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

Colors—Red/White/Blue

Flower— Rose

Hello Stars & Stripes!

Here we are, almost another year gone. I know you are all very busy with Christmas right around the corner. Please remember to include our veterans in your food and gift planning.

I'm sure all the gift shops were successful. I did go to the Martinsburg VA Gift Shop. It was wonderful seeing the happy faces of the veterans.

Membership is doing good, with just a few units that are struggling. Remember, membership is a team effort in the department. Thriving units, please work to get those extra members to help the units that are having difficulty. Congratulations to the many units that have reached that 50% goal. Please keep plowing through and let's make West Virginia a goal department this year.

I hope you are making plans to attend the Mid-winter Conference at Oglebay in February.

Wear your patriotic/military attire. I would like the room to be full of red/white & blue. Also, Sue will have the tickets for the Membership luncheon soon so, please plan to attend.

If there is any way that I can help you, just let me know.

Here's wishing all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2024. Please keep your loved ones close. Spending time with them is the most important gift in life!

Love & Hugs!

“Let's Be Patriotic”

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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

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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.

Notice to Units: Now is the time to make changes to the Unit's remit to person and address. Please inform the office in writing if you need to.

The website has been updated and has 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.

Yes—I missed going back and inserting the December calendar. I have include with the January issue. Everyone failed the test—LOL!!!

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—Your membership is through the Unit not the Post.



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2024 Spring Convention Schedules

1st District Apr 20 Wheeling Unit #1
3rd District—TBA (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)

Directory Updates

Cameron Unit #18—Secretary Lisa Warren
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Paw Paw Unit #128
Spelling correction
Bonnie Robison

Williamstown Unit #159– Unit information changes on Page 8 of the Spirit

“It is the province of knowledge to speak, and it is the privilege of wisdom to listen”
Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

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

**Membership Chairman**

Fabulous job – Keep up the great work! Membership Target Date was December 15 with 50% of goal. We have 39 Units that reached this target: #1, #3, #7, #8, #10, #14, #15, #16, #18, #21, #23, #28, 29, #31, #33, #38, #45, #60, #62, #63, #64, #68, #71, #73, #78, #81, #86, #91, #97, #111, #122, #134, #136, #137, #139, #140, #159, #174, #177.

I have contacted both Department Vice Presidents to check with their District Vice Presidents to see what they can to help. We 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. We are just a little behind from this time last year and we are at 59.21% of goal.

Remember our challenge from Wisconsin about wearing t-shirts from the winning department. Well, we have some catching up to do as they are 67.84% 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! I wish for a very happy, safe holiday. Remember the reason for the Season. See you in 2024!

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd  
Membership Chairman



**Department 1st Vice President**

As 2023 comes to a close and we reflect on the year, it is safe to say that there were many highs and many lows. Through it all though, one thing remained the same—your dedication and commitment to our veterans, their families, and your communities was unwavering. I have never been prouder to be a member of such an amazing organization and I am proud of each of you and what you and your units and districts have accomplished! Many of you have already achieved the first target of 50% by 12/15/2023 and several units are inching towards that 2nd target of 75%. Now is not the time to slow down... keep up the momentum and let's bring the ALA to as many people possible in the new year and don't forget those junior members!!

A huge shoutout to the following "STRIPES" units who have already achieved 50% or more of their target goal and are currently leading their districts:

- 3rd District: Morgantown #174 with 79.41% of goal
- 5th District: Huntington #16 with 74.62% of goal
- 10th District: Capon Bridge #137 with 88.62% of goal

I would be remised if I didn't mention that ALL three STRIPES districts have achieved 50% or greater! Keep up the good work everyone!

For God and Country,

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**Department 2nd Vice President**

I hope your Holidays will be amazing. Way to go ladies! "STARS" District 1 has 8 Units that met the %0% goal: Wheeling, Moundsville, Weirton, Cameron, New Martinsville, Follansbee, Pine Grove, Paden City. You guys ROCK.

District 4 - You guys are AWESOME - All Units but Tyler County and Sistersville have met their 50% goal. Parkersburg and Spencer are beyond 75%!

