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

Colors—Red/White/Blue

Flower— Rose

Hello Stars & Stripes

I hope you enjoyed the Mid-winter Conference. The patriotism in the room with the red/white/blue and military was amazing. You all rocked it! Thank you, Susan for all the hard work you did for us.

As always, Rosemary presented a wonderful Leadership Training Program. I'm sure we all learned something from it.

Thanks to our Membership Chairman, Lynda and her membership team for all the work they have done in securing new members/renewals. Without the work of the units, their job would be much harder. A pat on the back to all who have signed up new members. Also, thank you to the membership team for a wonderful time at the Membership Luncheon.

While we are talking about membership, please continue to get those members who have not yet paid their dues. We need them for our department to grow. Remember, membership is a team effort. Striving units can help our overall goal by still securing new members.

Congratulations to all the units who received certificates for 50% and 75% goals. There are many who are very close. Please keep trying.

A big congratulations to our first Department Goal Unit 137, Capon Bridge. Thank you!

Thank you, Stephanie for your presentation of the Missing Man Table and Four Chaplains Programs. And to Roxie (Silent Auction), Lisa (Comfort Item Room), and Carla (Poppy Program), for having to miss most of our meeting for your dedication.

Patsy, your juniors are great. Thanks for the gift. And, to my Unit 60, thank you for the generous donation for my Special Project. I love ya's!

We can all look forward to spring, I hope. lol Let's keep doing what we do, helping our veterans!

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

Happy Saints Patrick's Day!

Hugs to all!

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1st District-Paulette Anderson
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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.**

As of February 1, 2024 dues must be paid for 2023 or prior back dues can be paid. This ensures that the members remain current.

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 identi-

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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.

The Department has lose another Past Department President.

Paula Booth departed this life on January 30, 2024. She was Department President 2014-2015 membership year.

Cards may be sent to Clarence (Junior) Booth 2031 River Rd., Belington WV 26250

Message from President Debbie

We are having a St. Pats Benefit Dinner at Post 60, Sunday March 17

Tickets are \$15. Ham or Meatloaf, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Cole Slaw Roll/butter, Desert, Coffee/tea. I know most of you live far away but wanted you to have the info. This will benefit my Special Project, Rhododendron Girls State

2024 Spring Convention Schedules
1st District Apr 20 Wheeling Unit #1
3rd District Mar 9 Shinnston Post #31 (J)
4th District Apr 7 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 Apr 6 Capon Bridge Post #137 (J)

"Love is the master key that opens the gates of happiness"

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

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

**Membership Chairman**

What a great Mid-Winter, it was so great to see such a wonderful turnout! Congratulations to the first Unit to Reach Goal – Capon Bridge Unit 137!!! President Debbie presented them with a patriotic wreath to them. The second Membership Target Date is March 15 with 75% of goal. As of Wednesday, February 14, we are 160 members short this time last year and 75.11% of goal. We have 24 Units that have already reached Target # 2. We have a couple of Units that are oh so close to reaching goal!!! I'm sure by next month we will have several goal Units. Will yours?

At our Membership meeting on Friday, we had a great meeting. We went through the target sheet and went over with the Department Vice Presidents as well as the District representatives to see what they can to help with some of the struggling Units. . We still have a couple of Units are less than 10%.

Remember our challenge from Wisconsin about wearing t-shirts from the winning department? Well, we have some catching up to do as they are now at 77.14. We are where they were last month. I know you don't want President Debbie or I wearing another state's t-shirt, do you? Can you see us sporting Wisconsin shirts? I think they look better in West Virginia shirts myself!

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

We have one more month to reach our second target of 75%! If your Unit is not already there – will you be? Our membership team is here to work with you. Please contact anyone of us if we can be of any assistance.

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd  
Membership Chairman



**Department 1st Vice President**

It was so great seeing everyone at the Mid-Winter Conference at Oglebay Resort and kudos to everyone who came out in their stripes!! The weekend was filled with lots of laughter, relationship building, and learning. A huge thank you to Dr. Rosemary Thomas for an excellent leadership training, where we were presented with ways to be better listeners, communicators, and leaders in our Units, Districts, and Department. We celebrated the units who have reached targets 50% and 75% and your hard work is paying off! Our next target date of 75% is March 15th!

Drum Roll Please...

a HUGE congratulations goes to Capon Bridge #137 for being the FIRST unit to reach 100% of their goal! We are all SO very proud of you and your dedication, commitment, and perseverance to membership is very much appreciated!

Keep pushing and keep working hard on promoting the features and benefits of becoming a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. It is so important that we work together to encourage one another and support the entire American Legion Family! I am looking forward to seeing many of you and your spring district conferences in the next couple of months.

For God and Country,

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**Department 2nd Vice President**

Happy March to ALL! What an amazing time we had at Mid-Winter! A great thank you to Rosemary Thomas for an informative leadership segment. We loved that the Stars and Stripes were represented by all! I know we learned valuable lessons in communication and leadership skills. Always remember to be kind, be concise, and most importantly nonjudgmental. President Debbie held an amazing conference. Her love of the organization is obvious. Thank you, Lynda Lancaster Lloyd, for all the membership work. Shout out to Lisa Cadwaller and Roxie Nicholson who spent two days in the rooms for Silent Auction and Comfort items!

We are 1.65% behind the Stripes! Let's work to try to increase membership.

