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Department President

“With Love and Gratitude~~We Support Our Military & Honor Our Veterans”

Colors—Red/White/Blue

Flower— Rose

Hello To All!

National Convention is just a couple of weeks away. To those who are going, let's bring back all the positivity and enthusiasm that we can for our fun, productive year. Let's "BE THE ONE" to offer assistance to those veterans who might be struggling. "BE THE ONE" to listen, to talk with, to help.

I hope you are all making plans for our Fall Workshop. Remember to collect all the questions from your members, of things that you don't understand or just need clarified. I am asking all Department Chairmen to be prepared to answer these questions, with the help of Past Department Chairmen. This learning session is to help you feel confident when filling out the year-end reports or writing the narrative.

I am not going to speak much on membership except, it should be fun. As per "Uncle Sam" & "Betsy Ross". Games? Hint...What do you know about membership and the auxiliary? What year did that happen? How patriotic are you? Let's remember...Membership in our Department, is a team effort! Units excelling help those units that struggle and, in the end, the Department wins!

Kim and Districts 1, 4, & 6 are Stars. I would love to see these districts decked out in star, (blue with white stars), patriotic or military attire. Laura and Districts 3, 5, & 10 are Stripes. Let's see how many in these districts can sport the red/white stripes, patriotic or military shirts, etc. I will give prizes to the districts /units that are the most patriotic. Let's have fun. Don't forget, dress casual, nice but casual.

Fall is upon us. What a wonderful time of the year. Enjoy the weather. Spend time with friends and family and be kind and considerate! Don't forget our Military and Veterans!

Contact me if I can help you with anything or if you have questions. I may not know the answers, but I have some wonderful ladies on my team that will.

Hugs to all!

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2nd Vice President-Kimberly Mellie
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1st District-Paulette Anderson
3rd District-Kimberly Mellie
4th District-Patsy Greiner
5th District-Laura Clark
6th District-Peggy Swartz
10th District-Diana Teter

District Vice Presidents

1st District-Christy Bland
3rd District-April Wallace
4th District-Melanie Paxton
5th District -Kimberly Evans
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.

August starts a new membership year. If you are paying 2023 membership please use a transmittal for 2023. Department is now accepting dues for the 2024 membership year. Any new members sent to headquarters after July 31, 2023 will have a joining date as of September 1, 2023.

If a unit wishes to increase their membership dues for 2024 year, there will be a cost of \$30.00.

ALA MIS system—if your unit wishes to try the system. Please notify this office by letter or email that your unit wishes to do so. I will get back with you for further information.

Department Chairmen

If you need any information on previous plans of works do not hesitate to call the office for the information. Don't forget to look on the National website

Alaforveterans.org

If you need your plans of works copied, please have them to me by September 8.

Thank You!

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.

REMINDER TO ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN OR ANYONE WISHING TO PUT A NEWS ARTICLE IN THE SPIRIT—ARTICLES CAN NOT BE ANY LONGER THAT 200 WORDS. I WILL NEED TO RETURN YOUR ARTICLES TO YOU FOR CORRECTIONS. THANK YOU

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.

Mail Call

Please keep Tiffany Orlando in your thoughts and prayers; Cards my be sent to 150 Achilla Ter, Martinsburg, WV 25404.

Beth Kilgore has a new email address, New email is 3609mbk@gmail.com

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2024 Fall Conferences Schedule

1st District Oct 7 Paden City #86
3rd District Nov 7 Buckhannon #7
4th District Oct 29 New Haven #140
5th District Nov 7 Barboursville #177
6th District Sept 23 Bluefield #9
10th District Oct 21 Berkeley Spring

The Office will be closed from August 23rd through September 5th for National Convention. If you need help with anything, please call the office phone number 304-845-7410, and I will return your call.

Thanks

“To be seventy years young is sometimes far more cheerful and hopeful than to be forty years old”

