



# The Auxiliary Spirit



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American Legion Auxiliary  
2022-2023  
Department President



*“Lighting Up Our Future For Our Veterans”*

Colors—**Red, White, & Green**

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

Hello Auxiliary Members,  
It’s June!! I hope you all had a good Mothers Day with all your moms. It’s still Christmas! Did you know we have 8 more Sundays to still celebrate Christmas. By now I hope you all got your End of Year reports out and in the mail.

In my travels I’ve went to 6th district spring conference in Welch, WV, Welch Post #8 birthday dinner, and 1st district spring conference in New Martinsville, WV. Thank you all for inviting me to go to these places. I also love seeing all the Christmas decorations up. Thank you Diane Teter, Jill Davis, and Betty Light for coming to our unit 14 annual meeting. Thank you for Diane Teter District 10 President for swearing the new officers in for 2023-2024.

Membership in our state, goal is 4,935, we have 4,489 percentage of 90.96%. In Department we have the Candy Canes, they are in the lead with 94.88% and the Gingerbread is following with 87.86%. Congratulations to those units that made 100% goal they are: Clarksburg #13, Shinnston #31, Morgantown #174, Milton #139, Barboursville #177, Charles Town #71, Martinsburg #14, and Paw Paw #128.

New ones are: Capon Bridge #137, and Moundsville #3. Also there is a lot of units that are so close too, keep doing what we all do best. We still have 2 units with 10 and under let’s try and get them up.

My special project is Christmas Veteran Gift Shops and any donations will help. Please donation if you can. Thank you to all that are continue donating.

I will leave you all with this quote: “To prepare our hearts for Christmas, we must cultivate the spirit of expectancy.”

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 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.

Notice—I have emailed or mailed credentials to all units for Department Convention. I have also include a copy in the Spirit. Please note due date.

The deadline for 2024 Dues Remittance has passed. A call was made to all units that did not submit the form. IF your unit did not respond to my call, and if the unit's dues needed to be increased. The unit's dues for the 2024 membership year will be \$26.00. The deadline was April 15th.

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

**Website is updated!! New Standing Rules, Award Manual, Scholarship form, Americanism essay, Year-end reports and Poppy order form are all there. Call if you need a printed programs. Remember to download a form it is a 2 step process. Call the office if you if you need help.**

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.

## NOTICE

Please consider donating to the Cheer Party account when making your unit donations or donate direct to VAMC chairman. Cheer parties and Gift shops are not a mandatory donation. These accounts receive very little donations.

## Mail Call

*Peggy Swartz recently been in the hospital. Cards maybe sent to  
Peggy Swartz  
PO Box 124  
Gary, WV 24836*

*Beth Kilgore recently been in the hospital. Cards maybe sent to  
Beth Kilgore  
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Huntington WV 25704*

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**American Legion Auxiliary  
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## Endorsements for 2023-2024

President	Debbie Michael
1st Vice	Laura Clark
2nd Vice	Kimberly Mellie
Sec/Treas.	Susan Brown
Chaplain	Stephanie Handley
Historian	April Wallace

## 2024 Fall Conferences Schedule

1st District	Oct 15	Paden City #86
3rd District		
4th District	Oct 29	New Haven #140
5th District		
6th District	Sept 23	Bluefield #9
10th District	Oct 21	Berkeley Spring



## *“Christmas 365 around the World”*

### *Membership Chairman*

Hello Auxiliary Members

We are getting close everyone keep up the great work. Still have so many close to 100%. We are still fourth in Central Division. If you need help just give me a call.

Have you thought about having Membership Brochures at your table? How about including:

A sign that states who is eligible to join. I spoke with a person the other day that said he wasn't eligible because of the years he served! Guess what? Yes he was - As YOU know, the dates have changed! So be sure to have the years of eligibility highlighted!!

How about displaying a document that indicates what poppy donations are used for? Or display a list of all the donations you have made from your poppy funds in the past!!! I think people would be amazed!

Print up a bookmark with "In Flanders Fields" poem on it and print your Unit's information at the bottom

Have any of your Juniors painted poppy pictures? Be sure to have them on display for other children to see and ask questions about! You may get a new Junior and/or other new Family members!!!!

Although National will be sending out emails reminding those members who have not renewed as . . . how about sending out a renewal reminder from your Unit along with a poppy enclosed?

If you are holding a Chicken BBQ for Memorial Day, include a poppy and an application form!

