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

Colors—Red/White/Blue

Flower— Rose

Greetings Stars & Stripes!

It appears that spring has sprung. It's nice to see all the beautiful flowers popping up. I hope everyone had a nice Easter. Now that April is almost over, it is time to plan your events for Memorial Day. Let's remember our veterans.

Congratulations to all the units who have reach that 100% goal or higher. There are so many more that I am sure will reach the 100% by next Spirit. You are doing a great job and I appreciate it so much. It is looking like Lynda and I will be wearing our WV shirts at National...and so will Wisconsin. (We hope). We are about 5% ahead of them right now but we can't give up. We need everyone to march forth to getting those members. Remember membership is a TEAM effort for the Department. Wouldn't it be wonderful if our department could make goal this year? It has been a long time. I think we are 662 from it right now. Let's try!

Please send your year-end reports into the department. Be proud of all your unit has done and report it. Since the reports have to be in by April 30, use what you did last May and June for this year's report.

Reminder... If you haven't done it yet, make your reservations for our Department Convention in Huntington in July.

If I can help you in any way, please contact me.

“LET'S BE PATRIOTIC”

Hugs!

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4th District-Patsy Greiner
5th District-Laura Clark
6th District-Peggy Swartz
10th District-Diana Teter

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1st District-Christy Bland
3rd District-April Wallace
4th District-Melinda Paxton
5th District -Kimberly Evans
6th District-Mary Spence
10th District-Jill Davis





Department Headquarters



Mandatory Funds: *(Unit General Fund)- Bonding (\$5.00), Education (Scholarship), & Girls State Project (any amount the unit can afford);*

Unit Welfare Fund - Veterans' Welfare Fund (any amount the unit can afford), & 10% of Poppy Proceeds. If your unit has a little extra money please donate to the Cheer Parties and Gift Shops.

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

These are the Units that have returned the 2025 Unit Membership Data form: Unit #5, #7, #8, #9, #23, #29, #31, #33, #34, #60, #63, #71, #73, #93, #96, #114, #121, #128, #134, #136, #137, #152, #174, & #177—Thank you!

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.**

2025 Unit Membership Data form have 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. Due date back to Department is April 15, 2024. Since April 15th as come and gone. I have extended the due date to May 6th. **PLEASE COMPLETE AND SEND TO DEPARTMENT!!!!**

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 what is sent with the membership cards. If you would like an update roster just let me know.

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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“Why can’t somebody give us a list of things that everybody thinks and nobody says, and another list of things that everybody and nobody thinks?”

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

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.

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

**Membership Chairman**

Wow, way to go!!!!  
We have eight goal units: Moundsville #3, New Martinsville #28, Follansbee #45, Tyler County #48, Buckhannon #7, Bridgeport #68, Morgantown #174 and Capon Bridge #137. I know several Units are oh so close and I'm sure by May 15 we will have even more goal units.

Our last Membership Target Date is June 15 with 100%. We have seventeen 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 5.41% ahead. I know you don't want President Debbie or I wearing another state's tshirt, 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**

Let's hear it for the STRIPES!! Drum Roll please... we are now at 89.68% of goal! I am so proud of everyone's hard work and dedication. Do not slow down and keep pushing for those renewals and new members.

Let's take a look at who is leading in each district and celebrate all of those units who have reached 100% goal:

District 3:  
Morgantown Unit #174 – 109.80%

Buckhannon Unit #7- 102.5%  
Bridgeport Unit #68- 100%

District 5: Huntington Unit #16: 99.23%

District 10: Capon Bridge Unit #137- 111.98%

There are currently 16 units who are at 80% or greater of goal and several who are 1 or 2 members away from making goal! GO GO GO!!!

I am rooting for all of you and here if you need anything whatsoever!