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

~~~~~*Let's Be Patriotic*~~~~~

**Membership Chairman**

Hello Ladies –  
We have a great Workshop planned and hope to see many of you and your Units represented, Saturday, September 16 at Clarksburg Hilton Garden Inn.  
Thank you to all of the Units that have submitted membership. Remember, membership is just not up to the Membership Team but every one of us! Please do not hold membership, get them in and get credit for them. Our current membership is 328 paid members with our goal of 4,994.  
We will meet with the District Vice Presidents on Friday, September, 15 at 4:00 p.m. This gives you time to get things ready for our workshop on Saturday!  
Please don't forget to bring a filled purse (Betty Rea's Purse Auction) to be auctioned off for our Department President's Special Project.  
Please also remember to wear your patriotic clothing or military clothing honoring your who you joined!

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd,  
"Uncle Sam"  
Membership Chairman

**Department 1st Vice President**

Hello Districts 3, 5, and 10 (aka STRIPES)! I hope to see all of you at the Membership Workshop in Clarksburg on Sept. 16!. It is such a great opportunity to learn from one another about different ideas to help your units and districts with attaining your membership goals.  
As reminder, your first target date is December 15th to reach 50% of goal. Renewals will be going out soon and be sure to follow up with any potential new member  
A HUGE shoutout to the following units who are leaders in their districts:

3rd District:  
Braxton County #33 with 36.7% of goal

5th District:  
Huntington Unit #16 with 22.3% of goal

10th District:  
Capon Bridge #137 with 37.7% of goal

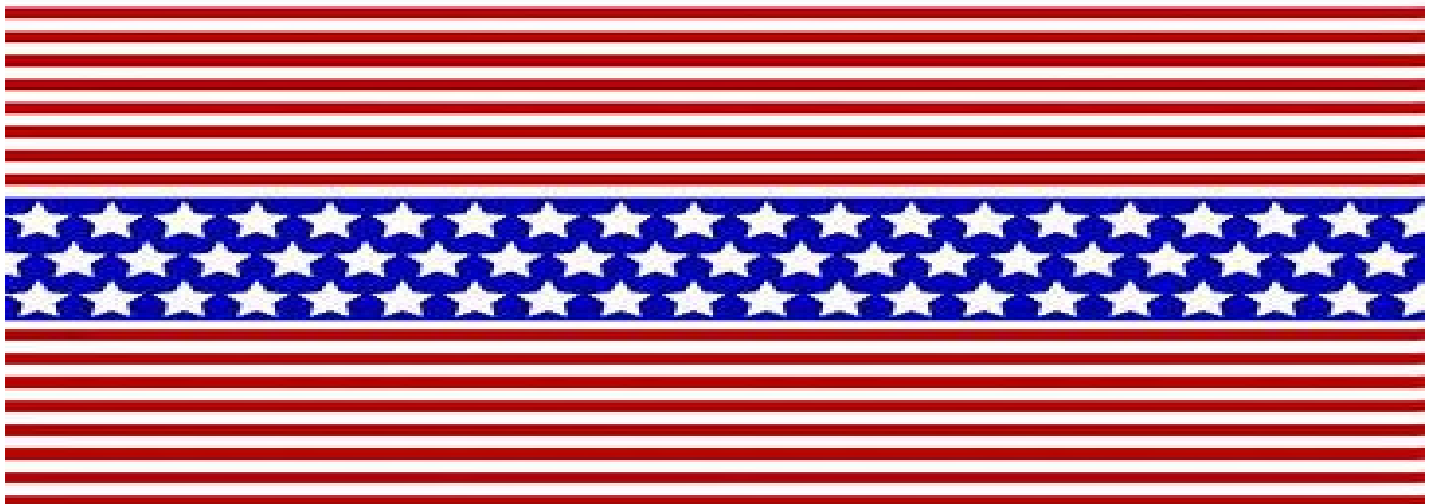
As always, please reach out if you have any questions or need any assistance!

Laura Clark  
Department 1st Vice President  
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**Department 2nd Vice President**

Hello ladies of Districts 1,4, and 6! Lets get our stars shining! We need to increase membership! This year is a fun Patriotic theme. Lets have a great time and bring your purses for President Debbie's "Betty Rea" purse auction. Let's try to reach our 25% target by mid September. Please know that I am here to help in anyway. Feel free to text or call at any time!

Kim Mellie  
2nd Vice  
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### ***1st District Vice President***

Happy August everyone! This summer has flown by! It's definitely time to start working on membership. With National raising dues, some members may get upset. Try running an early bird price for a couple of months. Great way to meet those target goals! I hope to see you all at workshop in September! Enjoy the rest of your summer

1st District Vice President - Christy Bland  
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### ***6th District Vice President***

Hoping everyone is safe and healthy. We have started our new membership building year. All members should have received their Membership booklets with the 2023-2024 cards by now. You should have started processing membership renewals for 2024.

I plan on attending the Membership workshop on September 15-16-11, 2023 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 in 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  
District 6

### ***3rd District Vice President***

As we start preparing for National Convention, we look forward to rekindling friendships from across the country!

There should be lots of information to bring back to your Units at the Membership workshop (Sept 14 -16 in Bridgeport).

3rd District make sure we our "star spangled" to keep with President Debbie's Theme!!! I already have a "Betsy Johnson" filling up nicely for the purse auction!!!

The 3rd District Fall Conference will be November 4 at the Senior Center in Buckhannon...more information next month!!

For God and Country in the Spirit of Service Not Self

April D. Wallace  
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### ***10th District Vice President***

I am so excited for the workshop in a few weeks. If you have never been, it is so informative and so much fun. I hope everyone is accepting membership, you Do NOT have to wait until the bill comes from National to pay or accept. The sooner you start accepting membership and getting them in, the sooner you will make goal. Let's all work just a little harder this year, it would be nice to see Central Division in first place this year. I know we can do it! The key word to The American Legion Auxiliary is to be kind, treat people the way you want to be treated, and be helpful. Remember, gossiping, being unkind, and trying to backstab each other is not something most people want to be part of. We have a hard time getting members when that is the attitude and action we show. Let's watch our tongues because in all reality we are representing our loved ones that fought for us and loved us that much.

Jill Davis  
10th District Vice President

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

I hope everyone has had a great summer! I want to Thank you again for the opportunity to serve the 5th District as Vice President. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in September at the Membership Workshop. This is all new to me so I will be learning with you. I hope everyone is working hard on their renewals and getting new membership. It's going to be a successful year for 5th District. First Target goals of 50% is December 15th and Huntington Unit 16 is at 22.3% with Milton Unit 139 coming in next at 13.3%. Who is going to make the first goal? Be creative! Come on 5th District "Show your Stripes"  
