your end of the year reports by the end of April, so we can

Get our reports into National.

Carla Wilfong

Department of WV Chairperson.

Rhododendron Girls State Registrar

All materials was given to Units at Midwinter or mailed after Midwinter. It was sent to Unit Presidents that did not get them at Midwinter or in the mail, please contact me. Mailings went to the school were mailed, if your school did not receive it, please let me know. There were no numbers assigned to schools or units, so at this time you can send as many as you want. I hope we have to worry about space this year for the girls. Remember that the dates are Jun 11-16, 2023 at Davis & Elkins College at Elkins and the cost is \$300 this year.

Deadlines:

Units contact school by March 15th
Registration forms with \$300 by to Department headquarters by May 1st
No money refunded after May 15th
Girls Online Registration completed by May 30th

Ann Buchanan, Registrar

annbuch@aol.com

304-654-9932 (because of spam calls, please leave a message)

New Committee

Hello Everyone, We hope if you joined us at Mid-Winter conference that you enjoyed yourself!

We are a newly created committee that was established to put together a plan to purpose to the Department Executive Committee. The purposed plan will cover ideas on how to train Department Chairpersons or those who might be interested in serving and provide information on their role and

responsibilities. With National doing away with more and more tools that use to help Chairpersons, we feel an alternative replacement method is needed, while keeping costs to a minimum.

We are asking if anyone wants to see certain things covered or has ideas to please reach out to us so we can try to cover these in our purposed plan.

Lisa Cadwallader,

Chair Lisac.ala71@gmail.com

Rhonda Best, member

Ann Buchanan, member

HELP, HELP, HELP!! Information Needed!!

I am working on trying to get information for the backs of the awards. I did several last year and could locate the information. However, the information below is still needed! I am asking Units to go back and see what they can find. I am asking Past Department President's for anything they can find or remember.

I am asking for any information you can provide by June 25th to give me time to get the information in and prep for the award back before Convention.

Special Project, Theme, Membership Theme, Colors, Icons, Flowers, and/or Memorable's : June Harbert #31, Ruth Yoho #28, Carol Williams #121, Mary Ann Piatt #159, Emogene Kirkland #16, Joyce Seamonds #16, Betty Shumate #32, Marie Bailey #28, Ella Mae Short #38, William Mayfield #68, Brady Stone #71 (I can locate Memorable's for Brady), Helen Kessler #5, Twyla Finley #121, Anna Jane Williams #56, Jessica Payne #16

Pictures: Virginia Beaty #15, Lillian Luttrell #91, Margaret Kercheval #56, Virginia Blake #1, Lorena Jennings #14, Marie Bailey #28, Ella Mae Short #38, Helen Kessler #5, Anna Jane Williams #56, Jessica Payne #16

Icons & Flowers: Marlene Bonar #3

Colors & Flowers: Jerri Ritenour #14

Lisa

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American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

Rhododendron Girls State

The 2023 Girls State program is fast approaching. The registration packets were distributed if you attended Mid-Winter Conference or will be mailed. The Girls State session will be held June 11-16, 2023 at Davis & Elkins College in Elkins, WV. This year's theme will be "Raise Your Voices." Please note with rising costs the registration fee will be \$ 300 per citizen which will include the cost of the parade t-shirt. Also, 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.

What an amazing opportunity you provide these citizens to witness from the time they arrive until they leave. They find themselves more engaged in leadership, patriotism and being an informed citizen and many new friends around the state. You are invited to Davis & Elkins on Friday, June 16 for the Inauguration and Graduation Ceremonies. We look forward to providing another great and successful session. Please contact your school principals and counselors. Introduce yourself and let them know what our program is all about. Start securing the funding now. If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me or your district representative.

Lynda Lancaster -Loyd
Girls State Chairperson



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Ways and Means

No one won the first drawing of 2023 for a \$100. The winning number 762 was still in the office. There were fifteen \$25.00 winners for January and no \$200 winner.

Cost for a 2023 ticket is \$20.00 and are good for the whole year! Never to late to purchase a ticket. They make GREAT gifts!

Ticket sales are slow this year. Remember this is the only fundraiser that Department has. Please support!

Please cash your checks!