Keep up the momentum!  
Laura Clark  
Department 1st Vice President  
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**Chaplain**

Hello Ladies,  
Please don't forget to send in a prayer for President Debbie's prayer book. Let's fill it up with prayers of encouragement, love, inspiration or whatever touches you in some way.  
"If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change."  
Wayne Dyer

Stephanie Handley  
Department Chaplain  
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**Department 2nd Vice President**

Hello and Happy Spring!  
I had the pleasure of visiting Parkersburg 4th District Spring Conference -hosted by Parkersburg 15. Patsy held an awesome meeting. We need to work on getting more Units to attend. I also traveled to Capon Bridge 137 as I wanted to experience the 10th District Spring Conference at the first Unit to achieve 100% ! The food, fellowship and venue were amazing. The meeting was also well done. I truly loved the messages that were conveyed by Diana Teter and Jill Davis. Both Chaplains at both Units did an amazing job.  
In terms of membership: Stars, we are still behind the Stripes! District 1 is at 89.56%, District 4 is at 86.74%, District 6 at 73.66%, we need to work a little harder to get more members. I know the members of District 6 have a lot to share and are wonderful people. Feel free to reach out if you need me. Congratulations to Follansbee 45 116%....way to go!! Also, congratulations to New Martinsville #28 and Tyler County #48 on reaching 100% as well.  
McMechen #5 and Wheeling #89 please try to come to the District 1 Spring Conference. I would love to meet you! I am here if you need any help!  
Have a wonderful Spring!  
For God and Country  
Kim Mellie  
Department Second Vice President



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

Happy spring everyone! April showers bring May flowers, yes, but some have had a little too much. Hope everyone has stayed safe.

Congratulations to the Units in 1st District that have reached 100% goal! Great job. Everyone has been working so hard.

Tis the season for District conferences and summer convention is quickly approaching. I hope to see many attend. If anyone needs any help with anything, always remember we are all a phone call or email away. Enjoy the sunshine!

Christy Bland  
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### ***6th District Vice President***

With the weather getting better the Units should be able to plan their activities and hold their meetings. Please continue to contact your members and collect dues for this year to meet your unit's goal. Since we only have a small amount of time to finish collecting outstanding dues, we need to do all we can to get all our members paid. Hoorah for Gary #38 with 86.67%, Welch #8 with 80%, Richwood #97 with 63.64% and Bluefield #9 with 62.96%. Our June 15, 2024 target is 100%. Now that Spring is here and May flowers are in full bloom, let's continue to plant the seed to make sure that we work hard to meet our membership "GOAL".

I want to remind everyone that we will be holding our ALA District 6 Spring Conference hosted by Beckley Unit#32 on Saturday, April 27, 2024 in Beckley. Registration will be from 9:00-10:00 a.m. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our conference.

Don't forget it's Report time. You should be working on your reports.

It's that time of the year when we should be getting out and start doing some things with your family.

Continue to pray for our State and Nation.

Prayers for all to be safe.

Mary E. Spence  
Vice President  
District 6

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

As we get closer to the finish of this wonderful year, everyone keep working hard on recruiting new members. It is coming up on the time of year when the Auxiliary really blooms! The Patriotic Months. Poppy Day is May 24, then Memorial Day, Flag Day, 4th of July and the Department Convention is upon us! August brings Labor Day, then its Patriot Day all the way through to Veterans Day. Have you ever thought about how many Patriotic Holidays we have as Americans? For a relatively young country, we celebrate ourselves a lot!! And look at all those chances to practice Americanism! Not a lot to say this month! Have a great month. Be sure to wear your branded items. If I can be of assistance, just let me know!!

April Wallace  
3rd District Vice President  
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### ***5th District Vice President***

Hello 5th District,  
I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful weather. Fifth District is at 88.81%. Way to go Huntington Unit 16, with the highest in our District at 99.23%! Coming in at a close second is Ceredo-Kenova Unit 93 at 96.28%. With this being said, be creative on how to get new membership, reach out to the ones that haven't renewed. Please don't hold membership. Get them sent in ASAP.

Kimberly Evans  
5th District Vice President  
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### ***10th District Vice President***

It seems Spring has sprung, I see the beautiful flowers and the grass getting greener each day. This is the time that friends and family get together. Speaking of friends and family, I hope that you feel this way about your Auxiliary family. This is the time to get out there and find more friends (members) to meet with monthly and do projects together.

