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

Colors—Red/White/Blue

Flower— Rose

Hello to all our Stars and Stripes!

I don't know about you but, I have had enough cold weather. It's hard to get motivated with all this cold, windy weather,

Speaking of motivation, please be motivated to bring new/old members into our wonderful organization. We need to grow. Please make the effort to ask friends or family members to join, not only the auxiliary, but the Legion, Sons and Riders. Together we can make a real difference for our veterans.

We are catching up with Wisconsin in membership but not enough. Lynda and I want to pride ourselves with West Virginia shirts at the National Convention, not Wisconsin shirts. Lol

If you have daughters or granddaughters who are not members, PLEASE sign them up. Whether they are active or not, just being a member is also showing support for our veterans.

Thank you for giving membership your best. We are TEAM West Virginia. Congratulations to three units who have reached or exceeded 90%. New Martinsville Unit 28, Bridgeport Unit 68 and Capon Bridge Unit 137. Keep up the good work. As you exceed your 100%, you will be helping the overall TEAM!

I hope everyone has made reservations for our Mid-winter at Oglebay. I am looking forward to seeing everyone. Please try to attend our membership luncheon. It's a good way to meet members from other units, exchange ideas and make new friends. Maybe we can play a couple of games and give out some prizes. Let's just have fun!

As with all meetings this year, please wear that military or patriotic attire. I hope the room is filled with red/white/blue and Army/Navy/Air Force/Marines/Coast Guard!

I apologize for only attending one Gift Shop, but times and circumstances just did not work out. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Gift Shops. You're the best!

A couple of reminders: Sell our Ways & Means tickets- Our department voted to use chairman for committees. Please do so.

I would like a picture from each unit wearing patriotic attire at your meeting.

If I can help you, let me know.

Happy Valentine's Day!

“Let's Be Patriotic”

Hugs!

Debbie Michael

Department President

Department Officers 2023-2024

President-Debbie Michael
1st Vice President-Laura Clark
2nd Vice President-Kimberly Mellie
Secretary/Treasurer-Susan Brown
Chaplain-Stephanie Handley
Historian-April Wallace

District Presidents

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-Melinda Paxton
5th District -Kimberly Evans
6th District-Mary Spence
10th District-Jill Davis





Department Headquarters



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.

When you are doing a name change or address change for a member. I need you to use a "Membership Data Form" and return to headquarters. Thanks!

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 with further information.

The website has been updated with a brand new look. You are now able to go straight to the National website from ours. No more 2 steps to reach a program you wish to download. Please take a look and let Department know what you think. When you see Jacob McCarty give him a big thank you for all his hard work.

Thank You Jacob!!!

Other changes to come: The Department will have a new email address in the near future—Stay tuned.

Notice from National—

All senior members not renewed in ALA MIS as of January 2, 2024 will receive a 2nd renewal notice. Notices are schedule to mail around February 1, 2024.

New members—when sending in a new application please make sure they are complete. If you are unable to read the 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.**

There is no need to add a member that has paid online to the a Unit's transmittal. I have a record already—Thanks!

Just a small note; Post and Unit may meet on the same day. They just do not hold their business session together.

Reminder—You are a member of the Unit not the Post. The Unit has their own identity

Member dues are based on a member age on January 1 of the Membership year. (Example—A member that is 17 on January 1st will be billed as a junior member for 2024 membership year. If she is 18 after August 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 she will changed to a Senior member for the 2024 membership year.

Department Headquarters

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**Rhododendron Girls State Website
www.wvgirlsstate.org**

**The American Legion
Department of WV
wvlegion@suddenlinkmail.com**

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

Directory Updates

Wheeling Unit #1—Has a new Secretary Courtney Clark
3810 Highland Ave
Shadyside OH 43947
740-310-3958

PDP & Moundsville Unit #3—
Please change Rhonda Best address to:
3000 Christy Lynn Dr., Apt #25
Moundsville WV 26041

Newell Unit #114—New President
Aaryn Kordecki
Email—aarynkordecki@gmail.com.
Phone # 330-843-4612

2024 Spring Convention Schedules
1st District Apr 20 Wheeling Unit #1
3rd District Mar 9 Shinnston Post #31 (J)
4th District Apr 4 Parkersburg Post #15(J)
Registration 1:00 Meeting 2:00
5th District Mar 16 Ceredo-Kenova Post #93 (J)
6th District Apr 27 Beckley Unit #32
10th District Mar 30 Capon Bridge Post #137 (J)

On January 4, 2024 Katena Karnes passed, she was a Past Department President 1995-96. She was a devoted wife, mother, and member of this organization. She served many years as a senior counselor of Rhododendron Girls State. Cards may be sent to:

Billy Karnes
1356 Riverview Dr, Suite 512
Barboursville WV 25504

"Have the courage to act instead of react"

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

American Legion Auxiliary
Huntington Unit 16
Huntington, WV

At a regular meeting of American Legion Auxiliary, Huntington Unit 16, of Huntington, WV was held on at 7:00 PM January 2, 2024 at the Post Home. The endorsement of Laura Kilgore-Clark for the office of Department President for the year 2024-2025 was unanimously approved by the membership.

Laura Clark is eligible through the military service of her grandfather, Glen R. Hogan, who was a Navy veteran of Korean War. She is married Brandon Clark and the mother of three (Trae Caudill, Katie Beth Caudill, and Alexander Caudill), all of who are members of the American Legion family. Laura joined Huntington Unit 16 in 1982. Laura has served in many capacities within Huntington Unit 16 including Chaplain, volunteering for Poppy Day, Veterans Day, and Memorial Day. She also served as Junior Activities Chairman. Laura is currently serving as Vice President and assisting with Children & Youth.

Laura has been active on the District level for many years and has served as District Vice President. Laura is currently serving as 5th District President.

Laura is active on the department level having served as Junior Activities Chairman, National Security Chairman, and has been appointed to several other committees within the department. Laura is presently serving as Department 1st Vice President.

Laura is a member of Madison Avenue Christian Church and has served as Christian Education Chairman. She is presently serving on the Community Outreach Department and the IT Committee. She has raised money for childhood cancer research with the Headbands 4 Hope, volunteered at the Huntington City Mission, an active member of the Spring Valley High School Athletic Boosters. She has assisted the American Heart Association with fundraisers and participate in Go Red for Women. She has coordinated fundraisers for the WV Breast Health Initiative and the local animal shelter. She has assisted the Homeless Veterans Resource Center, the Shatterproof (addiction recovery), and Autism Speaks

Huntington Unit 16 is proud to present Laura Clark as a candidate for 2024-2025 for the office of Department President.