When walking in your Memorial Day parade distribute poppies and include an application form

Sharon Kauffman ,  
Membership Chairman  
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### *Department 1st Vice President*

Hello Everyone,

I apologies for not having an article in the month's Spirit. We are having computer problem, but will be back next month.

Unit next month—Hugs!

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

Happy Summer, Gingerbread!

I can't believe that this year is almost over and it has been my ABSOLUTE pleasure representing the Gingerbread team under the direction of Membership Chairperson, Sharon, and Madam President, Savanna!

We have made excellent strides and there are several units that have achieved 75% or greater of their membership goals and SO many that are close to being a Goal Unit.

Let's take a moment to celebrate those units in each district:

District 1: Moundsville Unit #3 with 102.05%-- GOAL UNIT!!

District 4: Parkersburg Unit #15 with 96.77%

District 6: Richwood Unit #97 with 93.33%

Keep the momentum going as there are several units that can still achieve GOAL UNIT status prior to the Department meeting and as always, I am here if you need anything!

For God and Country,  
Laura Clark  
Department 2nd Vice President  
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### **3rd District Vice President**

Hello to Third District Candy Canes. I hope you are enjoying this start of warmer weather.

Remember where we live, if you don't like the weather outside, wait 15 minutes and it'll change.

Not much has changed in our District since last month. We still have 5 units that need to get

just a few more members in and I **KNOW YOU CAN DO IT!!**

Keep applications in your purse or pocket and in your car. If you have members that haven't paid yet, call them, see if they need any help with anything. Maybe they just need a reminder.

I think we all need to reach out to our older members, you never know what they need. They

may feel like, oh, I'm too old to do anything so I don't matter. Let them know, yes, they do matter.

I'm very proud of our Third District, we are all doing something amazing for our Auxiliary, keep it up. And remember, if you ever need to ask me a question or need my help, call

304-657-5740

Roxie Nicholson

Vice President

Third District



### **5th District Vice President**

Hello, 5th District!!!

How SWEET it is to be a Candy Cane!! I am so proud of how hard all the units have worked this year and am pleased to announce that the following units have achieved GOAL UNIT:

Barboursville Unit #177 with 109.85%

Milton Unit #139 with 121.05%

There are a few units that still can reach goal with a last minute push! I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Department meeting in July, and as always, please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or need anything from me.

Stay Sweet, 5th District,

Laura Clark

5th District Vice President

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

Congratulations to the 4 units that have made 100% and or above goal. There are 10 units that are at 75% and above and 1 unit that is under 75%. Keep up the good work and keep trying to rejoin members. Don't forget to sign up the 20 new members. Convention is right around the corner, I encourage everyone to try to make it to learn the new information that is taught. If you are interested and able to make it don't forget to get your registration in. We always learn so much and have so much fun. Candy Canes, we have not yet made 100% as a whole but we are inching closer everyday. We are at 93.88% as a whole. Can't wait to see you at convention.

Jill Davis

10th District Vice President

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

I would like to thank all of the ALA members that attended our Spring District 6 workshop hosted by ALA Unit #8 Welch. I also would like to thank our guest from the Department level, President Savanna Kauffman, Susan Brown, and also Sharon Kauffman.

Please continue to contact your members and collect dues for this year to meet your unit's goal as we only have until July 1, 2023 to meet the 100% goal.

Congratulations to Richwood Unit #97 at 93.33%, Gary Unit #38 at 81.44% and Cowen Unit #62 at 78.26%.

Hope that every Unit was able to submit their candidates for Girls State.

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

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

Date to remember: WV AL/ALA Department Convention Huntington, WV July 13-15 at Huntington Hilton Hotel.

Prayers for all to be safe

Mary E. Spence

Vice President, District 6



### *3rd District President*

Welcome to June! Hopefully the Mothers had a wonderful Mother's Day and we can now wish our wonderful fathers a Happy Father's Day.

Make sure you keep trying to get new members! If you need help just call or email me.

Remember to reserve your room for the Convention in Huntington! Just a reminder that 6 Units in our District 3 have not paid their mandatory dues. Those need to be paid asap! Again, if you need help, please let me know. 304-216-9943 or kmellie@comcast.net

### *Chaplain*

May we all be blessed with good health and great attitudes! Thanks to all who submitted Chaplain End of Year reports. I received 13 reports but only 6 came with narratives.