District 1 is ahead of us by a smidge amount, 89.56% to our 89.22%. Don't hold those memberships, get them in. I know that we can all make goal. The District as a whole needs a total of 124 paid members. We can do this. The next goal date is June 15th.

We have 1 unit above and beyond goal at this time. Congratulations Capon Bridge unit 137! WE do have 8 units that are at 80% and above, 3 units at 71% and above. We have time, just don't hold those memberships, we need our members to help our veterans!!!!

I want thank each of you who voted me in again for District Vice. It is an honor to serve you for the third year.

Friendly reminder if you have not got your room for State Convention, you may want to hurry up and do that. The dates are July 11-14, 2024, at Double Tree in Huntington, WV.

I hope your unit has turned in their reports and you win an award. I know you have done great things all year. Good luck to each unit.

Jill Davis  
Tenth District Vice President

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

Congratulations to Moundsville #3, New Martinsville #28 and Follansbee #45 for reaching goal! Paden City #86 is close with Weirton #10, /Chester #121, Cameron #18, Wheeling #1 Pine Grove #81 close behind. Way to go Newell Unit #114 for sending in membership and catching up on Mandatory Funds and Wheeling Unit #89 for sending in your new officers listing! Let's see if we can get in membership to keep the unit in good standing. Our District Conference will be over by the time you receive this spirit. I will have a full report in the next Spirit. Remember to send your deceased members to Cindy Gadd at [cindymgadd@gmail.com](mailto:cindymgadd@gmail.com). District Standing Rules will be done, as well as elections. Until next month,  
Paulette Anderson  
1st District President

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

Hello Everyone  
Hope you are enjoying this rainy weather we have been having looking forward to some sunshine. Looking forward to seeing you at our Sixth District summer meeting which will be on Saturday, April 27, 2024, It will be hosted by Beckley Unit 32, and will be at the Post Home located at 1708 S. Kanawha Street, Beckley, WV. Registration is from 9:00 to 10:00 AM. Hope everyone has paid their Mandatory Funds if not please do so as soon as possible and hope all is working on membership and I am sure our Vice President Mary has already contacted you. Lets keep all of our veterans in our prayers and also all Auxiliary members. Hope al Units are working on Girl State I know our Unit has still have a lot more to do. So until next time God Bless all.  
Peggy Swartz, President  
Sixth District

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

Hello all! I hope you are enjoying some sunshine!  
We have three Units that are 100% or over!  
Congratulation to Buckhannon #7, Bridgeport #68 and Morgantown #174 !  
Under the leadership of District Vice President April Wilson-Wallace, Unit 174 President Sandra Harper, and Unit 68 Steven Hinzman, we thank you for your hard work ! Without the dedication of all our Presidents and Vice-Presidents this organization wouldn't be here. Thanks to you all , the Third District is at 91.29 % of our goal. Keep up the awesome work. We are the first District to reach 90%! Let's get the District to 100%! Remember we ARE here to help and honor VETERANS. Clarksburg, Elkins, Braxton, Belington and Pickens - I hope to be attending a meeting very soon! I am here to help! Please know that it has been an honor to serve as your Third District President! In the Spirit of Service NOT Self  
Kim Mellie  
Third District President



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

On April 7, District 4 held a Spring Conference at Parkersburg Post #15. The Auxiliary elected officers. District Chaplain, Melinda Paxton presented a Memorial Ceremony. Happy Birthday to Rose Epling of Spencer Unit #21. She is a nonagenarian (a person who is from 90 to 99 years old) and will celebrate her birthday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Rose and Melinda for their continued dedication. Susan Brown and Kim Mellie were special guests and brought greetings from President On April 7, District 4 held a Spring Conference at Parkersburg Post #15. The Auxiliary elected officers. District Chaplain, Melinda Paxton presented a Memorial Ceremony. Happy Birthday to Rose Epling of Spencer Unit #21. She is a nonagenarian (a person who is from 90 to 99 years old) and will celebrate her birthday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Rose and Melinda for their continued dedication. Susan Brown and Kim Mellie were special guests and brought greetings from President Debbie Michael. Susan has a wealth of knowledge and carries in her tote bag on wheels a box full of handouts to share with members. She is always willing to share information. Convention is right around the corner. I hope you were able to get your year-end reports done. Auxiliaries do so much to help our veterans, active-duty military, and their families. We need to let our voices be heard. We need to "Be the One." Membership is paramount in the American Legion Auxiliary. Always carry a membership application. Future members are just waiting for you to tell them about the American Legion family.  
For God and Country