Huntington Unit 16 President
Ann Buchanan

Huntington Unit 16 Secretary
Yvonne Sargent

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

**Membership Chairman**

Looking forward to seeing you at Mid-Winter in Wheeling! The second Membership Target Date is March 15 with 75% of goal. We are 230 members short this time last year and 68.52% of goal. We have 18 Units that have already reached Target # 2. We still don't have any goal Units but we have a couple of Units that are oh so close!!! I'm sure by next month we will have several goal Units. Will yours?

I have contacted both Department Vice Presidents to check with their District Vice Presidents to see what they can to help. We still have a couple of Units are less than 10% so any help they can provide please feel free to reach out to them, your district vice presidents, department vice presidents or myself if we can be of any assistance. Remember our challenge from Wisconsin about wearing t-shirts from the winning department. Well, we have some catching up to do as they are 75.13% of their goal. I know you don't want President Debbie or I wearing another state's t-shirt, do you? On the bright side, if we win, they will have to wear a West Virginia shirt. I know that sounds a lot better!

We are doing great things and let us be loud and proud!

See you in Wheeling!

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd

Membership Chairman



**Department 1st Vice President**

Happy February Stripes!! I can't believe that we already 1/2 way through this year and now is the time to kick it into high gear with membership! We are a little over 70% of goal and need everyone's help as we approach our 2nd target of 75% by March 15th! As a reminder, ALA members who have not been renewed by January 1st are not considered in good standing. Reach out to those members in your units and encourage them to renew as soon as possible. And, don't forget those junior members-- they count towards your membership goals!!

Who is going to be the first unit to reach 100% for Stripes?

The following units have achieved OVER 90% of goal:

Bridgeport #68 with 98.39%  
Capon Bridge #137 with 97.61%

Congratulations to everyone who has already met Target 1 of 50% and Target 2 of 75%! Keep pushing and keep encouraging your members to renew and process those memberships RIGHT AWAY!!

Thank you for all you do!!

Laura Clark  
Department 1st Vice President  
304-939-3607  
Laurakclark716@gmail.com

**Department 2nd Vice President**

I hope you had a wonderful January! Looking forward to Mid-Winter in February! Please remember to include Comfort Items for our Veterans and Silent Auction Items for the Conference. Come ready to display your patriotism donning your red, white, and blue! Stars and Stripes displayed for all to see!

The Stars have a little more work to do! We are only 5% behind the Stripes. Can we be at 75% of our goal by Mid-Winter? Remember to reach out to members to renew and also to try to gain 5 new members. We need to include more Juniors too. Involving your community is a great way to gain new members. Go to an Elementary School and invite kids to participate in the Poppy Poster contest, the essay contests. Real them into your Unit with activities and invite them to join! We got this. Thank each of you for all you do for our Veterans and their families. If you need anything, please reach out. I will be there to help.

Thank you and God Bless  
Second Vice  
Kim Mellie  
304-216-9943

HAPPY  
VALENTINE'S  
DAY ♡

### *Chaplain*

Hello to everyone,  
We need to fill up President Debbie's prayer book. So please submit any prayers that you would like to share with President Debbie. It could be a prayer of inspiration, love, or just one that has a special place in your heart that you would like to share with her. "The things that make me different are the things that make me, me."- Piglet  
God Bless,  
Stephanie Handley  
Department Chaplain  
stephaniehandley@msn.com.

### *6th District Vice President*

Hello to our District 6 members. Hoping everyone had a happy New Year and stayed safe during the Holidays. Hope everyone survived the cold temperatures and all the snow.

I had the opportunity to speak with several of District 6 Unit representatives. Our units have been extremely active in collecting dues and scheduling and holding their monthly regular meetings.

Our third membership target goal of 75% is due by March 15, 2024. Continue to work on collecting your membership dues for the 2024 year. Dates to remember are:

Mid-Winter conference February 9-10/2024 at Ogleby Resort and Conference Center

2024 Girls State will be June 9-15, 2024 Davis and Elkins College, Elkins, WV

Hope all of you have an enjoyable Valentine's Day. Stay safe. Pray for Our Country.

Mary Spence  
Vice President  
District 6

### *1st District Vice President*

Welcome to winter everyone! We're finally getting some snow. We still have a few Units in 1st district that are struggling with membership. If you need help with anything, don't hesitate to reach out to someone! Mid-winter is sneaking up on us this year. I can't believe it's almost February. Don't forget, the "fighting 1st district" will be hosting a hospitality room this year! Please stop by and support them. Until then, enjoy this beautiful winter weather. I hope to see you all soon.

Christy Bland  
1st District Vice President

### *1st District President*

There will be a 1st District Hospitality Room at the Midwinter Conference this year. This will be the first one we have had in a while. Your unit may be contacted to donate food, and help out.

Our District Spring Convention will be held on Saturday April 20, 2024 in Wheeling, hosted by Wheeling Unit #1. Please mark this on your calendar. More to come later.

I have been in contact with the 2 units in our District with less than 10 members. They have been very receptive and working on getting their membership in. One unit has new officers, and the other is getting new officers. District may visit these units in the spring. I hope they will attend our Spring District Convention.

Please keep working on membership!

Paulette Anderson  
1st District President  
pauletteanderson2848@gmail.com

### *3rd District Vice President*

Wow!!! Already time for Mid-Winter!! This year is really flying by!!! The 3rd District Spring Conference will be on March 9th at Shinnston. Registration will be at 9. Meeting starts at 10. The Department Oratorical Contest will follow in the afternoon. I hope to see you all there.

Remember to Spring forward one hour on March 9th at 2 a.m.

As always if you need me, aprilwallace0513@yahoo.com is the best way to reach me.

Have a good month and I hope to see everyone at Mid-Winter!!!

April D. Wallace  
3rd District Vice President

### *3rd District President*

Spring Conference will be held March 9th at Shinnston Post 31 with registration at 9. The State Oratorical contest will be held later that day! I thoroughly enjoyed judging that contest last year! I encourage all to stay and watch! Menu will be announced on the District 3 Facebook page! The ladies of Shinnston are excellent cooks and will prepare a fine luncheon! Be sure to thank them for their hospitality. The Birthday Dinner will be March 10th so come for the weekend! Join our Unit 31 in celebration with great food and great people.

As of January, District 3 as a whole 63.48%! Awesome job Units! Morgantown 174, Buckhannon 7, Pickens 122, Shinnston 31 are well on their way to 100%! Braxton 33, Bridgeport 68, and Elkins 29 are doing a fine job as well. Let's try to be at 100% by March 15!

Please reach out if you need anything! 304-216-9943.

For God and Country,  
Kim Mellie

### ***4th District President***

The Department Mid-Winter Conference is scheduled to be held at Oglebay Resort February 9 – 10, 2024. I hope all Auxiliary members have an opportunity to attend. It is a great opportunity to see old friends, make new friends and learn more about all aspects of the American Legion.

February 1st is National Freedom Day. Let's celebrate by doing a random act of kindness for our Veterans. February 12 and 19 are "Fly the Flag" days as we remember the birthdays of Presidents Washington and Lincoln.