NOTICE—Please mail check and stubs to:

Susan Brown
2172 Grandview Rd
Moundsville WV 26041

Check Payable to:
ALA Ways & Means

Susan Brown
Linda Crumm

January 2023 Ways and Means Winners

Name	#'s	City	State	Date	\$\$\$
	762			1/02/2023	
	715			1/03/2023	
	823			1/04/2023	
Jill Davis	691	Capon Bridge	WV	1/05/2023	25.00
Jerome Newsome	311	Gary	WV	1/06/2023	25.00
Gary Davis	567	Capon Bridge	WV	1/07/2023	25.00
	178			1/09/2023	
	083			1/10/2023	
Nancy Frost	357	Cumberland	MD	1/11/2023	25.00
Bonnie Haines	639	Romney	WV	1/12/2023	25.00
Gary Buckley	502	Romney	WV	1/13/2023	25.00
H. Patricia Pearce	701	Gore	VA	1/14/2023	25.00
William Barb	348	Capon Bridge	WV	1/16/2023	25.00
	939			1/17/2023	
	916			1/18/2023	
	557			1/19/2023	
Shannon Harshbarger	627	Huntington	WV	1/20/2023	25.00
	341			1/21/2023	
Amie Dawson	674	Ft. Ashby	WV	1/23/2023	25.00
Ralph Dawson	699	Buckhannon	WV	1/24/2023	25.00
John Desmond	063	Parkersburg	WV	1/25/2023	25.00
Pam Harmon	329	Marietta	OH	1/26/2023	25.00
	474			1/27/2023	
	713			1/28/2023	
Frank Weakley	509	Ridgeley	WV	1/30/2023	25.00
John Jefferson	016	Huntington	WV	1/31/2023	25.00





American Legion Auxiliary
Shinnston Unit 31

At a regular meeting of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 31, Shinnston, WV on Thursday January 19th, 2023 Kim Mellie was unanimously endorsed for the office of Second Vice President for the year 2023-2024.

Kim is eligible through her father who served in World War II and through her husband Frank who served in the Coast Guard during Operation Desert Storm. Kim lost her father when she was 9 and has since wanted to honor his memory through the American Legion Auxiliary and serving other Veterans.

Kim has previously served as the Unit 174 President from 2018-2021. Kim is now serving as the State Chaplain and District 3 President. She has been the State Historian and District 3 Vice President. She is now a member of Shinnston Unit 31 and participates in activities as she can. Kim has taught school for 31 years and is looking to retire very soon. Kim will bring a positive and helping atmosphere with her.

Kim has been married to Frank for 30 years who served as District 2 Commander. Sunday family dinners are very important to her and her family. Kim and Frank have four daughters, and 3 grandchildren.

As a Unit, we know that Kim will perform the duties assigned to Second Vice President to the best of her ability. Please accept our endorsement of Kim Mellie for Department Second Vice President.


Unit 31 President


Unit 31 Secretary

I will perform the duties of Department Second Vice-President to the best of my ability.

Kim Mellie


District 3 President
Department Chaplain



American Legion Auxiliary
Frank B. Bartlett Unit #7
16 North Kanawha Street
Buckhannon, WV 26210

At a regular meeting held on February 14, 2023, the members of American Legion Auxiliary, Frank B. Bartlett Unit #7 unanimously endorsed April Wilson Wallace for the position of Historian for the Department of West Virginia for the year 2023/2024.

April's eligibility is through herself, having served in the U.S. Navy from February 1980 until her Honorable Discharge in June 1984. Additionally, she would be eligible through her husband, Michael T. Wallace, U.S. Navy 1964 – 1977, and her Father, John E. Wilson, U.S. Air Force 1954 – 1976.

At the Unit level, April has served as Vice President (Unit 13 Georgia) and President Unit 7.

April served in the American Legion (Dual Member) as a Post Historian (14 years), Post Adjutant (1 year), District Historian (3 years), District Adjutant (1 year), District Junior Vice Commander (4 years), District Senior Vice Commander (1 year) and District Commander for 1 year and was a 100% Membership District. On the Department Level, April was on the Staff of Georgia Legion College, was awarded Outstanding Yearbook of the Year and served 3 terms as the Department Historian.

April is a graduate of the American Legion College, Class of 2011. She placed 3rd Nationally in the National Yearbook Competition in 2011. Was inducted into ANAVICUS in 2011. Was awarded the Pioneer Award for founding a new American Legion Post and Legionnaire of the Year in 1996.

April is married to Michael T. Wallace (Commander of Post 7) and between them they have 4 daughters and 1 son, 14 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

April worked for the Georgia State Department of Veterans Service until her retirement in 2011.




We, the members of Frank B. Bartlett Unit #7 are very proud to endorse April Wilson Wallace as a candidate for the position of Department Historian for the year 2023/2024.