We are blessed to see the beautiful June. Thank you for giving us breath for our bodies. Be with everyone today and remove obstacles from our paths. Remove our aches and pains and heal us from all sickness. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Kimberly Mellie  
Chaplain

### *4th District President*

Greetings:

Looking at the May 17, 2023, target sheet the department is at 91.28% in membership! Let's get busy!! We still have time to reach that 100% goal!! We can recruit, reinstate, renew. It has been a tough year financially for many members. If your auxiliary can pay dues for a member, please do!

We have focused on President Savannah's theme, "Christmas 365 around the World" all year long. The department program chairmen have worked hard to guide us towards a successful year. Wrapping things up is now our focus. My sincere appreciation to all the units in District 4. You make it all worth the effort. Our veterans and families have a better quality of life because of you.

Memorial Day is coming up on May 29, 2023. There will be parades and events to honor our veterans. Place an American flag on a veteran's grave. Remember it is the "Spirit of Service Not Self." For God and Country, we will honor the sacrifices of our veterans, our military, and their families. If you love your Freedom, Thank a Veteran.

Patsy Greiner  
4th District President  
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### *10th District President*

June has such uplifting sights and sounds. Close your eyes and hear what is around you. Open your eyes and see the sights.

Green trees, beautiful flowers and bushes, whippoorwills, cardinals and all the things that are bright and lovely. We are to think on these things for positive vibes.

Our positive nature helps others to be and feel this way too.

June is PTSD month--remember in a world of turmoil you can "BE THE ONE". The positive one that helps others.

We can only be helpful to our Veterans if we keep a smile on our face and a good attitude in our hearts.

Hope to see you at the Convention in July.

Enjoy this beautiful weather.

Diana Teter  
District 10 President



## ***Americanism***

In observance of Flag Day on June 14th, here are some glossary terms regarding "Old Glory":

### **Band**

A narrow strip of canvas along the edge of the flag that goes next to the staff. Sometimes called the "heading."

### **Canton**

The blue field in the upper left corner of the flag.

### **Color**

In the military service, a national flag carried by unmounted units is called a "color." The expression "the colors" is used generally in referring to the flag.

### **Dip**

To dip the flag is to lower it at salute.

Refers to a flag of an organization, state or city. The U.S. flag is never dipped.

### **Ensign**

In the Navy, the national flag is usually spoken of as the "ensign."

### **Finial**

The object on the top of a flag pole – generally an arrow, ball or eagle.

### **Fly**

The length of the flag.

### **Fringe or Gold**

Gold braiding placed along the three edges of the flag away from the pole.

### **Grommet**

The eyelet through which the halyard is fastened to the flag.

### **Half staff**

To lower the flag some distance (not necessarily halfway down) from the top of the staff, as a sign of mourning.

### **Halyard**

The rope used to raise the flag. Also called a hoist rope.

### **Hoist**

The width of the flag. To hoist the flag is to raise it to the top of the staff.

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## **Americanism—continued**

### **Continued**

### **Old Glory**

Refers to the U.S. flag. This famous name may have been coined in 1831. Some friends presented Capt. William Driver with a 24-star flag. As the banner opened to the ocean breeze, he exclaimed, "Old Glory!"

### **Peak**

The highest point to which a flag can be raised.

### **Point of Honor**

On the U.S. flag, this is the blue field and stars (union).

### **Staff**

Flag pole. On a ship it may be referred to as a mast.

### **Union**

The blue background with white stars, symbolizing the union of the states.

Katie Beth Caudill

Americanism Chairperson

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## ***Education***

Wow what a busy time we have had. Congratulations to our Department Scholarship winner Trinity Anderson from Albert-Dawson Unit 60. Also, the following were forwarded on to the Central Division for further review.

Junior Loyalty - Rachel Sampson (two awarded in Central Division)

Children of Warriors - Konnor Tooley (3 \$5000 scholarships awarded in each of 5 Divisions)

Much luck to these young ladies! Thank you all for submitting your End of Year Reports - I received 9 with only 3 narratives.

Kimberly Mellie

Education Chairman

## ***Children & Youth***

Summer is coming and school is almost out. You may see additional children in your neighborhood, at the store, the mall, or various places that they like to hang out when they have nothing to do. It is very important that we provide something for these children to keep them busy during the summer months.

What activities or is your unit planning on doing this summer that the youth your community could help you with? If you are participating in the county fair or activities as such, consider, setting up a tent, canopy, or such, and have activities for the children attending. This could be a small as a coloring page that was printed off of the computer. It will be something the children would like.