Our Veterans and their families need your help. If you need project ideas, please contact the Department Auxiliary Program Chairpersons for ideas. Please submit year-end activity reports.

We can celebrate Veterans in February with hot meals, a phone call, an in person visit, a Valentine's Day card, or a text. The weather is cold and frigid. Please check on your veteran neighbors.

If you love your Freedom, thank a Veteran!

For God and Country

Patsy Greiner  
4th District President

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

We are well on our way into 2024 and a little over halfway through this membership year!! As a reminder, if a member's dues are not current, they are not considered in "good standing" with the unit, district, or department. Reach out to those members and encourage them to get their dues paid by Feb. 1st. As a reminder, DO NOT hold onto membership and please process immediately. As always, you can ask myself or your district VP, Kim Evans, if you have any questions or concerns.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the Spring 5th District Conference, being held at Ceredo-Kenova on Saturday, March 16th-- more details to follow in next month's Spirit and/or watch the FB page for updates.

I hope to see a good turnout from 5th District at Oglebay Resort in Wheeling for the Mid-Winter Leadership Conference February 9-11, 2024!

Yours,  
Laura Clark  
5th District President  
304-939-3607  
Laurakclark716@gmail.com

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

The holidays are behind us and I hope everyone enjoyed their family time.

February is Americanism month. Americanism is defined by the American Legion as an ideal of loyal patriotism, religious tolerance, righteous freedom, fearless courage, honest integrity, abiding faith in the commanding destiny of the United States, and a fathomless love for the principles that led our forefathers to found this country.

The Auxiliary strives to do all of the things that defines Americanism and I would say we do it well. When I look at the different posts on social media from all over the state I see that we are all of one accord which makes me a proud member.

I will encourage each Unit to continue with what you are doing to keep our great organization alive. Bless you all and thank you for your continued efforts.

Diana Teter  
District 10 President



### ***Midwinter Silent Auction***

This year for the silent auction at Mid-Winter, we are doing a TUB FULL OF LIQUOR

If you would like to contribute, please bring any type of liquor you would like to bid on and we'll put it in the tub.

Also any type of snacks you would like to snack on with your drinks.

PLEASE, don't forget to bring items for the Silent Auction, we need to raise a lot of money.

Thank you!

Roxie Nicholson, PDP  
strayberrymist@aol.com.



*Happy Valentine's Day*

### ***Past President's Parley***

Hello Auxiliary Members, Currently, it's snowing in my area. Let's hope that all the snow we will get snow. Lol!

This is a new year let's do great things! I hope so see lots of members at Mid-Winter.

I know this is earlier but it will be here before we know it.

Don't forget to send in your reports due in April.

Leave you with a quote: "If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at will change."

For God and Country  
Savanna Kauffman  
PPP Chairperson

## *Americanism*

February is Americanism Month. Fly your Flag Proudly!! Encourage youth to participate in the Americanism Essay contest. It is open to all students grades 3-12 and students with Special Needs. This year the essay is "What Does Freedom Mean To Me?". The cover Sheet must be included with the essay and can be found in the Department Plan of Action or on the National website under the Americanism committee. Essay is due to me by April 1, 2024.

Remember to send in your year end Americanism report to Department Headquarters no later than April 30, 2024. Please be sure to include a narrative, pictures on what your unit has done for Americanism. Until Next Month  
Paulette Anderson  
Americanism Chairman  
Pauletteanderson2848@gmail.com.

## *Constitution & Bylaws*

Holidays are over and we are all hopefully getting back to working on the business side of our Units. The committee has reviewed and been in contact with all Units that have sent theirs in.

If your Unit has not reviewed your Constitution and Bylaws in the past 4 years, chances are yours are out dated and possibly in conflict with Department and National. Now that men are allowed to join, wording in eligibility has changed and requires the "she", and "her" to be recorded. If you have made changes, you may bring them to Mid-Winter, email or mail them.

Stay warm and hope to see you at Mid-Winter,  
Lisa Cadwallader, Chair  
Lisac.ala71@gmail.com

## *Children & Youth*

Welcome to 2024. Begin your new year with a collection/donation of coins or dollars to the Child Welfare Foundation. Take your donations to the Mid-Winter Conference and turn them over to the Department Secretary/Treasurer. National is hoping for \$1 from each member in the American Legion Auxiliary.

Begin 2024 with a Children & Youth project in your community. Check with your school to see what is needed. You may not know that the most needed item in schools is SOCKS. Units are encouraged to buy warm and soft socks along with cold weather gear for needy children.

A suggestion for a Valentine Day project would be to buy boxes of children's valentines for a school. There are families who cannot afford valentines for their children who would like to share in the classroom valentine exchange. Buy extra boxes and let the children sign them for veterans in the community. Another idea is to donate small, heart-shaped boxes of candy (\$1) to the Blessing Box at your local church. To be remembered on Valentines Day is special for children and adults. There is always a need for food. Donate to local food banks. Donated peanut butter for children.

Shirley Davis  
Children & Youth chairman  
psdavis1524@msn.com.



## *Junior Activities*

Juniors will hold a meeting at Mid-Winter Conference scheduled for February 10, 2024. We will be working on the Junior Patch program. Some of our Juniors members have already been working independently in their units. Juniors have reported visiting Veterans in local nursing homes. Several Juniors participated in the Samaritan Shoe Box program with their churches. We will be making Valentines for the National Guard Unit we adopted. If you have any extra Valentines, please send them to the Mid-Winter conference. We are also participating in Coats for Kids program. If your family or friends have clean/gently used winter outer wear, we will also be accepting donations at our Mid-Winter Conference.

Seniors, if you have been working with your Juniors in your units, please let us know about your activities. Thank you for all you do for our Junior members. They are the future of this organization. For God and Country.

Patsy Greiner  
Junior Activities Chairman  
304-483-8296 (cell & text)  
Patsygirl2@gmail.com

## *Standing Rules*

Have you updated your Standing Rules this year? At this time I haven't received any Standing Rules from units to go over. If you have, please email them to me or mail to Paulette Anderson  
1251 Doolin Run Rd. New Martinsville WV 26155. You can bring them to Midwinter if you like. But if you do please have 3 copies for the committee to go over.

Paulette Anderson  
Standing Rules Chairman  
pauletteanderson2848@gmail.com

## Legislative

Legislative wins for 2023 The Veterans COLA Act (S. 777) and (S. 30) were signed into Law by Biden. S. 777 requires the VA to increase wartime disability compensation, clothing allowances for disabled veterans, and certain other compensations to increase with the cost-of-living increases. This will directly improve the quality of life for veterans and military families across the country! S.30 approves the construction of several VA hospitals and medical facilities and provides the budget to do so. There are still 12 bills to help our veterans to be brought up in the second session of the 118th Congress. Please visit the grassroots action center [grassroots@legion.org](mailto:grassroots@legion.org) to identify and email your elected officials! Need any help, questions or concerns please feel free to contact me. For God and Country  
Legislative Chair  
Kim Mellie  
304-216-9943

## Public Relations

Public Relations is a very important part of the American Legion Auxiliary. Has your Unit discussed how it uses Public Relations to communicate with not only members, but with the community as well? To get some tips and tricks take a look at the Public Relations page on the National website. It will guide you through some tips and tricks, such as:

Having a positive social media presence  
Building and maintaining a positive relationship with local media outlets.

