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“Lighting Up Our Future For Our Veterans”

Colors—**Red, White, & Green**

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

Hello Auxiliary Members,

I want to say fall is over and winter has arrived. I can't believe in some parts West Virginia got some snow this week, I love snow this time of the year! Here is to a count down to Christmas. There is only 38 days until Christmas. I'm hoping by now everyone is getting in the Christmas spirit.

Thank you to those that came to my homecoming and donated to my special project. I loved finishing up all the fall conferences. I had a great time celebrating with Mr. Hicks at his homecoming. I celebrated Veterans Day by having fun being in 2 parades in Clarksburg and Martinsburg, also Clarksburg had a ceremony before the parade.

Don't forget about midwinter in February. Can't wait to see you all there. If your coming to midwinter, please don't forget to dress up in your costumes for the luncheon. If you didn't hear by now our Central Division Vice President Ann Rehein will be attending.

Membership in our state goal is 4935, we have 2665. Keep up the good work. Target 2 is due December 15th with 50%. Please keep putting membership and don't hold membership cards, please get them in so you can be put in for the raffle, Pay before December 30. You all are doing good. It's so close for both sides, but good job candy canes for taking the lead on membership but you have to watch gingerbread because they are close. Congratulations those who made target 2 with 50%.

My Special Project is helping the Christmas Veteran Affairs Gift Shop. I'm trying to reach my goal and if anyone wants to donate I would appreciate it. You can send all donates to department secretary.

On to next adventure is our Christmas gifts shops, I'm looking forward in being there. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas! I will leave you all with this quote: Christmas is for everyone, Adults and children are alike. Allow this season fill your heart, and let go of the things you dislike.

Until next month, Thank your veterans and be kind to each other.

For God & Country
Savanna Kauffman
Department President

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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 ALA-MIS by June 1, 2023. Forms must be received at ALA NHQ by June 3, 2023. One entry per recruiter.

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

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

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

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

These are the dates of Gift Shops that was received:

Herschel “Woody” Williams VAMC, Huntington

Patients information will be collected December 5th; Gift delivery December 13th.

Louis A Johnson VA Hospital, Clarksburg
Gift bags @ Shinnston Post #31 on December 16th starting at 1:00 pm

Martinsburg VA Hospital, Martinsburg
December 2nd from 9 am to ?. Place to be announced.

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

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

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

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

Homework for the Units. Please send to Department your membership chair that receives dues, if new. National is getting ready to send second dues notices. They want to be sure that addresses are correct for remittance.

Sad news for those who know her. Rachel Bennett passed on October 12th of this year. Please remember her family in your prayers.

New members—when sending in a new application please make sure they are complete. Applications will be returned.

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

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

Thank you

Posts, Units, and Squadrons

For all your support at my homecoming on November 5th

Tom Hicks

Department Commander

Directory Correction

Pam Harmon, 4th District VP & Parkersburg Secretary has a new email address “pamgreg596@gmail.com”
Dept. 2nd Vice President/5th District Vice President Laura Clark has a new phone number 304-939-3607.

"Christmas 365 around the World"

Membership Chairman

Hello everyone;
Membership report from Nationals is 2,592. Divisional Central Division and Western Division are fighting to hold onto 3rd place.
We still have Unit's with zero membership and several Units under with under 10 members. District Vices should contact these Units to see if they need Help. Department Vices should be contact the District Vices. I will be calling the District Vice's to get a report or you may email me your reports. We need to help these Units.
Thanks for everyone doing a good job.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

Sharon Kauffman
Membership Person



Department 1st Vice President

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Way to go Candy Canes!!! We have 20 units that have met the second goal. Some have exceeded.

Congratulations! Units 7, 29, 31, 33, 68, 122, and 174 Fantastic job 3rd District!

Great job 5th District! Units #16, 19, 73, 139 and 17

Wonderful job 10th District! Units #60, 71, 78, 91, 102, 128, 134, and 137

There are some units that are close to goal. Unfortunately, we have some that seem to be struggling and 3 that are zero. Let's do all we can to get those dues in.

If I can help you, please let me know. I hope everyone gets to spend time with their family and friends during Thanksgiving .
Hugs to all!

Department 1st Vice
Debbie Michael
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Department 2nd Vice President

"Oh, the weather outside is frightful... but MEMBERSHIP is so delightful!"
Happy Holidays, Gingerbread Team!

As we begin to wind down 2022, don't stop working towards your membership goals and 2nd Target Date of 50% by Dec. 15th. As of November 16th, 12 units have reached their goal and several more are within a couple percentage points! Districts 4 and 6 have reached their goal collectively, while District 1 is not far behind! A special shout out to New Martinsville Unit #28 (District 1) for achieving 71.15% of goal, Parkersburg Unit #15 (District 4) for achieving 68.66% of goal, and Cowen Unit #62 (District 6) for achieving a whopping 86.96% of goal! Keep up the great work and remember to get your memberships in before the end of the year for a chance to win the '93 Corvette!

