



The Auxiliary Spirit



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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 July!!! Wow I can't believe July is here and a new year is about to start. Thank you to a great year with a wonderful group.
I have been very honored to be your 2022-2023 Department President. There are so many who have helped me out along my way and I really appreciate them very much. I would like to say good luck to Incoming Department President Debbie Michael and her team.
Father's Day is coming up remember them all. It's still Christmas! Did you know we have 4 more Sundays to still celebrate Christmas.
In my travels I've went to the VAMC to help with National Veteran Awareness Ride (NVAR). Grafton weekend 3 day event - these are the places that we went to: Capon Bridge Post #137, Capon Chapel Historic place, River View Cemetery Civil War Burial Site, Mountaineer - Morgantown Post 174, Shinnston Post #31, The Coal Miners - "Charles", Grafton Cemetery, Grafton National Cemetery, Thornsby Bailey Brown Monument Bridge, Clarksburg Post #13, The Philippi covered bridge - Scene of the First Land Battle of Civil War, 156th Annual Memorial Day Celebrations at Grafton - Parade, Grafton National Cemetery for the Ceremony - helped laid wreath with Tom Hicks Department Commander. Active in the God Bless America Ride for the VAMC. Rhododendron Girl State, Mountaineer Boy state. Thank you everyone for letting me attend these events.
Membership in our state, goal is 4,935, we have 4,567 percentage of 92.54%. In Department we have the Candy Canes, they are in the lead with 96.79% and the Gingerbread is following with 87.99%. Congratulations to those units that made 100% goal. Keep up the good work, I believe we can and we will!!! Keep doing what you all do best.
My special project is Christmas Veteran Gift Shops and any donations will help. Please donation if you can. Thank you to all that donated and are continue donating. This is my last article as your Department President, but I will be around. See everyone at State Convention in July. Always thank your veterans and be kind to each other.
I will leave you all with this quote: "As for me, I like to take my Christmas a little at a time, all through the year".
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.

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.

Address Change

Savanna Kauffman has a new mailing address; Please send all mailings to

*Savanna Kauffman
PO Box 634
Charles Town, WV 25414*

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 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

Katena Karnes recently was in the hospital. Cards may be sent to
Katena Karnes
721—10th Avenue
Huntington, WV 25701

Nancy & Randy Farley recently loss their son in traffic accident in Florida. Nancy is on the Board of Incorporators of Girls State and a long time staff member. Sympathy cards may be sent to:
Randy & Nancy Farley
5569 Plantersville Place
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Department Headquarters

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**Rhododendron Girls State Website
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**American Legion Auxiliary
National Website
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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 Members

We have changed the target date to June 28, 2023. This was changed do to Secretary Susan being at Girl State. We need 375 more to be 100%. We still have time to make it. Candy Canes are in the lead against the gingerbread. We are still in 4th place in Central Division. Remember to wear you clothes with our branding on them when going to the mall or shopping in grocery stores. Let people know what we do to serve our Veterans and our community.

If you need help we are here to help.

God Bless for God and Country

Sharon Kauffman

Membership person



Department 1st Vice President

Hello to all!

So sorry for not having an article last month. I hope I don't have any problems with a new computer for a while.

I am so proud of my districts; 1st District, you rock with 101.23 %. 5th District and 10th District you are close with 95.21 % and 95.17 %. Don't stop trying. You still have a few days to get your membership into the department by June 28th.

I hope your unit is making plans to attend our Department Convention in July. It's so great seeing everyone and celebrating all the hard work the units have done this year.

If I can help in any way, please let me know.

May you have a wonderful Independence Day with family and friends!

Hugs to all!

Department 1st Vice
Debbie Michael
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Department 2nd Vice President

I am so excited to see everyone at the Department Convention in Huntington and looking forward to celebrating the Gingerbread team and all of their membership accomplishments this year. We had so many units close to goal and I would like to spotlight those units in each district who have led the way. Let's hear it for the following units: District 1: Moundsville #3 with 102.05% of goal and they have achieved GOAL UNIT!!

