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

Colors—Red/White/Blue

Flower— Rose

Hello Stars and Stripes!

I believe spring is here, such a beautiful time of the year. It’s also a good time to get out and about to get those memberships.

We have another goal unit! Congratulations to Bridgeport Unit 68! Great job! And, we have 4 units that are just a few members away from 100%. Please keep striving to add to your membership. Out of 57 units, 40 units have increased their membership since last month. Great job! Now, let’s continue to help our department reach that 100% goal. We still have 3 months. We can do this. On a lighter note, we are slightly ahead of the Department of Wisconsin, so maybe Lynda and I can watch them wear W V shirts. lol

I want to thank Shinnston Unit 31 for their wonderful hospitality at their birthday dinner. The food was delicious, the décor was beautiful and very patriotic. Thank you, Marsha for the beautiful wreath and to the unit for their generous donation to my special project and gift to me. Hugs to ya’ll!

Sunday March 17, was my special project fundraiser. The St Pat’s Benefit Dinner was a huge success. The hall was decked out in lots of green, shamrocks and leprechauns. 129 dinners were sold along with lots of raffle baskets. A BIG thank you goes out to those special members of my unit for all the hard work they did and to my post and SAL members for helping with the check off list, carrying food and clean up. Love ya’s so much!

Easter is almost here. What a great time to work on your Children & Youth Program. I hope you are planning to recognize the military child with a Purple Up Day.

Remember to start working on your year-end reports. I believe they need to be in by April 30th. It would be a good idea to send/email them to the department secretary and the committee chairman.

Please send me pictures of your “Patriotic” meeting.
If I can help you, let me know.

Have a Happy Easter!

“Let’s Be Patriotic”

Hugs!
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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.

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!!!

The Awards Manual and the Year-end Reports are the Department website. If you have problems downloading let me know—Thanks

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

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.**

Upcoming deadlines: Department Award: March 15th; Departments to reach 85% of their department membership goal to receive \$85.00

The National Membership Division will be sending a renewal email to expired members in March; Exact date TBD.

The last day to make changes in ALA MIS so that they reflect on the 2025 printed cards and rosters is April 1, 2024.

2025 Unit Membership Data form has been emailed, mailed, or given out at the District meeting to the Units that attended. This form is to be used by the Units to make changes to the amount of dues that the Unit would want to collect. Also where the dues are to be mailed and to whom. I need this form back whether or not the unit makes changes. Dues date back to Department is April 15, 2024.

The 2024-2025 Unit Officers and Chairmen form have been emailed, mailed, or given out at a District meeting to the Units that attended. Due date back for Unit Officers is June 15, 2024 and Chairmen list by October 1, 2024.

Reminder—That any new member joining after April 1, 2024 will not show on the 2025 roster.

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

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

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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

2024 Spring Convention Schedules

1st District Apr 20 Wheeling Unit #1
4th District Apr 7 Parkersburg Post #15(J)
Registration 1:00 Meeting 2:00
6th District Apr 27 Beckley Unit #32
10th District Apr 6 Capon Bridge Post #137
(J)

“Speak clearly, if you speak at all; carve every word before you let it fall.”

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

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

**Membership Chairman**

Wow, way to go!!!! We have three goal units: Bridgeport #68, Capon Bridge #137 and Morgantown #174. With those three units, we have 35 goal units who reached the second Membership Target Date of March 15 with 75%. Wheeling #1, Moundsville #3, Buckhannon #8, Welch #8, Weirton #10, Parkersburg #15, Huntington #16, Cameron #18, Spencer #21, Point Pleasant #23, New Martinsville #28, Elkins #29 Shinnston #31, Braxton County #33, Follansbee #45, Tyler County #49, Berkeley Springs #60, Charles Town #63, Bridgeport #68, Charles Town #71, St. Albans #73, Pine Grove #81, Paden City #86, Romney #91, Ceredo Kenova #93, Hamlin #111, Chester #121, Paw Paw #128, Ridgeley #136, Capon Bridge #137, Milton #139, New Haven #140, Keyser #152, Morgantown #174 and Barboursville #177.

Our last Membership Target Date is June 15 with 100%. Seven Units are 90% +. Will your Unit be next to reach goal? We still have a couple of struggling Units, what can we do to help you? We are a team and that's what we do help one another. Feel free to give us a call and we will be glad to help in any way. Remember our challenge from Wisconsin about wearing t-shirts from the winning department? Well, as of now it's looking like Wisconsin will be wearing West Virginia shirts as we are 2.02% ahead. I know you don't want President Debbie or I wearing another state's t-shirt, do you? So keep up the good work and we will show you how Wisconsin looks like wearing West Virginia shirts. We are doing great things and let us be loud and proud!

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**

Happy Spring! The Stripes are going strong with 83.80% of goal! As a reminder, it is imperative to process your memberships as soon as you receive them—DO NOT WAIT TO PROCESS THEM. Many of your units have reached the 75% target by March 15th and I am so incredibly proud of all your hard work!

Last month, we celebrated Capon Bridge #137 being the first unit in the entire Department to reach 100% of goal! They are still going strong and have now achieved 109.58% of goal! This month, we would like to CONGRATULATE Morgantown #174 for joining the ranks of Capon Bridge with 102.94% of goal AND Bridgeport #68 with 100% of goal! Several units are getting close to achieving 100% and we would love to be able to recognize your units at the Department Meeting in July at the Doubletree Hotel in Huntington! At this time 3rd District is leading the Stripes with 86.80% of their membership goal! 5th and 10th Districts are only trailing by a small margin.