Tell them what you are up to and invite them to your events

Having an elevator speech-What is the ALA? Why did you join? What do you do?

The importance of branding-so people associate the great things you do with your unit

Remember to always portray the American Legion Auxiliary in a positive manner. We want people to associate it with values contain in the Mission of our great organization.

Stephanie Handley  
Public Relations Chairman  
[stephaniehandley@man.com](mailto:stephaniehandley@man.com).

## National Security

National President Lisa Williamson's focus this year is "Be The One."  
What can we do to incorporate "Be The One" into our National Security Program? Everyone can help bring awareness to the "Be The One" initiative by wearing and promoting "Be The One" on the 1st of each month. See Resolution 13 approved in May of 2023 by The American Legion for more information on Be The One Day(s). [www.betheone.org](http://www.betheone.org)  
Everyone can share the message behind "Be The One" or something with our military and their families. We want to make a connection with our military and let them know we care. We want to help end the stigma surrounding mental health care. For more information on the "Be the One" initiative, you can visit [www.betheone.org](http://www.betheone.org) and help combat the stigma of suicide that surrounds our active military and veterans.  
For God & Country,  
Laura Clark  
National Security Chairman  
304-939-3607  
[Laurakclark716@gmail.com](mailto:Laurakclark716@gmail.com)



## Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and starting to gear up for Mid-Winter Conference, just a few weeks away. Remember if at all possible, please take your comfort drive items directly to your closest VA in WV. Then just bring the filled out form and drop it off in the comfort drive room. Also, I NEED all VA reps to locate someone to take comfort drive items back to your VA from Mid-Winter. Please provide me with the Name and cell number for that person. With snow moving in, have you offered to shovel the walk-way or drive way for a Veteran? Service to Veterans also include things such as shopping, cooking, sewing, cleaning, taking them for appointments, picking up medications and so much more!  
Now, that the holidays are over, don't forget those Veterans in VA's or nursing homes. They receive a lot during the holidays but afterwards they still need to know someone is thinking about them, a card, or a visit goes a long way.  
Hope to see you at Mid-Winter,  
Lisa Cadwallader, Chair  
[Lisac.ala71@gmail.com](mailto:Lisac.ala71@gmail.com)

## Poppy

Good afternoon to all Auxiliary Members. I hope everyone is staying warm and safe.

District meetings and Birthday Dinners are coming up soon, be sure to use poppies in your decorations.

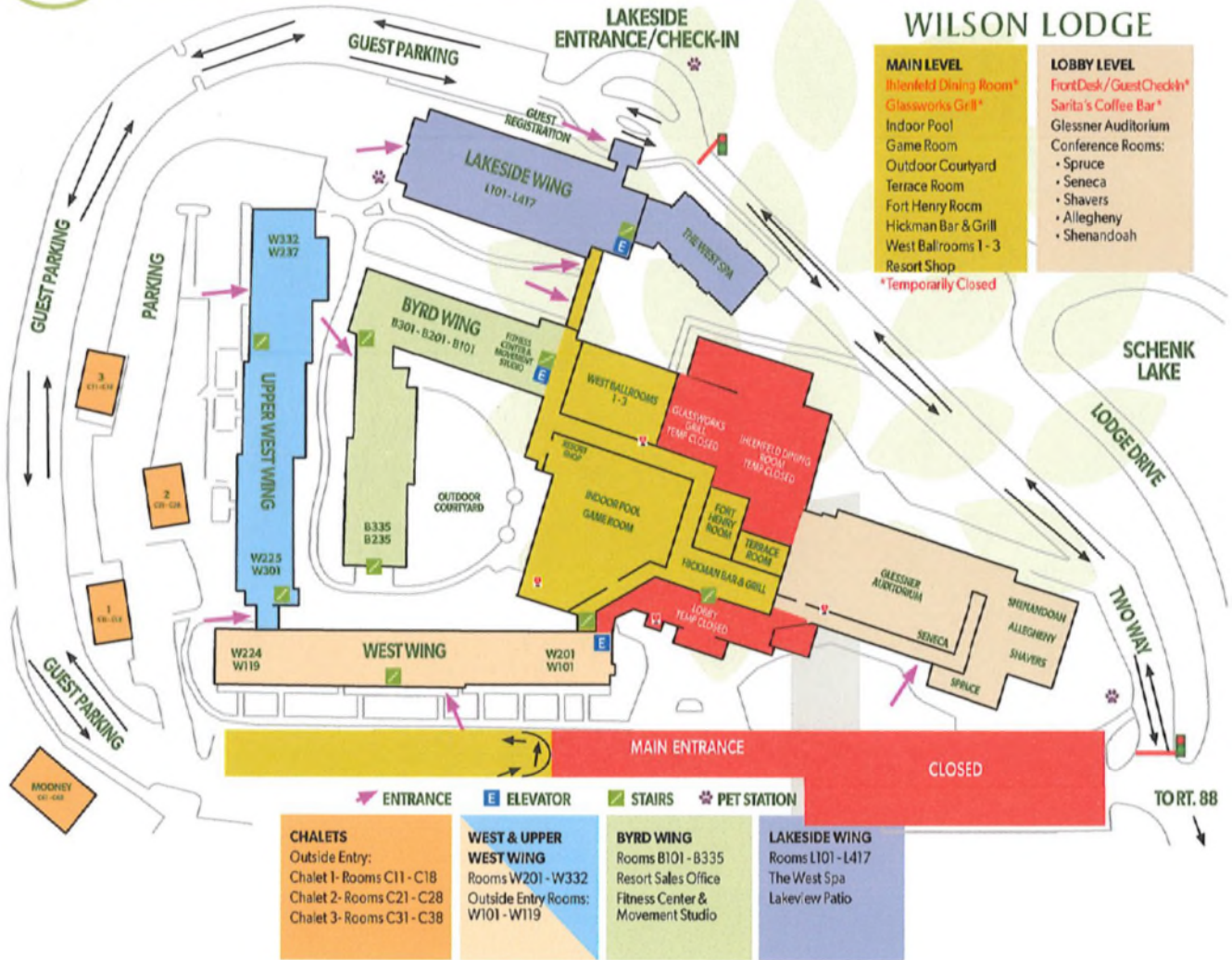
Remember that your Unit has been asked to make a corsage for Mid-winter. Bring either a picture or the corsage so it can be voted on.