In the latest issue of the ALA magazine, there was an article featured on membership. We all need to remember to be inclusive and have a welcoming attitude and try to avoid cliques even on social media:

"Social Media groups can be an invaluable forum for ALA members who post questions about membership procedures, promote program activities, and more. But these groups can also become hotbeds of hate and disrespect. When we work together-- collectively and not as a clique-- it means more support towards serving our mission."- ALA Magazine (Nov. 2022, pg.42)

As always, thank you for all you do and have a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Laura Clark
Department 2nd Vice President
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3rd District Vice President

Members of Third District, to say I am proud of you is an understatement! All I can say is you ROCK! Out of our 10 units, only 2 are behind. Clarksburg Unit 13 and Belington Unit 96. If you need any help, please call me at 304-657-5740 or call Kim at 304-216-9943. We will be happy to help in anyway we can.

As we get ready to go through this Holiday Season, let us remember the reasons;

1 God gave His only son for us to have this life.

2 Our Veterans fought for our freedom to live it. Give thanks to them for the opportunity we have and then do something to help a veteran and their family.

I'm hoping to see most all of you at Mid-Winter in February. I wish for each of you a safe and Joyous Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year! And remember, I'm only a phone call away. 304-657-5740

Roxie Nicholson
3rd District Vice President

10th District Vice President

Happy Thanksgiving!! Membership is starting to slow down, maybe due to Holidays. Keep trying everyone, we all know how hard that is. Everyone is having their veterans day dinner or lunch, preparing for Christmas activities, and trying to reach out to our community to gather memberships. Thank you for remembering your veterans and doing what you are doing. Lets keep up the good work.

Jill Davis
10th District Vice President

4th District Vice President

Hello all!

I'm wondering if this time change is affecting all of you as much as it has me!

District 4 is at 55.67% Membership goals. The membership target sheet dated November 14, 2022, is as follows: Parkersburg #15 is at 68.66%. Spencer #21 is at 58.62%. Pt. Pleasant #23 is at 55.07%. Tyler County #48 is at 2.38%. Sistersville #67 is at 25%. New Haven #140 is at 51.75%. Williamstown #159 is at 48.31%. Thank you and please continue to work to get members paid by year-end.

I hope all units were able to plan a remembrance for our Veterans on Veteran's Day in some way. I know Parkersburg had to have their parade and program on Saturday due to the weather conditions. All of our area Veterans' organizations had an open house following these activities with good food and conversations. Parkersburg Post 15 gave our Veterans a memento to keep made by our Auxiliary Secretary, Kim Young. I would like to let you read what it said and know that each one had a tattered star attached.

I am part of the American Flag.
I have flown over a home in the USA.
I can no longer fly.
The sun and the wind have cause me to become tattered and torn.
You are a Veteran who has served our Country.
Please keep this as a reminder that YOU are not forgotten.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving! Try to select at least one Veterans family in need and supply them with a Thanksgiving meal and show in this small way they have our support.

Stay safe and healthy,
Pam Harmon
District 4 Vice President

5th District Vice President

Happy Holidays, 5th District! It was such a pleasure attending 5th District's Fall Conference, hosted by Logan's Post and Unit! Thank you for the warm welcome and wonderful hospitality. It was great meeting some of you for the first time and special thanks to Department Secretary/Treasurer, Sue Brown (PDP), Membership Chairman/, Sharon Kaufmann (PDP), and Department President, Savanna Kaufmann for making the trip to Logan-- we sincerely appreciate your support!

As of November 16th, 5 Units have achieved target of 50% with Logan already reaching their 3rd target of 75% with 77.27% of their membership goal to date! Congrats to all of you for your hard work!

STORY TIME: When I was at the 5th District Conference in October, Logan had 0 members renewed/enrolled and I challenged Kim Lamb, Unit President, to reach 50% by November 15th. We sat down with Kim and some of her leadership team and strategized and offered suggestions on how to get their renewals and add new members. I told her if they reached 50%, I would donate \$25 to their Christmas toy drive for area youth! I am SO glad Logan proved me wrong and your check is in the mail, Kim! MORAL OF THE STORY: When you set your mind to achieving a specific goal or target, it CAN be done! Let's go into the new year with a "CAN DO" attitude as we all work together for the common mission!

Blessings to you and your families during this joyous holiday season!

Laura Clark
5th District Vice President
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1st District President

Hello Ladies,

I can't believe that we are welcoming in December all ready! Hopefully everyone thanked a veteran for their service, or maybe helped out at the local food bank for Thanksgiving. Please remember that this is the time of the year that we are needed most in our communities, remember service not self. Remember to check in on your elderly veterans when the weather turns bad. If a child needs a pair of gloves see that they get a pair, something as small as these acts can make a big difference in someone else's life. Until we meet again, stay safe, brighten the world with your beautiful smiles, and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas! God Bless American and all those that protect her and us.