If you have questions or need assistance with any membership questions please reach out to me or Department Secretary, Sue Brown.

Keep up the great work everyone!

Laura Clark

Department 1st Vice President

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**Department 2nd Vice President**

Shout out to the Stars!!! We are only 1.35% behind the Stripes. We're going to take them over!! Keep up the amazing work. I was so excited to learn this before 5th District Spring Conference! District 1 and District 4 are both above 80%....way to go ladies. District 6....lets try to get to 80% by April! We can do this!

In District 1- Moundsville #3 you are almost at 100%! Keep it up! New Martinsville #28 your at 97.16% and Follanssee #45 you are in a close second with 98%. Wheeling #89 and Newell #114 please let me know if you need help. Let's meet at the District 1 Convention! I would love to meet you! Feel free to reach out.

District 4 - Keep up the amazing work. All of you are over 80% but Sistersville #67 and Williamstown #159. May I invite you to the District 4 Spring Convention April 7th at the Parkersburg Post! I would love to meet you as I know you are doing great things. Feel free to reach out.

District 6 - Kudos to Welch #8 you are to 80%! Can the rest of the District work to reach 80% by April? I am here to help...feel free to reach out! I am here to help. Try to get some Juniors involved!

Thanks to 5th District for the hospitality during their Spring Convention. Shout out to Laura Clark for a wonderful meeting. (Stars are ahead...Laura... :) Love ya girl! Also, I wanted to thank Lisa Harbour for a beautiful Memorial Service. Thank you, Unit #93, for the hospitality. A huge thank you to Shirley Davis for the Military child table and the gifts!

Kim Mellie  
Second Vice President

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

Wow! Such a great Spring Conference at Unit 31 Shinnston! So great to see Susan Brown, Ann Buchanan, and Laura Clark! Congratulations to the new District President, Margaret Yost and Vice President Sandra Crowder-Harper. I hope you both have a wonderful, productive year.

Sunday, we were back in Shinnston for the Legion Birthday celebration and got the chance to visit briefly with President Debbie and PDP Savanna. It was great to see you both!!!

The 3rd District, thanks to Kim's great leadership, is still #1 in the Department!!! Mountaineer Unit 174 was the 1st to reach 100% in the District!!! Congrats to Sandra and all her guys and girls!! 3 other Units have reached the 75% goal (Buckhannon #7 - 90%, Shinnston #31 - 86.89%, and Bridgeport #68 - 98.39%) Keep up the GREAT work!!! Remember to wear your branded items!!! They are a great recruitment tool!!

Until next month!!!

For God and Country, in the Spirit of Service NOT Self

April D. Wallace

3rd District Vice President

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

Hello 5th District,

Short, sweet and get right to it. Huntington Unit 16 is leading 5th district in membership! Way to go! Close behind is Hamlin Unit 111. Six Units in our district have hit goal or better. Keep up the great work. Just as a reminder DON'T HOLD

DUES! Send them in as soon as you get them. Also reach out to the ones you have not seen or heard from for a while. Last but not least, get creative and find ways to get new members interested in what we do for our Veterans and community. Continue to do great things!

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Kimberly Evans

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

Feels like Spring is coming in early with all the Tulip and Ornamental pear trees blooming. Hope everyone had a great Easter with family and friends.

Currently our district is falling behind as we only have 67.49% of dues collected at our district level. We need to continue to make all effort in calling and contacting our members for collection of their dues. Our final goal is 100% by June 15 with all dues collected.

As I spoke to several unit representatives, I understand that several units are close to meeting their membership goal. Congratulations to Welch Unit 8 at 80%, Gary Unit #38 at 73.33%, Bluefield Unit 9 at 62.96%, and Cowen Unit #62 at 60.87%. Several of our district units are planning their special projects such as Birthday Dinners and other events.

Continue to pray for our State and Nation during this difficult time.

Dates to remember:

District 6 meeting: April 27, 2024

ALA Unit #32 Beckley will be Hosting

Girls State: June 9-15, 2024 Davis & Elkins College

State Convention: July 11-13, 2024

Huntington Hilton

Prayers for all to be safe.

Mary E. Spence

Vice President

District 6

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

Happy Spring everyone. Please do not hold your membership, District 1 is ahead of us at 84.73% and we are trailing with 84.35%. Let's do all that we can to get our members to pay and get those new members.

There is only 1 unit that has reached goal and is above their goal. Congratulations Capon Bridge, Unit #137 with 176 paid members. We have 8 units that have reached their 75% goal. Congratulations Berkeley Springs #60, Charles Town #63, Charles Town #71, Romney #91, Paw Paw #128, Ridgeley #136, Capon Bridge #137, and Keyser #152.

There are 3 units almost to the 75%, and 1 unit still at 5%. Piedmont #52, is there anything I can personally do to help you, please reach out. Don't forget the District 10 Spring Conference is April 6, 2024. I encourage you to try to make this, there is a lot of information that can be gained, you can get any and all questions answered. Let's not forget our year end reports as well. I would love for each unit to receive an award. I can personally say that when you receive an award it is makes you feel so good. We all put time into our unit that sometimes we feel goes unnoticed, get noticed and show off what your unit does.