I hope we have some Poppy Posters to vote on and send to National. I hope To be at Mid-winter depends on Jerry. If I am not there someone will take over for me.

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

Carla Wilfong  
Department chairman





*I have scanned the map of Oglebay check-in and parking changes while we are at Midwinter Conference.*

*The Glassworks Grill and Ihlenfeld Dining Room are currently closed for renovations. Their temporary restaurant will be Hickman Bar & Grill.*

*Breakfast daily 7 am—10:30 am*

*Lunch, Dinner & Cocktails*

*Daily—11 am—11 pm*

*Kitchen closes at 10 pm, bar and snacks until 11 pm*

*Coffee bar is currently closed—Coffee & grab & go items available at Hickman Bar & Grill*

*Daily 6:30 am—11 pm*

*Route 88 Burgers & Brew*

*Open Daily 11 am—8 pm*

*Oglebay Good Zoo—11 am—3 pm Daily*

“Troopons” is a coupon donation effort to assist active military personnel with expenses. This activity can be done as a family or as an Auxiliary Unit. Coupons are in newspapers, magazines and online. For this purpose, only Manufacturer's coupons will be accepted. Expired coupons can be used, but NO MORE than 3 months expired. Websites for coupons include [www.bing.com/manufacturercoupons](http://www.bing.com/manufacturercoupons), [www.google.com/manufacturercoupons](http://www.google.com/manufacturercoupons), [www.mymilitarysavings.com/coupons](http://www.mymilitarysavings.com/coupons) and many others found online.

Neatly clip coupons with expiration date intact. Sort into two piles, Expired and Not Expired, then each of those into four piles, Food, Nonfood, Baby, Pet. Total the cash value in each separate pile. Write all the above information for each pile on separate sandwich bags and enclose the coupons. Package the coupons and mail to:

“Support our Troops”  
Post Office Box 70  
Daytona Beach, Florida  
32115-0070.

Mail coupons every three months, or already expired coupons will not be useable. Enclose your email address for correspondence.

To send coupons to an overseas US Military Base of your choice, or be paired with a family, you may find the brief application form at [www.supportourtroops.com](http://www.supportourtroops.com) . A large amount of information is on this website, be patient when searching through it.

Mary Richards, District 1 National Security



# American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

## *Rhododendron Girls State*

Wow, can you believe Girls State is just shy of 5 months away? I know information will be given to Units at Mid-Winter and mailed to those who won't be attending. My spin-off of a quote by Charles Weller, "Now is the time ..." Now is the time for all good members to come to the aid and work on Girls State.

This year's Girls State Session which will be held Sun, June 9 – SATURDAY, June 15, 2024 at Davis & Elkins College in Elkins, WV. The Girls State Session will be \$300.00 per citizen. You may notice that there is an EXTRA day that has been added to our schedule (and for the same price as last year's). Again, as this past session, we will send the citizens elected to the Board of Public Works to be transported to the State Capital to meet with their elect West Virginia counterparts.

Have you secured funding for your citizens? Have you contacted your school counselors, school principals? Have you set up interviews, written essays, or speaking to the Junior class (or however you choose to select your citizens) Have you set up an orientation session or a joint orientation with another Unit or asked your RGS District Representative?

You are providing an amazing opportunity to your citizens. They become more engaged in leadership, patriotism and being informed citizens and form lifelong friendships.

We look forward to another successful year but we need your help in getting them interested, excited to attend. If anyone has any questions, please contact your district representative or myself if we can be of any assistance.

Lynda Lancaster -  
Loyd

Girls State Chairman



## *District Representatives*

1st Dist. — Susan Brown  
2172 Grandview Rd.  
Moundsville WV 26041  
304-845-5122

3rd Dist. — Mary Jo Thomas  
279 Rock Lake Road  
Fairmont WV 26554  
304-366-2912

4th Dist. — Cathy Post  
308 Main Street  
Middlebourne, WV 26149  
304-758-5114

5th Dist. — Ann Buchanan  
105 Cheyenne Trail  
Ona WV 25505  
304-654-9932

6th Dist. — Peggy Swartz  
P O Box 124  
Gary WV 24836  
304-448-2394

10th Dist. — Debbie Fox  
874 Longview Drive  
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411  
304-258-5804

**Ways and Means**

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

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

The first drawing for the 2024 year was January 1st, and there was a winner. If you have ticket studs and money still out, I need for you to send them to Department.

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




**December 2023 Ways and Means Winners**

| Name                | #'s | City             | State | Date     | \$\$\$ |
|---------------------|-----|------------------|-------|----------|--------|
| Debbie Headley      | 445 | Ridgeley         | WV    | 12/01/23 | 25.00  |
| Tammy Campbell      | 651 | Romney           | WV    | 12/02/23 | 25.00  |
| Brandi Clower       | 767 | Augusta          | WV    | 12/04/23 | 25.00  |
| Dryden Roush        | 138 | Spencer          | WV    | 12/05/23 | 25.00  |
| Paul Leatherman     | 360 | New Creet        | WV    | 12/06/23 | 25.00  |
| Ruth Loar           | 944 | Rio              | WV    | 12/07/23 | 25.00  |
| Nina Mason          | 051 | Rio              | WV    | 12/08/23 | 25.00  |
|                     | 083 |                  |       | 12/09/23 |        |
| ALA Unit #21        | 443 | Spencer          | WV    | 12/11/23 | 25.00  |
| Clarence Bell       | 439 | Romney           | WV    | 12/12/23 | 25.00  |
| Beverly Westfall    | 528 | Rio              | WV    | 12/13/23 | 25.00  |
|                     | 038 |                  |       | 12/14/23 |        |
| Beverly Chaney      | 176 | Keyser           | WV    | 12/15/23 | 25.00  |
|                     | 632 |                  |       | 12/16/23 |        |
|                     | 863 |                  |       | 12/18/23 |        |
| Mark Stallings      | 105 | Cumberland       | MD    | 12/19/23 | 25.00  |
|                     | 247 |                  |       | 12/20/23 |        |
| Mary McMillion      | 264 | Flatwoods        | WV    | 12/21/23 | 25.00  |
| Amy Rock            | 453 | Upperglade       | WV    | 12/22/23 | 25.00  |
| Beverly Westfall    | 528 | Rio              | WV    | 12/23/23 | 25.00  |
| Charlotte Meade     | 938 | Fairmont         | WV    | 12/25/23 | 25.00  |
| Peggy Swartz        | 202 | Gary             | WV    | 12/26/23 | 25.00  |
| Shannon Harshbarger | 555 | Huntington       | WV    | 12/27/23 | 25.00  |
|                     | 068 |                  |       | 12/28/23 |        |
|                     | 474 |                  |       | 12/29/23 |        |
| Dave Hale           | 781 | New Martinsville | WV    | 12/30/23 | 25.00  |
|                     |     |                  |       |          |        |
|                     |     |                  |       |          |        |