I will try to get to McMechen #5, Wheeling #89, Newell #114, and Sistersville #67 to see if you guys need anything. Feel free to reach out.

Have a great March!

For God and Country,

Kim Mellie

District Second Vice President

American Legion Auxiliary

Department of WV



### *Chaplain*

It was great to see everyone at Mid-Winter. I hope everyone was able to take the information they learned at Mid-Winter and apply what they learned. Thank you President Debbie for allowing me to do the Four Chaplin's and POW/MIA ceremonies. I ask that any member, unit or district to submit a prayer of choice to be put in President Debbie's prayer book. "If there is any one secret of success, it lies in the ability to get the other person's point of view and see things from his angle as well as your own." – Henry Ford

God Bless,  
Stephanie Handley  
Department Chaplain

### *5th District Vice President*

Hello All,  
I had a wonderful time at Oglebay this past weekend. So very happy to see all the smiling faces. Membership as of February 7, 2024, Huntington Unit 16 is well ahead of us all at 82.31%. Coming in second is Barboursville Unit 177 at 72.73%. Fifth District is sitting at 67.71%. Keep up the great work. Just as a reminder, don't hold membership! Process it as soon as you get it!

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5th District Vice President  
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### *HISTORIAN*

As we begin the Spring, District meetings will be taking place and I hope to attend all that I missed in the Fall... If you have anything of excitement or sadness, or importance in your Unit or District, please let me know!!! I would like to ensure that it is included in the Department History this year!!!  
April D. Wallace  
Department Historian

### *6th District Vice President*

Hello to our District 6 members. Hoping everyone had a wonderful Valentine's Day. I hope that the groundhog's prediction is true to fact and that Spring is just in a few weeks away. May the spring flowers bud soon.

I understand those that were able to attend enjoyed the Mid-Winter Conference, sorry I missed it. I understand that it was a great success with beautiful weather.

Our Units should be exploring candidates for Girls State and also work on recruiting for new members.

March 15th, 2024 our membership target is 75% of all dues collected.

Dates to remember are:

State Convention July 11-13, 2024  
Huntington Hilton

Girls State June 9-15, 2024 at Davis-Elkins College, Elkins, WV

Hope all of you have an enjoyable St. Patrick's Day. Look for the pot of gold.

Stay safe.

Pray for Our Country

Mary Spence  
Vice President  
District 6

### *3rd District Vice President*

Wow! What a great Mid-Winter Conference!! If you have never been...what a great learning and fellowship experience!

The 3rd District Spring Conference will be on March 9; registration at 9, meeting at 10, lunch, then the Department Oratorical Contest. I hope everyone tries to attend and cheer these young people on.

If you need me, always just a phone call, email or a text away!!

Till next month!!

April D. Wallace  
3rd District  
1st Vice

### *10th District Vice President*

It was so nice to see everyone show up to Mid-Winter Conference, especially those who have not been coming.

Congratulations to all units that have made up to 75%. We still have one unit that has not even made 50%. Piedmont, if you need help please contact me and I will do what I can to help. Congratulations to the one Unit that has made 100%, Capon Bridge unit 137. We can all do this, yes it is hard work, but it can be done. If you need help please feel free to contact me and I am willing to help in any way possible.

We are getting trailed by District 1 so don't keep those memberships. Your members are eligible to get the \$1,000 accidental insurance just by paying their dues on time. Be sure to remind your members of this and make sure they have signed up for it.

District 10 conference is April 6th at Capon Bridge, hope to see you there.

Jill Davis  
10th District Vice President

### *1st District President*

What a great Midwinter Conference! Thank you, Department President Debbie Michael and Leadership Chairman Rosemary Thomas for an outstanding program!

The First District Hospitality Room was a great success! My hats off to all who helped and participated!

Now is the time to start planning for the District Spring Conference. It will be held on April 20th, at Wheeling Unit #1, at the Post Home, 45 Sycamore Avenue. Memorial Services and Elections will be held at this conference. Please send your deceased members to Cindy Gadd at: cindymgadd@gmail.com.

I hope to see several units there!

Paulette Anderson

First District President

### *Americanism*

Is your unit having a student participate in the Americanism Essay Contest? The cover page is on the Department website [www.wvaux.org](http://www.wvaux.org)

I would like to see several applicants this year. Please make sure the rules are followed, and the deadline for submitting is April 1st. Send to Paulette Anderson, Americanism Chairman, 1251 Doolin Run Rd. New Martinsville WV 26155-7808.

Paulette Anderson

Americanism Chairman



### *3rd District President*

Amazing job District 3!

We have reached 81% of our goal! We surely can reach 100% by March 15th. Wonderful teamwork and communication. Bridgeport #68 is leading the way with 98%! Keep up the great work! Only 5 Units in District 3 have not met the 75%. You can still make that happen! Please reach out to me if you need anything. I am here to help. Our Spring Conference is March 9th in Shinnston. Registration at 9, meeting, then lunch. Cost is \$10. Following the conference feel free to stay and watch the Oratorical contest. Keep in mind that voting for District officers will happen at this meeting as well. Come out and support our District.

Kim Mellie

3rd District President

### *Auxiliary Emergency Fund*

Fellow Auxiliary Members, I really enjoyed seeing some of you at Mid-Winter and I hope those that were able to attend found it informative and enjoyable.