District: 4: Parkersburg #15 with 96.77% of goal!

District 6: Richwood #97 with 93.33% of goal!

Congratulations everyone on all your hard work and a HUGE shoutout to District 4 with reaching 91.90% of their membership goal for the year! I am incredibly proud of each of you and am looking forward to celebrating with you all in Huntington!

Thank you President Savanna and Membership Chairman, Sharon, for the opportunity to serve with you this year! It has been so fun working together as a team and I look forward to what the next year will bring!

For God and Country,

Laura Clark

Department 2nd Vice President

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1st District Vice President

Ladies of 1st District

To all the units in 1st District, Thank you, "Gingerbread Team" for your hard work on membership this year. Congrats to Moundsville Unit #3 for reaching goal. There were also many Units so very close to achieving goal (Weirton, New Martinsville, Newell, and Chester). There is still a chance for those units to reach their goal before the membership year ends, so keep working on getting those last few members.

I want to say thank you to all the units in 1st District for allowing me to be your district vice president. It has been a pleasure working with all of you and getting to meet some of you. I would like to congratulate Christy Bland, New Martinsville #28 on being elected the new district vice president for the coming year 2023-2024.

God Bless,
Stephanie Handley
1st District Vice President

5th District Vice President

As my year comes to a close as your 5th District Vice President, it has been my absolute pleasure working with each of your units in assisting you with your membership goals and celebrating all of your accomplishments. Collectively, 5th District finished the year with 95.21% of their membership goal and 2 units achieved over 100%!

Let's take a moment to celebrate and recognize the following units for achieving GOAL UNIT status; Milton #139 with 122.81% of goal! WAY TO GO!!!

Barboursville #177 with 112.88% of goal! SUPER PROUD!

In addition to a great membership year, we also welcomed a NEW unit to the ALA family.-- Charleston Unit 20! We are so glad you are here!

As I wind down my year as your Vice President, I would like to take the time to thank Department President, Savanna, and 5th District President, Kitty, for the opportunity to serve this year!

Service not Self,
Laura Clark
5th District Vice Preside
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6th District Vice President

Our next major event is the Annual Department of West Virginia American Legion Auxiliary Convention in Huntington and I hope to see everyone at the convention in July. All dues for 2022-2023 must have been received by our last target date of June 28, 2023. District 6 is currently at 78.07% of goal.

August 1, 2023, starts our new membership-building year.

The Annual Department of West Virginia American Legion Auxiliary Convention will be held in Huntington on July 6, 7, and 8, 2023. I look forward to seeing and visiting with all of you there.

Seems like summer is coming in slowly, but I hope everyone will be able to enjoy a celebration for the July 4th weekend with family and friends. Continue to pray for our State and Nation.

Prayers for all to be safe.

Mary E. Spence
Vice President
District 6

10th District Vice President

Happy 4th of July, Independence, wow what a big word! Thank a veteran for your Freedom. Enjoy your family gatherings, vacations, and watching fireworks. And don't forget to pray for our soldiers that are away.

It has been a hard year for some units to make goal. No matter how hard you try some years, it just does not happen. Hopefully, this next year you will knock it out of the park. 4 units have made the above goal. 10 units are at 75% and above and just 1 unit is struggling to make 75%. Please contact me if there is anything I can do to help. My cell phone number is (540)303-6907. My email address is pits_me1@yahoo.com.



3rd District President

Hello all you lovely people! Hope this finds you in a wonderful place getting some much needed sunlight and rest. You all have been busy working to increase membership and as of this date District 3 is the only one who has met 100%!!! Way to go! We have three units over 105% of their goal! Clarksburg, Shinnston and Morgantown who has a whopping 161%. You all ROCK!

District 3 is an awesome place to be!! Hope to see you all at the Conference July6-8.

God Bless America
Kim Mellie

Chaplain

It is with a heavy heart that I write my last message to you as Chaplain. I have thoroughly enjoyed this position. My relationship with God has been immensely strengthened. I want to thank you all for giving me that opportunity. I wish much luck to April Wilson Wallace who is running for Chaplain. Remember that God has a plan, and it may not suit our plan BUT be we still need to be kind and courteous to all whose path we cross.