# February 2024

Sun    Mon    Tue    Wed    Thu    Fri    Sat

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| 4  | 5                                         | 6  | 7                                                                                         | 8<br>Midwinter<br>Office Closed | 9<br>Midwinter<br>Office Closed                                                                                                                                                                    | 10                                                                                       |
| 11 | 12<br>Lincoln's<br>Birthday               | 13 | 14<br> | 15                              | 16                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 17                                                                                       |
| 18 | 19<br>President's<br>Day<br>Office closed | 20 | 21                                                                                        | 22<br>Washington's<br>Birthday  | 23                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 24                                                                                       |
| 25 | 26                                        | 27 | 28                                                                                        | 29                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                          |
|    |                                           |    | Red Shirt<br>Friday—<br>Every Friday                                                      |                                 | <p style="text-align: center;"><i><b>Program of Month</b></i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i><b>Americanism</b></i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i><b>Chapel 4 Chaplains</b></i></p> |                                                                                          |

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

Date 01/18/2024
Department Goal 4994 — Membership to Date— 3505
Department Unit 200 Goal 210 — Membership to Date— 100
Next Target Date of 75% is March 15, 2024

Kim

| District 1 | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit | | | |
| Wheeling #1 | 23 | 19 | 82.61% |
| Moundsville #3 | 254 | 214 | 84.25% |
| McMechen #5 | 25 | 6 | 24% |
| Weirton #10 | 68 | 52 | 76.47% |
| Cameron #18 | 130 | 92 | 70.77% |
| New Martinsville #28 | 104 | 94 | 90.38% |
| Wellsburg #34 | 30 | 19 | 63.33% |
| Follansbee #45 | 50 | 40 | 80% |
| Pine Grove #81 | 75 | 44 | 58.67% |
| Paden City #86 | 80 | 64 | 80% |
| Wheeling #89 | 20 | 1 | 5% |
| Newell #114 | 20 | 2 | 10% |
| Hundred #120 | | | |
| Chester #121 | 136 | 84 | 61.76% |
| TOTALS | 1015 | 731 | 69.62% |

| District 4 | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
|-------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit | | | |
| Parkersburg #15 | 394 | 317 | 80.46% |
| Spencer #21 | 29 | 24 | 82.76% |
| Pt. Pleasant #23 | 225 | 169 | 75.11% |
| Tyler County #48 | 42 | 1 | 2.38% |
| Sistersville #67 | 48 | 2 | 4.17% |
| New Haven #140 | 135 | 103 | 76.30% |
| Williamstown #159 | 85 | 50 | 58.82% |
| TOTALS | 958 | 666 | 69.52% |

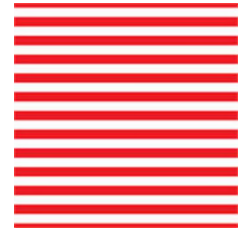
| District 6 | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
|---------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit | | | |
| Welch #8 | 45 | 31 | 68.89% |
| Bluefield #9 | 27 | 2 | 7.41% |
| Beckley #32 | 25 | 11 | 44% |
| Gary #38 | 90 | 56 | 62.22% |
| Cowen #62 | 23 | 12 | 52.17% |
| Richwood #97 | 33 | 18 | 54.55% |
| TOTALS | 243 | 130 | 53.50% |

Laura

| District 3 | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit | | | |
| Buckhannon #7 | 40 | 31 | 77.50% |
| Clarksburg #13 | 54 | 36 | 66.67% |
| Elkins #29 | 115 | 79 | 68.70% |
| Shinnston #31 | 267 | 214 | 80.15% |
| Braxton County #33 | 30 | 22 | 73.33% |
| Bridgeport #68 | 62 | 61 | 98.39% |
| Belington #96 | 20 | 12 | 60% |
| Pickens #122 | 22 | 16 | 72.73% |
| Morgantown #174 | 102 | 89 | 87.25% |
| TOTALS | 712 | 560 | 78.65% |

| District 5 | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit | | | |
| Huntington #16 | 130 | 103 | 79.23% |
| Logan #19 | 22 | 8 | 36.36% |
| Charleston #20 | 25 | 9 | 36% |
| St. Albans #73 | 32 | 22 | 68.75% |
| Ceredo-Kenova #93 | 215 | 133 | 61.86% |
| So. Charleston #94 | 13 | 6 | 46.15% |
| Hamlin #111 | 40 | 23 | 57.50% |
| Milton #139 | 75 | 50 | 66.67% |
| Barboursville #177 | 154 | 96 | 62.34% |
| TOTALS | 706 | 450 | 63.74% |

| District 10 | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit | | | |
| Martinsburg #14 | 77 | 51 | 66.23% |
| Franklin #30 | | | |
| Piedmont #52 | 20 | 1 | 5% |
| Berkeley Springs #60 | 187 | 159 | 85.03% |
| Charles Town #63 | 40 | 33 | 82.50% |
| Moorefield #64 | 89 | 58 | 65.17% |
| Charles Town #71 | 146 | 106 | 72.60% |
| Petersburg #78 | 71 | 41 | 57.75% |
| Romney #91 | 164 | 118 | 71.95% |
| Paw Paw #128 | 44 | 24 | 54.55% |
| Kirby #134 | 35 | 25 | 71.43% |
| Ridgeley #136 | 70 | 57 | 81.43% |
| Capon Bridge #137 | 167 | 163 | 97.61% |
| Keyser #152 | 40 | 32 | 80% |
| Totals | 1150 | 868 | 74.19% |



Stripes Team
Goal— 2568
To Date—1878
72.57%

Membership Chair
Uncle Sam



Stars Team
Goal 2216
To Date 1527
67.84%





42nd Annual Mid-Winter Conference
American Legion Auxiliary Conference Program
Oglebay Wilson Lodge, Wheeling WV

Friday, February 9, 2024

| | | |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 8:00 am | Comfort Items Open | Seneca Room |
| 12:00-4:30pm | Silent Auction Opens | To be announced |
| 1:00-7 pm | Registration | Banquet View |
| 12:00-1:00pm | Training Committee | Shenandoah Room |
| 1:00-2:00pm | Membership | Shenandoah Room |
| 2:00-3:30pm | Policy and Procedure | Shenandoah Room |
| 3:30-5:00pm | Girls State Executive Board Meeting | Shenandoah Room |
| 7:00-9:00pm | Opening Joint Session | Ballroom West 1&2 |