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## 5th District President

Out of 9 units in the 5th District, 6 units have achieved 75% or more of the membership goal and I am so proud of your hard work and commitment to new and existing members of our organization. If you are not at 75%, there is still time to reach your target goals and we are all here to help you! Please reach out to Kim, myself, or Sue if you have questions regarding membership and make sure you are processing members as soon as you receive them!

As a reminder, your year end reports are due to Department Headquarters NO LATER than April 30, 2024. There is a lot of great work being done for our veterans, their families, and the communities we serve. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE be sure to fill out the forms and include a narrative. I want to see the 5th District run away with these awards at the Department meeting in July. If you need the reports, please go to [www.wvaux.org](http://www.wvaux.org) and select Media and scroll down until you see "Year End Reports." If you need assistance or have questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Keep up the great work!!  
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## 10th District President

District 10 had a wonderful Spring Conference. Thanks to all that were able to attend and for those that couldn't we missed you.

It is with great pleasure to announce I was re-elected as District President for 2024-2025 and Jill Davis was re-elected for Vice President 2024-2025. Thank you.

It was decided that the Fall Conference will be held in Berkeley Springs on October 19, 2024 and the Spring Conference will be held in Capon Bridge on March 15, 2025.

There was a vote to hold these meetings with registration at 9:00 and meeting starts at 10:00. Please plan to attend as there is much to learn.

May is a busy month for all but please keep in mind the VA Picnic will be held at the Martinsburg VA on May 30, 2024. If you are able to volunteer please do so. It is a heartwarming experience.

Those Veterans look forward to seeing new faces and having time to share with one another.

I want to say again how proud I am of the work that everyone in the District is doing to help Veterans, Community and Youth. Keep up the good work.

Happy Spring  
Diana Teter  
10th District President



## Community Service

We are family. Has your Legion Family come together to make your communities aware of all the different programs and activities you contribute to.

The American Legion Family Day is a day to have fun and to educate the community to what we do. Along with helping to make the life of our veterans better, we help children and youth, we support our First Responders, we beautify our communities we promote Americanism and so much more.

Peggy Swartz

Chr. Community Service

## Americanism

Congratulations to Ruby Lamptin, Department winner of the Americanism Essay Contest! Ruby is a student at Warm Springs Middle School. Her essay was submitted by Lynn Hutchinson, Berkeley Springs Unit #60. Ruby's essay was sent to the Central Division for judging.

Time is winding down for Americanism Year End Reports. I am looking forward to reading what units have been doing this year. Don't forget to mention what you have done for Flag Alliance in your reports

Paulette Anderson  
Americanism Chairman

## Children & Youth

April is Children and Youth Month, a time to hold a special event for the children and youth in the community. Its also the time when children are getting outside and playing sports, riding bikes and enjoying the warmer weather. Young adults will be traveling more on the roads, some of them driving for the first time. April would be a good time to hold a safety event for children because school will soon be over. Local law enforcement are always happy to help with safety events in their communities.

April is also the month to complete annual reports. Children and Youth reports are due in headquarters on April 30, 2024. Many units have already compiled a written report of their activities for their District conferences. Just copy that report and send it along with the annual report. Many units have done outstanding work for the Children and Youth program and reports are the way to get credit for your efforts. Let everyone know what you have done for the children in your community.