Jill Davis

10th District

Vice President



### *1st District President*

The 1st District Caravan was this past weekend, and the weather was nice, compared to last year. There were Posts represented from Newell #114, Follansbee #45, Moundsville #3, Benwood #46, New Martinsville #28. Department Commander Matt Sampson, from Morgantown #174, attended. I hope you were able to see them when they attended your Post.

The 1st District Auxiliary Spring Convention will be held on April 20th at Wheeling Post #1 home 45 Sycamore Avenue. Cost is \$15.00. Memorial Service and Elections will be held. If you have deceased members please send to Cindy Gadd, Chaplain; cindymgadd@gmail.com or mail to her at 18 Mimosa Lane Newell WV 26050. Credentials and Registration have been sent out. All Department Officers and Chairmen are invited. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

Keep working on membership. I have been in touch with two units to get their officers listing, mandatory funds paid, and membership turned in. I hope in the next target sheet we will have their units updated in membership.

Paulette Anderson  
First District President.

### *3rd District President*

Thank you to all who came to the Third District Spring Conference. Special thanks to Betsy Turner for a wonderful Memorial Service in a very tough time, and Lisa Wolfe for stepping in to help! Shout out to Margaret Yost and Sandra Harper for their election as President and Vice President of Third District. I wish you all the luck! Always here to help if you need anything.

Kim Mellie  
3rd District President

### *5th District*

Thank you to Ceredo-Kenova 93 for hosting a wonderful 5th District Spring Conference and lunch. There were 22 Auxiliary members in attendance and the following units were represented: Huntington Unit 16, Charleston Unit 20, St. Albans Unit 73, Ceredo-Kenova Unit 93, Hamlin Unit 111, Milton Unit 139, and Barboursville Unit 177. Special thanks to Department Secretary, Sue Brown and Department 2nd Vice President, Kim Mellie for attending as well. In addition to business conducted, District Chaplain, Lisa Harbour presented a moving and reverent memorial service to honor the memory of those we lost in 5th District over the past year. I would like to take this time to congratulate Beth Kilgore of Huntington Unit 16 on being elected 5th District President and Lisa Harbour from Unit 177 on being elected 5th District Vice President for the 2024-2025 year.

There are several units that have already achieved the 75% target by March 15th- CONGRATULATIONS! Keep pushing and remember to process your memberships as soon as you receive them! Who will be the first unit in 5th District to achieve 100% goal?

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### *4th District President*

Do you remember why you became a member of the American Legion Auxiliary? Look on your membership card and it will tell you the year you joined. On the back of your card is a printed copy of the Mission and Preamble of the American Legion Auxiliary. Renew your commitment to the organization. "Be the One" is the American Legion's highest priority. You can renew your dedication. You could be the one to save one. Auxiliary elections and installations are coming up. Is there an office or a program chairmanship in your auxiliary or district that you would like to hold. We are all volunteers. This organization needs you. It is time to step up and "Be the One." Increasing, renewing, and retaining membership is among the top goals of the American Legion Auxiliary. Be sure to carry a membership application with you. Potential members are just waiting for you to tell them about the American Legion family. For God and Country

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## 6th District President

Hi Everyone

Hope this finds you well. Would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter.

This is to all members of the Sixth District or to anyone that would like to attend our meeting that will be hosted by Beckley Unit 32, on Saturday, April 27, 2024. This meeting will be at the Post Home located at 1708 South Kanawha Street Beckley, WV. Registration is from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. I think we will be having sandwich's for lunch not really sure at this time. Hope everyone is working on membership, and everyone has their mandatory fund paid.

We have had some sickness in our Units and hope everyone has recovered, It is time to be working on Girl State, or at least gotten the GPA from the Guidance Counselor. This will be a short letter but did want to get the information out about or meeting.

So until next time God Bless each and everyone and this includes all of our veterans.

Peggy Swartz

6th District President

## 10th District President

**April, what a refreshing month.**

However for some it is not as fun and refreshing.

April is the month of the military child. There are more than 1.6 million military children who face many challenges and unique experiences as a result of their parents' service. While military members serve around the world, we often forget the challenges faced by their children.

As I have written in the past we as Auxiliary members are commissioned to reach out to these children to help make a difference while their parents are away fighting for our freedom. Please take a moment of everyday and say a prayer for the families and their children. Reach out by sending them to camps during the summer, send care packages, play a game or just lend an ear.

They are our future and I can attest not because of being a child of deployed military parents but as a child of a single parent these things are not forgotten.

Every word, every deed, every prayer makes a difference.

Thank you to all Auxiliary members for your dedication to our military families.

Enjoy your Spring time and smile knowing you indeed made the difference.

Diana Teter  
District 10 President



## Americanism

The Americanism Essay is due to me by April 1, 2024. I am looking forward to having several essays to read.

Don't forget to put everything your unit has done in Americanism. If you are planning on submitting a narrative for a Department award please make sure you add pictures, and it is signed by the unit chairman. If you are planning on submitting a narrative for a National award, send to me in word by email and include pictures in **jpeg**.

Paulette Anderson  
Americanism Chairman

## Junior Activities

Auxiliary Junior Girls and Post Sons of the Legion are the future of America. These young men and women have so much potential. The American Legion Patch Program offers many opportunities for youth activities such as Americanism (flag etiquette), Children & Youth events, Community Service in your neighborhood, Poppies (distribute or help on Poppy Day), Membership (recruit a friend to join your unit), Protocol (learn and memorize the ALA Preamble), and Education (read to young children; donate 10 school supply items.)