Remember our children are just as hungry in July as they are in December. Please consider putting together bag lunches to be distributed to those hungry kids. They can be found in many areas of your community. Give me a call if you need help or suggestions. Don't forget branding! Make sure your unit name is on the label .

Beth Kilgore,  
Chairman

## ***Child Welfare Foundation***

We will have another collection to feed the pig at the Dept. convention. He is looking more and more healthier, but he could always a little more "fattening" up. I hope you were saving your change out to feed him. If so, thank you and see you in July!  
Beth Kilgore



### ***Junior Activities***

A wonderful agenda is planned for Friday, July 7 for your Juniors. Please bring your Juniors to this informative and fun meeting as we learn the programs of The American Legion Auxiliary.

Also at this meeting, we will elect officers for the ensuing year of 2023-2024 and installing them later that afternoon. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING THEM A WHITE DRESS** for their installation. I also request the Auxiliary members to please come and support these leaders.

It not too late to help the earn patches and this year only a very special Creative Arts Festival Patch. Please check out the criteria on the Juniors page on The American Legion Auxiliary Website: [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org).

I look forward to seeing you, your attendance and support for these young ladies. If I can be of any assistance to you please feel free to contact me.

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd,

Junior Activities Chairman

### ***National Security***

Thank you to units who sent in your National Security End of Year Reports. You have been working on the program. Looking forward to reading your reports.

May 12th was Military Spouse Appreciation Day. Did your unit recognize any military spouses around you? If your unit did please send me an email about what you did.

Until next month!

Paulette Anderson

National Security

### ***Poppy***

I want to thank the 16 Units that sent end of the year reports to me. Out of the 16 units only 10 had narratives.

If each unit in the state would just take a step back and look around and

Think where can we use a poppy. Can I give them to our Veterans in our

Post, give them out at dinners, give them out at Veterans Day. Decorate Place settings. We could really shine in Poppy use.

Again thank each unit for sending reports. If you need my help, call me at

304-592-0247, or email me at: [carlajwilfong@gmail.com](mailto:carlajwilfong@gmail.com).

Carla Wilfong  
Chairman

### ***Scrapbook***

Hello Ladies,

If any units have pictures of Department President Savanna at any of their functions and want to message them to me, please do so to at 304-629-0688. Just tell me the unit and who is in the picture.

Thank you

For God and Country

Margaret Yost

Scrapbook Chairperson

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### ***Constitution & Bylaws***

As your Unit has been or are getting ready to elect officers, have you followed your governing documents (Bylaws and rules) about how you get your nominating committee, and election committee? Remember, if it says your nominating committee is elected, you must elect them. If you get them some otherwise, and your documents say you elect, then your documents need changed. Also, remember any member in good standing can run for any position, you can not require things such as must attend x number of meetings, or been a member x number of years before running for office.

Lisa Cadwallader

Constitution and Bylaw Chair

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

I want to thank all Units for sending year-end reports to me. We had 18 Units Send reports, but only 12 Units had narratives.

Many Units really don't want to stand back and really think what they did this Past year. Take a book and write down each time you do something for a Veteran and his family. Are you a caregiver for a relative who is a Veteran?

Contact your local Veterans Hospital or Nursing Home to see what is needed.

Also think of our homeless, they need our help also.

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

[carlajwilfong@gmail.com](mailto:carlajwilfong@gmail.com).

Carla Wilfong

Co-chairperson.

### ***NEC***

Our National President Vicki Koutz, from the Department of Indiana, will be our Distinguished Guest at our Department Convention in July!

She will be arriving here on Wednesday July 5th and leaving on Sunday July 9th.

The Distinguished Guest Committee has plans to keep her busy while she is here.

Please stop and say Hi to her when you can. Let her know she is welcome to West Virginia!

See you in July!

Paulette Anderson

NEC



# American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

## *Rhododendron Girls State*

Thank you all for your time and effort in selecting your citizens to attend the 2023 American Legion Auxiliary Rhododendron Girls State session. What an exciting week is planned for your citizens and Rhododendron Girls State officers, staff and Davis & Elkins staff are eagerly awaiting their arrival June 11 at in Elkins, WV.

This year's theme will be "Raise Your Voices." These young ladies will find themselves more engaged in leadership, patriotism and become more informed citizens. Please stay in contact with your citizens from the time they are selected until the time they leave to attend Girls State.

We have an exciting week planned and for those who will be elected to the Board of Public Works will be transported to Charleston to meet with their elected counterparts. YOU are providing this amazing opportunity to these young ladies.

