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Department President



*“Lighting Up Our Future For
Our Veterans”*

Colors—**Red**, **White**, & **Green**

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

Hello Auxiliary Members,
Fall Workshop is coming up. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there. This year I ask that you wrap any Christmas present with red, white, or green Christmas wrapping and put under our Christmas tree for the auction. The proceeds will go toward my Special Project.
Please wear one of my colors for workshop. I ask that each chairperson be prepared to give a short talk on what you expect for each category. You can get your plan if action on the National website go there and download it. Bring a centerpiece to be judged, no more than \$20, use your imagination. This is open to all members.
Reminder: My homecoming is Saturday, October 15, 2022. I'm planning to print my homecoming tickets this week so I will have available for people to buy.
Membership Target dates: Target #1 September 15, 2022 with 25%
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;

Unit Welfare Fund - Veterans' Welfare Fund (any amount your 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 ALAMIS by June 1, 2023. Forms must be received at ALA NHQ by June 3, 2023. One entry per recruiter.

New Unit Officers forms must be filled out and returned to the office. Forms were due on July 1, 2022. This is a list of Units that **HAVE NOT** sent in their officers list; Unit #3, Unit #5, Unit #10, Unit #13, Unit #14, Unit #15, Unit #18, Unit #19, Unit #29, Unit #30, Unit #32, Unit #45, Unit #48, Unit #52, Unit #64, Unit #67, Unit #73, Unit #78, Unit #81, Unit #86, Unit #89, Unit #94, Unit #96, Unit #97, Unit #102, Unit #111, Unit #114, Unit #120, Unit #122, Unit #128, Unit #139, Unit #140, Unit #152, & Unit #159.

This information is needed for the Department Directory!! Please submit!!

I also in need of District Officers and District appointments. I have received forms from First, Sixth and Tenth Districts. District 3, 4, and 9th are needed.

The list is too long for Units Chairpersons. I only going to mention who I have received them from—Unit #8, Unit #23, Unit #28, #31, Unit #134 & Unit #137. Dead line for submitting this form is October 1st.

All new members will be held in Department unit September 1st then will be processed into National. Any questions please give me a call. You might want to hold those new members at the unit level until after that date.

ALAMIS—Starting in July Unit Full will be available to all units with Department approval. You will have the ability to pay membership dues, rejoin former members within your unit, and new members. ALL transfer request of current members, expired members or former members will still need to be proceeded by the department. Units will need to use a credit or debt card to process membership to National.

If your Unit is currently using the “Write” program and wish to try the “Full”, I will need a written letter or email stating such. You will have until January 1st to decide whether you want to keep “Full” or return to “Write”.

New pricing will go into effect January 2023—Unit Full \$20.00; Unit Write \$15.00; Unit View \$10.00;

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

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

Department Headquarters

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**American Legion Auxiliary
National Website**
ALAforveterans.org

Spirit renewals are now due for 2023 year!

District Conference for September 2022

September 3rd—Third District hosted by Shinnston #31

Workshop Bridgeport September 9th—10th

September 17th—Tenth District hosted by Keyser

September 24th—Sixth District hosted by Cowen #62



“Christmas 365 around the World”

Membership Chairman

Hello Auxiliary Members

Hopefully everyone has had a great summer. Workshop will be on Saturday September 10, 2022. Place Hilton Garden Inn. Our first Target was August 18th we have 302 members paid already great start. Please don't hold Membership get it in as quickly as you can and please enclose your check. They cannot be processed without payment. The Membership Team will meet at 4:00pm on Friday Dept. Vice's and District Vice's to get everything ready for Saturday. Please remember this is for all members Saturday. Hope to see a lot of you Saturday we're going to have a great time and bring your gifts wrapped in Christmas Paper. Also Remember to bring something you would like. Also all the proceeds go to the VA gift shop to help with our Veterans and their families.

Membership Chairperson

Sharon Kauffman



Department 1st Vice President

Hello To All!

Lovin' this wonderful weather!
Fall is just around the corner.