April is Military Child Appreciation Month. This is a time to provide support to the challenges facing military children. April 15, 2024, is Purple Up!

Day. On this special day, people are encouraged to wear purple as a symbol of support for military kids. Why purple? Purple is the color that symbolizes all branches of the military, as it is the combination of Army green, Coast Guard blue, Air Force blue, Marine red, and Navy blue.

For God and Country  
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## NEC

The National Executive Committee Mid-Year Meeting was held virtually Saturday February 24th.

There were 7,456 active units as of August 2023, 16 new charters were granted, and 8 charters were reinstated. But 42 charters were cancelled at this meeting. Total active units are 7,438. West Virginia had 2-unit charters cancelled: Earl Kiger (Hundred) Unit #120 and Pendleton (Franklin)

Unit #30. American Legion Auxiliary and American Legion Auxiliary Foundation Fiscal Report for 2023 were given by External Auditors. The FY 24 Budget YTD Report was gone over by Nicole Clapp, Finance Chairman. The National Secretary and National Treasurer updated their duties. Five National Policies were gone over for approval of the NEC. I will go over them in the coming months.

The next NEC meeting will be at the Pre-National Convention meeting in New Orleans, LA.  
Paulette Anderson  
NEC

## *Children & Youth*

PURPLE UP DAY for Military Kids is April 15. It is a day to celebrate military children. There are two (2) million military kids in our country. They move every 2-3 years. They make daily sacrifices and have many challenges. They exhibit behaviors such as nervousness, being anxious, worried, etc.

Here are some suggestions and activities for celebrating PURPLE UP on April 15.

1. Host an event like a movie or game night.
2. Host a pizza party.
3. Have a coloring party with coloring books, paints and crayons.
4. Perform the Military Child Table Ceremony at a Unit meeting or in the community.
5. Sponsor a "night out" for moms.
6. Host a breakfast buffet for military and children.
7. Ask schools to wear Purple on April 15.
8. Hold a Purple Up parade and ask all to wear purple.
9. Conduct a community project with and for children.
10. Partner with local organizations to advance programs for military children and other youth.

Remember PURPLE UP activities can be held at any date and time that's convenient for Units. April 15 is only the suggested date.

Shirley Davis, Chairman

## *Education*

It was wonderful seeing everyone at Mid-Winter.

National is reporting that Scholarship application numbers far exceeded last year's:

Children of Warriors National Presidents' scholarship – 1,060

Non-Traditional Student – 92

Spirit of Youth – 81

\* Department winners will receive \$1,000 this year.

No applications were submitted for the West Virginia American Legion Auxiliary Department Scholarship Grant.

What is a Purple Star School? Military Child Education Coalition is the national advocate for Purple Star Schools, a program that supports military-connected children as they relocate to new schools due to a parent's change in duty station.

As of Oct 10, 2023, 38 states have received Purple Star School designation, and 4 states have proposed/pending legislation. To learn more about go to <https://www.militarychild.org/purplestarschools>

Contact local schools to see what your unit could sponsor or donate and let's not forget about the homeschooled students. According to the statistics, approximately 3.7 million children in the United States are homeschooled.

Annual Year-End Reports and narratives are due no later than April 30, 2024

From my family to yours have a blessed Easter Sunday!

You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so get on your way!" — Dr. Seuss

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Sometimes the questions are complicated, and the answers are simple. Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened. Do what you want to do, say what you want to say, because those who matter don't mind, and those who do mind don't matter. Dr. Suess

## *Legislative*

The American Legion has released its legislative agenda for the 2nd session.

Caregivers and Survivors

Suicide Prevention and Peer Support

Safeguarding Veterans Benefits

Electronic Health Record Modernization

Polytrauma

Remember to go to the Grassroots Action Center on the [votervoice.net](http://votervoice.net) and email your representatives. Let them know how you want them to vote.

Also, a big push right now is the Loves Lives on Act to help protect survivor benefits for spouses under the age of 55. On March 6th the MiliCon-VA passed through Congress as part of the Consolidation Appropriations Act 2024 provides \$2 billion more than what was requested by the President for military construction. These projects will be focused largely on the Pacific theatre and on improving barracks. Over \$336 million will be allocated for child development centers and another \$88.6 million is allocated to the expansion of Arlington Cemetery.

Keep track of the number of emails sent and remember to include those in your annual report due end of March.

Kim Mellie  
Legislative

## *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

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## *National Security*

How can you support those families who have paid the ultimate sacrifice during their service to our country? Your units can work with organizations and programs such as Gold Star Families, Gold Star Mothers, and Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (T.A.P.S.). We can honor our Gold Star Families by creating events on April 5th around Gold Star Spouses Day. In addition, the last Sunday in September is set aside to honor Gold Star Mother and Family Day.

The mission of America's Gold Star Families is to provide honor, hope and healing to those grieving any military loss while serving active duty in the United States Armed Forces. We do this through programs and services at no cost to families of the fallen.

TAPS is the national nonprofit organization providing compassionate care and comprehensive resources for all those grieving the death of a military or veteran loved one. Since 1994, TAPS has provided comfort and hope 24/7 through a national peer support network and connection to grief resources, all at no cost to surviving families and loved ones.