District 6 - Has 4 Units Welch, Gary, Cowen, and Richwood all above 50%. Wonderful Job!

I need to revisit my bet with Mrs. Laura...I have to pay up! It all goes to a good cause.

Keep up the great work and let's try to beat the Stirpes at our 75% goal!!

If I didn't attend your Fall Conference, I will be there for your Spring Conference. Can't wait to see all the amazing things going on.

Let me know if you need anything. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! For God and Country,  
Kim Mellie

Department Second Vice President  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of WV



## **HISTORIAN**

I would like to start receiving reports from the unit historians/presidents since we are coming up in Mid-Winter. I need to start compiling the Department history for 23-24. You can email them to me at aprilwallace0513@yahoo.com or mail them to 118 Fayette Street, Buckhannon WV 26201.

Thank you in advance for all your help!!!

April Wallace  
Historian

## **1st District Vice President**

Happy Holidays 1st District members! I hope everyone is having a great holiday season! Unfortunately we lost the challenge with 10th District for the 50% target, now is the time to move toward the 75%. Come on ladies & gentlemen, we need this win! They're pulling way ahead. Don't hold dues! Get them in as soon as possible.

Thanks all for doing such great work in your Units. You're all rock stars! God Bless & Happy New Year!

Christy Bland  
1st District VP  
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## **3rd District Vice President**

Hop a plane to the Dominican Republic! My husband surprised me with a combination anniversary, birthday and Christmas present! The 3rd District is still leading the way and working on something for the Mid-Winter Conference!!

The Louis Johnson VA really appreciated the 16 Christmas trees donated by 3rd District with some help from our friends in the 2nd and 9th. It amazes me how fast we can get something done when we find out a need exist! Everyone keep up all the good work especially the gift shop! for God and Country in the Spirit of Service not Self

April Wallace  
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## **5th District Vice President**

Hello 5th District!

It's almost Christmas, and busy busy time so I will keep this short and sweet. A BIG CONGRATULATIONS to Huntington Unit 16, St. Albans Unit 73, Hamlin Unit 111, Milton Unit 139, and Barboursville Unit 177 for making the First Goal of 50%. District 5 is sitting at 54.96%. Please continue to process membership as quickly as possible! If you only have one to process, SEND it anyway!

If you need my help please reach out anytime.

Remember our military and their families during the holiday season. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

Kimberly Evans  
5th District Vice President  
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## **6th District Vice President**

Hello to all our District 6 members. Hoping everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Our prayer for 2024 will be that we can all come together as a nation and have a better 2024 year. The Old Farmer's Almanac predicts us for a cold harsh winter.

I had the opportunity to speak with several of District 6 Unit representatives. Good news is that several units have been extremely active in collecting dues, purchasing and delivering gifts to our Veterans hospital, nursing homes, and hosting Christmas Dinner at their post for the veterans.

As you know our January 1, 2024 target goal is 50%. Congratulations to Cowen Unit 62, Gary Unit 38, Richwood Unit 97 and Welch Unit 8 for meeting their goal.

Hope all had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year with family and friends and that you enjoyed your Christmas Holiday Season.

Stay safe.

Pray for Our Country.

Mary Spence  
Vice President  
District 6

## **10th District Vice President**

Happy New Year to all Auxiliary Members. I pray this year brings new adventures and fun in your life.

District 10 is still ahead of District 1, let's keep this going. District 1 is at 57.52%, where we are at 66.33%, so they are on our tail. Let's keep getting our new members and our renewals in, don't hold them. We have 2 units Piedmont and Keyser just beginning to get their membership in. Paw Paw unit 128 you almost made 50%, I would like to see you make the 75% goal. We have 2 units that have made the 75% goal with 3 units in the 70%, 4 units in the 60%, and 1 unit in the 50%. District 10 as a whole let us make the 100%. Keep up the good work. I want to give you a little pat on your back as our district is in the lead by about 3% above all districts in West Virginia Don't forget to send out reminders, make phone calls, send emails to try to get those that have not paid their dues to pay. Also, if you or your unit can, maybe pay someone's dues for them, especially if they are older and unable to donate their time.