You are cordially invited on Friday, June 16 for the Inauguration and Graduation Ceremonies.

We look forward to providing another successful session and thank you for all you do. If I can be of any assistance to you please feel free to contact me or your district representatives. Again, thank you!

Lynda Lancaster -  
Loyd,  
Girls State Chairman



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***Ways and Means***

There were fifteen \$25.00 winners for April and no \$200 winner. Congratulation to all the winners!

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

Thanks!

Susan Brown  
Linda Crumm

***April 2023 Ways and Means Winners***

Name	#'s	City	State	Date	\$\$\$
ALA Unit #14	014	Martinsburg	WV	4/01/2023	25.00
	196			4/03/2023	
	891			4/04/2023	
Hazen Pyles	676	Cameron	WV	4/05/2023	25.00
Debbie Fox	079	Berkeley Springs	WV	4/06/2023	25.00
Cathy Courtwright	963	Cameron	WV	4/07/2023	25.00
Jerry Duncan, Jr	322	Elbert	WV	4/08/2023	25.00
Minnie Lawrence	979	Nutter Fort	WV	4/10/2023	25.00
Lynette Buckley	603	Romney	WV	4/11/2023	25.00
	642			4/12/2023	
Phil Rable	703	Mt. Airy	MD	4/13/2023	25.00
David Crumm	829	Wheeling	WV	4/14/2023	25.00
Savanna Kauffman	660	Martinsburg	WV	4/15/2023	25.00
William Fox	427	Cameron	WV	4/17/2023	25.00
Larry Ruckman	161	Rio	WV	4/18/2023	25.00
	451			4/19/2023	
	263			4/20/2023	
	043			4/21/2023	
Brenda Cogle	266	Harpers Ferry	WV	4/22/2023	25.00
	859			4/24/2023	
Shelly Ledsoe	099	Morgantown	WV	4/25/2023	25.00
	607			4/26/2023	
Ed Smith	303	Buckhannon	WV	4/27/2023	25.00
	144			4/28/2023	
Betty Harris	907	Mentor	OH	4/29/2023	25.00



# June 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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4	5	6 <b>D-DAY</b> Normandy Landings June 6, 1944	7	8 Office Closed for RGS	9 Office Closed for RGS	10
11 Rhododendron Girls State - office closed June 11th thru June 16th	12  Women Veterans Day	13	14 	15	16	17
18 	19 Office Closed Juneteenth	20	21	22	23 	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Office with be closed June 8th through June 19th.					<p><i>Program of Month</i></p> <p><i>Rhododendron Girls State</i></p>	



# “Christmas 365 around the World”



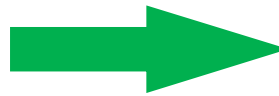
**May 17, 2023**  
**Department Goal— 4935 Membership to Date— 4510**  
**Department Unit 200 Goal—136 Membership to Date— 121**

## Laura

District 1			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	21	18	85.71%
Moundsville #3	244	249	102.05%
McMechen #5	31	17	54.83%
Weirton #10	65	63	96.92%
Cameron #18	156	116	74.36%
New Martinsville #28	104	99	95.19%
Wellsburg #34	29	22	75.86%
Follansbee #45	52	40	76.92%
Pine Grove #81	81	68	83.95%
Paden City #86	90	74	82.22%
Wheeling #89	22	3	13.64
Newell #114	16	15	93.75%
Hundred #120	38	26	68.42%
Chester #121	134	131	97.76%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1083</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>86.89%</b>

District 4			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	402	387	96.27%
Spencer #21	29	24	82.76%
Pt. Pleasant #23	227	213	93.83%
Tyler County #48	42	37	88.10%
Sistersville #67	56	36	64.29%
New Haven #140	143	128	89.51%
Williamstown #159	89	73	82.02%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>90.89%</b>

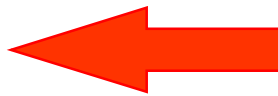
District 6			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Welch #8	55	39	70.91%
Bluefield #9	31	17	54.84%
Beckley #32	33	19	57.58%
Gary #38	97	79	81.44%
Cowen #62	23	18	78.26%
Richwood #97	30	28	93.33%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>74.35%</b>