If you know someone who can use their support, the TAPS 24/7 National Military Survivor Helpline is always available toll-free with loving support and resources at 800-959- TAPS (8277).

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## *Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation*

Hopefully many of you are already working on preparing your Units end of year reports. Remember to send a break down of volunteer names and hours along with your report. Hours per volunteer should be broken down by VAMC volunteering and non-VAMC volunteering.

Include your donations, both monetary and non-monetary by reporting value of items. Include anything taken to a VAMC, comfort room during mid-winter, treats for holidays, cards, magazines, newspapers, blankets, or any other items given.

Did you take a meal to a veteran who maybe was sick? The value and time spent gets included on your report. Don't forget non-VAMC for Veterans, gets counted as service to Veterans. Any grass cutting, snow removal, babysitting, and more. Even things like adopting a military family for Christmas.

Was the military family your Unit adopted active duty? That can be mentioned in the narrative of both VA&R and National Security. You just can not count the hours and value on both report forms. Only list on one report form.

Hope to receive many reports!

Happy Easter

Lisa Cadwallader

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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  
Public Relations Chairman  
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## Past President's Parley

Hello Auxiliary Members,  
Happy Easter! Hope everyone is having a good year so far. Please send in your end year reports. I know all units have done something throughout the year. Leave you with a quote: "We may have our differences, but nothing's more important than family."  
For God and Country

Savanna Kauffman  
PPP Chairperson

## Convention Chairman

Hello to All,

Spring is here which means American Legion Auxiliary Department convention is just around the corner.

If you are running for department officer please be sure to bring a recent photo. President may have 8X10 everyone else can have 3X5, even wallet size and a nice snapshot.

Remember to be seated as a delegate your unit must be in good standing.

Also help will be needed at the registration table. Please let me know if you'd be able to help.

God bless you,  
Convention Chairman  
Debbie Fox

## Standing Rules

I have received 3 unit Standing Rules so far this year for the committee to go over.

Just a reminder, if you plan to update your Standing Rules please send them to me, as the Standing Rules Chairman. Constitution & Bylaws goes to Lisa Cadwallader. They are two separate documents.

Thanks!  
Paulette Anderson  
Standing Rules Chairman

## Constitution & Bylaws

My last meeting with National, we talked primarily about Amendments versus Resolutions. Since we really don't seem to use Resolutions much if at all at the Unit level in West Virginia, I'm going into it. Only mentioning the topic since I said in Mt last article, I would update you after the meeting.

I will be in touch after Easter with those who have submitted.

Does the Department have a current copy of your Units documents on file? It's easier for Department to help you with certain things if they do.

If you have any thing you would like me to cover in the coming articles, please feel free to reach out.

Happy Easter  
Lisa Cadwallader  
Alaunit71@outlook.com



American Legion Auxiliary  
Jackson-Perks Unit 71  
Charles Town, West Virginia 25414

A regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary, Jackson-Perks Unit 71 of Charles Town, West Virginia was held February 22, 2024 at 7 P.M. at the Post Home. The Unit endorsed Lisa Cadwallader for the office of National Executive Committee (NEC) for the administrative 2 year term of 2024 - 2026.

Lisa has been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 48 years, having joined as a Junior member in Wheaton Maryland Unit 268. Lisa's eligibility is through her grandfather who was a WWII Veteran. He was a member of the 595<sup>th</sup> aircraft warning battalion and served in New Guinea and Luzon. He received the good conduct medal, American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign ribbon, the Philippines Liberation Ribbon, Marksmanship badges and the WWII Victory Medal. Lisa's father was a Korean War Veteran and her husband, was a Vietnam Veteran.

Lisa served as Unit President during the 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 years. She has also served on special committees raising funds so our Unit could support and donate too many Veterans and helping others in need. Lisa started our care package program and organized efforts to bring veterans from the local VA hospital in for dinner, when times allowed. Lisa took a large role in getting our Unit back on their feet. She encouraged involvement across all programs in our Unit. Lisa has been chairman on many of our programs; Americanism, Constitution and Bylaws, Past President's Parley, National Security, and VA&R, just to name a few. She encourages involvement across all programs in our Unit. At the Department Convention, July 2005 and at National Convention, August 2005, Lisa was honored with the Unit Member of the Year award. Lisa also volunteered once a month at the Martinsburg VA Medical Center before COVID.

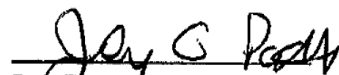
Lisa served as District Chairman for Americanism, Constitution & Bylaws, and National Security off and on over the years and served as 10<sup>th</sup> District Vice President during 2008-2009.

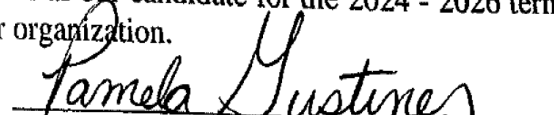
Lisa served as the Department Children and Youth Chairman during the 2007-2008 year and worked closely with other organizations that support veterans and their families on a Welcome Home the Troops event. She attended the first National Children and Youth Conference in Indianapolis during that year. She served as the Department Community Service Chairman during the 2008-2009 year. That year our Department won a Central Division award at National Convention. Lisa served as the Department Poppy Chairman and the Department Chaplain during the 2009 - 2010 year. Lisa served as National Security Chairman during the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 years, Legislative Chairman during 2013-2014, again from 2018 - 2022, Public Relations Chairman 2014-2015, Education Chairman and AEF Chairman 2015-2016, Education Committee from 2012- 2017, Constitution & Bylaw Chairmen from 2022 - 2024 and as the VA&R Chairman 2023-2024. Lisa has attended National Conventions as a delegate since 2007.