Jill Davis  
10th District Vice President



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

We lost our challenge to 10th District for being the first District to receive 50% membership. A check for the Department President's Special Project will be mailed to Department Headquarters.

There are 3 Units who are struggling with membership and are under 10 members. I will be contacting them soon to see if they need help.

Congratulations to Follansbee Unit #45 for new officers, and going forward with their unit! Great things are happening in this unit.

First District will be having a hospitality room at Midwinter. You may be contacted to help with food, drinks, etc. Please help if you can.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Paulette Anderson

First District President

### ***6th District President***

Hello Everyone

Hope everyone has survived Thanksgiving and has survived Black Friday .

Hope to see everyone at Mid-Winter. Guess you have made your reservation by now heard that rooms were going fast because of Valentine Day.

Mary Jennings from Beckley Unit 32 has broken her arm, wishing her a speedy recovery. Welch Unit 8 has been a little busy with Veterans Day . We put up pictures that the children from Welch Elementary had colored. We had a dinner for the Veterans on Friday Night think we cooked steaks for 49 people. On Saturday we were in the parade and after the parade we went to a luncheon at the Armory.

Hope all Units are working on membership. Hope mandatory und gas . Please keep all Veterans in our prayers. And God Bless each and everyone.

Peggy Swartz, President  
6th District

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

Have all the members of your auxiliary unit paid their 2024 dues? All member dues must be paid by December 31st or they are no longer a member in good standing.

Every day is "Veterans Day" in our organization. January 15th is the day we remember and honor Martin Luther King, Jr. February 3 is the day we remember the Four Army Chaplains who helped soldiers get off the sinking USAT Dorchester in 1943. When all the life jackets were distributed, the 4 removed their life jackets and gave them to their fellow soldiers.

The annual Mid-Winter Conference will be held February 9 – 10, 2024 in Oglebay Park in Wheeling, WV. We look forward to seeing all of you there. February 19th is the day we celebrate the birthdays of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Never forget our American History. Every day is a good day to fly the American Flag. Our veterans and military families ensure that we will continue to be blessed with the many freedoms we enjoy.

If you love your Freedom, thank a Veteran!

For God and Country

Patsy Greiner

4th District President

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

Resolutions==being determined to do something.

Looking over the past year there have been so many great accomplishments by ALL units.

We as a whole have been determined to do whatever it takes to make a difference in the lives of our Veterans, their families, community and youth.

Our success in these endeavors takes determination and dedication. I can honestly say it shows in the activities and events that I have attended and seen on social media.

It is a new beginning, a new year; let us continue to be determined to do whatever it takes to make a difference.

Diana Teter

District 10 President

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

Hello 5th District and Happy New Year!! I am so proud of each of you and if I have not made it to a unit meeting, please know that I will be heading your way in the new year. Please make sure to MARK YOUR CALENDARS for our Spring Conference to be held at Ceredo-Kenova #93 on Saturday, March 16th. More details will be provided in the next couple of months. I hope that many of you plan on attending Mid-Winter at Ogleby in February. It is always a great time and a wonderful time of learning and fellowship.

I am so proud of the units who have achieved the 1st goal of 50% by target date of December 15th! If your unit hasn't reached goal, you still have time and keep on pushing!! A HUGE shoutout to the following units:

- Huntington Unit #16 with 74.62% of goal
- St. Albans Unit #73 with 62.50% of goal
- Hamlin Unit #111 with 52.50% of goal
- Milton Unit #139 with 60% of goal
- Barboursville Unit #177 with 59.09% of goal

Don't slow down 5th District! As always, I am here for you should you need anything!

God Bless You,

Laura Clark

5th District President

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## Americanism

The Citizens Flag Alliance doesn't advocate the defeat or election of anyone, regardless of his or her stand on this issue. No one favors flag desecration, not even those in Congress who oppose the amendment. Americans should know how their members of Congress voted so they can make an informed decision. If a person doesn't actually take a genuine flag and fashion it into an article of clothing, there is no violation of any law generated by this amendment. While some people may find flag clothing inappropriate and lacking in taste, it would not be illegal under the proposed amendment at election time. Protect our flag at all costs.

Paulette Anderson  
Americanism/Flag Alliance

## Poppy

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all Auxiliary members and their families.