Kim Elliott,
1st District President

p.s. my knee surgery went well and therapy is rough but coming along, I'm hoping to be completely mobile by the beginning of

6th District President

Hi Everyone

Hope everyone is enjoying this cold weather, myself I like the warm weather best.

I am sure that everyone did something for Veterans Day. Welch Unit 8 cooked dinner for the 40 and 8 dinner we had 44 people in attendance and then on Veterans Day we did the reviewing stand. Mary and I got to ride in the parade it was a good affair except for a little rain and then it cleared up just before the parade started.

I am sure other Units in our District did thing for the Veterans, but have not received any but I am sure they were busy also.

Gary Unit 38 lost a long time member Helen Schuler her funeral was on November 2, 2022, she will be missed by all. She would have been 100 years of age in December. Hope everyone has paid their mandatory funds and working on membership.

To all members 6th District please send me news for the Spirit.

Will say Merry Christmas to all since it is just around the corner.

Please keep our veterans in your prayers and our Auxiliary members.

Until next time God Bless and love to everyone.

Peggy Swartz
6th District President

3rd District President

Hello everyone!

I hope you have a wonderful Holiday season! Please make sure your mandatory dues are paid. Try harder than ever to entice people to join. Show them the giving spirit of our Auxiliary and make them feel welcome! I'm sure we will all be bustling with the Veteran Gift Shops and Holiday meals. Check in on members who can't get out! Have a wonderful Holiday full of love and happiness! Spread good Cheer!

Let me know if you need anything. 304-216-9943
May God Bless You All

3rd District President
Kim Mellie

10th District President

Happy Thanksgiving all!!!

As we all look forward to Turkey dinner with all the trimmings and family gatherings let us keep in mind that all our amenities are because of the freedoms awarded us by the men and women who risked, continue to risk and some gave all for us.

During this season remember it is a time to be Thankful. Search hearts to find all things that you are thankful for and share.

Put out those Green lights in honor and memory of Veterans, drop something off at the local VA to bring sunshine to those who have little and find community projects that would require giving. There are many who do not have and if we give one thing that is worth a million.

I hope all enjoy family and friends during this time.

Diana Teter
District 10 President

4th District President

Greetings from the 4th District:

This District President and your District 1st Vice President celebrated Veterans Day by participating in the annual Parkersburg Parade and by laying a wreath at the Veterans Monument in City Park. The weather was inclement and even though the parade was rescheduled from November 11 to November 12 we still got rained on! The turnout was light compared to recent years. However, the High School ROTC groups, band members, and Legion color guard made it a day to remember! We are blessed to have so many Veterans in our community.

The Department President's theme is, "Lighting up our future for our Veterans." Savanna's special project is "Christmas Veteran Affairs Gift Shop" her goal is to raise \$10,000 that will go towards the Veterans Gift Shops at the VA Medical Centers. Let's all help her reach that goal!

All Membership chairmen are working extra hard to reach goals! If your unit can afford it and has a member in need, pay their membership dues.

Please remember to take care of our Veterans and their families during this holiday season.

For God and Country.

Patsy Greiner
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Chaplain

What a wonderful time to help support President Savannah's special project. Help each Unit gain the necessary comfort items and gifts to be used in the Veteran Gift Shops. We hope you have a wonderful Holiday! I'm leaving you with this Holiday Prayer:

Lord, gathered together amidst all this abundance, how grateful we must be for all Your blessings.

At this season, Christians rejoice in celebration of the birth of the infant, Jesus; Jews delight in remembering the victory for religious freedom of Judah Maccabee over the Syrian Tyrant, Antiochus. We ask that you watch over all of our soldiers and their families as they travel during these holidays and see them safely back to a warm, loving home.

Praised be You, O Lord, who brings us every blessing. Help us to pause during this busy season and truly find the humble Savior in our hearts and in our lives. Amen

For God and Country
Kim Mellie

Educations

Hopefully some Units can send in some pictures of their giving 10 to Education during National Education Week. I would love to post them to our Facebook page. Remember to work with counselors at local schools to promote our National Scholarships available on the ALA website. Also donate and help promote our State Scholarship as well!

In my years in Education, most girls/ boys don't realize that they qualify for Legion Scholarships!

Spread the word! Let me know if you have any questions. 304-216-9943

We are partly responsible to help educate our youth!

Have a wonderful Holiday Season.

Kim Mellie
Education Chair

Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Fellow Auxiliary Members,
The Auxiliary Emergency Fund is a members helping members program that provides temporary emergency assistance to eligible members who have experienced a financial crisis due to an unforeseen disaster.