In an effort to prevent house fires, FEMA has issued the following recommendations:

Keep portable generators outside, away from windows and as far away from your home as possible

Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators or space heaters.

Plug only 1 heat producing appliance (like a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.

Install and test carbon monoxide alarms at least once a month.

Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents every year.

Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home and any nearby buildings.

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

Blessings,

Melanie Shambaugh

AEF Chairman

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### *4th District President*

The Department Mid-Winter Conference was held at Oglebay Resort February 9-10, 2024. The conference was a great opportunity to learn more about programs and membership.

Auxiliary membership awards were issued. A lot of planning and work goes into these very important meetings. A huge thank you to Department President Debbie Michael, her officers, and chairmen for all their efforts to bring program information and membership updates to these conferences. Special thanks to all auxiliary members who make the effort to attend.

I hope units are preparing for upcoming auxiliary elections. We are still working on membership. It is important that we continue to grow and maintain membership. If there are members in your unit who need a little help and your auxiliary can afford it, please pay membership dues for these members.

Daylight savings time begins March 10th. The weather will be warming up. Let's use this time to "Be The One" with a simple random act of kindness for our local Veterans.

For God and Country

Patsy Greiner

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4th District Convention will be held on April 7th at Parkersburg Post #15. Registration at 1:00 pm, cost \$10 per person. Meeting will be at 2:00 pm

## 5th District President

Hello 5th District! It was so good seeing several units represented at the Mid-Winter Conference at Oglebay Resort! We also celebrated the accomplishments of the units who have reached 50% of their membership target goal and a HUGE shout out to Huntington Unit 16 for achieving 75% of their goal! Your next target date is March 15th of 75% and many of you are VERY close and I know that you can do it! Please remember to process your memberships as soon as you receive them and as a reminder, members are not considered in good standing if they are not renewed and processed by January 1st each year.

I hope to see everyone at our Spring District Meeting on March 16th at Ceredo-Kenova #93. Registration begins at 9 am and meeting starts at 10 am, followed by lunch. This is a joint meeting with the American Legion and all are invited to attend. Registration is only \$10 and let's make it a goal to have every unit represented at our district conference. We will have a memorial service to honor our fallen auxiliary members as well as have our district officer elections.

Thank you for all you do and as always... God Bless our veterans, military, and their families!

Yours in Service,

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## 6th District President

Hello to Everyone:  
Well February is almost over and we really had a lot of snow down here in McDowell County so I am assuming that everyone had lots of snow. I am looking for Spring to arrive.  
Well backed to business. I noticed that one of our Units only had 2 members so I called to find out what was wrong and to let them know as of December 31, 2023, the ones that had not paid were in arrears. I found out why no one had paid. The President of that Unit had turned membership over to another person and she mailed to someone and they came back. I will call her on Monday to find out where she mailed the dues to since she was in Charleston when I talked to her I will make sure she gets them to Susan. Also Unit 9 had taken washing supplies to VA hospital in Beckley. Welch Unit 8 has been on the busy side, and working on getting members to pay their dues. Gary Unit 38 has had sickness in their Unit. Looking for a speedy recover. They took thinks to the VA Hospital in Beckley. Beckley Unit 32 has had sickness and Mary fell and broke her hand just got it out of the cast and now taking therapy 3 days a week. They have been working on membership.  
Our District 6 meeting will be hosted by Beckley Unit 32. Will let you know where the meeting will be held in the next Spirit.  
Hope everyone has paid their Mandatory funds by now.  
Please say a prayer for everyone that is sick and a prayer for our Veterans.  
So until next time God Bless each and everyone  
Peggy Swartz  
6th District President

## 10th District President

The Mid-Winter Conference was probably one of the best I have been to. So much to learn, such great teachers and a great deal of comradery. You cannot expect to learn if you do not attend.  
It was great to see those we have not seen in a long time and the weather was amazing.  
March is the month when we start thinking about NEW Beginnings. I reflect on my own personality from time to time and realize that there are changes I need to make to become the person that I should be.  
A little clip from one of our sessions at Mid-winter  
Ask yourself the following:  
Do I stay on track?  
Am I a good listener?  
Will I choose my words carefully?  
Did I inspire others?  
Can I be helpful?  
Was I considerate and courteous?  
Don't be afraid to give yourself a bit of CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM.  
You may be glad you did.  
Remember none of us are perfect and again in the instructors' words and from the best book written "Remove the mote from your own eye before you take the stick out of someone else's" (paraphrased)  
Let us all be mindful of ourselves and create NEW BEGINNINGS together.  
  
Reminder.....10th District Spring Conference is going to be held on April 6, 2024 at Capon Bridge Post 137. Please plan to attend. Elections are held at this meeting. Get your credentials in early so that you can vote.  
Diana Teter  
10th District President

## *Children & Youth*

February 15, 2024 was Go Red for Women at the Hershel W. Williams VAMC in Huntington and women veterans were recognized and celebrated. A Unit 93 member remarked about the large number of babies that were in the women's clinic that day. These were military children, children of women who are veterans, and children whose lives may be uprooted many times. Look around your communities for female veterans with young children. Do something special for them.

Easter is March 31, 2024. Hold an Easter party, an egg hunt, or some activity for the children in your community. Even small children love egg hunts and photos with an Easter bunny.