It is exciting to see the new branding of the ALA. My Program will show the new logo. Although we love tradition, we must also change with the times. Hope you have a wonderful July! May God always be with you to help our soldiers and Veterans.

God Bless
Kim Mellie
Chaplain

4th District President

Greetings:

July is finally here! What a month to celebrate our Veterans in patriotic style! Parades, parties, celebrations, and family outings are complete with picnics!

Fun! Fun! Fun! What about the Veterans who are not able to celebrate? Let's not forget them! A card, a phone call, a visit, and just a kind word to let our Veterans know how much we appreciate their service to our country.

There will be lots of gatherings this month. What a great time to work on membership. Now is a good time to recruit, reinstate, and renew members. Carry a membership application with you. Every day is Veterans Day.

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
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10th District President

As I graciously accept another year as District 10 President I want to say thank you for all the support in the past year and look forward to another great one.

The convention is always such a learning experience and again I encourage those of you that have never been to one to consider going. You meet great people and learn so much. July is filled with American excitement. The fourth is such a great reminder of all the efforts of our Veterans. As I grow older and look at things in a different way I think about the saying "All gave some, Some gave all" and realize how true that is. Many lost their lives for our freedom. Please reach out to your Gold and Blue Star Mothers by sending a card of thanks, sending a Blue or Gold star flag as a reminder of our love for their sacrifices.

As the New Year begins remember to keep track of all Volunteer hours so that Veterans will benefit from your efforts.

I so appreciate all of you and thank you for everything you do. We are a Team that make a difference. Enjoy your summer!!!

Diana Teter
District 10 President



Education

We had over 53 hours of Veterans in Community School and American Education Week participation. 5 Units participated in the Give 10 to Education week filling back packs with educational supplies and hygiene items.

12 hours was donated to Teacher Appreciation Week

\$3900 was given out in Scholarships by 3 of the Units reporting

McDowell County Unit 8 visited the Elementary schools providing patriotic coloring sheets and a lesson on the Flag and its meaning to the students. The sheets were posted in the community for the Veterans Day Celebration. They also paired with AFT to procure over 100+ high interest easy reading recreational books. Parents and children alike were excited. They also, along with Veterans, completed a Flag folding ceremony for grades 3-5 at their local elementary. This same Unit also provided muffins for Teacher/Administration days.

Alderton-Dawson Unit 60 was also very active. They sent out Teacher Appreciation messages, gave out \$1400 in scholarships, attend the BSHS awards ceremony every year and give the scholarships and two Citizenship Awards. This Unit also made and posted a stop bullying flyer.

Other Units are also renewing their Partners in Education and completed Holiday parties for their children in the community. Unit 174 completed a Poppy Day Celebration with their Juniors. An amazing shout out goes to each of you for Educating Our Youth!

Junior Activities

An informative and fun 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.

Its 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: <http://www.AL4forVeterans.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

Child Welfare Foundation

Remember to bring your coins for Miss Piggy!



National Security

I wish to thank President Savanna for this chairmanship this year. I learned more about what National Security is in our organization. I hope you will continue the National Security Facebook page next year.

Start keeping information for your next year's chairman so you will have a head start on her year.

I wish all the best to units this next year. Have a great summer and hope to see you at the Department Convention in July!

Paulette Anderson
National Security

Poppy

I want to thank all the Units that sent me their End of the Year Reports.

I know units have done something with Poppies this past year, because I read it on Facebook. If you do not send the information in it cannot Be reported.

Year end report to National was sent on time, the Poppy Posters were Sent. I can't believe it with everything going on at the Post and at home

I made it.

Keep up the good work who knows what the coming year will bring.

Keep handing out those Poppies to our Veterans, use them for Decoration, and any where you can.

If you need my help just call me at 304-592-0247, or email at carlajwilfong@gmail.com.