I know this is a very busy time of the year, but stop a minute take a deep breath and think Poppies. This year for our Poppy Contest at Mid winter make a corsage you can either take a picture and bring or bring it. This year remember **no pennies**, we will accept cash and checks only.

I hope you have been in contact with your schools on the Poppy poster Contest. Lets place again at National. If you need my help call me at 304-592-0247 or email me at :  
Carlawiifong@gmail.com.  
Carla Wilfong

## Junior Activities

It is January 2024, a brand-new exciting year. Membership dues must be paid by December 31st. If your dues are not paid, you are no longer a member in good standing.

Now is the time we make New Year's resolutions. It's fun to set goals. Be creative. Start small! Perhaps you plan to read one book a month. Keep your goals realistic. Juniors can work independently on projects under the supervision of a senior member. Ideas for projects are: "Give 10 to Education." Collect items such as 10 pencils, 10 erasers, 10 boxes of crayons, 10 composition notebooks, or 10 packs of notebook paper. Take these items to your school secretary or guidance counselor to distribute to military children in need.

Juniors can attend senior members' meetings. This is a great way to be involved in learning basic program procedures, protocol, and rituals. Seniors, please involve your junior members and let me know about it. For God and Country.

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## National Security

Happy New Year! I hope everyone is having a wonderful holiday season with their loved ones. A couple of reminders as we enter a new year. Help bring awareness on the 1st of every month by wearing your "Be the One" apparel to bring to the forefront the issues with mental health that plagues our servicemen and women as well as our veterans. To learn more about this initiative, please visit [www.betheone.org](http://www.betheone.org)

In addition to "Be the One," you can also show your support by wearing RED on Fridays to "Remember Everyone Deployed." Our Central Division National Security Chairman is requesting that we send her pictures as we show our support for our servicemen and women. Keep up the great work and feel free to join the National Security Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/915563745139663>.

Thank you for all you do each and every day and I am thankful for each of you!

God Bless the USA!

Laura Clark  
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A graphic with the words "Happy New Year!" in a large, blue, 3D-style font. The letters are decorated with colorful streamers and confetti, giving it a festive appearance.

## ***Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation***

Mid-winter will be here before we know it. I'm asking all VA Reps to either take items from the Comfort Drive back to the VA you Rep for, or to line up people from your area and contact me with who will be picking the boxes of items up and delivering.

If at all possible, I'm asking Units to deliver their items to their local VA and bring a filled out form to mid-winter.

Please Do Not bring items such as lighters, anything sharp, or items that contain alcohol such as after shave and some hand Sanitizers. The listing of needed items were in last months newsletter.

Items that your Unit provided during stand downs can be listed on the Comfort Drive form.

Extra forms will be available in the Comfort Drive Room.

Now that colder weather is really starting to set in, hats, Gloves, scarfs, and blankets are needed by homeless veterans.

Lisa Cadwallader, Chair  
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## **NEC**

We aren't having a Distinguished Guest at Midwinter this year, but hopefully will have her at our Department Convention.

My next NEC meeting will be at the end of February. I will have more information for units.

This is my last year as NEC for WV. My term ends in August at the National Convention. It has been a great and fast 2 years.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Paulette Anderson  
NEC

## ***Constitution & Bylaws***

The committee is up to date with everything received so far, except we are waiting to hear back from 1 Unit to discuss things.

Something to keep in mind, In National's standing rules article Xi, section 9 it reads, A Legion Post has no authority to regulate a Unit and vice versa. Many American Legion's have a canteen. The canteen falls under The American Legion.

During a recent National zoom call for Constitution, Bylaws and Standing rules, they had Chris Dicky, a paid professional parliamentarian, used by the National American Legion Auxiliary, on the call. Chris reminded us that Units are their own entity's, Departments may guide but not dictate to Units, and should not review for approval Units governing documents and definitely not sign Unit governing documents. She went on to sign if you do, she suggests you speak with a lawyer. She explained that Departments should be educating Units by pointing them in the right direction.

Chris explained Units should cover how they handle disciplinary actions. Discipline is mentioned in the bylaws, and the process goes in your Standing Rules. Without it covered in your Units governing documents, you then follow the process in Roberts Rules of Order. Which according to Chris may not be a process your Unit wants to handle.