Lisa served as part of the National, National Security Committee in 2012-2013, as the Central Division AEF Chairman for the 2013-2014 year, Central Division Leadership Chairman during the 2014-2015 year, and Central Division Community Service Chairman for the 2016-2017 year. Lisa served as NEC 2018-2019.

Lisa was also very active raising funds with her Relay For Life team "The Patriotic Angels". She is also member of the VFW Auxiliary 3522. Lisa was employed as a Sr. System Analyst for one of the nation's top 10 survey research companies, Westat, based in Rockville, Maryland for 29 years.

We are very proud to present to you Lisa Cadwallader as our candidate for the 2024 - 2026 term for the office of NEC so she can continue her service to our organization.

  
Joy Potts, Unit President

  
Pamela Gustines, Unit First Vice President



Chester WV Unit 121  
PO BOX 121  
Chester WV 26034

RE: Endorsement for Department 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

March 7, 2024

A regular meeting of American Legion Auxiliary Chester Unit 121, Chester WV was held on March 7, 2024 at 7:00PM at the Post home. The Unit unanimously endorsed Stephanie Handley for the office of Department 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for the administrative year of 2024-2025.

Stephanie joined our Unit in 1996 through the eligibility of her Grandfather Carl A. McCurdy who was a WWII veteran. She has been an active member of our Unit since joining and very proud to be part of a family that has three generations of veterans. Stephanie's Grandmother, Belva Morris, was a PDP and her Mother-in-law, Patricia Emmerling, is a past District President.

Stephanie has served as Secretary, Treasurer and President in our Unit and is currently serving our Unit as Membership Chair. She is currently Department Chaplain and has served as Department Historian and also as 1<sup>st</sup> District President and 1<sup>st</sup> District Vice President. She has served on various committees over the years. She has always been proactive with all of our projects and very dedicated to serving our Veterans in our local community.

We are very proud to present Stephanie Handley as our candidate for Department 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for the 2024-2025 administration.

Our Very Best Regards,

*Kim Elliott*

Kim Elliot, President Chester Unit 121

*Cindy Gadd*

Treasurer, Chester Unit 121



American Legion Auxiliary  
Welch Unit #8  
150 McDowell Street  
Welch, WV 24801

At a regular meeting held February 22, 2024, the members of American Legion Auxiliary Welch Unit 8 unanimously endorsed Peggy Casteel Swartz for the office of Chaplain for the Department of West Virginia for the administrative year 2024-2025.

Peggy is a forty (40) year member of the American Legion Auxiliary having served in numerous capacities throughout the years. At the Unit level, Peggy served as Unit President for two years; and currently serving her fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) year. She can be found in our kitchen cooking for American Legion Family events. She loves serving our local veterans and Unit members who are hospitalized and in our nursing homes. She places American Flags on our Veterans' graves for Memorial Day.

On the district level, Peggy has served as Sixth District Vice President for one year (2001) and Sixth District President for twenty-two years (2002-2024). She volunteers countless hours at the Beckley VAMC and Gift Shop.

Peggy has been active as well on the Department Level. She is currently serving as Rhododendron Girls State district representative for twenty plus years and second year as Community Service Chairman. Peggy has served as Department Constitution & Bylaws, Community Service Chairman, Education, Poppy and Public Relations Chairman. She has served as Department Sergeant-at-Arms and Convention personal page for the Department President.

Peggy is a retired nurse after twenty years. She is an avid bowler and was recently inducted in the West Virginia Bowling Hall of Fame. Peggy is an active member of Welch Presbyterian Church.

Her eligibility is through her late husband Melvin Swartz, an honorably discharged Korean veteran of the U.S. Army as well as her father the late Carson Casteel, an honorably discharged WWII veteran of the U.S. Army.

We humbly ask for your support of Peggy Casteel Swartz for Department Chaplain for the ensuing year of 2024-2025.

  
Mary Spence, President

  
Dreama Thorn, Vice President



March 11, 2023

At the March monthly auxiliary meeting of Parkersburg Unit 15, members voted to endorse Patsy Greiner for the office of American Legion Department of West Virginia District Four President for the 2024 – 2025 year.

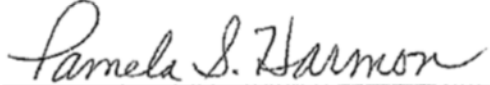
Patsy has been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 33 years. She is a Life member. Patsy joined under the eligibility of her late father, William A. Young, who was a Korean War Veteran.

Patsy has served as Auxiliary Unit #15 President, District 4 President, Department Junior Chairman, and has held several auxiliary leadership positions. She has proudly served Auxiliary Unit 15 and our community for many years as a true American patriot.

It is with respect we endorse Patsy Greiner for the office of District 4 President.