Christine Crites, Vice President

Evelyn Murphy, Secretary/Treasurer

March 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1	2	3	4 3rd District Conference Shinnston
5 Shinnston Birthday Dinner	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Daylight Saving Time Begins	13 	14	15 Target #3 75% of goal The American Legion Birth- day	16	17 	18
19	20	21 	22	23	24	25  10th District Conference Huntington
26	27	28	29	30	31	
					<p><i>Program of Month</i></p> <p><i>Community Service</i></p> <p><i>AEF</i></p>	



“Christmas 365 around the World”



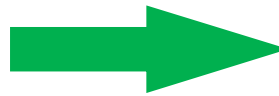
February 16, 2023
Department Goal— 4935 Membership to Date— 3981
Department Unit 200 Goal—136 Membership to Date— 116

Laura

District 1			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	21	14	66.67%
Moundsville #3	244	222	90.98%
McMechen #5	31	15	48.39%
Weirton #10	65	55	84.62%
Cameron #18	156	99	63.46%
New Martinsville #28	104	90	86.54%
Wellsburg #34	29	21	72.41%
Follansbee #45	52	24	46.15%
Pine Grove #81	81	56	69.14%
Paden City #86	90	71	78.89%
Wheeling #89	22	3	1.36%
Newell #114	16	15	93.75%
Hundred #120	38	25	65.79%
Chester #121	134	114	85.07%
TOTALS	1083	824	76.08%

District 4			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	402	354	88.06%
Spencer #21	29	21	72.41%
Pt. Pleasant #23	227	188	82.82%
Tyler County #48	42	37	88.10%
Sistersville #67	56	20	35.71%
New Haven #140	143	114	79.72%
Williamstown #159	89	65	73.03%
TOTALS	988	799	80.87%

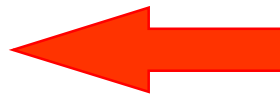
District 6			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Welch #8	55	33	60%
Bluefield #9	31	16	51.61%
Beckley #32	33	19	57.58%
Gary #38	97	76	78.35%
Cowen #62	23	21	91.30%
Richwood #97	30	28	93.33%
TOTALS	269	193	71.75%



**“Candy Canes”
 Team
 Goal—2459
 To Date— 2049
 83.33%**



**Membership
 Chairman
 A Star**



**“Gingerbread”
 Team
 Goal—2340
 To Date 1816
 77.61%**



Debbie

District 3			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	40	30	75%
Clarksburg #13	43	40	93.02%
Elkins #29	121	88	72.73%
Shinnston #31	248	249	100.4%
Braxton County #33	35	22	62.86%
Bridgeport #68	62	53	85.48%
Belington #96	19	15	78.95%
Pickens #122	25	17	68%
Morgantown #174	60	58	96.67%
TOTALS	653	572	87.60%

District 5			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Huntington #16	146	117	80.14%
Logan #19	22	17	77.27%
St. Albans #73	29	20	68.97%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	223	175	75.11%
South Charleston #94	12	8	66.66%
Hamlin #111	47	23	48.94%
Milton #139	57	58	101.75%
Barboursville #177	132	123	93.18%
TOTALS	668	541	80.99%

District 10			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	71	48	67.61%
Franklin #30	22	0	0%
Piedmont #52	20	15	75%
Berkeley Springs #60	182	161	88.46%
Moorefield #64	86	69	80.23%
Charles Town #71	118	128	108.47%
Petersburg #78	78	61	78.21%
Romney #91	174	139	79.89%
Charles Town #102	41	33	80.49%
Paw Paw #128	38	30	78.95%
Kirby #134	37	30	81.08%
Ridgeley #136	70	53	75.71%
Capon Bridge #137	158	135	85.44%
Keyser #152	43	34	79.07%
TOTALS	1138	936	82.25%

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

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

Subscription will Cost \$18.00

Runs August through July Each Year

MAIL TO:

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

NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____

2023 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
RESERVATION FORM

July 6-8, 2023
Double Tree by Hilton
1001 3rd Avenue
Huntington, WV 25701

\$108.00 per night room rate (plus 13% tax)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

Arrival Date _____ AM PM Departure Date _____

Room Type: (circle one) Doubles King
Valet parking \$8 per night per car.

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 **\$108.00** (plus 13% tax) = \$122.04 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: Double Tree by Hilton
 ATTN: Tammy Gillenwater
 1001 3rd Avenue
 Huntington, West Virginia 25701**

This form must be mailed to reserve a room at Double Tree by Hilton. Cutoff date is June 21, 2023.

(No phone calls for rooms will be accepted.)

**PLEASE RESERVE YOUR ROOM EARLY- THANKS!
CANCELLATION, BEFORE 48 HOURS, PRIOR TO
ARRIVAL, OR FORFEIT 100% OF THE TOTAL**

105th Annual State Convention
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 105th Annual State Convention of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia, Inc., scheduled July 6-8, 2023, at Double Tree by Hilton, Huntington, 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.

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	Quarter Page	\$35	Quarter Page (Color)	\$70
	Eighth Page	\$25	Eighth Page (Color)	\$ 50

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

Ad and Payment Deadline is June 23, 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			\$0.00

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.