Reminder, National open eligibility to include spouses, not just female spouses, so anyplace you are using she or her needs changed. They also change the preamble to all wars from great wars, and changed wording on grandchildren and beyond. These need changed if you have not already done so.

Lisa Cadwallader, Chair  
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## ***Past President's Parley***

Hello Auxiliary Members,  
Merry Christmas to all members. Stay safe and warm during the holidiays.  
Leave you with a quote: "Spread love everywhere you go, make others see your smile."

For God and Country  
Savanna Kauffman  
PPP Chairperson

## **VAMC Gift Shop**

Hello Auxiliary Members,  
I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas! I hope everyone can share the holidays with your love ones.

This year was strange being back to normal we are kinda disarray, but we all worked together and made it happen for our Veterans. It was nice to have a good turn out for the Gift Shop. It's also making memories to see the Veterans happy while we are wrapping these gifts for their families. It was a special moment for everyone to have it back in the VAMC. Thank you Sharon for being my Co Chairman and Thanks to all that helped out Mr. Santa, ALA Members from West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia, Our Department President Debbie Michael, and Volunteers from the Martinsburg VAMC.

Can't wait until next year!

Leave you with a quote: "It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air."

For God and Country  
Savanna Kauffman  
Martinsburg VAMC Gift Shop Chairperson

## ***Standing Rules***

If you are updating your Standing Rules please send them to me and not to the Constitution & Bylaws Chairman. She just has to scan them in and forward to me. I need the original for the Committee can look them over.

I will be contacting the units who Lisa forwarded to me to get the original copies.

Paulette Anderson  
Standing Rules Chairman

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

District 3 is second in the membership race behind District 10. Great job on all fronts!

Buchannon, Shinnston, Pickens and Morgantown are all above 70%.

Morgantown has already met the 75% goal! Keep up the great work!

District 3 Spring Conference will be held March 9th.

We would love to see ALL Units attend.

Our Oratorical Contest will also be held that day. More information will be coming in the February Spirit.

Remember to stay positive and serve our Military. Be safe and BE THE ONE; holidays are very hard for some people so please be there to talk to a Veteran, family member, anyone in need.

I wish you all a warm and Happy Holiday. Surround yourself with family and positive friends.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Kim Mellie

District 3 President

### ***Continue of Units Update***

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### ***Education***

It's the most wonderful time of the year, the cold weather is upon us, and the last three months have been extremely busy for me. What has everyone been up too?

Please let me know what your unit education committee has been doing so far this year so that I can update the Central Division Education Chair.

Did any units celebrate National Education Week or participate in Give 10 to Education? Has information about the ALA Scholarships been provided to your schools? Are you planning Veterans in community school event?

Did your unit donate to the Department Scholarship Fund? If you have photos, please send a few along with a brief description.

Need a last-minute gift idea... Books! Reading books can expand our perspectives, help navigate the challenges of the world, and enhance our imaginations. They open a world of possibilities to the reader.

Please take time to remember those currently serving who won't be home with their own families and are still in harms way. Merry Christmas to all! I wish everyone many blessings throughout the new year.

Maybe Christmas, the Grinch thought, doesn't come from the store. Dr. Suess

See you at Mid-Winer!

Nichole Shepherd

Education chair

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### ***Legislative***

Three critical bills began picking up speed in the House of Representatives: The Elizabeth Dole Home Care Act of 2023, the HOME Act of 2023, and the COPE Act bill. If the Senate agrees to pass this Legion-backed legislation, Congress has the opportunity to provide indispensable support for Nation's, our veterans and their family caregivers. Visit the grass roots actions center on the American Legion website to identify and email your elected officials.

Don't forget to mention the Pay Our Troops Act and Keep Our Border Agents Paid Act.