Sincerely,

  
Unit Member

  
Unit Member

# 100% AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY RIBBON

The American Legion Family Ribbons will be awarded to any post family that achieves 100% membership by the 2024 100% target date. (American Legion Family is defined as a post **and/or** any combination of Auxiliary unit or SAL squadron. (**Each must achieve 100% to qualify**))

**TO:** The American Legion  
 Attn: Membership Division  
 P.O. Box 1055  
 Indianapolis, IN 46206

Date \_\_\_\_\_

The Department of \_\_\_\_\_ certifies that the following American Legion posts families have achieved 100% of their American Legion Family goal. (For example, if a Legion post has an Auxiliary unit and/or a SAL squadron; **they all must achieve 100%.**)

**Examples**

| 100% Post<br>(please include post #) | 100% Auxiliary    | 100% Squadron        | No. of Ribbons |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Post 29                              | Yes               | Yes                  | 3              |
| Post 50                              | Yes               | no squadron attached | 2              |
| Post 500                             | no auxiliary unit | Yes                  | 2              |

**Check all that apply:**

| 100% Post<br>(please include post #) | 100% Auxiliary | 100% Squadron | ALR Chapter<br>(yes/no) | No. of Ribbons |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------------|
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**DEADLINE IS MAY 31, 2024  
 FOR DEPARTMENT SUBMISSION  
 DUPLICATE AS NECESSARY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Department Adjutant

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Department



# American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

## *Rhododendron Girls State*

Time is fast approaching and Girls State Applications are due soon. 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 Chair-  
man



## *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 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                         | <input type="text"/> |       |                      |
| Address                                                             | <input type="text"/> |       |                      |
| City                                                                | <input type="text"/> | State | <input type="text"/> |
|                                                                     |                      | Zip   | <input type="text"/> |
| Post, unit, squadron, or salon membership total as of June 1, 2023: | <input type="text"/> |       |                      |
| Total enclosed: \$                                                  | <input type="text"/> |       |                      |

**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-one \$25.00 winners for February, and one 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

**February 2024 Ways and Means Winners**

| Name                | #’s | City          | State | Date      | \$\$\$ |
|---------------------|-----|---------------|-------|-----------|--------|
|                     | 287 |               |       | 2/1/2024  |        |
| Nancy Frost         | 678 | Cumberland    | MD    | 2/2/2024  | 25.00  |
| Tim Warren          | 975 | Cameron       | WV    | 2/3/2024  | 25.00  |
| Beverly Chaney      | 598 | Keyser        | WV    | 2/5/2024  | 25.00  |
| Chuck Pearce, Jr    | 820 | Gore          | VA    | 2/6/2024  | 25.00  |
| Shannon Harshbarger | 022 | Huntington    | WV    | 2/7/2024  | 25.00  |
| Beverly Westfall    | 385 | Rio           | WV    | 2/8/2024  | 25.00  |
| Dawne Bailey        | 692 | Bluefield     | WV    | 2/9/2024  | 25.00  |
| Jennifer Ours       | 359 | Moorefield    | WV    | 2/10/2024 | 25.00  |
| Jill Davis          | 057 | Capon Bridge  | WV    | 2/12/2024 | 25.00  |
| Shannon Harshbarger | 658 | Huntington    | WV    | 2/13/2024 | 25.00  |
| Sherri McDonald     | 101 | Springfield   | WV    | 2/14/2024 | 25.00  |
| Janet Kidwell       | 582 | Augusta       | WV    | 2/15/2024 | 25.00  |
| David Reid          | 866 | Capon Bridge  | WV    | 2/16/2024 | 25.00  |
| ALA Spencer #21     | 110 | Spencer       | WV    | 2/17/2024 | 25.00  |
| Larry Williams      | 216 | Cameron       | WV    | 2/19/2024 | 25.00  |
|                     | 150 |               |       | 2/20/2024 |        |
| Nicki Flook         | 249 | Hagerstown    | MD    | 2/21/2024 | 200.00 |
| Chuck Myers         | 433 | Moorefield    | WV    | 2/22/2024 | 25.00  |
| Robyn Wolford       | 441 | Romney        | WV    | 2/23/2024 | 25.00  |
| Tena Roush          | 748 | West Columbia | WV    | 2/24/2024 | 25.00  |
| Cathy Henrie        | 544 | Dunbar        | WV    | 2/26/2024 | 25.00  |
|                     | 575 |               |       | 2/27/2024 |        |
| Shirley Duncan      | 084 | Elbert        | WV    | 2/28/2024 | 25.00  |
| Brysan Crites       | 030 | Moorefield    | WV    | 2/29/2024 | 25.00  |
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# April 2024

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| <p>Red Shirt<br/>Friday—<br/>Every Friday</p>                                    |                                   | <p>2</p>                                                                                   | <p>3</p>  | <p>4</p>  | <p>5</p>  | <p>6</p> <p>10th District<br/>Spring - Capon<br/>Bridge Post<br/>#137</p>                                 |
| <p>7</p> <p>4th District<br/>Parkersburg #15<br/>Reg. - 1pm;<br/>Meeting—2pm</p> | <p>8</p>                                                                                                           | <p>9</p>  | <p>10</p> | <p>11</p> | <p>12</p>                                                                                    | <p>13</p>                                                                                                 |
| <p>14</p>                                                                        | <p>15</p>  <p>Purple Up Day</p> | <p>16</p>                                                                                  | <p>17</p> | <p>18</p> | <p>19</p>                                                                                    | <p>20</p> <p>1st District<br/>Spring—<br/>Wheeling Unit<br/>#1; Welch Post<br/>#8 Birthday<br/>Dinner</p> |
| <p>21</p>                                                                        | <p>22</p>                                                                                                          | <p>23</p>                                                                                  | <p>24</p> | <p>25</p> | <p>26</p>                                                                                    | <p>27</p> <p>6th District<br/>Spring<br/>Beckley Unit<br/>#32</p>                                         |
| <p>28</p>                                                                        | <p>29</p>                                                                                                          | <p>30</p>                                                                                  |           |           |                                                                                              |                                                                                                           |
|                                                                                  | <p>Military<br/>Child<br/>Month</p>                                                                                |                                                                                            |           |           | <p><i>Program of Month</i></p> <p><i>Child &amp; Youth</i></p>                               |                                                                                                           |