I know it is early for membership but great job, 3rd, 5th and 10th districts. We are in the lead and I believe our "Candy Canes" will do all they can to stay there. Remember to let your members know about the chance to win that Corvette, so they will pay their dues by December. What a great incentive!

I hope you have made your reservations for Fall Boards in Clarksburg. It will be so great seeing everyone and learning all we can. Please wear one of President Savanna's colors... Red/White/Green. Also, she would like to have centerpieces for judging. Let's get creative.

If I can help you with anything, please let me know.

P.S. Don't forget to bring your Christmas presents for the President's Special Project!!!!

Hugs!

Department 1st Vice
Debbie Michael
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Department 2nd Vice President

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."- John F. Kennedy
Districts 1, 4, and 6 (Gingerbread Team)-- as we begin the push for membership, we must remember why we all have joined this organization. We are here to serve. We are here to honor. We are here to remember. And, we are here to make a difference. We can "utter" all of these things, but we must take action. Lead by example and others will follow. As members of this organization, we have a responsibility and a duty to our veterans and their families. We have the responsibility to be present and to make things happen.

What are you doing today to ensure that the success of the ALA continues for years to come? What are your goals for your unit, district, and department? As we approach our first target date of 25% by 9/15, I am confident that we will continue to take the necessary strides to increase our membership and in turn increase our impact that we can have on veterans and their families.

Please know that I am here for you and available with any questions and/or concerns, as we are all in this together!

For God and Country,

Laura Clark

(304) 939-3607 - NEW NUMBER

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1st District Vice President

Hello 1st District,
I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer and it is hard to believe that a new school year is starting or has already started. Just like the new school year has begun so has a new membership year. Even though it is a new membership year, getting and obtaining members is an ongoing process. We have to be diligent with the ways to obtain and keep our members. I am looking forward to this new year to see what we can accomplish. Some Units have started and have submitted membership info. Under President Savanna, 1st District is on the Gingerbread Team with her slogan of "Christmas 365 around the World".
I hope to see you at the Fall Leadership Workshop in September. This is the time when we get to see what the Auxiliary has planned for the upcoming year and learn about President Savanna's project and program.
Service Not Self,
Stephanie Handley
1st District Vice President
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10th District Vice President

It has been so interesting and exciting thus far with meeting different auxiliary units. I have learned so much about what the other groups are doing to help with their veterans. We as the district plan on meeting with all units. Membership dues are coming in slow, remember to get the word out if you pay you have a chance to win a 1993 corvette. I hope to see you all at the workshop in September as well as the conference in Keyser. If I can do anything to help please contact me.

Jill Davis

3rd District Vice President

Third District Auxiliary members,
I just have a few words about our membership.

First of all, i hope you are all working hard on getting your renewals in, but don't forget to be on the lookout for NEW members. Be prepared to ask anyone if they are eligible to join, and be sure and tell them what all we can offer them.

Our target dates are as listed below.

Target #1	09/15/22	25%
Target #2	12/15/22	50%
Target #3	03/15/23	75%
Target #4	06/15/23	100%

Of course, we all want to reach 100%, so let's really work for it!

Roxie Nicholson
Third District Vice President
304-657-5740

6th District Vice President

Hoping everyone is safe and healthy. Glad to see that we are finally getting some rain, but not too much. We have started our new membership building year. All members should have received their Membership booklets with the 2022-2023 cards by now. You should have started processing membership renewals for 2023.

The following is a list of membership target dates:

Target 1	25%	September 15, 2022
Target 2	50%	December 15, 2022
Target 3	75%	March 15, 2023
Target 4	100%	June 15, 2023

I plan on attending the Membership workshop on September 8-11, 2022 at Hilton Garden Inn, Bridgeport, WV hope to see you there.

It was a pleasure to make contact with some of the District units. Looking forward working with my units this coming year. Labor Day is coming upon us, hope that all you celebrate with family and friends. Prayers for all to be safe.

Mary Spence, Vice President

4th District Vice President

Hello all!
Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Vice President of District 4. This is a new experience for me. I will strive to perform the duties you have entrusted me with to the best of my ability. Be aware: I will be learning as I go with everyone's help! We have a great group and I am sure will have a very successful year. Please carry a membership application with you. You never know when a conversation will lead to a person interested in becoming involved with our organization.