Over the last 2 decades the Veteran Suicide rate hasn't decreased, the VA and Congress are looking to community care partners to help save the lives of servicemembers. The Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program will allow the VA to fund community-based prevention programs for 3 years at a time in an effort to reach more at-risk veterans. Email your elected officials and support the Legion-backed legislation. Spread the word about the Veterans Crisis Line too. 1-800-273-8255 press 1

May God Bless us all

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Kim Mellie

Legislative Chair

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### **Dates to Remember**

January 1, 2024—All Senior members not renewed by midnight will get a 2nd renewal notice

February 1, 2024—2nd Renewal Notice mailed out from printer

February 2, 2024—Membership Rollover—must pay 2024 dues before they can pay 2023 or prior





# American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

## *Rhododendron Girls State*

I know this is a very busy time of the year but we need to be thinking of this year's Girls State Session which will be held Sun, June 10 – SATURDAY, June 16, 2024 at Davis & Elkins College in Elkins, WV. The 2024 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).

This cost will also include the cost of the parade t-shirt. 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.

What an amazing opportunity you are providing these citizens. They become more engaged in leadership, patriotism and being informed citizens and form lifelong friendships. Please if you have not already started to start securing funding for these citizens. Contact your schools and let them know who you are and start working together. We look forward to another successful year but we need your help in getting them interested and 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*

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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 Fifteen \$25.00 winners for November and a \$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 gift for their efforts.

The first drawing for the 2024 year will be January 1st. Please return the ticket stubs and money so they can be entered for that first drawing. If you are unable to get the stubs here by December 30th. Please send a list of numbers and names. I really do want them not to left out. No back dating numbers.

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

**November 2023 Ways and Means Winners**

| Name               | #’s | City             | State | Date     | \$\$\$ |
|--------------------|-----|------------------|-------|----------|--------|
|                    | 389 |                  |       | 11/01/23 |        |
| Paulette Anderson  | 458 | New Martinsville | WV    | 11/02/23 | 25.00  |
|                    | 090 |                  |       | 11/03/23 |        |
| Teresa Swihart     | 524 | McMechen         | WV    | 11/04/23 | 25.00  |
| Barb McLaughin     | 374 | Romney           | WV    | 11/06/23 | 25.00  |
| Carl Mielke        | 845 | Mt. Airy         | MD    | 11/07/23 | 25.00  |
|                    | 898 |                  |       | 11/08/23 |        |
|                    | 162 |                  |       | 11/09/23 |        |
| Michael Sager      | 588 | Mathias          | WV    | 11/10/23 | 25.00  |
| Carla English      | 828 | Bluefield        | WV    | 11/11/23 | 25.00  |
|                    | 197 |                  |       | 11/13/23 |        |
| Patricia Shepherd  | 756 | Berkeley Springs | WV    | 11/14/23 | 25.00  |
| Roger Lee Best, Jr | 819 | Moundsville      | WV    | 11/15/23 | 200.00 |
| Darryl Blosser     | 615 | Dellslow         | WV    | 11/16/23 | 25.00  |
|                    | 582 |                  |       | 11/17/23 |        |
| Jaye Cleaver       | 174 | Romney           | WV    | 11/18/23 | 25.00  |
|                    | 108 |                  |       | 11/20/23 |        |
|                    | 228 |                  |       | 11/21/23 |        |
| Roger Gatts        | 050 | Moundsville      | WV    | 11/22/23 | 25.00  |
| Carla Wilfong      | 720 | Enterprise       | WV    | 11/23/23 | 25.00  |
|                    | 279 |                  |       | 11/24/23 |        |
| ALA—Unit #91       | 738 | Romney           | WV    | 11/25/23 | 25.00  |
| Sharon Knable      | 120 | Needmore         | PA    | 11/27/23 | 25.00  |
|                    | 772 |                  |       | 11/28/23 |        |
| Robert Houk        | 232 | Premier          | WV    | 11/29/23 | 25.00  |
| Phil Rable         | 703 | Mt. Airy         | MD    | 11/30/23 | 25.00  |
|                    |     |                  |       |          |        |
|                    |     |                  |       |          |        |