Please feel free to contact me at any time for questions or concerns.

Kimberly Evans  
5th District Vice President  
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### ***Chaplain***

“A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.” -Albert Einstein

Stephanie Handley  
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### ***4th District President***

The Fall Membership Workshop will be held September 15 – 16, 2023, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Clarksburg, West Virginia. We hope auxiliary members will attend to share in the learning and promotion of this years' programs. This workshop promises to be fun and informative!

The District 4 Fall Conference will be held on October 29, 2023, at New Haven Post #140. Registration will be at 9 a.m. Meetings will begin at 10 a.m. Registration will be \$15 per person. Lunch will be provided at the conclusion of the meetings.

Department President Debbie Michael's theme this year is “With Love and Gratitude~~We Support Our Military & Honor Our Veterans”. Her membership theme is “Let's Be Patriotic”.

It is such an honor and privilege to be a member of this Great organization! We do so much good for our military, our veterans, and our community. Let's do our best to grow the membership of the Department of West Virginia American Legion Auxiliary by continuing to recruit, retain, and maintain membership.  
For God and Country.

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### ***1st District President***

Good Day to All! I hope you have survived the inclement weather we have had over the last few days.

I want to remind all in the 1st District that the Fall Conference has been changed to October 7th. This is on a Saturday and will still be held at Paden City Senior Citizens, hosted by Paden City Unit #86. Rhonda Best will be sending out the credentials and registration this weekend. Remember, the due date for them to be in will be September 9th. This is 4 weeks before our conference.

Our District Goal this year is 1,050 members. We have 37 paid to date and we are at 3.52%. The 1st target date is December 15th with 50% paid members. The new target sheet is in this Spirit, so please look at your units' goal and your current membership to see how many members you need to get for the 50% mark. Congratulations to New Martinsville Unit #28 for having 16 members paid! Other Units have their PUFL's paid, and 3 units with no membership. Let's make President Debbie proud with the 1st District getting all membership paid!

Paulette Anderson  
1st District President  
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### ***5th District President***

Hello 5th District! It's hard to believe that summer is almost over and fall is around the corner. I hope that many of you can make it to workshop in Clarksburg on Sept. 16th. It is always a great time and a wonderful opportunity to learn from one another. Also, MARK YOUR CALENDARS for 5th District Conference hosted by Barboursville Post 177 on Saturday, November 4th. Registration will begin at 9 am and the meeting will begin at 10am. Commander Rob Dunlap and I hope you all can attend!

For God & Country,  
Laura Clark  
5th District President  
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### ***3rd District President***

I hope September finds you well! I am currently on vacation and getting some quality family time! Hope to see you all in Bridgeport! Lets make every effort to make our Stripes known again this year! Reach out if you need anything! Let's make President Debbie's year amazing and Patriotic! May God bless us all.

Kim Mellie  
Third District President  
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### ***10th District President***

We are nearing the end of summer and I hope everyone enjoyed their various outings.

September is the month of the “Forget Me Not” flower.

This flower comes in many colors and grows almost anywhere.

They stand for hope, loyalty, faithfulness, innocence, peace, purity and strength.

When I think about our Veterans and Youth this also hold true.

The innocence, hope and peace of a child. The loyalty, faithfulness and strength of our Veterans.

As Auxiliary we are to advocate for Veterans, mentor our Youth and Uphold and defend the Constitution of America.

When walking in your yard or driving by an area look for those “Forget Me Nots” and spend a moment of silence for the ones that we have lost. Spend a moment reflecting on our Youth that we mentor and be thankful we have and have had the opportunity to do this.

I look forward to seeing you at Workshop.

Diana Teter  
District 10 President



## *Americanism*

This month will be Proper Displaying of the Flag.

- (a) It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flag staffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.
  - (b) The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
  - (c) The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all weather flag is displayed.
  - (d) The flag should be displayed on all days.
  - (e) The flag should be displayed daily on or near the main administration building of every public institution.
  - (f) The flag should be displayed in or near every polling place on election days.
  - (g) The flag should be displayed during school days in or near every schoolhouse.
- Paulette Anderson  
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## *Auxiliary Emergency Fund*

Fellow Auxiliary Members,  