Last month I mentioned that the American Legion Auxiliary's goal was a donation of \$ 1.00 per member to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. A unit in the Department of West Virginia decided to donate \$1 per member which made them eligible for the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation 100% Per Capita Banner. Units receive a beautiful banner/streamer for donating at least one dollar for each member. The form can be requested from the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation or me.

Shirley Davis, Chairman



## *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,  
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## *Public Relations*

Public Relations is something that your unit must think about all year long. What is your unit doing each month? Who can attend the specific event you are holding? Have you put thought in how you will get your information on what you do and why you do it out to those who need to know. Are you going to use fliers, social media or the newspaper to get the information out? Are you using Branding while you are promoting the event? Encourage members to wear branded items while participating in events, including community events. Branding helps create our identity and recognition of who we are. Always remember to stay positive when discussing what we do and why we are doing it.

For Service, Not Self  
Stephanie Handley  
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## *Education*

It's scholarship time!

Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship for those already attending college.  
Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior members – Online only  
Children of Warriors National Presidents' - Online only  
Non-Traditional Student Scholarship – Online only  
West Virginia American Legion Auxiliary Department Scholarship Grant  
All Scholarships are due on or before March 1, 2024. If it's not an online only scholarship, the unit should choose one for further consideration, then forward it to me by March 15th. Please make sure that the application (s) is completely filled out, has all documents required and has the appropriate signatures as stated on the forms. You may mail or scan/email all the required documents. Scholarships after March 15, 2024, will not be accepted as our committee needs time to review them.

American Legion Legacy Scholarship - apply by April 10, 2024  
Annual Year End Report form and narratives are due by April 30, 2024  
Alderton-Dawson Unit 60 is the only unit reporting. For National Education Week they recognized their local bus drivers who often go unnoticed by providing them with breakfast at their bus garage and their High School is now a Purple Star School.  
What is a Purple Star School? To be continued in my next article.

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## *Junior Activities*

Oh, what can I say! Our Juniors were very busy at the Mid-Winter Conference held February 10th at Oglebay Resort in Wheeling, West Virginia. We began working on the Junior Patch Program. We started with the Americanism and Community Service patches. The success of earning these patches will depend on the guidance of parents, teachers, and other adult caregivers of the Junior members. If you have questions about assisting Junior members, please contact me.

At the conference we wrote letters and made special patriotic Valentines for our adopted National Guard Unit. We practiced folding the American Flag and discussed flag etiquette. Each Junior member reported on patriotic, community and poppy activities they had done since our last meeting.

Juniors presented special handmade Valentines to President Debbie Michael during the Senior Auxiliary meeting on Saturday afternoon.

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

For God and Country

Patsy Greiner

Junior Activities Chairman

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## *Legislative*

The second session of 118th Congress started Jan. 3 2024 and will end Jan. 3 2025.

According to the Grassroots Action Center [www.voterveice.net/](http://www.voterveice.net/)  
AmericanLegion/Bills

**Under Benefits:** 16 bills were approved, 1 bill opposed HR1822, 2 in committee, and 1 became a law HR366 **Korean American VALOR** act.

**Under Mental Health:** 8 bills were brought forth and supported

**Under Healthcare** 25 bills with 24 being supported and 1 sent to committee

**Under Employment/Economic Opportunity** -22 bills are supported

**Under Education** 11 bills supported with 1 being sent to committee

**Under Women Service members** - 4 bills were supported

**Under National Security** all 14 bills supported

1 bill for **Homeland Security** was supported

**Under Americanism SJRES34** a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution to prohibit the physical desecration of the Flag, was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

**Under Workforce** 6 bills were supported with on being sent to committee.

As a whole using the Grassroots Action Center and emailing your representatives has positive effects on their voting! Keep up the great work.

Now we need to be working on: Love Lives on Act to help Goldstar spouses keep their benefits if they marry before 55, Arlington Expansion to preserve military honor,

Pay the Coast Guard, Stand with Veterans' caregivers and the Fight against Predatory Sharks.

It is soooo easy. Click on the Grassroots Tab and send an email to our representatives! You get an email back immediately. You can keep track of that communication and include it in your Annual Report.

Kim Mellie

Legislative Chairman

## *National Security*

Military Family Readiness Programs traditionally called Family Readiness Groups or FRG's, have had some changes in recent years to enhance the programs. The name may be different, depending on the Branch of Service. The FRG programs are designed to create a community of support to aid the unit commander in meeting the military and personal preparedness needs of both the servicemember and their family. Contact the Installation's Military and Family Support Center for more information on local Family Readiness Services. Military OneSource has added additional resources to help assist in Family Readiness. The article in the below link has some great information and helpful resources to aid in Military Family Readiness:

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/parenting/family-life/military-family-readiness-system/>

A list of facilities in West Virginia are listed by zip code on the website and if there is not a facility close to you, consider partnering with another unit who has a facility close to them to work together!

Thank you for all you are doing to support our active servicemen and women and their families.

As a reminder, EVERY Friday Wear RED to support our deployed military (Remembering Everyone Deployed).

God Bless the USA,

Laura Clark

National Security Chairman

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## **Poppy**

Mid winter is over, district meetings are coming up. Remember this is the time

To use poppies in your decorating. There were five poppy corsage brought in voting. Congratulations to

Morgantown for winning, Shinnston came in second place. There was

A total of \$310.45 collected this year.

On the Poppy Posters, we will send a poster in all 7 division.