# December 2023

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

|                               |                                       |                                 |                                  |                       |                           |                              |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
|                               |                                       |                                 |                                  |                       | 1                         | 2                            |
| Red Shirt Friday—Every Friday |                                       |                                 |                                  |                       |                           |                              |
| 3                             | 4                                     | 5<br>#GivingTuesday             | 6                                | 7<br>Pearl Harbor Day | 8                         | 9                            |
| 10                            | 11                                    | 12                              | 13<br>US National Guard Birthday | 14                    | 15<br>1st Target Date—50% | 16                           |
| 17                            | 18<br>National Wreaths Across America | 19                              | 20                               | 21                    | 22                        | 23<br>Office will be closed  |
| 24<br>Christmas Eve           | 25<br>Christmas Day<br>Office Closed  | 26<br>National Office is closed | 27                               | 28                    | 29                        | 30                           |
| 31<br>New Year's Eve          |                                       |                                 |                                  |                       |                           | Program of the Month<br>VA&R |

# January 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

|                                                     |                                     |                                |                                       |    |                                                                                       |    |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| The office will<br>January 15 for a<br>personal day | 1<br>Office is closed               | 2<br>National Office<br>Closed | 3                                     | 4  | 5                                                                                     | 6  |
| 7                                                   | 8                                   | 9                              | 10                                    | 11 | 12                                                                                    | 13 |
| 14                                                  | 15<br>Martin Luther<br>King, Jr—Day | 16                             | 17                                    | 18 | 19                                                                                    | 20 |
| 21                                                  | 22                                  | 23                             | 24                                    | 25 | 26                                                                                    | 27 |
| 28                                                  | 29                                  | 30                             | 31                                    |    |                                                                                       |    |
|                                                     |                                     |                                | Red Shirt Fri-<br>day—Every<br>Friday |    | <b><i>Program of Month</i></b><br><br><b><i>Legislative<br/>National Security</i></b> |    |

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

Date 12/15/2023
Department Goal 4994 — Membership to Date— 3005
Department Unit 200 Goal 210 — Membership to Date—896
First Target December 15, 2023—50%

Kim

| District 1 | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
| Wheeling #1 | 23 | 18 | 78.26% |
| Moundsville #3 | 254 | 173 | 68.11% |
| McMechen #5 | 25 | 6 | 24% |
| Weirton #10 | 68 | 50 | 73.53% |
| Cameron #18 | 130 | 77 | 59.23% |
| New Martinsville #28 | 104 | 79 | 75.96% |
| Wellsburg #34 | 30 | 12 | 40% |
| Follansbee #45 | 50 | 33 | 66% |
| Pine Grove #81 | 75 | 39 | 52% |
| Paden City #86 | 80 | 55 | 68.75% |
| Wheeling #89 | 20 | 1 | 5% |
| Newell #114 | 20 | 2 | 10% |
| Hundred #120 | | | |
| Chester #121 | 136 | 59 | 43.38% |
| TOTALS | 1015 | 604 | 57.52% |

| District 4 | | | |
|-------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
| Parkersburg #15 | 394 | 294 | 74.62% |
| Spencer #21 | 29 | 22 | 75.86% |
| Pt. Pleasant #23 | 225 | 134 | 59.56% |
| Tyler County #48 | 42 | 1 | 2.38% |
| Sistersville #67 | 48 | 2 | 4.17% |
| New Haven #140 | 135 | 69 | 51.11% |
| Williamstown #159 | 85 | 48 | 56.47% |
| TOTALS | 958 | 570 | 59.50% |

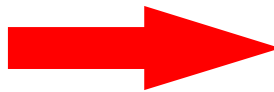
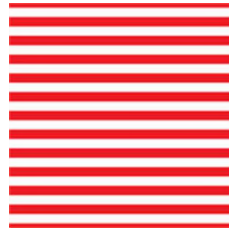
| District 6 | | | |
|---------------|------------|-------------|---------------|
| Unit | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
| Welch #8 | 45 | 26 | 57.78% |
| Bluefield #9 | 27 | 2 | 7.41% |
| Beckley #32 | 25 | 11 | 44% |
| Gary #38 | 90 | 50 | 55.56% |
| Cowen #62 | 23 | 12 | 52.17% |
| Richwood #97 | 33 | 18 | 54.55% |
| TOTALS | 243 | 1149 | 48.97% |