I would like to thank President Debbie for the appointment as Auxiliary Emergency Fund Chairman for this coming year. I look forward to helping and serving with all of you. The AEF is a national grant assistance program that provides financial assistance to eligible members of the American Legion Auxiliary who have endured a significant financial setback as the result of a natural disaster or personal hardship.  
If I can be of assistance to you or your unit in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.  
Blessings,  
Melanie Shambaugh  
AEF Chairman  
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## *Educations*

Thank you, President Debbie, for this appointment. Also, serving on the committee are Roxie Nicholson and Katie Beth Caudill. The 2023-2024 school year is upon us! Now is the time to plan your unit Education Program. Contact your schools or school board to find out who your point of contact will be and let them know what the Auxiliary has to offer. This is the perfect opportunity to find out what type of donations the school(s) need. Example: food supplies for backpack programs, health supplies, school supplies, snacks, etc... Don't forget to take photos and report what your unit is doing. The 2023-2024 Education Action Plan will be available at Fall Workshop, Sept 16th in Clarksburg. Don't hesitate to reach out if you need help. The children are our future; the more they learn the more places they will go!

Nichole Shepherd  
Education Chair  
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## *Children & Youth*

Recognizing youth for their contributions is very important. The Good Deed and Youth Hero awards are an excellent way to highlight the actions of youth in the community. These awards are presented throughout the year to recognize the heroism and helpfulness of youths under age 18. Nominations are made by local ALA units. If you know of a youth deserving of one of these awards, submit a nomination. Nominations may be submitted directly on the national website: <https://legion-aux.org> Go to Committees, Children & Youth, Youth Hero/ Good Deed Award Form. If you need help with the nomination, contact Shirley Davis, 304-544-1838. The rules for awards are:  
Good Deed Award  
Youth should demonstrate a leadership role in community service. A specific deed should be present; (donates time and/or raises money for worthy cause raises money for homeless veterans, food drive, monument, etc.)  
Junior ALA members may be nominated for the award.  
Winners receive a certificate.  
Youth Hero Award  
Youth should demonstrate a physical act of valor (CPR, first aid, rescue from fire or water, etc.)  
Junior ALA members may be nominated for the award.  
Winners receive a medal and certificate.  
Shirley Davis, Chairman

## Junior Activities

Congratulations to Department President Debbie Michael! Thank you for asking me to be the Junior's Program Chairman this year.

President Debbie has chosen Rhododendron Girls State as her Special Project. As Juniors we know about that program and are planning a special fundraising event this year. More about this in future articles.

As a Department Junior Girls Unit, "With Love and Gratitude ~We support Our Military & Honor Our Veterans". We will work with senior members on Department projects and programs. So "Let's Be Patriotic". Let's get creative! Let's get busy and "LET'S BE THE ONE" to show our Mountaineer Pride by helping our veterans and military families in our communities!

At the Fall Membership Workshop, Juniors will be working on Christmas cards for our Veterans and Military. Please bring any extra cards you have for this project. Cards will be sent to a unit overseas, as well as veterans in WV VA medical centers. Thank you for supporting the Junior Girls Program.

Our goal is to teach the Juniors about our past and present, so they can carry our mission, purpose, and dedication to our veterans into the future.

For God and Country.

Patsy Greiner  
Chairman  
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## Leadership

Welcome to the new administration and the focus o that will help us work together and grow together. How exciting to consider the possibilities... of new leaders stepping up, fresh ideas coming forward, support from across the Auxiliary family and more.

Leadership truly does matter. It allows us to set the tone, set the goals, and set the bar HIGH! Thank you for your enthusiasm to learn more and do more.

I would like to offer a challenge for the fall... get in touch with one or more of the young ladies you helped send to Girls State and invite them to your meeting.

Invite them to come and hear about what you are doing. Invite them to share what they learned at Girls State and what they plan to do that will help them grow as leaders during their senior year in high school.

Not only will this serve as a monthly program... it can be the basis of your Leadership reports for the year. Let us know how it goes. Take pictures and share with me so we can add it to the RGS Facebook page.

Leadership really does matter. Let's start right now and see just how much it matters to us all.

Rosemary M. Thomas  
Leadership Chairman

## Legislative

The VA announced July 25 that it will review whether three more types of cancers will be added to the list of conditions presumed to be caused by exposure to toxins from military burn pits. The department said it will conduct new studies to determine whether veterans with acute leukemia's, chronic leukemia's and multiple myeloma outside of the head and neck could have resulted from military service in Iraq, Afghanistan and Southwest Asia.