Please check out the National Website under Programs - Auxiliary Emergency Fund for stories from the ALA NHQ blog on how your donations have been used to help our members.

With the Christmas season (and season of giving) quickly approaching, let us find joy in giving what we can to a fund that provides help and assistance to those in our auxiliary family whose season may not be as bright as ours.

If I can be of assistance to you or your Unit in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Merry Christmas to all!
Melanie Shambaugh
AEF Chairman
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Junior Activities

Hope everyone has enjoyed beautiful fall weather and the beautiful West Virginia fall colors.

With thanksgiving coming up please remember our Veterans that have gave us our freedom to have our families together. Please remember to include your Juniors members in your meeting & your activity you do for our Veterans.

Start working on the Christmas cards to be handed out to your local nursing homes & Veterans hospitals .

God in County,
Blessing
Kelli A Immel

Americanism

As many of you all know, the Holidays are right around the corner and with that brings decorations, songs, presents, and family gatherings! This is a month full of joy and love and being able to hug your loved ones tight.

Well, we often forget about the people that aren't able to receive that one gift they asked Santa for this year, and that could be their loved one in the armed services. All the flashy lights and carols tend to blind us from what is happening in the world during this month. Some of our brothers and sisters in the military can't and won't make it home for Christmas. The POW/MIA ceremony is often done at our conventions or services but how many times have you just overlooked it so we can just get on to the next thing? Ever since I was little, that ceremony has been the most interesting to me because we really don't know what's happening to those missing in action and they really can't dine with us, nor their family's this Christmas season. So next time you're at the dinner table with your family, or around the tree opening presents, don't forget those families who have a seat open, still waiting for their family member to join them.

Katie Beth Caudill
Americanism Chairperson

Legislative

Election Day and Veteran's Day are now part of history and our memories! Let us take a moment each day to thank those who have served and are serving who ensured our right to vote and preserved our freedom! God Bless them and the USA!

Enjoy the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays as we count our many blessings as Americans!

After the first of the year, we will need to stay informed and work together to make sure Veteran's rights and benefits are protected and enhanced if possible. Stay tuned for more information about how you can be helpful. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do. Take care, stay safe and enjoy!

Mary Jo

National Security

Christmas is coming up and I am sure some units will be mailing out Care Packages to your troops. Check out the ALA Magazine November's issue regarding sending out packages to our deployed soldiers.

If you do something special to First Responders at Christmas time, please send me the information and if you can, a picture of your group participating.

I don't need to have mid-year reports this year, but if you can email what your unit is doing for National Security this month. I have a Zoom meeting in December and would like to brag about West Virginia!!

Wishing you the best during the holiday season!

Support Our Troops!
Paulette Anderson
National Security

Poppy

Here it is Mid-Winter is getting closer, where has the year gone? I hope all Units used Poppies in some fashion for Veterans Day. Be sure to keep track of how many you used and who helped.

Now is the time to contact all our schools about the Poster Contest. Information was in the Plan of Works handed out at Fall Workshop. If you did not get it contact me and I will see about sending you one.

Poppy project for Mid-Winter, One that we have not done for awhile. I would like our Units to make a Corsage made from Poppies. It can be made of Poppies and baby breath. They will be judged by penny vote, the proceeds will go to the State welfare fund

If you need my help please contact me at 304-592-0247 or you can email me at: carlajwilfong@gmail.com.

Keep safe

Carla Wilfong

Public Relations

I can't believe it is actually snowing here today. Wow, did the weather change fast.

Does your unit have any events planned for the upcoming holiday celebrations? How are you getting the word out about your upcoming agenda? Are you connecting with your local newspaper? Or does your Unit use a social media platform to reach out to your members and community? Are you using local radio or just word of mouth?

Any form of communication you use to spread the word of who we are and what we do is important.

Branding is an important tool to help spread the word. It is also important that your unit is mindful of what it is posting on your social media platform that it uses. If your social platform is for just your unit make sure that only your unit members have access to this and is by invite only to join. Your parameters must be set to restrict unwanted access. If it is a social platform for your unit to reach the community beware that you are not posting unit only information.

I hope everyone has wonderful Thanksgiving!

Happy Thanksgiving,
Stephanie Handley
Public Relations Chairperson
stephaniehandley@msn.com

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Here it is December Article already this year is speeding by quickly. I hope everyone is keeping track of their hours for reporting in May. But keep me in the loop as to how you are doing this year.

The holidays can be overwhelming for anybody especially for military families, caregivers to veterans and families with loved ones deployed.

We can do simple things for them, we can do yard work, and help with simple house repairs. We could babysit for an individual, make a meal and take in, go to the grocery store for them and many more things.