Laura

| District 3 | | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
| Buckhannon #7 | 40 | 30 | 75% |
| Clarksburg #13 | 54 | 7 | 12.96% |
| Elkins #29 | 115 | 71 | 61.74% |
| Shinnston #31 | 267 | 188 | 70.41% |
| Braxton County #33 | 30 | 20 | 66.67% |
| Bridgeport #68 | 62 | 39 | 62.60% |
| Belington #96 | 20 | 0 | 0% |
| Pickens #122 | 22 | 16 | 72.73% |
| Morgantown #174 | 102 | 81 | 79.41% |
| TOTALS | 712 | 452 | 63.48% |

| District 5 | | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
| Huntington #16 | 130 | 97 | 74.62% |
| Logan #19 | 22 | 8 | 36.36% |
| Charleston #20 | 25 | 8 | 32% |
| St. Albans #73 | 32 | 20 | 62.50% |
| Ceredo-Kenova #93 | 215 | 92 | 42.79% |
| So. Charleston #94 | 13 | 6 | 46.15% |
| Hamlin #111 | 40 | 21 | 52.50% |
| Milton #139 | 75 | 45 | 60% |
| Barboursville #177 | 154 | 91 | 59.09% |
| TOTALS | 706 | 388 | 54.96% |

| District 10 | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
| Martinsburg #14 | 77 | 51 | 66.23% |
| Franklin #30 | | | |
| Piedmont #52 | 20 | 1 | 5% |
| Berkeley Springs #60 | 187 | 139 | 74.33% |
| Charles Town #63 | 40 | 33 | 82.50% |
| Moorefield #64 | 89 | 58 | 65.17% |
| Charles Town #71 | 146 | 99 | 67.81% |
| Petersburg #78 | 71 | 41 | 57.75% |
| Romney #91 | 164 | 103 | 62.80% |
| Paw Paw #128 | 44 | 21 | 47.73% |
| Kirby #134 | 35 | 25 | 71.43% |
| Ridgeley #136 | 70 | 52 | 74.29% |
| Capon Bridge #137 | 167 | 148 | 88.62% |
| Keyser #152 | 40 | 5 | 12.50% |
| Totals | 1150 | 776 | 66.33% |



Stripes Team
Goal— 2568
To Date—1616
62.44%

Membership Chair
Uncle Sam



Stars Team
Goal 2216
To Date 1293
57.44%





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 | |
| | <i>“Let’s Be Patriotic”</i> | |
| 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 | Allegheny 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 if need 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!!

**2024 ANNUAL MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
RESERVATION INFORMATION**

February 9-10, 2024
Oglebay Resort & Conference Center
465 Lodge Drive
Wheeling, West Virginia 26003

\$125.00 per night room rate (plus 15% tax)
One night's room deposit of
\$125.00 (plus 15% tax) = \$143.75 per night
6% City Hotel Tax; 6% WV State Sales Tax & 3% Historical Tax
room rate includes two (2) breakfast vouchers per room per day

Reservations accepted, until Monday January 8, 2024
Check in: 4:00 p.m. Check out: 11:00 a.m.

877-436-1797

**Group Code
48009**

**Reservation link for reservation(s)
on-line will be available
Monday October 16th**

Thank you for requesting access to our Web Reservations System.
Please click on the hyperlink included to access the following group's page.

Group Name: [WV American Legion 2023](#)
Meeting: Wednesday, February 07, 2024 - Monday, February 12, 2024

Group Access:
Group ID: 48009
Password: 936043534

Reservation Manager
Oglebay Resort

If you are experiencing problems with the link please navigate your browser to:
<https://book.rguest.com/wbe/group/616/Oglebay-Resort/auth?BookID=48009>

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

YOU ARE INVITED
TO THE 43RD ANNUAL
MID WINTER CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 9-10, 2024

OGLEYBAY RESORT
WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA

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

RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

I AM SENDING \$ _____ FOR _____ ADVANCED REGISTRATION(S).
SPELL NAME AS IT IS TO APPEAR ON NAME BADGE DURING CONFERENCE

NAME (S) _____

TITLE: _____

ADDRESS _____

POST/UNIT/SAL NO. _____

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

DEADLINE DATE: February 5, 2024

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:

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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.

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