**“Candy Canes”  
 Team  
 Goal—2459  
 To Date— 2289  
 93.09%**



**Membership  
 Chairman  
 A Star**



**“Gingerbread”  
 Team  
 Goal—2340  
 To Date 2018  
 86.24%**



## Debbie

District 3			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	40	32	80%
Clarksburg #13	43	46	106.76%
Elkins #29	121	101	83.47%
Shinnston #31	248	257	103.63%
Braxton County #33	35	22	62.86%
Bridgeport #68	62	57	91.94%
Belington #96	19	15	78.95%
Pickens #122	25	17	68%
Morgantown #174	60	92	153.33%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>97.86%</b>

District 5			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Huntington #16	146	120	82.19%
Logan #19	22	17	77.27%
Charleston #20	New	13	
St. Albans #73	29	20	68.97%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	223	202	86.70%
So. Charleston #94	12	8	66.66%
Hamlin #111	47	26	55.32%
Milton #139	57	67	117.54%
Barboursville #177	132	139	105.30%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>91.62%</b>

District 10			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	71	71	100%
Franklin #30	22	14	63.64%
Piedmont #52	20	15	75%
Berkeley Springs #60	182	174	95.61%
Moorefield #64	86	79	91.86%
Charles Town #71	118	133	112.72%
Petersburg #78	78	63	80.77%
Romney #91	174	144	82.76%
Charles Town #63	41	33	80.49%
Paw Paw #128	38	38	100%
Kirby #134	37	30	81.08%
Ridgeley #136	70	56	80%
Capon Bridge #137	158	154	97.47%
Keyser #152	43	34	79.07%
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1138</b>	<b>1038</b>	<b>91.21%</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.

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*Runs August through July Each Year*

**MAIL TO:**

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

105<sup>th</sup> 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 105<sup>th</sup> 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.

Ad should read as follows:

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

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Price List:	<b>Full Page</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>Full Page (Color)</b>	<b>\$160</b>
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	<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 June 23, 2023**

**No Deviation**

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

The Hundred-FIRST Department Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary is hereby called in conformity with Article IX, Section 1 of the Department Constitution and Bylaws which provides, "That the Department Convention be held annually concurrent with the Convention of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia." The Convention will meet in Huntington, West Virginia on July 6, 7, 8, 2023 at the Doubletree by Hilton.

**PURPOSE**

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

**REPRESENTATIVES**

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

**ALTERNATES**

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

**CREDENTIALS**

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

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Pre-Convention Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday July 6, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Doubletree by Hilton in the Virginia-Maryland Room. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Department Elective Officers, NEC, the Eight District Presidents, all Past Department Presidents, and Chairperson of all standing committees. All members of standing committees, exclusive of the chairperson, may attend the Executive Committee Meeting with the privilege of discussion but without vote. Any member in good standing may attend the Executive Committee Meeting with the privilege of discussion but **NO** vote.

**DEPARTMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE**

This committee will meet on Thursday July 6, 2023 at 1:00 pm in the Virginia Room. Those to attend this meeting are the three (3) members of the Finance Committee and the Department President and Department Secretary/Treasurer who are ex-officio members without vote.

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**

**X MEANS PAID      UNIT AUDIT OF MEMBERSHIP & MANDATORY FUNDS — June 07, 2023**

**FIRST DISTRICT** - Kim Elliott President, Stephanie Handley Vice President

Unit/Number	Bonding	Scholarship	Veterans Fund	Girls State	Poppies	10%	Membership
#1 Wheeling	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	18
#3 Moundsville							249
#5 McMechen	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	17
#10 Weirton							63
#18 Cameron	X	X	X		X		116
#28 New Martinsville	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	99
#34 Wellsburg	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	22
#45 Follansbee	X				X		40
#81 Pine Grove							68
#86 Paden City	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	74
#89 Wheeling							3
#114 Newell							15
#120 Hundred							26
#121 Chester	X	X	X	X	X	X	131

**THIRD DISTRICT** - Kim Mellie President, Roxie Nicholson Vice President

Unit/Number	Bonding	Scholarship	Veterans Fund	Girls State	Poppies	10%	Membership
#7 Buckhannon	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	32
#13 Clarksburg							47
#29 Elkins	X	X	X	X	X	X	103
#31 Shinnston	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	257
#33 Braxton County							22
#68 Bridgeport							57
#96 Belington							15
#122 Pickens							17
#174 Morgantown	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	92

**FOURTH DISTRICT** - Patsy Greiner President, Pam Harmon Vice President

Unit/Number	Bonding	Scholarship	Veterans Fund	Girls State	Poppies	10%	Membership
#15 Parkersburg	X	X	X	X	X	X	389
#21 Spencer							24
#23 Mason County	X	X	X	X	N/A		217
#48 Tyler County							37
#67 Sistersville							36
#140 New Haven							128
#159 Williamstown	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	73