Remember to check with your local hospitals as to what they need and then send me a list so I can get it into the Spirit. Remember we also have our Hospital Gift Shops coming up, granted we cannot get into the Hospitals yet we are still having them. Checks to see if you can help wrap presents and help to deliver them to the hospital to be handed out. Keep track of all your hours. Take Pictures to be submitted at the Year End Report.

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

Keep safe
Carla Wilfong
Co-Chairperson





American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

Rhododendron Girls State

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

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

Please note with rising costs the registration fee will be \$300 per citizen which will include the cost of the parade t - shirt.

New this year, those elected to the Board of Public Works will be transported to the State Capital in Charleston to meet with their elected West Virginia counterparts.

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

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

If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me or your district representative.

Remember our Military and those that are unable to be with their families this time of year -- Wishing everyone a blessed and bountiful Thanksgiving!

Lynda Lancaster -Loyd
Girls State Chairperson



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Ways and Means

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

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

NOTICE—Please mail check and stubs to:

Susan Brown
2172 Grandview Rd
Moundsville WV 26041

Check Payable to: Ways & Means

Susan Brown
Linda Crumm



October 2022 Ways and Means Winners

Name	#'s	City	State	Date	\$\$\$
Kim Millie	972	Morgantown	WV	10/01/2022	25.00
Breanna Garner	389	Ridgeley	WV	10/03/2022	25.00
Crystal Graham	344	Bluefield	VA	10/04/2022	25.00
Sandy Junkins	905	Tridelpia	WV	10/05/2022	25.00
	210			10/06/2022	
Phil Law	100	Welch	WV	10/07/2022	25.00
ALA Unit #15	681	Parkersburg	WV	10/08/2022	25.00
	863			10/10/2022	
	949			10/11/2022	
ALA Unit #3	247	Moundsville	WV	10/12/2022	25.00
	352			10/13/2022	
Cathy Whitt	088	Augusta	WV	10/14/2022	25.00
Sharon Armentrout	719	Webster Springs	WV	10/15/2022	25.00
	593			10/17/2022	
	285			10/18/2022	
Capon Bridge #137	673	Capon Bridge	WV	10/19/2022	200.00
	797			10/20/2022	
Hillenbrand Family	760	Romney	WV	10/21/2022	25.00
	869			10/22/2022	
Penny Tennant	561	New Martinsville	WV	10/24/2022	25.00
	769			10/25/2022	
	037			10/26/2022	
	506			10/27/2022	
	620			10/28/2022	
Dortha Parson	382	Clarksburg	WV	10/29/2022	25.00
Sheila Shockey	787	Romney	WV	10/31/2022	25.00

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

Dec. 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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4	5	6	7 National Mem- bership Target of Pearl Harbor Day	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Department Target of 50%	16	17
18 Hanukkah (Begins at Sun- down)	19	20	21 First Day of Winter	22	23 Office Closed	24 Christmas Eve
25  <small>© Can Stock Photo</small>	26 Office Closed Kwanzaa begins	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve
					<i>Programs of Month VA&R</i>	



“Christmas 365 around the World”



November 16, 2022
Department Goal— 4935 Membership to Date— 2665
Department Unit 200 Goal—136 Membership to Date— 100
To Date Percentage 54%

Laura

District 1			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	21	9	42.86%
Moundsville #3	244	148	60.66%
McMechen #5	31	14	45.16%
Weirton #10	65	33	50.77%
Cameron #18	156	48	30.77%
New Martinsville #28	104	74	71.15%
Wellsburg #34	29	12	41.38%
Follansbee #45	52	2	3.85%
Pine Grove #81	81	39	48.15%
Paden City #86	90	55	61.11%
Wheeling #89	22	3	13.64%
Newell #114	16	2	12.5%
Hundred #120	38	21	55.26%
Chester #121	134	57	42.54%
TOTALS	1083	517	47.74%

District 4			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	402	276	68.66%
Spencer #21	29	17	58.62%
Pt. Pleasant #23	227	125	55.07%
Tyler County #48	42	1	2.38%
Sistersville #67	56	14	25%
New Haven #140	143	74	51.75%
Williamstown #159	89	43	48.31%
TOTALS	988	550	55.67%

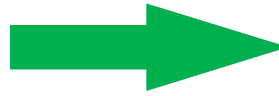
District 6			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Welch #8	55	28	50.91%
Bluefield #9	31	2	6.45%
Beckley #32	33	16	48.48%
Gary #38	97	62	63.92%
Cowen #62	23	20	86.96%
Richwood #97	30	24	80%
TOTALS	269	152	56.51%

Debbie

District 3			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	40	30	75%
Clarksburg #13	43	9	20.93%
Elkins #29	121	61	50.41%
Shinnston #31	248	195	78.63%
Braxton County #33	35	20	57.14%
Bridgeport #68	62	39	62.90%
Belington #96	19	0	0%
Pickens #122	25	17	68%
Morgantown #174	60	35	58.33%
TOTALS	653	406	62.18%