I Tyler Allred, Charlestown,

II Kynleigh Milburn, Charlestown,

III Amelia Mabry,

Charlestown, IV Lawryn Coffman, Lavalette,

V. Ava Smith, Huntington,

VI Chloe Masey, Hurricane and

VII Colten Golden Berkley

Springs. These posters will be sent to

National for Judging.

Remember end of year reports are due in April. If you need my help, Call me at 304-592-0247, or email me at: carlajwilfong@gmail.com.

God Bless our Veterans

Carla Wilfong

Poppy Chairman

## **Midwinter Silent Auction**

I would like to Thank everyone that made this year's Silent Auction a success. There was \$823 raised for the Department Welfare Fund.

There was \$700 raise by the tub of liquor, which the money was donated to Department Welfare Fund. The winner was Nancy Frost Unit #136.

PDP Club thank everyone for purchasing 50/50 tickets. Winner of \$270 was Pam Slaughter

Thanks again

Roxie Nicholson, PDP

## **Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation**

Congratulations, we only had 2 Units bring items to Mid-Winter for the Comfort Drive. Which means more took items directly to their local VAMC's.

With the hotel construction this made it much easier! Thank you!!

For those at Mid-Winter, when I did my report, I said their were some Units that needed to send me there forms still and I would provide a final in this article. Here it is...

3 Units did checks totaling \$1,900

2 Units brought 284 items valued at \$1,020

9 Units submitted the form of what they took to their local VAMC, 5,195 items valued at \$27,059

Total 5,479 items valued at \$28,079.44 + 1,900 check for grand total of \$29,979.44

Way to go!!! We should have some great reports this year.

I checked with National about those who boarder with other states and their local VAMC is actually located in another state. It doesn't matter! Your Unit can deliver items to a VAMC in another state and still claim it on your West Virginia form and reports.

Lisa Cadwallader

VA&R Chairmen

## **Standing Rules**

If your unit Standing Rules hasn't been updated for a few years, you need to consider updating them this year. When you do please send them to me so the committee can look them over.

Paulette Anderson

Standing Rules Chairman

pauletteanderson2848@gmail.com

## **Past President's Parley**

Hello Auxiliary Members,

It was nice to see members at Mid-Winter at Oglebay. We missed those that couldn't make it there.

We did a 50/50 drawing, thank you Susan B for helping me on that and all PDP that's helped sell them.

Remind yourselves that April is right around the corner and please send in your end year reports. I know all units have done something throughout the year.

Leaving you with a quote: "The most important thing is to enjoy your life, do what makes you happy, not others."

For God and Country

Savanna Kauffman

PPP Chairperson

## **Constitution & Bylaws**

The committee received a set before Mid-Winter and another set while at Mid-Winter. We will be getting back to those Units soon.

At Mid-Winter, we actually had a male Auxiliary member in attendance. So yes, it is important to get your governing documents up to date. National changed this ruling about 5 years ago. So remember if your Unit has not reviewed your governing documents in 4 years, chances are they are out dated.

My next quarterly National zoom we will be discussing amendments, resolutions and housekeeping. I will pass on information from that in my next article.

sa Cadwallader

Lisac.ala71@gmail.com

Constitution & Bylaw Chair



# American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

## *Rhododendron 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

American Legion Auxiliary  
Shinnston Unit 31  
Shinnston, WV

At a regular meeting of American Legion Auxiliary, Shinnston Unit 31, of Shinnston, WV held on February 15, 2024 at 7pm at the Post Home. The endorsement of Kim Mellie for the office of Department First Vice President for the year 2024-2025 was unanimously approved by membership.

Kim Mellie is eligible through the military service of her father, Theo Audel Tucker Sr., who was an Army veteran of World War II and also through her husband Frank Mellie who served in the Coast Guard during Desert Storm. Frank and Kim have been married 30 years with four daughters and three grandchildren. Kim joined the Auxiliary in 2018. She has helped in many capacities with her Unit. She has volunteered to help with the multitude of commitments to prepare food for Shinnston Unit 31, volunteered as a judge for the Oratorical contest, helped with children's holiday parties, and shopped for Angel Tree.

Kim has been very active on the District and Department level. She is currently Third District President. In the Department, her first year as Historian also led to being a National Page in Arizona alongside PDP Savanna Kaufmann. She has served as Department Historian, Department Chaplain, and is currently Department Second Vice. She has also served as chair of Education for three years and helped process 20+ scholarship applications. She is currently the Legislative chair.

Kim has been an educator for 32 years. She has served in many areas of education. She also helped coach her soccer team to two State Championships. Over the years, she has helped raise money for school and many other volunteer organizations. She also won the "You Made a Difference" Award nominated by former students. Kim's apparent love of education and children has led to a very successful career helping many students succeed in life.

Shinnston Unit 31 is honored to present Kim Mellie as a candidate for 2024-2025 for the office of Department First Vice President.

Shinnston Unit 31 President  
Marsha Duckworth

Shinnston Unit 31 Secretary  
Margaret Yost





American Legion Auxiliary  
Frank B. Bartlett Unit #7  
16 North Kanawha Street  
Buckhannon, WV 26210

At a regular meeting held on January 6, 2024; the members of American Legion Auxiliary, Frank B. Bartlett Unit #7 unanimously endorsed April Wilson Wallace for the position of Chaplain for the Department of West Virginia for the year 2024/2025

April's eligibility is through herself, having served in the U.S. Navy from February 1980 until her Honorable Discharge in June 1984. Additionally, she would be eligible through her husband, Michael T. Wallace, U.S. Navy 1964 – 1977, and her Father, John E. Wilson, U.S. Air Force 1954 – 1976.