God Bless our Veterans

Carla Wilfong
Chairman



Public Relations

Hello Everyone,
I can't believe how quickly this year has flown by. Thank you to all the units who submitted a Public Relations Year End report. It was great getting to see what everyone did this year to let our veterans and communities know who we are and what we are about. Even though this Year is coming to a close doesn't mean we quit informing those around us about what the American Legion Auxiliary is all about or what our purpose is. Please continue working on getting the word out about what we do.
For God and Country,
Stephanie Handley
Public Relations Chairperson

NEC

Time is getting close to our National President's visitation to West Virginia. Plans are set for her visitation. I hope you are able to attend the Department Convention. Please take a minute to introduce yourself and your unit while she is here.

The National Convention will be here before you know it. I will have information on the NEC meetings in Charlotte NC, starting with the October Spirit.
See you in July!
Paulette Anderson
NEC

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

I want to thank the units that sent in a year end report. I know the other Units have done something, but it was not sent in.

I had some units to turn in Community Service hours, these cannot be counted as VA&R hours. Units did not turn in the items and amounts

Of comfort items turned in at Mid Winter. Keep track of your hours and

Volunteers this is not hard take a note book and write everything down.

I have enjoyed being VA&R Co-chairman with Dortha Parsons this year.

If you have a question on VA&R just ask Dortha.

If you need my help anytime just call me at 304-592-0247, or email at carlajwilfong@gmail.com.

God bless our Veterans
Carla Wilfong
Co-chairman

Past President Parley

In keeping with Madam President Savannah's theme. All Past Department Presidents should wear the motif coordinating with your district, either Candy Canes or Gingerbread men.

Thanks
Cathy Post

Constitution & Bylaws

Let me start by saying, Martinsburg and Wellsburg, we have not forgotten about you and I will be in contact with you.

Many Units have already held elections for this year and I'm sorry I did not put this reminder out before. Remember, during elections no one is permitted to enter the room elections are being held once they have started. Anyone may leave during elections, however, they may not reenter the room until the election process is completed and all winners have been announced. Remember it is illegal to hold someone against their will, so you cannot per say lock down the room not permitting members to leave.

If your Unit has not reviewed their Constitution and Bylaws in some time, I urge you to do so. Remember these are your Units Governing documents and legally binding, so it's important they be kept up to date.

Hope to see many of you at the Department Convention in just a few weeks.

Lisa Cadwallader

Lisac.ALA71@gmail.com



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American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

Rhododendron Girls State

Another successful Girls State Session is now in the books. Thank you to all who made this a once in a lifetime opportunity to the leaders of today! It takes year long preparation in planning these sessions. However, we could not do this without you.

Thank you to Director Rosemary Thomas, Assistant Director Kate Garlick and their awesome team in leading these young ladies of learning and a lifetime of friendships. This is such a rewarding experience and to see these young ladies come in and when they leave is certainly a transformation in and of themselves. Congratulations to the newly elected Rhododendron Girls State Governor Peyton Barker of Greenbrier East. Also congratulations to Kennedy Bealko and Breanna Waldron our two Girls Nation Senators. Girls State Girls Will Always Be Til The End Of Time!

Lynda Lancaster -Loyd
Rhododendron Girls State Chairman



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Ona WV 25505
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Ways and Means

There were Nineteen \$25.00 winners for May and no \$200 winner. Congratulations to all the winners!

Cost for a 2023 ticket is \$20.00 and are good for the whole year! Never too 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