Shirley Davis, Chairman

## *Education*

Selections were made and sent to the Central Division for further consideration for all scholarships. We received 1 Non-Traditional, 10 Children of Warriors, and 1 Junior Member Loyalty. Thank you, Roxie Nicholson for your help!

April 15<sup>th</sup> Purple Up! Day for military kids (sponsor the day, provide purple items for students), and present the Military Child Table.

Teachers Appreciation Week is May 6-10, 2024, show your appreciation to teachers with (candy, cards, snacks, or think out of the box).

There's still time! Has your unit participated in Give 10 to Education?

Reminder, Year-End Education Reports are due no later than April 30<sup>th</sup> to ensure the Department Education Report is sent on time. Please answer all the questions and include a narrative report.

Get involved! Contact your local representatives and ask them to support legislation that establishes new scholarship opportunities. Be heard and help make a difference! Signup for legislative alerts to support the American Legion's efforts.

<https://www.votervoicenet/AmericanLegion/home>

To assist you in finding homeschooling groups near you reach out to [www.homeschool.com](http://www.homeschool.com) and for homeschooler's network in your area [www.homeschoolersnetwork.com](http://www.homeschoolersnetwork.com)

"There's no way to be a perfect mother and a million ways to be a good one."  
Happy Mother's Day!

Nichole Shepherd  
Education chair  
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## *Legislative*

This week, we are asking the Legion Family to contact their elected representatives to pass H.R. 1413 Expanding America's National Cemeteries Act of 2023 to safeguard the crucial benefit of full military honors at burial for more veterans. This Act will enable VA-run national cemeteries to conduct full military ceremonies for our fallen heroes and expand a key resource. Go to the Action Center to quickly email a letter of support to your member of Congress.

The Legislative Agenda for the 118th Congress -2nd Session is below:

There is a small explanation of the ones I have not mentioned previously.

Military Quality of Life

Pay the Coast Guard

Access to healthcare for overseas military and families

Improving the military TAP (transition assistance program)

Protect the American Flag  
Suicide Prevention and Mental Health - "Be The One"

Alternative Treatments in 2021~2.8 million veterans experience an illicit drug or alcohol use disorder, with 92.4% not receiving treatment.

VA Healthcare Modernization  
PACT Act: Implementation and Oversight

Safeguard Veteran Benefits

Concurrent Receipt - to help over 42,000 military retirees who have to forfeit their retired pay to receive equal amounts of disability compensation.

Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity

GI Bill for Honorable Service

Visit <https://www.votervoicenet/AmericanLegion/home> for more information.

\*\*\*Make sure you go to Grassroots Action Center and email your Legislators to encourage their vote!

For God and Country

May God Bless Us All

Kim Mellie

Legislative Chairman

## *Junior Activities*

A virtual "zoom" meeting was held on April 9, District Chair members presented updates of activities Junior members have participated in across eastern United States. The meeting was informative and many program ideas were shared. Large or small Junior units are participating in programs and earning patches. Best of all our Juniors are getting out in the community and are visible to the public. Sharing information and skills they have acquired by being active in the Junior Auxiliary.

Seniors, please continue to work with Junior girls. We all learn best by actively participating. Memorial Day, Flag Day and Independence Day are coming up. Allow your Juniors to be a part of your celebrations. The school year is wrapping up but our work with the Juniors continues all year long! Do not be afraid to "Be the One" to teach our youth and lead by example. As always recruit, recruit, recruit!

For God and Country

Patsy Greiner

Junior Activities Chairman

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## *National Security*

We have a special request from one of our overseas commissaries: They need coupons! This is a great opportunity to get members involved in working the mission of National Security, especially those members who may be homebound. Below are some helpful tips and the contact information on where to send the coupons:

1. Only Manufacturer's Coupons may be used. This can include coupons for food, non-food items like hygiene or cleaning supplies, baby items such as diapers, and pet supplies. The commissary is unable to accept store coupons, restaurant coupons or internet coupons.

2. Cut out the coupons. Please do not send sheets of unclipped coupons.

3. Overseas Commissaries are permitted to accept expired manufacturer coupons up to 6 months past the expiration date. Be sure to consider the time it will take to mail the coupons and for the commissary to sort.