Saturday, February 10, 2024

| | | |
|-------------------|--|---|
| 8:00 am -12:00 pm | Registration | Banquet View |
| 8:00-12:00 | Comfort Items | Seneca Room |
| 8:00 am -2:00 pm | Silent Auction | To be announced |
| 9:00 am | Opening Session | Shenandoah Room |
| | Call to Order | Debbie Michael, President |
| | Prayer | Stephanie Handley, Chaplain |
| | Moment of Silence | Debbie Michael, President |
| | Pledge of Allegiance | Paulette Anderson, PDP, Americanism Chairman |
| | National Anthem | Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Music Chairman |
| | Preamble of Constitution | Lisa Cadwallader, PDP, Constitution & Bylaws Chairman |
| | Mission Statement | Lisa Cadwallader, PDP, Constitution & Bylaws Chairman |
| 9:15 am | Welcome | Debbie Michael, President |
| 9:15 am | Juniors Session—Excused for their session | Spruce Room |
| 9:15-11:45 | Leadership Development | Dr Rosemary Thomas, Leadership |
| 11:45 am | Recess | |
| Noon | Membership Luncheon | Allegheny Room |
| | Lynda Lancaster-Loyd and Membership Team
"Let's Be Patriotic" | |
| 1:30 pm | Reconvene | |
| 1:30 pm | Missing Man Table & Four Chaplain Program | Stephanie Handley, Chaplain |
| 1:45 pm | Membership Program | Lynda Lancaster-Loyd, PDP Membership Chairman |
| 2:00 pm | Ways & Means 2023 Report | Susan Brown, Chairman |
| 2:15 pm | Questions & Answers | |
| 2:45 pm | Poppy Posters & Poppy Corsage Contest | Carla Wilfong, Poppy Chairperson |
| | Comfort Items Report | Lisa Cadwallader, PDP |
| 3:00 PM | Silent Auction Report and Basket Raffle Drawing | Roxie Nicholson, PDP |
| 3:15 pm | Announcements | Susan Brown, Secretary |
| | Adjournment | Debbie Michael, President |
| 4:00 pm | Church Services | Terrace Room |
| 6:00 pm | Commander's and President's Reception | Ballroom West 1,2,&3 |
| 9:00 pm | Dance & Karaoke | Ballroom West 1,2,&3 |

*Silent Auction Closes at 2:00 pm on Saturday
Please pick up your items and pay for them right after adjournment*

Safe Travels Home!

**Junior Meeting
Mid-Winter Conference
Wheeling, WV
February 10, 2024**

| | | |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Registration...(Fee \$10)..... | Spruce Room..... | 8:30 |
| Opening Ceremony with Auxiliary..... | Shenandoah Room..... | 9:00 |
| Juniors Meeting..... | Spruce Room..... | 9:30 |
| Special Craft Project | | 9:30 |
| Card Signing..... | throughout the day | |
| Lunch (on your own)..... | | 11:00 |
| Reconvene with Auxiliary..... | | 1:30 |
| Missing Man Table & Chapel of the Four Chaplains..... | | 1:30 |
| Question & Answer & Ideas Session..... | | 1:45 |
| Closing Ceremony & Adjournment..... | | 3:00 |

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

Let's Learn All We Can About The ALA!!!

There is an indoor pool. The ALA **will not** furnish supervision for swimming

2024 Mid-Winter Membership Luncheon

“Let’s Be Patriotic”

Saturday February 10, 2024

MENU

Choose of

Tomato Bisque Soup or Simple Salad with Ranch Dressing

The Club—Roasted turkey, roasted ham,

Lettuce, tomato, herb mayonnaise

Or

Pesto Grilled Chicken, Arugula, Grilled Peppers on

Ciabatta Bun

All Sandwiches Serviced with House Made Potato Chips

Includes

Iced tea, coffee, and water

Dessert by President Michael

Price \$28.00 pre person

Advance Registration by January 19, 2024; Payment with reservation or pay at the door.

NO DEVIATION

List of Names Attending:

List Allergies beside name

**Send Form and Payment to: ALA Dept. Treasurer
2172 Grandview Road
Moundsville, WV 26041**

WV Veterans Home

For Recreation Dept.

Cash/Check
TTA Bus Tickets (\$5 increments)
Tickets to Sporting Events
NFL/NASCAR/Baseball
Gift Cards (Wal-Mart, etc.)
Movie Passes
Camping & Fishing equipment
Sporting Equipment
Archery Arrow & Pool Cues
Remote control cars & planes
Oil/ Acrylic paint & brushes
Hand Tools & craft supplies
Darts and Dart supplies
Small Folding tables
Digital Picture Frames
DVD Players
Music (CD's) Radios/ CD Players

DVD Movies & Blue Ray movies
Surge Protector
Individually wrapped snacks
Individual microwave popcorn
Individual Hot chocolate
Coffee, Creamer, & Tea Bags
Holiday Decorations
Bottled water, Gatorade, & pop
Snack, cracks, chips
Chocolates
Mountain Bike (men's)

For Veterans

Cologne
Women
Clothing
(2X, 3X, 20-22)
Bandoliers
Sanitizer
Hats, Gloves, & Jackets
Liquid Fabric softener & laundry Pods (Tide etc.)
Hand & Body Lotion
Sewing & Eyeglass Repair Kits
Wallets & Watches
Batteries (AA, AAA, c, & d)
Triple and Quad Blade Razors
Dryer Sheets
Denture Adhesive/cleaner
TV Sets (flat screen)
Blue Ray players
Clock Radios/ Alarm Clocks
Bedside Lamps
Laundry Bags
Men's Pocket T-Shirts (M-6X)
Diabetic Socks,
Men's underwear,
Men's Pajamas (M-6X) (men)
Sweatpants & Shirts
(M-6X)
Pillows & Twin Sheets WHITE
(XL) bed blankets & sheets
Musical Instruments
Guitar Strings & Music
Coffee Mugs
Keychains
Cards & Board Games
Shower/Pool Shoes
Assorted Gift Cards
Robes
Umbrellas

Comfort Drive Items For VAMC's

- Clothing items - sizes (Small - 4XL)
 - Men- Underwear- Old Fashioned Boxers
 - Men- Underwear- Boxer Briefs
 - Women- Underwear
 - Gym Shorts
 - Sports Bras
 - T-Shirts
 - Sweatpants
 - Sweatshirts
 - Hoodies
 - Winter Coats/ Jackets
 - Winter Hats & Gloves
 - Men's Tennis Shoes (Reg and Wide)
 - Cargo Jackets
 - Boots: Composite boots - sizes (9, 9.5, and 10)
- Personal Care Items – **Non-Alcoholic Only**
 - Shaving Cream (**Non-Alcoholic**)
 - Aftershave (**Non-Alcoholic**)
 - Chapstick (**non-medicated**)
 - Shampoo
 - Deodorant
 - Body Wash
 - 4 a day- Pill Boxes
 - 2 a day- Pill Boxes
- Arts and Crafts
 - Adult Coloring Books / Colored Pencils
 - Individual colored pencil sharpeners
 - Puzzle Books- Crosswords
- Other items for Homeless, or Welcome Home baskets
 - Drawstring Bags
 - New Weighted Blankets w/ new Covers
 - Bed in a Bag (Full or Queen)
 - Buckets, Brooms, Mops, Dust Pans, Dish Soap, Dish rack, Kitchen garbage can, bathroom garbage can, Garbage bags, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Shower Curtain with hooks, Bathroom Towels, Hand Towels, kitchen utensils