Since the PACT Act became law, the VA has processed more than 458,000 claims out of more than 843,000 submitted and provided more than \$1.85 billion in benefits to veterans and their survivors. It is our job to keep up on the military news.

Kim Mellie  
Legislative Chair  
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## National Security

Did you know that the National POW/MIA Recognition Day is September 15, 2023?

National POW/MIA Recognition Day was established in 1979 through a proclamation signed by President Jimmy Carter. Since then, each subsequent president has issued an annual proclamation commemorating the third Friday in September as National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

In addition to a national-level ceremony, observances of National POW/MIA Recognition Day are held across the country on military installations, ships at sea, state capitols, schools and veterans' facilities.

Since 1999, the POW/MIA Accounting community has created a poster commemorating National POW/MIA Recognition Day. The annual edition of the poster continues to honor this tradition.

Please visit the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) to order your FREE poster and be sure to recognize our POW/MIA personnel on Sept. 15th.

#NotForgotten

Laura Clark

National Security Chairman

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## Poppy

Here it is the end of summer and school is about to begin, now is the time to think about contacting schools in the next few months about poppy posters. I will have all the information in my Plan of Action for fall workshop.

With the VA Hospitals starting to open up to Volunteers, think about using them when we do activities at the hospital. We need to hold poppy making classes so we have plenty ready for Veterans Day.

If you need my help just call me at 304-592-0247 or email me at [carlajwilfong@gmail.com](mailto:carlajwilfong@gmail.com).

Carla Wilfong

Department Poppy Chairman

## Public Relations

*PR is an essential tool for our organization. PR allows us to communicate what we are doing, what we are about and to share ideas. This also allows people to share ideas, donate and participate in our organization's activities. PR is a tool to thank those who have given their time, money or have offered assistance in any way. A thoughtful thank you sent to a person and/or business for participation or assistance could assist with continued support of our organization.*

**Stephanie Handley**

**Public Relations Chairman**

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## Past President's Parley

Hello Auxiliary Members,

It's an honor and privilege to serve this year as your Past President's Parley Chairperson.

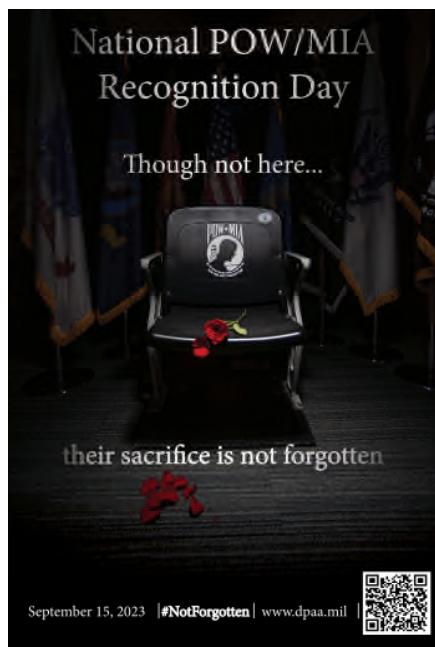
As we begin this new year, please continue to be a positive mentor for new and fellow Auxiliary members. Also, share your pictures of the wonderful things your units are doing for Veterans and your communities. Each of your action plans will be available at the Workshop. We will mostly follow last year's plan. I can't wait to see everyone at Fall board in September for the workshop.

I'm here if you all need any help. Leave you with a quote: Your tomorrow may never come, Today is the pupil of yesterday, Each day of your life, as soon as you open your eyes in the morning, you can square away for a happy and successful day.

For God and Country

Savanna Kauffman

PPP Chairperson





## *Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation*

When is the last time your reviewed the volunteer guide for VA&R? Located on the National Website, after logging or setting up an account, this link will take you to the guide. <https://member.legion-aux.org/member/guides/volunteer-guide>

We all need refresher from time to time. This guide contains some history on how the program came to be, info on volunteering in the the VA as, well as volunteering outside the VA. Volunteering outside the VA is Service to Veterans. The name changed a few years back when they combined field service and home service. You ask, why do I need to fresh myself? Over the years changes have occurred. Did you know now family members who are care givers can count some hours? Did you know doing stuff in a Veterans Cemetery also counts? We all do something in some form or another for Veterans. Now is the time to refresh ourselves, so we are reporting correctly. If you plan to attend workshop September 16th, you might want to refresh before then. Hope to see many at Workshop.

Lisa Cadwallader  
VA&R Chair

## *Constitution & Bylaws*

Do you see this as a confusing or boring committee? Do you ask, why do we need these? Do you think "I just want to help Veterans" or "We are a volunteer organization"?

Yes, confusing, boring, volunteer organization. However, we need to remember, we are just like a business. And if any happens and someone Sues us, yes Sues, if it gets into a court of law, they will look at these documents. These are binding documents.

Not that we all have or need each of these sections but these are the basic sections of an organization's bylaws:

Name of the organization

Purpose

Membership

Officers

Meetings

Governing Board

Committees

Subsidiary Organizations

Parliamentary Authority

Amendment Process

Need help, have questions, please feel free to reach out.

Lisa Cadwallader, Chair

**SAVE THE DATE**

**COMMANDER MATT SAMPSON**

**HOMECOMING**

**OCTOBER 14, 2023**

**MOUNTAINEER POST #174  
3470 EARL CORE ROAD  
MORGANTOWN**