At the Unit level, April has served as Vice President (Unit 13 Georgia) and is President Unit 7. She is also the Vice President of the 3<sup>rd</sup> District.

April served in the American Legion (Dual Member) as a Post Historian (14 years), Post Adjutant (1 year), District Historian (3 years), District Adjutant (1 year), District Junior Vice Commander (4 years), District Senior Vice Commander (1 year) and District Commander for 1 year and was a 100% Membership District. On the Department Level, April was on the Staff of Georgia Legion College, was awarded Outstanding Yearbook of the Year and served 3 terms as the Department Historian.

April is a graduate of the American Legion College, Class of 2011. She placed 3<sup>rd</sup> Nationally in the National Yearbook Competition in 2011. Was inducted into ANAVICUS in 2011. Was awarded the Pioneer Award for founding a new American Legion Post and Legionnaire of the Year in 1996.

April is married to Michael T. Wallace (Commander of Post 7) and between them they have 4 daughters and 1 son, 14 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

April worked for the Georgia State Department of Veterans Service until her retirement in 2011.

We, the members of Frank B. Bartlett Unit #7 are very proud to endorse April Wilson Wallace as a candidate for the position of Department Chaplain for the year 2024/2025.

Linda Navarre  
Linda Navarre, Vice President

Delores Wilson  
Delores Wilson, Chaplain



**Marne Unit #28  
New Martinsville WV**

At a regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary, Marne Unit #28 New Martinsville held at the Post Home, the endorsement of Paulette Anderson for the office of First District President was unanimously approved.

Paulette is eligible under her husband John who is a Vietnam Era Veteran. She has been a member of Marne Unit #28 since 1989 John has been a member of Marne Post 28 since 1987.

Paulette has held several offices on Unit capacity, serving as President, First Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Chaplain. She has been Chairman of various committees. She is currently serving as Unit Treasurer.

Paulette served as First District President and Vice President. She is currently serving as First District President.

She is currently National Executive Committee Person, Americanism Chairman, and Standing Rules Chairman. She has served on various Department Committees. Paulette has served as Department Chaplain, Second Vice President, and Department President.

Paulette served as National Central Division Chairman on Membership, Education, Poppy, and Children & Youth.

Paulette has 3 children, 5 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren.

We ask that you consider Paulette Anderson as our candidate for 2024-2025 year for the position of First District President so she may continue in her service to our organization.

*Christy Bland*  
Unit President

*Sammy Riggs* Secretary

Marne Unit #28

New Martinsville WV

At a regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary, Marne Unit #28 New Martinsville held at the Post Home, the endorsement of Christy Bland for the office of First District Vice President was unanimously approved.

Christy is eligible under her father, Delbert Wade who served in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict, and was also an American Legion member.

Christy has been a member in good standing of Marne Unit #28 since 2003, and has served as Unit President for several years. She is currently serving as First District Vice President.

Christy is married to Matt Bland, Commander of SAL Squadron #28 and Past Detachment Commander. Together, they have 3 children and 3 grandsons whom are all members of Unit 28 and Squadron 28.

We ask that you consider Christy Bland as our candidate for 2024-2025 year for the position of First District Vice President so that she may continue her service to our organization.

M. Correne Carse  
1st. Vice President.

Janney Riggs Secretary



# American Legion Child Welfare Foundation

*"Dedicated to the betterment of all children"*

## 100% Per Capita Banner Program

### Request Form

2023 – 2024

Each American Legion post, American Legion Auxiliary unit, Sons of The American Legion squadron, American Legion Riders chapter or Eight and Forty salon donating at least one dollar for each member during the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation's award year (1 June - 31 May) may receive a beautiful banner/streamer.

To qualify for the 2023-2024 year a post, unit, squadron, riders, or salon must donate one dollar per member based upon its official membership total from their national organization as of June 1, 2023. The post, unit, squadron, riders, or salon has from June 1, 2023, to May 31, 2024, to submit this form, **along with the donation**, to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

Post, unit, squadron, riders, or salon name

Address

City

State

Zip

Post, unit, squadron, or salon membership total as of June 1, 2023:

Total enclosed: \$

#### Banner Request Form

Send completed form to:

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation

PO Box 1055

Indianapolis, IN 46206

**ALL REQUEST FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY May 31, 2024**

## *Ways and Means*

There were twenty \$25.00 winners for January, a winner for the first drawing of the year and no winner for the \$200 drawing. 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.