May 2023 Ways and Means Winners

Name	#'s	City	State	Date	\$\$\$
	571			5/01/2023	
Diana Haines	039	Romney	WV	5/02/2023	25.00
ALA—Unit #21	240	Spencer	WV	5/03/2023	25.00
Gail Shaffer	171	Bluefield	VA	5/04/2023	25.00
Chris Woodard	867	Princeton	WV	5/05/2023	25.00
Judy McBee	254	Berkeley Springs	WV	5/06/2023	25.00
Mike Wallace	464	Buckhannon	WV	5/08/2023	25.00
Lester Hollingworth	456	Clinton	MD	5/09/2023	25.00
	224			5/10/2023	
	775			5/11/2023	
Charles Pearce, Jr	943	Gore	VA	5/12/2023	25.00
Dee Dee Pigg	510	Bluefield	WV	5/13/2023	25.00
Lisa Mason	136	Columbus	OH	5/15/2023	25.00
	965			5/16/2023	
	841			5/17/2023	
Teresa Swihart	841	McMechen	WV	5/18/2023	25.00
Kimberly Frum	975	Paden City	WV	5/19/2023	25.00
Carla Wilfong	268	Enterprise	WV	5/20/2023	25.00
	165			5/22/2023	
	412			5/23/2023	
Sharon Kauffman	815	Martinsburg	WV	5/24/2023	25.00
Brenda Porter	572	Falling Waters	WV	5/25/2023	25.00
Phyllis Sieben	825	Augusta	WV	5/26/2023	25.00
	631			5/27/2023	
Geri Pack	159	Galloway	OH	5/29/2023	25.00
Paul Leatherman	360	New Creet	WV	5/30/2023	25.00
Charles Alpaugh	084	Romney	WV	5/31/2023	25.00



July 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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“Christmas 365 around the World”



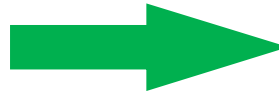
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Department Goal— 4935 Membership to Date— 4560
Department Unit 200 Goal—136 Membership to Date— 121

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%
TOTALS	1083	941	86.89%

District 4			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	402	389	96.77
Spencer #21	29	24	82.76%
Pt. Pleasant #23	227	217	95.59%
Tyler County #48	42	37	88.10%
Sistersville #67	56	36	64.29%
New Haven #140	143	128	89.51%
Williamstown #159	89	76	85.39%
TOTALS	988	907	91.80%

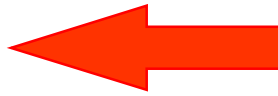
District 6			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Welch #8	55	39	70.91%
Bluefield #9	31	22	70.97%
Beckley #32	33	19	57.58%
Gary #38	97	84	86.60%
Cowen #62	23	18	78.26%
Richwood #97	30	28	93.33%
TOTALS	269	210	78.07%



**“Candy Canes”
 Team
 Goal—2459
 To Date— 2387
 97.07%**



**Membership
 Chairman
 A Star**



**“Gingerbread”
 Team
 Goal—2340
 To Date 2058
 87.94%**



Debbie

District 3			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	40	32	80%
Clarksburg #13	43	49	113.95%
Elkins #29	121	108	89.26%
Shinnston #31	248	262	105.65%
Braxton County #33	35	24	68.57%
Bridgeport #68	62	57	91.94%
Belington #96	19	15	78.95%
Pickens #122	25	17	68%
Morgantown #174	60	97	161.67
TOTALS	653	661	101.23%

District 5			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Huntington #16	146	120	82.19%
Logan #19	22	17	77.27%
Charleston #20	New	16	
St. Albans #73	29	27	68.97%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	223	202	86.70%
So. Charleston #94	12	8	66.66%
Hamlin #111	47	27	57.45%
Milton #139	57	70	122.81%
Barboursville #177	132	150	113.64%
TOTALS	668	637	95.36%

District 10			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	71	72	101.41%
Franklin #30	22	14	63.64%
Piedmont #52	20	15	75%
Berkeley Springs #60	182	175	96.15%
Moorefield #64	86	84	97.67%
Charles Town #71	118	141	119.49%
Petersburg #78	78	66	84.62%
Romney #91	174	156	89.66%
Charles Town #63	41	33	80.49%
Paw Paw #128	38	39	102.63%
Kirby #134	37	30	81.08%
Ridgeley #136	70	62	88.57%
Capon Bridge #137	158	162	102.53%
Keyser #152	43	34	79.07%
TOTALS	1138	1083	95.17%

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: _____

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	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	249
#5 McMechen	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	17
#10 Weirton							63
#18 Cameron	X	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	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	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	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	49
#29 Elkins	X	X	X	X	X	X	108
#31 Shinnston	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	262
#33 Braxton County	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	24
#68 Bridgeport							57
#96 Belington							15
#122 Pickens							17
#174 Morgantown	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	97