**Time, Cost, Menu, and Hotel rooms TBA**



# American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

## *Rhododendron Girls State*

It's not too early to start planning for next year's Rhododendron Girls State Session. Please start to solicit businesses and secure funding from organizations as they are preparing next year's budgets.

Also, please use your citizens that just attended Girls State for your Veterans Day Poppy Day, Christmas Parade or to help out with a Unit function!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or your district representative or myself.

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd  
Girls State Chairman



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5th Dist. — Ann Buchanan  
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Ona WV 25505  
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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 Seventeen \$25.00 winners for July and no \$200 winner. Congratulation to all the winners!

I will have 2024 tickets with me at workshop. If there is a special numbers you wish to have, please call the office and let me know. Price of tickets this year is still \$20.00.

This year there will be a contest for the person and the Unit selling the most tickets. They will receive a gift for their efforts.

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

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




## *July 2023 Ways and Means Winners*

| Name             | #'s | City         | State | Date      | \$\$\$ |
|------------------|-----|--------------|-------|-----------|--------|
| Nancy Frost      | 964 | Cumberland   | MD    | 7/01/2023 | 25.00  |
| David Crumm      | 829 | Wheeling     | WV    | 7/03/2023 | 25.00  |
| Beckey Cooper    | 156 | Sistersville | WV    | 7/04/2023 | 25.00  |
| Dennis Davis     | 282 | Capon Bridge | WV    | 7/05/2023 | 25.00  |
| Nina Mason       | 051 | Rio          | WV    | 7/06/2023 | 25.00  |
|                  | 314 |              |       | 7/7/2023  |        |
| Amy Davis Lee    | 782 | Romney       | WV    | 7/08/2023 | 25.00  |
|                  | 185 |              |       | 7/10/2023 |        |
|                  | 909 |              |       | 7/11/2023 |        |
| Ginger Burek     | 116 | Wheeling     | WV    | 7/12/2023 | 25.00  |
|                  | 852 |              |       | 7/13/2023 |        |
| Edna Arms        | 929 | Greer        | SC    | 7/14/2023 | 25.00  |
|                  | 736 |              |       | 7/15/2023 |        |
|                  | 052 |              |       | 7/17/2023 |        |
| Tabatha Holliday | 768 | Martinsburg  | WV    | 7/18/2023 | 25.00  |
|                  | 808 |              |       | 7/19/2023 |        |
|                  | 967 |              |       | 7/20/2023 |        |
| Vanessa Frost    | 481 | Cumberland   | MD    | 7/21/2023 | 25.00  |
| Rose Epling      | 274 | Reedy        | WV    | 7/22/2023 | 25.00  |
| ALA Unit #21     | 443 | Spencer      | WV    | 7/24/2023 | 25.00  |
|                  | 591 |              |       | 7/25/2023 |        |
| Steve Harper     | 508 | Morgantown   | WV    | 7/26/2023 | 25.00  |
| Pat Crawford     | 291 | Morgantown   | WV    | 7/27/2023 | 25.00  |
| Sue Alkire       | 876 | Romney       | WV    | 7/28/2023 | 25.00  |
| Betty Harris     | 907 | Mentor       | OH    | 7/29/2023 | 25.00  |
| Brandy McUlty    | 980 | Cumberland   | MD    | 7/31/2023 | 25.00  |
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# Sept. 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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|                                                                                           |                                                                                           |    |    |    | 1                                                                                           | 2<br>V-J Day                                           |
| 3                                                                                         | 4<br>Labor Day<br>Office is<br>Closed                                                     | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8                                                                                           | 9                                                      |
| 10                                                                                        | 11<br>Patriot Day                                                                         | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15<br> | 16<br>Workshop &<br>Executive<br>Board Meeting         |
| 17<br>Constitution<br>Week 17th—<br>23rd                                                  | 18<br> | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22                                                                                          | 23<br>6th District Fall<br>Conference—<br>Bluefield #9 |
| 24<br> | 25                                                                                        | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29<br>VFW Day                                                                               | 30                                                     |
|                                                                                           |                                                                                           |    |    |    | <p><i>Program of Month<br/>Junior<br/>Activities<br/>Music</i></p>                          |                                                        |