Thank you,
Pam Harmon
District Four Vice President

5th District Vice President

Hello 5th District!! I am so excited to have been elected as your Vice President this year and anxious to meet all of you. 5th District President, Kitty Kelly-Smoot and myself will be contacting each of your units to arrange a visit as well as answer any questions you may have. It is our goal for all units to reach 100% membership and REMEMBER, every member that has their membership prior to January 1st, will be entered into a drawing for a '93 Corvette!

I am anxious to visit all of your units and anticipate a great year as we continue our mission to serve our veterans and their families. Your first target goal of 25% is September 15th and Huntington Unit 16 is at 15.23% with Milton Unit 139 is close behind at 11.48%. Who is going to pull ahead and make goal? What are you doing to increase your membership? What are you doing to make a difference? There is strength in numbers and collectively we all have to take action.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

God Bless the USA!

Laura Clark

304-939-3607 NEW NUMBER

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3rd District President

I hope you all had a wonderful summer. Fall is in the air and the smell of pumpkin spice is prevalent already. Remember to hold membership drives with early bird specials! District 3 Fall Conference is September 3rd. Please fill out the google link to register. Hope to see all Units from District 3 there. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided thanks to Post and Unit 31 Shinnston! Remember to carry on as the wonderful organization. We are in need to increase membership, be kind to one another and problem solve difficult situations. After all we say...In the Spirit of Service NOT SELF. Hope to visit your meetings very soon!

For God and Country
Kim Mellie
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10th District President

Happy August!!!

It sure has been a hot one. We have been busy visiting Units in the district and have had a wonderful time doing so.

The Vice President Jill Davis, Secretary Betty Light and I had the pleasure of attending Paw Paw 128, Petersburg 78 meetings and Charles Town 102 lunch/meeting.

I must say these Units are busy, participating in parades, going to cemeteries to decorate, gathering items for the VA, holding benefits and much more.

It is a joy to hear what each group is doing as outreach to community and Veterans.

We are looking forward to our next visits within the district. Please remember to send me your meeting times and dates so that we can schedule to visit with you. We look forward to seeing you at the workshop in Clarksburg and Fall Conference in Keyser.

Until then, stay cool if possible and be safe.

Diana Teter
District 10 President
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4th District President

Greetings from the Members of the 4th District:

Good things are happening in District 4. Membership is coming in. Programs are getting worked and projects are being completed!

Unit #15 held a back-to-school backpack distribution project. Over 100 backpacks were given to local community school children. This program was done in conjunction with the Army National Guard and a local Dollar Tree store. Volunteers spent over 5 weeks collecting supplies, shopping for backpacks, stuffing and distributing the backpacks. Great project! Thanks to all who participated! Membership is the center of our organization. Veterans and their families need our support more than ever. It's a new membership year. If you or your auxiliary can pay someone's dues, please do so. Please carry a membership application with you and let's recruit, retain, and reinstate members.

God Bless our Veterans and God Bless the United States of America!

Patsy Young-Greiner
4th District President
304-295-8844

Chaplain

Hello all! Thank you to the one Unit that sent in a prayer for our State Prayer book. Please all Units continue to do so. Also please let me know of anyone sick, in the hospital, or in need as I will send them a card to help lift their spirits.

May the strength of God sustain us
May the power of God preserve us
May the Hand of God protect us and our children in schools
May the Way of God direct us
May the love of God go with us this day and forever
Amen

Please feel free to contact me for anything.

Kim Mellie
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6th District President

Hello Everyone

I hope this message gets to everyone; I have been sending my message to Susan but it went to another e-mail address, in outer space.

It was so nice to see old and new people at the convention in July.

I know this is late but I want everyone to know that Sheila Rose from Gary Unit 38 lost her husband and if you would still like to send her a card her address is PO Box 38, Gary, WV 24836 -0038.