District 5			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Huntington #16	146	86	58.90%
Logan #19	22	17	77.27%
St. Albans #73	29	16	55.17%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	223	111	47.64%
South Charleston #94	12	1	8.33%
Hamlin #111	47	2	4.26%
Milton #139	57	32	56.14%
Barboursville #177	132	91	68.94%
TOTALS	668	356	53.29%

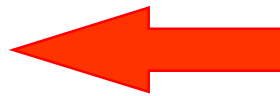
District 10			
Unit	2023 Goal	2023	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	71	35	49.30%
Franklin #30	22	0	0%
Piedmont #52	20	0	0%
Berkeley Springs #60	182	111	60.99%
Moorefield #64	86	7	8.14%
Charles Town #71	118	66	55.93%
Petersburg #78	78	49	62.82%
Romney #91	174	96	55.17%
Charles Town #102	41	33	80.49%
Paw Paw #128	38	21	55.26%
Kirby #134	37	27	72.97%
Ridgeley #136	70	26	37.14%
Capon Bridge #137	158	110	69.62%
Keyser #152	43	3	6.98%
TOTALS	1138	584	51.32%



**“Candy Canes”
 Team
 Goal—2459
 To Date— 1346
 54.74%**



**Membership
 Chairman
 A Star**



**“Gingerbread”
 Team
 Goal—2340
 To Date 1219
 52.09%**



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: _____

Comfort Items List for Midwinter

Grown Up Coloring Books
Colored Pencils
Word Find Books
Crossword Books
Board Games (checkers, chess, other adult games)
Crafts (all styles)
Slippers with non-skid bottoms, (any style with a back)
Belts All Sizes and Adjustable
Winter Coats (all sizes)
Winter Gloves and Knit Caps
Winter Scarfs
Men's Sweatpants Sizes 3X-5X
Unisex sweats size 2X-6X
T-shirts all sizes (including 2X-6X)
Socks for both men and women including Diabetic socks
Underwear for both men and women
Women Sport Bras (all sizes)
Deodorant (men and women)
Shaving cream
Shampoo
2-3 blade disposable razors
Nail clippers and Emory boards
Combs and brushes (individually wrapped)
Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
Liquid Detergent for washing clothes
Fabric Softener
Table fans for COPD patients
Non-perishable snacks

Homeless Veterans:

Non-perishable foods/snacks (soap, Vienna sausages, crackers, bottled water, flavored drinks)
Cleaning supplies (floor cleaner, counter cleaner, laundry soap, QS sheet sets)

Fisher House:

Holiday Decorations

2023 DEPARTMENT MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
RESERVATION FORM

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

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

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

Arrival Date _____ AM PM Departure Date _____

Room Type: (circle one) Doubles King (Additional charge of \$10 for a King)

Non-Smoking Facility

Handicap Room: (circle one) wheelchair oxygen tank other

If you circled "other," please explain. _____

*Members with wheelchair disabilities will receive priority.

One night's deposit must accompany this request to reserve a room. Any form, without a deposit will be returned.

Enclosed, please find one night's room deposit of **\$85.00** (plus 15% tax) = \$102.35 per night

(Circle one)

check cash credit card
_____ credit card # _____
type _____
expiration date _____

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

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

**Cancellation, at least 48 hours in advance
This form must be mailed to reserve a room at Lakeview
Resort. (No phone calls for rooms will be accepted.)
PLEASE PRE-REGISTER EARLY- THANKS!**

***CANCELLATION MUST BE
48 HOURS IN ADVANCE
TO RECEIVE REFUND***

YOU ARE INVITED
TO THE 43rd DEPARTMENT MID-WINTER

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

Oglebay Resort and Conference Center
Wheeling, WEST VIRGINIA

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

RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

-
I AM SENDING \$ _____ FOR _____ ADVANCED REGISTRATION(S).
PLEASE ATTACH A LIST OF INDIVIDUALS FOR WHICH YOU PAYING.
SPELL NAME AS IT IS TO APPEAR ON NAME BADGE DURING CONFERENCE

NAME (S) _____

TITLE: _____

ADDRESS _____

POST/UNIT/SAL NO. _____

MAIL TO: THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA
PO BOX 3191
CHARLESTON WV 25332

DEADLINE DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2023

**43rd Annual Mid-Winter Conference
2023**

ADVERTISING FORM

The American Legion
Department of West Virginia, Inc.

I hereby authorize the following advertisement to be placed in the official program of the 43rd Annual Mid-Winter Conference of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia, Inc., scheduled February 10-11, 2023, at Oglebay Resort and Conference Center, Wheeling, West Virginia.

Date: _____, 2023

Name of Post/Unit/SAL

Please specify exactly how your ad should read. Only the information you supply will be published. An attached copy of your ad is very helpful. Be sure to state if Legion, Auxiliary, or SAL Emblem is requested.