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	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	24
#23 Mason County	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	217
#48 Tyler County							37
#67 Sistersville							36
#140 New Haven							128
#159 Williamstown	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	76

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	X	X	X	X	N/A		27
#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		70
#177 Barboursville	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	150

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	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	22
#32 Beckley	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	19
#38 Gary	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	84
#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	141
#78 Petersburg	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	66
#91 Romney	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	156
#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	162
#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

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

Roll call for elections
Debbie Fox, Chairperson
Dortha Parsons, Chairperson
Lisa Cadwallader, Chairperson
Jill Davis, Chairperson

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

9:00-12:00 Karaoke

Grand Ballroom
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.....	Debbie Fox, PDP, Berkeley Springs Unit #60
.....	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 of West Virginia
Constitution & Bylaws Proposed Changes

Under Constitution: Article VIII: Department Officers

Current Reading:

Section 1: The Department Convention shall elect annually a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Secretary/Treasurer, a Chaplain and a Historian.

Proposed Change: Take out Secretary/Treasurer

Rationale: Remainder of Article VIII Section 1 moved to Article 10 Elections.

New Reading:

Section 1: The Department Convention shall elect annually a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, Chaplain, and Historian.

Under Bylaws: Article X: Elections

Current Reading:

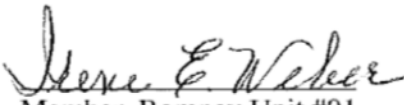
Section 1: The election of the following officers shall be by secret ballot: Department President, Department First Vice President, Department Second Vice President, Department Secretary/Treasurer, Department Chaplain, and Department Historian. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect. When there is but one candidate for an office, the roll call may be dispensed with the nominee elected by voice vote.

Proposed Change: Department Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected every 3 years.

Rationale: The Department Headquarters is housed in the home of the Secretary/Treasurer. Leaving the Department Secretary/Treasurer in place for 3 years helps in the expenses of moving the office very year if necessary.

New Reading:

Section 1: The election of the following officers shall be by secret ballot: Department President, Department First Vice President, and Department Second Vice President, Department Chaplain, and Department Historian. The Department Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected every three years. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect. When there is but one candidate for an office, the roll call may be dispensed with the nominee elected by voice vote


Member, Romney Unit #91

Policy & Procedures Proposed Changes

2022-2023 Department Convention

Huntington, W V

- 1. Document was reduced to 38 pages, from 47.**
- 2. All Bylaws and Standing Rules were removed. (Parliamentarian approved.)**
Rational: They are already in stand-alone documents
- 3. All pronouns were edited**
Rational: Required by National
- 4. Preface, page 3-Added -2023 edits were completed by the Policy & Procedures Committee- Paulette Anderson-Mentor, Debbie Michael-Chairman and Committee- Laura Clark and Kim Mellie**
- 5. Page 9-Unit Mandates-Trophies was deleted and Traveling Plaques was added**
Rational: Trophies are no longer given, plaques are
- 6. Page 10-Mandatory Funds-Poppy order deleted**
Rational-Poppy order is no longer a requirement
- 7. Page 12 Added-----GENERAL INFORMATION FOR INCOMING DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT shall attend, along with Department Membership Chairman, the DLNC at Indianapolis in May.**
Will need an Installation Team at Department Convention- (Installing Officer, Chaplain, & Sgt-at-arms).
Will need corsages for Installation Team-3, Department Officers-6, PDP Escorts-6, District Presidents-6, District Vice Presidents-6 and any others that one may want.
The Incoming President may want their own Flag Bearers- (American Flag and Unit Banner.)
The Incoming President will choose a Department theme and Membership theme; Also, a Special Project, colors, flowers, etc.
The incoming President is expected to visit each District Conference at least once. (Spring or Fall or both.)
Some other possible visits include: Girls State, National Cemetery at Grafton, Gift Shops and other events and invitations throughout the year.
Rational- There is no documents stating what travel and events are expected of the incoming President and it gives them at idea for preparation.
- 8. Page 16-Convention Rules-#5- Vaping was added**
Rational: Neither Smoking nor vaping is allowed
- 9. Page 17-Convention Rules-# 19-Trophies and awards were deleted-add Traveling Plaques**
Rational- Trophies are no longer given...Traveling Plaques are given
- 10. Page 27-Department Committees-Juniors-Added-Department Junior Member of the Year Award**
Rational: New award
- 11. Page 28- Department Committees-Leadership-----Deleted...The Back to Basics has been developed in the Department of WV. There is also Nationally approved ALA**