It is getting close for the Department workshop which will be on Friday, September 9th and 10th 2022, which will be held at Hilton Garden Inn, Clarksburg, WV. All members are encouraged to attend this workshop. If you come don't forget to bring a gift for Christmas in September this gifts will be auctioned off, this will be one of Savanna's special project.

Sixth District Fall Meeting will be Saturday, September 24, 2022, hosted by Cowen Unit 62, will let you know the price of luncheon as soon as I find out. Registration will be from 9:30 to 10:30 am.

Hope to see lots of people at the workshop. Hope to see all the members in 6th District at our Fall Meeting. Hope everyone is staying well. So until next time God Bless each and everyone. Peggy Swartz, President Sixth District



Americanism

As everyone knows, September is a very somber month for this country but one that everyone needs to learn about. September 11, 2001, at 8:46 AM, Flight 11 crashes into the north tower of the World Trade Center, sending everyone into a confused and frightened state. At 9:03 AM, Flight 175 crashes into the south tower. At this point, Americans knew we were no longer safe and under a terrorist attack. 9:05 AM, President George W. Bush was alerted in the middle of speaking to an elementary school class. At 9:37 AM, Flight 77 crashes into the pentagon. And at 10:02 AM, despite the heroic attempts at trying to take back the plane by the passengers onboard Flight 93, it plows into an empty field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The plane was most likely heading toward the White House or the US Capitol.

The Patriot Act was enacted on October 26, 2001, following the 9/11 attacks and with the stated goal of tightening U.S. national security, particularly as it related to foreign terrorism. Americans came together and kept them family and friends close and hugged them tight. September 11 is now known as Patriots Day in America each year to represent the people who lost their lives on that fateful day in 2001 but to also show how the US can come together after such a tragic event.

Katie Beth Caudill
Chairperson



Children & Youth

I have been absent from the scene for a while but hopefully I am back. I hate I missed the Department Convention and activities since then. It is that time of year when we prepare our children for back to school. I hope your unit is working with the children in your community to help these children.

However, I would like to put something out there for your unit to consider.

Most of our projects concentrate on toddlers through high school. But what about our infants and what they need? Consider working with the Police Department, Fire Department or EMT's on doing a car seat safety program where they will check to make sure car seats are properly installed and safe for the infants using them. You can make this as simple or as elaborate as you wish.

Please let me know if this is something you are interested in. Write a report and take lots of pictures, lots of pictures. If I can help, just give me a call at 304-654-7750.

Beth Kilgore, Chairman
Children & Youth

Child Welfare Foundation

Department Convention wiped me out!!! I hope you will help to feed me at the Leadership Conference. I need your help!

Beth Kilgore, Chairman

Child Welfare Fund



Education

Did you hold a Back to school bash? Send pictures...we need to start promoting our Units Activities! The purpose of the Education program is "to promote the American Legion Auxiliary's role in providing quality education for children and adults through classroom activities, literacy programs, scholarship promotion and support of education beyond high school, especially for military children." The Plan of Action has suggestions on what to do and how to accomplish these goals. The Committee will relate many of these goals and ideas to you. Two suggestions to focus attention on American Education Week (November 14-18) and Teacher Appreciation Week (May 1-5). Promote the Auxiliary scholarships during American Education Week through local and social media and contacting school guidance counselors. Recognize all school personnel by sending cards, gift certificates, or bake them some homemade goodies! Show them how much we appreciate our Educational Personnel!!

God Bless American and our Youth!
Kim Mellie Education Chairman
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National Security

I haven't received the 2022-2023 Plan of Action yet, and probably won't until after the National Convention. I will have a new Plan of Action at the workshop in September.

Here are some Resources you may want to check out:

1. How to Support Troops and Their Families on Military Installations
2. Collaborate with the American Red Cross
3. Service to Armed Forces Guides you may want to use for National Security:
 1. USO Action Guide
 2. Operations Homefront Action Guide

More Next Month!
Paulette Anderson
National Security

Junior Activities

The Junior Activities program inspires active participation in members age 17 and under so that they will become engaging, productive members who will want to continue their American Legion Auxiliary membership into adulthood. The mission of the Jr. Activities committee is to promote volunteerism through community based programs and services that involve veterans and to teach the principles of loyalty to God & Country, justice, freedom and democracy to our young members. We will "Honor our Veterans Everyday"

Looking forward to seeing everyone next month for fall workshop. Remember we will be holding elections at this time for the so remember white dress.