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

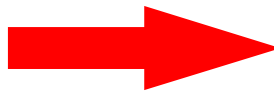
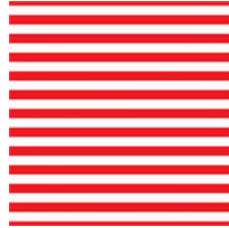
Date 03/15/2024
Department Goal 4994 — Membership to Date— 4089
Department Unit 200 Goal 210 — Membership to Date— 110
Target 75%

Kim

| District 1 | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
| Wheeling #1 | 23 | 19 | 82.61% |
| Moundsville #3 | 254 | 249 | 98.03% |
| McMechen #5 | 25 | 7 | 28% |
| Weirton #10 | 68 | 58 | 85.29% |
| Cameron #18 | 130 | 113 | 86.92% |
| New Martinsville #28 | 104 | 101 | 97.16% |
| Wellsburg #34 | 30 | 19 | 63.33% |
| Follansbee #45 | 50 | 49 | 98% |
| Pine Grove #81 | 75 | 60 | 80% |
| Paden City #86 | 80 | 69 | 86.25% |
| Wheeling #89 | 20 | 1 | 5% |
| Newell #114 | 20 | 2 | 10% |
| Chester #121 | 136 | 113 | 83.09% |
| TOTALS | 1015 | 860 | 84.73% |

Laura

| District 3 | | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
| Buckhannon #7 | 40 | 36 | 90% |
| Clarksburg #13 | 54 | 38 | 70.37% |
| Elkins #29 | 115 | 89 | 77.39% |
| Shinnston #31 | 267 | 237 | 88.76% |
| Braxton County #33 | 30 | 23 | 76.67% |
| Bridgeport #68 | 62 | 62 | 100% |
| Belington #96 | 20 | 12 | 60% |
| Pickens #122 | 22 | 16 | 72.73% |
| Morgantown #174 | 102 | 105 | 102.94% |
| TOTALS | 712 | 618 | 86.80% |



Stripes Team
Goal— 2568
To Date—2152
83.80%

Membership Chair
Uncle Sam



Stars Team
Goal 2216
To Date 1827
82.45%



| District 5 | | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
| Huntington #16 | 130 | 112 | 86.15% |
| Logan #19 | 22 | 8 | 36.36% |
| Charleston #20 | 25 | 16 | 64% |
| St. Albans #73 | 32 | 26 | 81.25% |
| Ceredo-Kenova #93 | 215 | 176 | 81.86% |
| So. Charleston #94 | 13 | 6 | 46.15% |
| Hamlin #111 | 40 | 33 | 82.50% |
| Milton #139 | 75 | 60 | 80% |
| Barboursville #177 | 154 | 127 | 82.47% |
| TOTALS | 706 | 564 | 79.87% |

| District 10 | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
| Martinsburg #14 | 77 | 56 | 72.73% |
| Piedmont #52 | 20 | 1 | 5% |
| Berkeley Springs #60 | 187 | 182 | 97.33% |
| Charles Town #63 | 40 | 33 | 82.50% |
| Moorefield #64 | 89 | 63 | 70.79% |
| Charles Town #71 | 146 | 120 | 82.19% |
| Petersburg #78 | 71 | 46 | 64.79% |
| Romney #91 | 164 | 129 | 78.66% |
| Paw Paw #128 | 44 | 36 | 81.82% |
| Kirby #134 | 35 | 25 | 71.43% |
| Ridgeley #136 | 70 | 64 | 91.43% |
| Capon Bridge #137 | 167 | 183 | 109.58% |
| Keyser #152 | 40 | 32 | 80% |
| Totals | 1150 | 970 | 84.35% |

| District 4 | | | |
|-------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
| Parkersburg #15 | 394 | 351 | 89.09% |
| Spencer #21 | 29 | 24 | 82.76% |
| Pt. Pleasant #23 | 225 | 193 | 85.78% |
| Tyler County #48 | 42 | 40 | 95.24% |
| Sistersville #67 | 48 | 21 | 43.75% |
| New Haven #140 | 135 | 116 | 85.93% |
| Williamstown #159 | 85 | 58 | 68.24% |
| TOTALS | 958 | 803 | 83.82% |

| District 6 | | | |
|-------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
| Welch #8 | 45 | 36 | 80% |
| Bluefield #9 | 27 | 17 | 62.96% |
| Beckley #32 | 25 | 13 | 52% |
| Gary #38 | 90 | 66 | 73.33% |
| Cowen #62 | 23 | 14 | 60.87% |
| Richwood #97 | 33 | 18 | 54.55% |
| TOTALS | 243 | 164 | 67.49% |

**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: _____

| | | | | |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| 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:

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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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