~~~~~"Let's Be Patriotic"~~~~~

Date 8/15/2023
Department Goal 4994 — Membership to Date— 315
Department Unit 200 Goal 155 — Membership to Date—13

Kim

| District 1 | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|
| Unit | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
| Wheeling #1 | 23 | 4 | 17.39% |
| Moundsville #3 | 254 | 4 | 1.57% |
| McMechen #5 | 25 | 0 | 0% |
| Weirton #10 | 68 | 1 | 1.4% |
| Cameron #18 | 130 | 1 | 0.76% |
| New Martinsville #28 | 104 | 16 | 15.4% |
| Wellsburg #34 | 30 | 1 | 3.3% |
| Follansbee #45 | 50 | 1 | 2.0% |
| Pine Grove #81 | 75 | 0 | 0% |
| Paden City #86 | 80 | 3 | 3.75% |
| Wheeling #89 | 20 | 1 | 5% |
| Newell #114 | 20 | 2 | 10% |
| Hundred #120 | 35 | 0 | 0% |
| Chester #121 | 136 | 3 | 2.2% |
| TOTALS | 1050 | 37 | 3.52% |

| District 4 | | | |
|-------------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| Unit | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
| Parkersburg #15 | 394 | 37 | 9.4% |
| Spencer #21 | 29 | 6 | 20.7% |
| Pt. Pleasant #23 | 225 | 2 | 0.88% |
| Tyler County #48 | 42 | 0 | 0% |
| Sistersville #67 | 48 | 0 | 0% |
| New Haven #140 | 135 | 3 | 2.2% |
| Williamstown #159 | 85 | 11 | 12.9% |
| TOTALS | 958 | 59 | 6.16% |

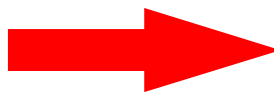
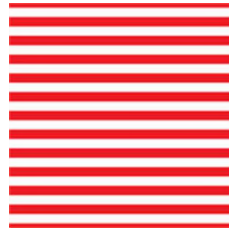
| District 6 | | | |
|-------------------|------------|----------|--------------|
| Unit | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
| Welch #8 | 45 | 1 | 2.2% |
| Bluefield #9 | 27 | 0 | 0% |
| Beckley #32 | 25 | 1 | 4.0% |
| Gary #38 | 90 | 0 | 0% |
| Cowen #62 | 23 | 3 | 13.0% |
| Richwood #97 | 33 | 0 | 0% |
| TOTALS | 243 | 5 | 2.05% |