We will be working on Christmas cards for the our West Virginia Veterans. So if anyone has any extra cards they would like to donate this would be great.

Safe travels

God Bless

God in county

Kelli A Immel

Juniors Activities

(304)-283-5092

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Hello Ladies,

Fall is here and many programs have started for our Veterans.

Our Department Workshop is September 10, 2022, at Hilton Garden Inn in Clarksburg. I would like to see all the units represented.

There is something to learn even if you are a new member or a long-time member.

The needs of our Veterans are at the top of the list especially with the holidays coming.

If I can be of help please call me at 304-672-3399.

Dortha Parsons

VA & R Co-chairman

Constitution & Bylaws

Unit Constitution and Bylaws shall not conflict with District, Department or National and needs to comply with the State and IRS laws. Remember these are legal and binding documents that govern your Unit. Yes, we are a volunteer organization, but we are also a non-profit organization and that means we are just like a small business.

Let's talk a little about the business part.

- Units are required to file 990's. If your Unit doesn't IRS can revoke you tax exempt status. Once revoked, IRS can charge a hefty fine to regain your status. Consider adding what month your Unit does this.

- When your Unit does fundraisers, remember all funds collected go through the Unit's bank account. Otherwise, you jeopardize your nonprofit status. Consider adding handling funds to your Rules.

Now, a little on conflict with the higher levels.

- A member whose dues are paid up-to-date and who is not subject to suspension or membership revocation under due process shall be considered in good standing and the member shall be entitled to full membership rights, and privileges. So if your Unit has any requirements on members running for an officer position, your Unit is in conflict with National!

What would you like to see addressed this year in articles and at workshop? Please feel free to send me a list so this committee can do its best to get answers back to members and Units.

Lisa Cadwallader

Constitution & Bylaws Chair

Lisac.ala71@gmail.com





American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

Rhododendron Girls State

It's not too early planning for the 2023 Rhododendron Girls State Session. Please start soliciting businesses and organizations to secure funding as they prepare for next years budgets.

Please use your Girls State citizens for Veterans Day, Poppy Days, local parades and to help with a Unit function.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact your district representative or myself.
Lynda Lancaster-Loyd
Girls State Chairperson



District Representatives

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6th Dist. — Peggy Swartz
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10th Dist. — Debbie Fox
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Berkeley Springs, WV 25411
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Ways and Means

There were 19 \$25.00 winners in July, with one winner of the \$200.00 Wednesday. Congratulation to each of you!

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

NOTICE—Please mail check and stubs to:

Susan Brown
2172 Grandview Rd
Moundsville WV 26041

Check Payable to: Ways & Means

Susan Brown
Linda Crumm

July 2022 Ways and Means Winners

Name	#'s	City	State	Date	\$\$\$
	292			7/01/2022	
	093			7/02/2022	
Terree Hofe	140	Augusta	WV	7/03/2022	25.00
	327			7/04/2022	
Phyllis Sieben	579	Augusta	WV	7/07/2022	25.00
James Sizamore	670	Bluefield	WV	7/07/2022	25.00
Paula Hanson	115	Latrobe	PA	7/08/2022	25.00
Rita Alley	392	Casa Grande	AZ	7/09/2022	25.00
	252			7/11/2022	
Diana Teter	517	Capon Bridge	WV	7/12/2022	25.00
Bob Greene	637	Romney	WV	7/13/2022	25.00
	896			7/14/2022	
Shirley Davis	508	Kenova	WV	7/15/2022	25.00
Brenda Lesnett	911	Wheeling	WV	7/16/2022	25.00
Cathy Whitt	088	Augusta	WV	7/18/2022	25.00
MSGT James Abel	541	Palm Coast	FL	7/19/2022	25.00
Savanna Kauffman	186	Martinsburg	WV	7/20/2022	200.00
Ray Baker	993	Cameron	WV	7/21/2022	25.00
Larry Williams	456	Cameron	WV	7/22/2022	25.00
Susan Michael	597	LaVale	MD	7/23/2022	25.00
	143			7/25/2022	
Janice Lopez	446	Elbert	WV	7/26/2022	25.00
Robert Tennant	685	New Martinsville	WV	7/27/2022	25.00
Stacey Nestor	361	Ridgeley	WV	7/27/2022	25.00
Cynthia Roll	763	N. Huntingdon	PA	7/29/2022	25.00
Carol Fultz	163	Romney	WV	7/30/2022	25.00