Hershel Woody Williams VA Medical Center
Huntington WV
Needs

For the Nursing Units & RRTP Admission kits & in need;

Tooth brushes & tooth paste

Shaving cream & razors

Tissues

Nail Kits

Deodorant

Lotion

Shampoo

Nursing Units & Outpatient Clinic

Peanut butter & crackers

Snack crackers

Chips

Lunch cakes

Cookies

For Outpatient Veterans with Food Insecurity

Peanut Butter

Saltines

Rice

Ramen

Canned meat, tuna packets

Oats

Frozen Meals

Current Needs

Pre-packaged individual snacks

Clothing sizes (Small—2XL)

T-Shirts

Sweat Pants

Men's underwear

PJ pants

Slippers

Twin or Full size heavy blankets

Gloves and toboggans

Holiday meal for needy Veterans

Thank You!!

43RD Annual Mid-Winter Conference

2024

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 9-10, 2024, at Oglebay Resort, Wheeling, West Virginia.

Date: _____, 2024

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 15, 2024.

No Deviation

Full Page 8 ½ x 11 in
Half Page 8 ½ x 5 ½ in
Quarter Page 4 ¼ x 5 ½ in
Eighth 4 ¼ x 2 ¾ in
Per the request of Commander Sampson

REGISTRATION/PERMISSION FORM

Please complete the form entirely. Duplicate as needed. Incomplete forms will not be processed. NO FORMS ACCEPTED VIA FACSIMILE.

Name of Junior _____

Preferred name for Nametag _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Unit Name & Number _____

Name of Hotel Junior is staying _____

Please lists any food allergies/dietary restrictions _____

Date of Birth _____

As a junior member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of West Virginia, I am aware of my responsibility in attending the _____. I agree to conduct myself in a manner that will positively reflect on my Unit, the Department, my family and me. I further agree to abide by the rules established for the Junior Meeting. I understand that failure to abide by rules set forth for the Annual Junior State Convention will result in removal from all sessions and activities.

_____ Date

_____ Signature of Junior Member

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Chaperone during the Department Junior Meeting _____

Note: Emergency contact person should accompany participating junior member to registration to provide a telephone and location for contact in case of an emergency during the actual time of the meetings.

Chaperone Emergency Contact Phone Number _____

*You may pre-register your Juniors that are coming by using this form.
Registration cost is \$10.00
Or at Door for \$10.00
Register early and a name tag will be made up in advance!*

CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT AND HOSPITAL SERVICES

This certifies that we (I) the undersigned parents (s) or guardian (s) of _____
In Unit _____, in event of our (my) child participates
in the American Legion Auxiliary Junior Activities, hereby consent and grant permission, should be
necessity of medical care arise, to the furnishing or medical treatment and hospital service as ordered or
recommended by a qualified physician, including the administration of an anesthetic, laboratory
procedures, medical or surgical treatment, X-ray examination or other hospital services.
We understand that the Unit named above has sole responsibility for registration, housing, food,
chaperoning, and emergencies of any nature. We further understand that each junior member
attending must be chaperoned by someone over 21 years old or older.
The chaperone should provide information on location and telephone number where she can be
reached.

WAIVER OF CLAIM

This further certifies that we (I) the undersigned in consideration of the benefits to be derived by our
child, in the event that she is a participant of the American Legion Auxiliary Junior Activities , do hereby
release and discharge the American Legion Auxiliary, its officers, agents, instructors, and employees
from any and all claims, demands, damages, suits, actions or causes of action which we (I) may, can, or
shall have by reason of any illness, injury, or accident incurred or suffered by said child while traveling
to, attendance at or participation in the American Legion Junior Activities held _____
from the time
of her departure from home until return thereto.

INSURANCE INFORMATION *(to be completed only if parent (s) carry a group medical insurance plan)*

Name of parent (s) Group Medical Insurance Carrier _____

Policy/Certificate Number _____

Parent to whom Policy was Issued _____

Employer to who Policy was Issued _____

Printed Name of Mother or Guardian _____

Signature of Mother or Guardian _____

Signature of Father or Guardian _____

PARTICIPANT MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION RELEASE FORM

I _____, am a participant in the American Legion
(printed Junior member's name)
Auxiliary Junior Activities of _____ Unit# _____.

I _____, am the Guardian, Parent (s) of
(printed Guardian, Parent (s))
_____, junior member of _____
(printed Junior Member's Name)
Unit # _____ and give my (our) permission for her photographs to be published on social media, local,
Department, and National newsletters; newspapers, and any website for the American Legion Auxiliary.

Signature Junior Member _____
Date _____

Printed Name _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____
Date _____

Printed Name _____

Parent/Guardian Daytime Phone Number (_____) _____

Parent/Guardian Nighttime Phone Number (_____) _____

Alternative Contact in case of Emergency (_____) _____

ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE ON THIS FORM

This permission form must be completed for every junior member attending any junior activities within
the _____ Unit # _____

Guardian _____

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

Parent/Guardian Mailing Address _____
City, State, Zip _____

**2024 AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION
RESERVATION INVOICE**

AUGUST 23 - AUGUST 28, 2024
HILTON GARDEN INN
1001 SOUTH PETERS STREET
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130

NAME(S) OF ATTENDEE(S)
ADDRESS:
PHONE:
E-MAIL:

King/Doubles (\$149 per night plus 16.2 % hotel tax) + \$1.00 per night/room

Parking rate per day---Valet Only \$45 per day

PLEASE MAIL PAYMENT BY MAY 1, 2024

| | |
|---------------------------|--|
| ARRIVAL DATE TO HOTEL | |
| DEPARTURE DATE FROM HOTEL | |
| KING OR DOUBLE | |

| | | Quantity | |
|---|----------|----------|---------------|
| ONE NIGHT'S ROOM DEPOSIT @ | \$174.14 | | \$0.00 |
| ADDITIONAL OCCUPANT IN ROOM PER DAY - \$10.00 triple/quad Rollaway \$50 | | | \$0.00 |
| REGISTRATION FEE @ | \$35.00 | | \$0.00 |
| NATIONAL COMMANDER'S BANQUET @ | \$60.00 | | \$0.00 |
| SOUTHERN BLOC BREAKFAST @ | \$54.00 | | \$0.00 |
| HOSPITALITY ROOM FEE @ | \$25.00 | | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL | | | \$0.00 |

FIRST NIGHT'S DEPOSIT REQUIRED.

WE WILL BILL YOU FOR OTHER CHARGES

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.

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
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