Ad should read as follows:

Authorized Signature: _____

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

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

Ad and Payment Deadline is January 16, 2023.
No Deviation

2023 AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION

RESERVATION INVOICE

AUGUST 25 - AUGUST 31, 2023

JW MARRIOTT CHARLOTTE

606 SOUTH COLLEGE STREET

CHARLOTTE, NC 28202

NAME(S) OF ATTENDEE(S)

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-MAIL:

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

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

PLEASE MAIL PAYMENT BY MAY 1, 2023

ARRIVAL DATE TO HOTEL	
DEPARTURE DATE FROM HOTEL	
KING OR DOUBLE	

Quantity

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

FIRST NIGHT'S DEPOSIT REQUIRED.

WE WILL BILL YOU FOR OTHER CHARGES

PLEASE ORDER YOU NATIONAL CONVENTION SHIRT ON THIS FORM

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE AND MAIL TO:

Total

THE AMERICAN LEGION

PO BOX 3191

CHARLESTON WV 25332

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

First Night Deposit Required

PLEASE RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE"

THANK YOU

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

General Fund-----Beginning Balance 08/01/2022-----		\$22,348.91	
Income		Expenses	
Office - label purchase & Ink	\$65.00	Petty Cash - Start	\$100.00
Bonding Fee	\$35.00	Audit	\$150.00
Reimbursement - Plaque	\$58.74	Start Money - Fall Workshop	\$150.00
Donations		Plaques; Americanism	\$17.07
Wreath Across America	\$50.00	Membership	\$58.74
Education Fund	\$131.25	Insurance	
Girls State Project	\$81.25	D&O Insurance	\$561.07
AL Child Welfare Fund	\$30.08	Fire	\$189.00
Auxiliary Emergency Fund	\$220.00		
		Membership - Refund	
Dues		Back Dues	\$269.50
Online Dues - Department	\$916.25	Junior Dues	\$225.00
Back Dues	\$364.75	Senior Dues	\$8,916.00
Junior Dues	\$314.25	Online - Unit	\$292.00
Senior Dues	\$12,849.50	Office Equipment	
Online Dues - Units	\$952.25	Copier Overage	\$225.49
Full Access	\$1,003.50	Copier Lease	\$597.00
PUFL - Units	\$541.30	Copier Service Contract	\$123.20
PUFL - Department	\$897.50	HP Contract	\$105.96
		Supplies	
Interest	\$66.62	Office	\$582.81
Analyzed Fee Refund	\$32.13	Salaries	
		Secretary/Treasurer	\$2,525.04
		Payroll Expenses (Taxes)	\$1,158.45
ALAMIS			
		Program Convention - Chaplain	\$93.30
Junior Account		Postage & Shipping	\$513.44
Workshop Registration	\$50.00	Officers' Compensation	
		Department President	\$1,000.00
		National President - Gift	\$29.25

Conference/Conventions		Telephone	
Registration Fee	\$720.00	Office Phone/Internet/Fax	\$520.60
Raffle Drawing	\$118.00		
		Fall Finance Meeting	\$240.00
Starter money - Redeposit	\$150.00	Jr. Activities - Past Jr. Pin (2)	\$37.16
Spirit Subscriptions	\$72.00	Fall/Workshop - Meeting room	\$854.00
		Secretary - Conference Travel	\$276.40
		National Convention	
		Registration	\$265.00
		Delegates Registration	\$275.00
		Consage - Cathy	\$21.00
		District Conference - Secretary	\$276.40
		National Convention - mileage	\$321.25
		National travel - luggage	\$215.00
		National Convention per diem	\$975.00
		Workshop/Fall Board Meetings	
		Workshop - District VPs	\$448.40
		Fall Executive Board	\$878.80
	\$19,734.37		\$23,486.33
Ending October 31, 2022	Balance \$18,596.95		
Welfare	Beginning Balance as of August 1, 2022		42,115.09
Income		Expenses	
Veteran Welfare Fund	\$226.25		
10% Proceeds	\$148.25	Welfare	\$29.85
Gift Shop	\$25.00	VA&R Pins	\$647.65
President's Special Project	\$1,720.00	Poppies (3,000)	
Interest	\$3.79		
	\$2,123.29		\$677.50
Ending Balance	October 31, 2022		\$43,560.88

Rhododendron Girls State		Beginning August 1, 2022	Expenses	\$144,264.13
Income				
Interest	\$54.41	Bank Analysis Fee	\$31.75	
Parkersburg Cty Foundation	\$350.00	Davis & Elkins		
		Dining Services	\$3,282.08	
		Citizens	\$28,200.00	
Analysis Fee - Refund	\$31.75	Lodging Staff & Guests	\$6,140.00	
		Printing & Copying	\$800.00	
		Market Place - Cola Cola	\$262.32	
		Meal - Debriefing	\$294.78	
		Fallboard meeting	\$1,224.00	
		Mid-Winter Board Meeting	\$46.50	
		National Director Meeting	\$360.00	
		Governor's Plaque	\$35.00	
		Printing - Huntington Post #15	\$143.75	
		Website	\$750.00	
	\$436.16			\$41,570.18
Ending Balance		August 31, 2022		\$103,130.11