Sept. 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1 Return from National	2 Office Reopen	3 3rd District Fall Conf. Shinnston
4	5  Labor Day Office closed	6	7	8	9 Work Shop Bridgeport	10 Work Shop Bridgeport
11  Patriot Day Grandparents Day	12	13	14	15	16	17 10th District Fall Conf. Keyser Constitution Day 
18 	19	20	21	22 First Day of Autumn 	23	24 6th District Fall Conf. Cowen
25	26	27	28	29	30	
					<p><i>Programs of Month Junior Activities Music</i></p>	

Call To Department Fall Meetings

September 8-11, 2022

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 9, 2022—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 10, 2022—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 10, 2022—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 2019-2020 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)



**Fall Membership Workshop
2022 Agenda
Hilton Garden Inn**

Meeting Room 1 and 2

8:00 –9:00 Registration

Lobby

9:00 Junior Meeting

Welcome

Prayer

Moment of Silence

Pledge

National Anthem

Preamble

Mission State

Savanna Kauffman, President

Kim Mellie , Chaplain

Savanna Kauffman, President

Katie Beth Caudill, Americanism Chairperson

Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Music Chairperson

Lisa Cadwallader, Constitution & Bylaws

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9:15 POW/MIA Ceremony

Kim Mellie, Chaplain

9:30 Membership Team

Sharon Kauffman, Membership Chairperson

Debbie Michael, Dept. 1st Vice

Laura Clark, Dept. 2nd Vice

Six District Vice Presidents

10:30 Department Action Plan

Department Chairpersons

11:30 LUNCH

1:00 Special Project

Savanna Kauffman, President

1:15 Secretary Remarks

Susan Brown, Secretary/Treasurer

1:30 Presentation of Traveling Plaques

1:40 Installation of New Honorary Jr. Officers

2:00 Questions & Answers

2:15 Auction

Survey Sheets

Closing Prayer

Adjournment

5:00 Fall Executive Board

Have a Safe Trip Home

Christmas in September!!
SATURDAY September 10, 2022
Membership/Leadership Workshop
HILTON GARDEN INN CLARKSBURG WV



***AUCTION WILL CONSIST OF ANY GIFT YOU WOULD
WANT TO BID ON YOURSELF***

***Please wrap your Christmas present in Red, White, and Green
Gift Wrapping***

***Proceeds to benefit President Savanna's Special Project
"Christmas Veterans Affairs Gift Shop"***

DROP OFF FRIDAY EVENING OR BRING SATURDAY BY 8:00AM

HILTON GARDEN INN ROOM RESERVATIONS SEPTEMBER 2021 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 8, 2022

CHECK OUT SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

HILTON GARDEN INN CLARKSBURG

606 EMILY DRIVE

CLARKSBURG WV 26301

PHONE # 304-326-9200

Booking rate \$93.00

(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**

As of August 16th there were 5 room available—Make you reservations!!