Laura

| District 3 | | | |
|--------------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| Unit | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
| Buckhannon #7 | 40 | 10 | 25% |
| Clarksburg #13 | 54 | 7 | 12.9% |
| Elkins #29 | 115 | 4 | 3.50% |
| Shinnston #31 | 267 | 1 | 0.37% |
| Braxton County #33 | 30 | 11 | 36.7% |
| Bridgeport #68 | 62 | 2 | 3.2% |
| Belington #96 | 20 | 0 | 0% |
| Pickens #122 | 22 | 0 | 0% |
| Morgantown #174 | 102 | 1 | 0.9% |
| TOTALS | 712 | 36 | 5.05% |

| District 5 | | | |
|--------------------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| Unit | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
| Huntington #16 | 130 | 29 | 22.3% |
| Logan #19 | 22 | 0 | 0% |
| Charleston #20 | 25 | 0 | 0% |
| St. Albans #73 | 32 | 3 | 9.5% |
| Ceredo-Kenova #93 | 215 | 10 | 4.65% |
| So. Charleston #94 | 13 | 1 | 7.7% |
| Hamlin #111 | 40 | 1 | 2.5% |
| Milton #139 | 75 | 10 | 13.3% |
| Barboursville #177 | 154 | 7 | 4.5% |
| TOTALS | 706 | 61 | 8.64% |

| District 10 | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Unit | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
| Martinsburg #14 | 77 | 2 | 2.6% |
| Franklin #30 | 20 | 0 | 0% |
| Piedmont #52 | 20 | 0 | 0% |
| Berkeley Springs #60 | 187 | 6 | 3.2% |
| Charles Town #63 | 40 | 0 | 0% |
| Moorefield #64 | 89 | 7 | 7.87% |
| Charles Town #71 | 146 | 3 | 2.06% |
| Petersburg #78 | 71 | 2 | 2.82% |
| Romney #91 | 164 | 13 | 7.93% |
| Paw Paw #128 | 44 | 0 | 0% |
| Kirby #134 | 35 | 6 | 17.1% |
| Ridgeley #136 | 70 | 2 | 2.9% |
| Capon Bridge #137 | 167 | 63 | 37.7% |
| Keyser #152 | 40 | 0 | 0% |
| Totals | 1170 | 104 | 8.9% |



**Stripes
Team
Goal— 2588
To Date—201
7.77%**

**Membership
Chair
Uncle Sam**



**Stars
Team
Goal 2251
To Date 101
4.49%**





**Fall Membership Workshop
2023/2024 Agenda
Hilton Garden Inn
Tentative Schedule
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

Debbie Michael, President

Stephanie Handley, Chaplain

Debbie Michael, President

Paulette Anderson, Americanism Chairperson

Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Music Chairperson

Lisa Cadwallader, Constitution & Bylaws

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9:15 POW/MIA Ceremony

Stephanie Handley, Chaplain

9:30 Membership Team

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd, Membership Chairperson

Laura Clark, Dept. 1st Vice

Kimberly Mellie, Dept. 2nd Vice

Six District Vice Presidents

**10:30 Department Action Plan; Question and Answers
On Programs and Forms**

Past & Current Department Chairmen

11:30 LUNCH

**1:00 Competition Questions & Answers—Auxiliary Programs
& Forms**

Past & Current Department Chairmen

1:30 Special Project

Debbie Michael, President

1:45 Secretary Remarks

Susan Brown, Secretary/Treasurer

2:00 Questions & Answers

2:15 Auction

Survey Sheets

Closing Prayer

Adjournment

4:00 Fall Executive Board

Have a Safe Trip Home

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 or September 15, 2023

CHECK OUT SEPTEMBER 17, 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)

4:00 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)

“BETTY REA’S PURSE AUCTION”
SATURDAY September 16, 2023
Membership/Leadership Workshop
HILTON GARDEN INN CLARKSBURG WV



Please donate a new or gently used purse
Filled with surprises!!!!

Proceeds to benefit President Debbie’s Special Project
“Rhododendron Girls State”

DROP OFF FRIDAY EVENING OR BRING SATURDAY MORNING

SAVE THE DATE!

**HOMELESS VETERANS
STAND DOWN**

SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 10 AM - 2 PM
624 Ninth Street, Huntington, West Virginia

Attention Community Partners!

A table and two chairs will be provided

Plan to bring a tent

Let us know if you need electricity

Please consider bringing goodies and a door prize!

Proudly hosted by

**Hershel "Woody" Williams VA Medical Center
Community Resource and Referral Center
VA Homeless Veterans Program**



American Legion Auxiliary
Homecoming for
Department President
Debbie Michael

Sunday, October 22, 2023

Social Hour: 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Dinner: 1:30 p.m. No cost

Followed by a short program

“Let’s Be Patriotic”

Dress Casual – Military or Patriotic shirts

At some time during this year please consider
donating to Debbie’s Special Project
Rhododendron Girls State.

Checks can be made payable to
ALA Department Headquarters
(earmarked RGS)

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: _____