4. Try and sort the coupons before mailing: separate the expired (or soon to expire) from the non-expired. Then separate and group together by type: Food, Non-food, baby & children, and pets.

5. Send the coupons to the below address: Yokosuka Commissary  
PSC 473 BOX 33  
FPO AP 96349  
For God and Country,  
Laura Clark  
National Security Chairman  
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## **Poppy**

Here it is almost the end of the month. I hope everyone is in good health.

I hope everyone is thinking on what to put in their reports that are due here in a short while. Keep up the good work remember to hand your poppies out.

Remember the Month of May is Poppy Month. Use your poppies, hand them out, set up a stand for poppy day and take contributions. Give them to all the kids you see and see what the parents will do.

If you need my help just email me at carlajwilfong@gmail.com, or call me At 304-592-0247. Hope to see you at summer convention.

Carla Wilfong  
Poppy Chairman

## *Public Relations*

Can you believe that it is that time of year again to complete year end reports. It is amazing how fast time flies. Please make sure you submit your Public Relations reports. I know there are some amazing things that were accomplished this year. So, make sure you send in your reports so we can see what you have done. Looking forward to seeing what you did and how you let everyone know who we are.

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Public Relations Chairman  
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## *Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation*

Since we are ALL hopefully working on reports, please remember to list the names and their hours separately for both VA and Service to Veterans. A topic came up during a district conference. Helping Post Veterans and how to report those hours. I wrote National and basically here is how it gets reported. This was filtered down from National Staff by the national Chairman.

\* If you are helping the post do a fundraiser for a Veteran, or something for Veterans such as honor flights, or operation wound warriors those hours count as Service to Veterans.

\* if you are helping your post raise funds for Post operations it goes to community service.

\* if you are helping with boys state in any way, it goes to community service.

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## **NEC**

One of the National Policy is Member Benefits. Companies who are interested in providing member benefits for members of the American Legion Auxiliary have to submit an application specifying the type of benefits to be offered to members. When they are accepted members will see the new member benefit. Benefits are changing all the time. Be aware of current benefits.

Another Policy is the Membership List Protection. The ALA protects the national membership list to ensure the integrity of the manner in which it may be accessed and used. This membership list is the corporate property of the ALA, entrusted to the Executive Director for safeguarding.

You may have received a letter stating that the American Legion Auxiliary and American Legion Auxiliary Foundation will no longer use the current marketing company. They are in the process of looking for another marketing and licensing company to use for return address labels, cards, etc. as donations. Stay tuned!  
Paulette Anderson



### ***Constitution & Bylaws***

As we move into selecting nomination committees, election committees and election of officers, review your governing documents to assure you are following the rules your Unit approved. This includes details as to how, when, and maybe where.

Lisa Cadwallader  
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### ***Standing Rules***

In the delegate packet at the Department Convention you will see Proposal Change for Department Standing Rules. Please look over before the session on Friday so if you have any questions you can ask the committee there.

Units and Districts, please look at your standing rules for any changes you may want to do. Remember Standing Rules can be changed anytime.

Paulette Anderson  
Standing Rules Chairman

### **Convention Chairman**

Hello To All,

Just a reminder if you're running for department office please bring a photos.

Each unit needs to be in good standing to be seated as a delegate.

Also I'm asking each unit to bring a door prize. And any individual wanting bring a prize would be great.

"More the merrier"

Happy spring,  
Convention Chairman  
Debbie Fox

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

Hello Auxiliary Members,

I hope and pray that ALL units sent their reports with narratives in by April 30th. It is important for our department to keep a record of what has happened within the year.

I want to thank Shinnston Unit/Post #31 for their wonderful hospitality at their birthday dinner. The food was delicious, the décor was beautiful and very patriotic. (I forgot to mention last spirit)

It was great to see members at the 10th district conference.

Hope all mothers have a good Mother's Day.

Leave you with a quote: "With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts."

— Eleanor Roosevelt.