**FIFTH DISTRICT: Kitty Kelly-Smoot President, Laura Clark Vice President**

Unit/Number	Bonding	Scholarship	Veterans Fund	Girls State	Poppies	10%	Membership
#16 Huntington	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	120
#19 Logan							17
#20 Charleston	New	New	New	New	New	New	16
#73 St. Albans							21
#93 Ceredo-Kenova	X	X	X	X	X	X	202
#94 South Charleston							8
#111 Hamlin							27
#139 Milton	X	X	X	X	N/A		69
#177 Barboursville	X	X	X	X	N/A		145

**SIXTH DISTRICT - Peggy Swartz President, Mary Spence Vice President**

Unit/Number	Bonding	Scholarship	Veterans Fund	Girls State	Poppies	10%	Membership
#8 Welch	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	39
#9 Bluefield							17
#32 Beckley	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	19
#38 Gary	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	79
#62 Cowen							18
#97 Richwood	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	28

**TENTH DISTRICT- Diana Teter President, Jill Davis Vice President**

Unit/Number	Bonding	Scholarship	Veterans Fund	Girls State	Poppies	10%	Membership
#14 Martinsburg	X	X	X	X	X	X	72
#30 Franklin							14
#52 Piedmont							15
#60 Berkeley Springs	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	175
#64 Moorefield	X	X	X	X	X	X	84
#71 Charles Town	X	X	X	X	X	X	134
#78 Petersburg	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	63
#91 Romney	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	145
#63 Charles Town	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	33
#128 Paw Paw							39
#134 Kirby	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	30
#136 Ridgeley	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	62
#137 Capon Bridge	X	X	X	X	X	X	159
#152 Keyser							34



# 101st ANNUAL CONVENTION

## *Tentative Program*

### Thursday July 6, 2023

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

### Friday July 7, 2023

#### **Juniors**

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

#### **Auxiliary**

8:00-4:00 pm	Registration	Lower Foyer
8:15 am	Department/District Officers Line Up	
8:30 am	Processional	Virginia/Maryland Room
	District Presidents	
	District Vice Presidents	
	Past Department Presidents	
	Department Officers	
	Presentation of Gavel to	Savanna Kauffman, Department President
	By	Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Department Convention Chairperson
	Call to Order	Savanna Kauffman, Department President
	Advancement of Colors	Sandra Harper, Sgt. at Arms
		Sheri Sanders, Sgt. at Arms
	Invocation	Kimberly Mellie, Department Chaplain
	Moment of Silence	Savanna Kauffman, Department President
	Pledge of Allegiance	Katie Beth Caudill, Americanism Chairperson
	National Anthem	Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Music Chairperson
	Preamble	Lisa Cadwallader, Constitution & Bylaws Chairperson
	Roll Call	Susan Brown, Department Secretary
	Rules & Order of Business	Susan Brown, Department Secretary
	Report of Policy & Procedures Committee	Debbie Michael, Chairperson
	Constitution & Bylaws	Lisa Cadwallader, Chairperson
	Report of Credentials Committee	Lynda Lancaster-Loyd, Chairperson
	Report of Resolutions Committee	Dortha Parsons, Chairperson
	Standing Rules Committee	Tiffany Orlando, Chairperson
	Presentation	Rosemary Thomas, Leadership Chairperson

*“West Virginia Unit Member of The Year”*

**Friday July 7th** (continue)

9:30 am Presentation and remarks — American Legion Auxiliary National President Vickie Koutz

Citations and Awards:

Sharon Kauffman, Chairperson and Membership Team

Presentations of Traveling Plagues and Awards:

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

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

11:30 am Break For LUNCH Pennsylvania/Ohio Room

*Presentation of "Timeless Award"*

Cathy Post, PDP, Past Presidents Parley

1:00 pm Joint Session with The American Legion Grand Theatre

2:00 pm Reconvene

Virginia/Maryland Room

Complete Traveling Plagues and Awards

4:00 pm Recess

Practice for Installation

9:00 pm Karaoke

Grand Ball Room

**Saturday July 8, 2022**

8:00-12:00 pm Registration 2nd Floor Lower Foyer

8:00 Session Reconvene  
Call to Order

Savanna Kauffman, Department President

8:15 am Memorial Service Kimberley Mellie, Chaplain

9:00 am Greetings Vincent "Jim" Troiola, National Commander

Tom Hicks, Department Commander

Brian S. Gano, Detachment Commander

Roll call for elections

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd, Chairperson

Dortha Parsons, Chairperson

Lisa Cadwallader, Chairperson

Jill Davis, Chairperson

Department Secretary—Susan Brown

Final Report of Credentials

Final Report of Resolutions

Final Report of Constitution & Bylaws

Final Report of Courtesy Resolutions

Nominations & Election of Officers 2021-2022

Election of Delegates & Alternates to National Convention

Appointment of Personal Pages at National Convention

Ratification of District President & Vice Presidents

1200 pm Recess

1:00 pm Reconvene

Installation of 2023-2024 Officers

Closing Remarks

Retirement of Colors

Savanna Kauffman, Department President

2:00 pm Convention Adjourned

2:15 pm Post Executive Board Meeting

4:00 pm Religious Services

Grand Theatre

6:00 pm Commanders and Presidents Banquet

Grand Ballroom

9:00-12:00 Karaoke

Cash Bar

*Have A Safe Trip Home*

## 2023 Convention Committees

Convention Chairman.....	Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Huntington Unit #16
Convention Recorder.....	Dede Kelly, Clarksburg Unit #13
Sergeant at Arms.....	Sandra Harper, Morgantown, Unit #174
.....	Sheri Sanders, Morgantown, Unit #174
Personal Pages.....	Shana Adams, Chester Unit #121
.....	Holly Adams, Chester Unit #121
Floor Pages.....	Carla Wilfong, Shinnston Unit #31
.....	Margaret Yost, Shinnston Unit #31
Distinguished Guest Committee.....	Cathy Post, PDP, Tyler Cty. Unit #48
.....	Rhonda Best, PDP, Moundville Unit #3
.....	Paulette Anderson, NEC, PDP, New Martinsville Unit #28
Rules & Order of Business.....	Susan Brown, PDP, Moundville Unit #3
Credentials Committee.....	Lynda Lancaster-Loyd, PCDNVP &, PDP, Chairperson, Charles Town Unit #71
.....	Peggy Swartz, Welch Unit #8
.....	Roxie Nicholson, PDP, Shinnston Unit #31
Election Committee.....	Ann Buchanan, PDP, Huntington Unit #16
.....	Sharon Kauffman, PDP, Martinsburg Unit #14
.....	Nichole Shepherd, Berkeley Springs Unit #60
Courtesy Resolutions.....	Jill Davis, Capon Bridge Unit #137
.....	Diane Teter, Capon Bridge Unit #137
Judging Committee.....	Lisa Cadwallader, PDP, Charles Town Unit #71
.....	Tracy Lipscomb, Morgantown Unit #174
.....	Lisa Little, Morgantown Unit #174
Standing Rules.....	Tiffany Orlando, Chairperson, Martinsburg Unit #14
.....	Linda Crumm, Dept. Unit #200
.....	Kim Elliott, Chester Unit #121
Policy & Procedures.....	Debbie Michael, Dept. 1st Vice President, Berkeley Springs Unit #60
.....	Laura Clark, Dept. 2nd Vice President, Huntington Unit #16
.....	Kimberly Mellie, Dept. Chaplain, Shinnston Unit #31
Resolutions.....	Dortha Parsons, PDP Shinnston Unit #31
.....	Alice Wilmouth, Morgantown Unit #174
.....	Melanie Shambaugh, Berkeley Springs Unit #60
Constitution & Bylaws.....	Lisa Cadwallader, PDP, Chairperson, Charles Town #71
.....	Dede Kelly, Clarksburg #13
.....	Nina Mason, PDP, Kirby Unit #134
Music.....	Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Huntington #16
Parliamentarian.....	Shirley Davis, PCDNVP, PDP, Ceredo-Kenova #93

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

**(NO JEANS)**

**American Legion Auxiliary  
Department Honorary Junior Convention  
Huntington, WV  
July 7, 2023  
Huntington Boardroom  
2nd floor**

Registration..... (Fee \$10)	9:00
Opening Ceremony .....	9:30
Warm up & Snack Time.....	9:45
“Prayer Book”.....	10:00
How do you become a ALA Junior member?.....	10:15
Lunch (on your own).....	12:00
“Craft Time”.....	1:00
Election of Officers.....	2:00
Closing Ceremony & Adjournment.....	2:30
Installation of 2023-2024 Honorary Junior Officers.....	3:30

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

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

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