If you have ticket stubs 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

## *January 2024 Ways and Means Winners*

| Name                 | #'s | City             | State | Date      | \$\$\$ |
|----------------------|-----|------------------|-------|-----------|--------|
| Bill Brown           | 128 | Moundsville      | WV    | 1/1/2024  | 100.00 |
| Sherri Sparks        | 434 | Bluefield        | VA    | 1/2/2024  | 25.00  |
| Vicki Wolfe          | 663 | Romney           | WV    | 1/3/2024  | 25.00  |
|                      | 497 |                  |       | 1/4/2024  |        |
| Tameka Baker         | 634 | Kimbell          | WV    | 1/5/2024  | 25.00  |
| Paulette Anderson    | 023 | New Martinsville | WV    | 1/6/2024  | 25.00  |
|                      | 160 |                  |       | 1/8/2024  |        |
|                      | 015 |                  |       | 1/9/2024  |        |
| John Anderson        | 752 | New Martinsville | WV    | 1/10/2024 | 25.00  |
| Marion Hollingsworth | 745 | Keyser           | WV    | 1/11/2024 | 25.00  |
| Colleen Heinrich     | 516 | Cumberland       | MD    | 1/12/2024 | 25.00  |
| ALA Unit #14         | 885 | Martinsburg      | WV    | 1/13/2024 | 25.00  |
|                      | 470 |                  |       | 1/15/2024 |        |
| Mike Roach           | 729 | Mason            | WV    | 1/16/2024 | 25.00  |
|                      | 510 |                  |       | 1/17/2024 |        |
| Heather Roush        | 459 | New Haven        | WV    | 1/18/2024 | 25.00  |
| Bill Chapman         | 651 | Thorpe           | WV    | 1/19/2024 | 25.00  |
| Marion Hollingsworth | 745 | Keyser           | WV    | 1/20/2024 | 25.00  |
| ALA Unit #21         | 420 | Spencer          | WV    | 1/22/2024 | 25.00  |
| Kelly Reasbeck       | 488 | Triadelphia      | WV    | 1/23/2024 | 25.00  |
| Billie Jo High       | 474 | Old Fields       | WV    | 1/24/2024 | 25.00  |
| Sable Backus         | 320 | Kingwood         | WV    | 1/25/2024 | 25.00  |
|                      | 601 |                  |       | 1/26/2024 |        |
| Tina Ruckman         | 760 | Rio              | WV    | 1/27/2024 | 25.00  |
| William Fox          | 535 | Cameron          | WV    | 1/29/2024 | 25.00  |
|                      | 009 |                  |       | 1/30/2024 |        |
| Daryl Winter         | 484 | Romney           | WV    | 1/31/2024 | 25.00  |
|                      |     |                  |       |           |        |





# March 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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| <p>Red Shirt<br/>Friday—<br/>Every Friday</p>                                       |                                                                                                               |                                                                                   |                                                                                     |                                                                                      | 1                                                                                     | 2                                                                           |
| 3                                                                                   | 4<br>HUG A GI<br>DAY                                                                                          |  | 6                                                                                   | 7                                                                                    | 8                                                                                     | 9<br>3rd District<br>Spring Conven-<br>tion—Shinnston<br>Post #31           |
| 10<br>Daylight Saving<br>Time Begins<br><br>Shinnston Post #31<br>Birthday Dinner   | 11                                                                                                            | 12                                                                                |  | 14                                                                                   | 15<br>The American<br>Legion Birth-<br>day                                            | 16<br>5th District<br>Spring Conven-<br>tion. Ceredo-<br>Kenova Post<br>#93 |
|  | 18                                                                                                            | 19                                                                                | 20                                                                                  |  | 22                                                                                    | 23                                                                          |
| 24<br>Palm Sunday                                                                   |  <p>THE MEDAL OF HONOR</p> | 26                                                                                | 27                                                                                  | 28                                                                                   | 29<br>Good Friday                                                                     | 30                                                                          |
|  |                                                                                                               | <p><i>Program of Month</i><br/><i>Community Service</i><br/><i>AEF</i></p>        |                                                                                     |                                                                                      |  |                                                                             |

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

Date 02/07/2024
Department Goal 4994 — Membership to Date— 3710
Department Unit 200 Goal 210 — Membership to Date— 103
Next Target Date of 75% is March 15, 2024

Kim

| District 1 | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
| Wheeling #1 | 23 | 19 | 82.61% |
| Moundsville #3 | 254 | 215 | 84.65% |
| McMechen #5 | 25 | 7 | 28% |
| Weirton #10 | 68 | 52 | 76.47% |
| Cameron #18 | 130 | 104 | 80% |
| New Martinsville #28 | 104 | 98 | 94.23% |
| Wellsburg #34 | 30 | 19 | 63.33% |
| Follansbee #45 | 50 | 44 | 88% |
| Pine Grove #81 | 75 | 51 | 68% |
| Paden City #86 | 80 | 64 | 80% |
| Wheeling #89 | 20 | 1 | 5% |
| Newell #114 | 20 | 2 | 10% |
| Hundred #120 | | | |
| Chester #121 | 136 | 102 | 75% |
| TOTALS | 1015 | 778 | 74.10% |

| District 4 | | | |
|-------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
| Parkersburg #15 | 394 | 334 | 84.77% |
| Spencer #21 | 29 | 24 | 82.76% |
| Pt. Pleasant #23 | 225 | 171 | 76% |
| Tyler County #48 | 42 | 40 | 95.24% |
| Sistersville #67 | 48 | 3 | 6.25% |
| New Haven #140 | 135 | 111 | 82.22% |
| Williamstown #159 | 85 | 50 | 58.82% |
| TOTALS | 958 | 733 | 76.51% |

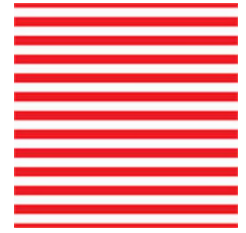
| District 6 | | | |
|-------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
| Welch #8 | 45 | 33 | 73.33% |
| Bluefield #9 | 27 | 17 | 62.96% |
| Beckley #32 | 25 | 11 | 44% |
| Gary #38 | 90 | 56 | 62.22% |
| Cowen #62 | 23 | 12 | 52.17% |
| Richwood #97 | 33 | 18 | 54.55% |
| TOTALS | 243 | 147 | 60.49% |