HILTON GARDEN INN PRE-REGISTRATION FORM
2023 MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP SEPTEMBER 10, 2022
DUE INTO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AUGUST 26, 2022

UNIT NAME _____ **UNIT #** _____

NAMES OF MEMBERS ATTENDING

REGISTRATION FEE \$15.00 or you may prepay
WILL COLLECT AT WORKSHOP

Come to Celebrate
the Homecoming
of
Auxiliary Department President
Savanna Kauffman

October 15, 2022
at Martinsburg Moose Lodge #120
201 Woodbury Avenue
Martinsburg WV 25401
4 –5 pm Social Hour
6—9 pm Dinner and Program

Tickets \$20.00 per person

RSVP to
Sharon Kauffman at 304-582-2973

Room reservations at Holiday Inn, Martinsburg
Rate \$109.00 per night plus tax
Phone # 304-267-5500
Reservation Code—SAL



The American Legion Commander
Tom Hicks
Invites you to his
Homecoming

November 5, 2022

at
Genesis Event Center
Jefferson Ave. and Second St.
Moundsville

Social hour – 6 to 7 pm

Dinner and Program – 7 – 9 pm

Cost - \$20.00

No gifts please – Donations accepted for Operation Comfort
Warriors



Mail checks payable to: Tom Hicks
353 Arbor Lane
Moundsville WV 26041

Phone # 304-559-7031
RSVP by October 28, 2022
Band to follow at Post #3

Rooms: Holiday Inn Express
225 Teletech Dr.—Moundsville
304-845-8455
Rates \$150.00
Group Code: Commander Dinner



“Christmas 365 around the World”



August 15, 2022
Department Goal— 4942 Membership to Date— 326
Department Unit 200 Goal—140 Membership to Date— 24

Laura

District 1			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	29	0	0%
Moundsville #3	239	5	2.09%
McMechen #5	30	0	0%
Weirton #10	59	0	0%
Cameron #18	150	1	.6%
New Martinsville #28	118	19	16.10%
Wellsburg #34	26	1	3.85%
Follansbee #45	48	1	2.08%
Pine Grove #81	72	0	0%
Paden City #86	84	3	3.57%
Wheeling #89	19	1	5.26%
Newell #114	24	2	8.33%
Hundred #120	29	0	0%
Chester #121	144	3	2.08%
TOTALS	1071	36	3.36%

District 4			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	411	22	5.35%
Spencer #21	38	6	15.79%
Pt. Pleasant #23	202	2	.10%
Tyler County #48	42	1	2.38%
Sistersville #67	46	0	0%
New Haven #140	138	3	2.17%
Williamstown #159	82	10	12.20%
TOTALS	959	44	4.59%

District 6			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Welch #8	50	1	2%
Bluefield #9	29	0	0%
Beckley #32	31	2	6.45%
Gary #38	89	0	0%
Cowen #62	25	11	44%
Richwood #97	25	0	0%
TOTALS	249	14	5.62%



**“Candy Canes”
 Team
 Goal—2523
 To Date— 208
 8.24%**



**Membership
 Chairman
 A Star**



**“Gingerbread”
 Team
 Goal—2279
 To Date 94
 4.12%**



Debbie

District 3			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	38	10	26.32%
Clarksburg #13	62	8	12.90%
Elkins #29	113	4	3.54%
Shinnston #31	254	2	.78%
Braxton County #33	32	0	0%
Bridgeport #68	89	3	3.37%
Belington #96	18	0	0%
Pickens #122	21	0	0%
Morgantown #174	61	2	3.28%
TOTALS	688	29	4.22%

District 5			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Huntington #16	151	23	15.23%
Logan #19	18	0	0%
St. Albans #73	31	3	9.68%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	277	12	4.33%
South Charleston #94	16	1	6.25%
Hamlin #111	42	1	2.38%
Milton #139	61	7	11.48%
Barboursville #177	108	6	5.56%
TOTALS	704	53	7.53%

District 10			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	102	2	1.96%
Franklin #30	15	0	0%
Piedmont #52	21	0	0%
Berkeley Springs #60	176	5	2.84%
Moorefield #64	80	7	8.75%
Charles Town #71	148	24	16.22%
Petersburg #78	72	2	2.78%
Romney #91	180	37	20.56%
Charles Town #102	30	0	0%
Paw Paw #128	32	0	0%
Kirby #134	30	5	16.67%
Ridgeley #136	49	2	4.08%
Capon Bridge #137	156	39	25%
Keyser #152	40	3	7.5%
TOTALS	1131	126	11.14%

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