**America Legion Auxiliary
Department of West Virginia
BUDGET 2022 - 2023**

General Fund - Estimated Income

Dues 4200 Sr/\$7 plus 280 Jr/\$1.25 plus \$1400 PUFL	\$30,205.00
Department Fundraiser (25%)	\$2,000.00
Interest	\$1,500.00
Other Income	\$1,500.00
Reserve	\$12,930.00
TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME	\$48,135.00

Officers Expenses

Department President Travel	\$2,000.00
Department President (PDP Pin/Sashes)	\$650.00
Department Secretary/Treasurer Salary	\$13,650.00
Department 1st Vice President	\$200.00
Department 2nd Vice President	\$200.00
Department Chaplain (mailing cards, Prayer Book)	\$100.00
Department Historian (preparation of History)	\$100.00
National Executive Committeewoman (NEC)	\$100.00
Six (6) District Presidents (\$100 each)	\$600.00
Department Officers Liability Insurance	\$560.00
Insurance for Board of Directors	\$150.00
TOTAL	\$18,310.00

Public Relations Chairman	\$50.00
Scrapbook Chairman	\$50.00
Membership Chairman	\$200.00
Junior (pin, installation exp.)	\$150.00
TOTAL	\$450.00

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Auditing Treasurer's Books	\$750.00
Conference Travel (Dept. Sec. Mileage/3 da per diem)	\$650.00
Computer Downloads (Membership)	\$75.00
Computer Expense & Equipment Repair	\$1,000.00
Insurance Bonding/License	\$1,500.00
Office Assistant	\$600.00
Office Supplies (Paper,ink,nametags,etc)	\$1,000.00
Postage - Headquarters, President, Finance Chairman	\$1,500.00
Service Contract/Lease on office copier	\$4,000.00
Taxes (SS, Workers Comp, IRS, Workforce)	\$4,500.00
Brickstreet Policy (employees)	\$0.00
Telephone - Headquarters, Internet)	\$2,600.00
Utilities (Headquarters electric, gas)	\$400.00
TOTAL	\$18,575.00

Department Convention (per diem, mileage)	\$3,500.00
Prizes & Awards (Rec #6)	\$300.00
Flowers	\$100.00
Fall Dept Exe Com Meeting/ Workshop	\$3,000.00
National Convention	\$2,500.00
Convention Recorder	\$600.00
National Guests & Gifts	\$750.00
DLNC (distribution to be determined by FC)	\$500.00
TOTAL	\$11,250.00

TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSES \$48,135.00

WELFARE FUND - Estimated Income

75% of Department Fundraiser	\$5,000.00
Veterans FIRST Fund/Welfare Fund	\$1,500.00
Poppy Orders	\$750.00
10% Poppy Proceeds	\$1,500.00
Cheer Parties	\$200.00
Gift Shops	\$200.00
Comfort Item/PP Raffles/Donations	\$1,500.00
Poppy Club	\$100.00

TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME \$10,750.00

WELFARE FUND - Estimated expenses

Beckley VAMC (\$90 per month pre COVID)	\$600.00
Clarksburg VAMC (\$90 per monthpre COVID)	\$600.00
Clarksburg Nursing Home (determined by FC)	\$0.00
Huntington VAMC (\$90 per month pre COVID)	\$600.00
Martinsburg VAMC (\$115 per month pre COVID)	\$1,100.00
WV Veterans Home (\$90 per month pre COVID)	\$690.00
TOTAL	\$3,590.00

Beckley VAMC Gift Shop	\$900.00
Clarksburg VAMC Gift Shop	\$900.00
Huntington VAMC Gift Shop	\$900.00
Martinsburg VAMC Gift Shop	\$2,500.00
TOTAL	\$5,200.00

Poppy Shop Expenses	\$1,200.00
Poppy Shop Postage	\$200.00
VA&R Pins	\$400.00
Comfort Item Room at Mid-Winter Conference	\$160.00
TOTAL	\$1,960.00

TOTAL WELFARE \$10,750.00

PROJECTED GENERAL FUND PROPOSED	\$48,135.00
PROJECTED WELFARE FUND PROPOSED	\$10,750.00
TOTAL PROJECTED BUDGET	\$58,885.00

Scholarship Savings Fund **\$20,881.38**

Ann Buchanan, Chairman
Irene Weber, Committee
Sharon Kauffman, Committee