Correspondence and the AL Extension Institute Course. Added-There are Nationally approved American Legion Auxiliary courses and information on the American Legion Auxiliary National web site.

Rational: All information in the Back to Basics is in the other auxiliary documents

12. Page 28- Dept. Committee-Leadership-Added Unit Member of the Year-Janice Gamerdinger Plaque

Rational: This was moved from Past Presidents Parley to Leadership

13. Page 28-Dept. Committees-Membership- Deleted- National Citations

Rational: This was discontinued

14. Page 29— Dept. Committee-Membership-Deleted-Attendance at Fall and Spring District Conferences-

Rational: A unit who has paid their Mandatory Funds and reaches goal should not be penalized for not attending conferences.

15. Page 30- Dept. Committees- Past Presidents Parley-

Delete Unit Member of the Year- Janice Gamerdinger Plaque

Rational; it was moved to Leadership

Policy & Procedures Committee

Paulette Anderson-Mentor

Debbie Michael-Chairman

Laura Clark-Committee

Kim Mellie-Committee

**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.....

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 _____

*Past President's Luncheon
Friday July 7, 2023
Double Tree by Hilton Huntington
11:45 am-12:45 pm*

Lunch Buffet

Soup, Salad, and Sandwiches

Soups

Broccoli & Cheddar and Tomato Basil

Salad

Garden Salad with Toppings

Sandwiches

Club Sandwich and Roast Beef and Cheddar

Coffee, Tea, and Water Station

Dessert

Cost is \$25.00 A PERSON

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

Due Date: Friday June 28, 2023

No Deviation for this Luncheon

Please list any allergies

HILTON GARDEN INN PRE-REGISTRATION FORM
2024 MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP SEPTEMBER 16 2023
DUE INTO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AUGUST 31, 2023

UNIT NAME _____ **UNIT #** _____

NAMES OF MEMBERS ATTENDING

REGISTRATION FEE \$15.00

YOU MAY PAY IN ADVANCE OR PAY AT THE DOOR

HILTON GARDEN INN ROOM RESERVATIONS SEPTEMBER 2024 WORKSHOP

LINK TO RESERVE ROOMS COPY AND PASTE IN BROWSER

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

GROUP NAME WV AMERICAN LEGION

CHECK IN SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

CHECK OUT SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

HILTON GARDEN INN CLARKSBURG

606 EMILY DRIVE

CLARKSBURG WV 26301

PHONE # 304-326-9200

Booking rate \$99.00

Includes Breakfast for 2 people

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

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

Cut-off date is September 7, 2023 all unused rooms will be released after that date

Call To Department Fall Meetings

September 15-16, 2023

Hilton Garden Inn Clarksburg WV

This is a notice to all concerned about the Finance Committee Meeting and the Department Fall Executive Board Meeting. The purpose of these meetings are to set up the administrative year for our Department for 2022-2023.

September 15, 2023—Friday Meeting Room 1 (Rhododendron Room)

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

Department President—ex-officio member without vote

Department Secretary/Treasurer—ex-officio without vote

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

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

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

September 16, 2023—Saturday Meeting Room 1 (Rhododendron Room)

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

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

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

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

September 16, 2023—Saturday Workshop Meeting Rooms 1 and 2

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

Purpose of this session is for instruction to Units/members/Officers and to announce the membership program for 2023-2024 year. There will be some different items for all to enjoy. **ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THIS WORKSHOP.** Good tool for learning if you want to help with leadership in your Unit, in your District and on Department level.

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

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