Laura

| District 3 | | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
| Buckhannon #7 | 40 | 32 | 80% |
| Clarksburg #13 | 54 | 36 | 66.67% |
| Elkins #29 | 115 | 79 | 68.70% |
| Shinnston #31 | 267 | 227 | 85.02% |
| 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 | 92 | 90.20% |
| TOTALS | 712 | 577 | 81.04% |

| District 5 | | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
| Huntington #16 | 130 | 107 | 82.31% |
| Logan #19 | 22 | 8 | 36.36% |
| Charleston #20 | 25 | 11 | 44% |
| St. Albans #73 | 32 | 22 | 68.75% |
| Ceredo-Kenova #93 | 215 | 133 | 61.86% |
| So. Charleston #94 | 13 | 6 | 46.15% |
| Hamlin #111 | 40 | 25 | 62.50% |
| Milton #139 | 75 | 54 | 72% |
| Barboursville #177 | 154 | 112 | 72.73% |
| TOTALS | 706 | 478 | 67.71% |

| District 10 | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
| Martinsburg #14 | 77 | 55 | 71.43% |
| Franklin #30 | | | |
| Piedmont #52 | 20 | 1 | 5% |
| Berkeley Springs #60 | 187 | 160 | 85.56% |
| Charles Town #63 | 40 | 33 | 82.50% |
| Moorefield #64 | 89 | 59 | 66.29% |
| Charles Town #71 | 146 | 114 | 78.08% |
| Petersburg #78 | 71 | 41 | 57.75% |
| Romney #91 | 164 | 118 | 71.95% |
| Paw Paw #128 | 44 | 32 | 72.73% |
| Kirby #134 | 35 | 25 | 71.43% |
| Ridgeley #136 | 70 | 57 | 81.43% |
| Capon Bridge #137 | 167 | 167 | 100% |
| Keyser #152 | 40 | 32 | 80% |
| Totals | 1150 | 894 | 76.41% |



Stripes Team
Goal— 2568
To Date—1949
75.31%

Membership Chair
Uncle Sam



Stars Team
Goal 2216
To Date 1658
73.66%



**2024 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
RESERVATION FORM**

July 11-13, 2024
Doubletree by Hilton
1001 3rd Avenue
Huntington, WV 25701

\$108.00 per night room rate (plus 13% tax)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

Arrival Date _____ AM PM Departure Date _____

Room Type: (circle one) Doubles King

Non-Smoking Facility

Handicap Room: (circle one) wheelchair oxygen tank other

If you circled "other", please explain. _____

*Members with wheelchair disabilities will receive first priority.

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

Enclosed, please find one night's room deposit of **\$108.00** (plus 13% tax) = \$122.04 per night

(circle one)

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

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

**Mail to: Doubletree by Hilton
 ATTN: Eugene
 1001 3rd Avenue
 Huntington, West Virginia 25701**

This form must be mailed to reserve a room at Doubletree by Hilton. (No phone calls for rooms will be accepted.)

**PLEASE RESERVE YOUR ROOM EARLY- THANKS!
CANCELLATION, BEFORE 48 HOURS, PRIOR TO
ARRIVAL, OR FORFEIT 100% OF THE TOTAL**

106th Annual State Convention
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 106th State Convention of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia, Inc., scheduled July 11-13, 2024, at Doubletree by Hilton, Huntington, 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: _____

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|-------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| 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 June 30, 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

**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.

 **AMERICAN
LEGION**
**AUXILIARY
FOUNDATION**

Celebrating Women of Service

International Women's Day is March 8. Support the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation by donating to the Celebrating Women of Service campaign in honor of a woman who inspires you. A tribute donation offers you a thoughtful way to celebrate a special person while contributing to our

mission to positively impact the lives of our veterans, military, and their families by funding programs of the ALA today and for future generations.

You can make a gift today by scanning the QR code, texting WOMAN to 1-844-940-3450, mailing a check to

the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation at 3450 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268, or by visiting us online at: donate.legion-aux.org/woman.

Scan here to make a gift:



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To honor the powerful women in our ALA community, the ALA Foundation is observing its second "Celebrating Women of Service" day in conjunction with International Women's Day March 8. Carley Schutz encourages each Unit to post this flyer in their Unit so our entire ALA community can get involved in the celebration of influential women in your communities. They would also want to hear your stories of the women who inspire you. Share your story on social media and tag @ALAforVeterans. Any question, do not hesitate to reach out to Carley at cschutz@legion-aux.org.

The SPIRIT is emailed to all **Unit Contacts** and any **Unit Officers or member** with an email address, and has asked for the Spirit to be emailed to them.

All Department Officers, Department Chairmen, District Presidents/Vice Presidents, Past Department Presidents with email addresses. Spirits are posted monthly on the website: www.wvaux.org
Unit Presidents **with no email contact** will receive a free copy by mail.

Subscription will Cost \$18.00

Runs August through July Each Year

MAIL TO:

American Legion Auxiliary
Department of West Virginia
2172 Grandview Road
Moundsville, WV 26041

NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____