For God and Country  
Savanna Kauffman  
PPP Chairperson





# American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

## *Rhododendron Girls State*

Time is fast approaching and Girls State Applications are due May 1st and they are coming into headquarters at a slower than usual pace.

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 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

# 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 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-three \$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

***March 2024 Ways and Means Winners***

| <b>Name</b>       | <b>#’s</b> | <b>City</b>      | <b>State</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>\$\$\$</b> |
|-------------------|------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| Charlotte Bowman  | 424        | Wardensville     | WV           | 3/1/2024    | 25.00         |
| Lisa Warren       | 726        | Cameron          | WV           | 3/2/2024    | 25.00         |
| Randy Buckley     | 810        | Romney           | WV           | 3/4/2024    | 25.00         |
| John Powell       | 827        | Wheeling         | WV           | 3/5/2024    | 25.00         |
| Jeff Wisley       | 721        | Lavalette        | WV           | 3/6/2024    | 25.00         |
| Beth Frystick     | 954        | Wheeling         | WV           | 3/7/2024    | 25.00         |
| Randy Buckley     | 631        | Romney           | WV           | 3/8/2024    | 25.00         |
| Irene Weber       | 431        | Berkeley Springs | WV           | 3/9/2024    | 25.00         |
| Shirley Duncan    | 084        | Elbert           | WV           | 3/11/2024   | 25.00         |
|                   | 989        |                  |              | 3/12/2024   |               |
| Randy Roush       | 323        | New Haven        | WV           | 3/13/2024   | 25.00         |
|                   | 177        |                  |              | 3/14/2024   |               |
| Bryan Steward     | 719        | Augusta          | WV           | 3/15/2024   | 25.00         |
| Tammy L Campbell  | 790        | Romney           | WV           | 3/16/2024   | 25.00         |
| Patsy Vaughnn     | 666        | Moorefield       | WV           | 3/18/2024   | 25.00         |
| Lynne Oakes       | 232        | High View        | WV           | 3/19/2024   | 25.00         |
| Paulette Anderson | 500        | New Martinsville | WV           | 3/20/2024   | 200.00        |
|                   | 596        |                  |              | 3/21/2024   |               |
| Alan Karmazin     | 931        | Canonsburg       | PA           | 3/22/2024   | 25.00         |
| Pat Shepherd      | 816        | Hedgeville       | WV           | 3/23/2024   | 25.00         |
| Aleesha Karmazin  | 673        | Canonsburg       | PA           | 3/25/2024   | 25.00         |
| ALA—1st District  | 766        | Moundsville      | WV           | 3/26/2024   | 25.00         |
| Mary A Robbins    | 196        | Wheeling         | WV           | 3/27/2024   | 25.00         |
| Angie Pack        | 451        | Welch            | WV           | 3/28/2024   | 25.00         |
| Marjorie Wall     | 151        | Whitesville      | WV           | 3/29/2024   | 25.00         |
| Pam Hebb          | 926        | Edgewater        | MD           | 3/30/2024   | 25.00         |
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# May 2024

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| <p>Red Shirt<br/>Friday—<br/>Every Friday</p>                                                     | <p>Month—<br/>Military Care-<br/>giver; National<br/>Appreciation;</p>                            |                            | <p>1<br/></p> | <p>2<br/></p> | <p>3<br/>Office<br/>Closed—<br/>DLNC<br/>Meeting</p>                                         | <p>4</p>                                                                                            |
| <p>5</p>                                                                                          | <p>6<br/>Office<br/>Closed—<br/>DLNC Meet-<br/>ing</p>                                            | <p>7<br/>Office Closed</p> | <p>8</p>                                                                                       | <p>9</p>                                                                                        | <p>10</p>                                                                                    | <p>11</p>                                                                                           |
| <p>12<br/></p> | <p>13</p>                                                                                         | <p>14</p>                  | <p>15</p>                                                                                      | <p>16</p>                                                                                       | <p>17</p>                                                                                    | <p>18<br/></p> |
| <p>19</p>                                                                                         | <p>20</p>                                                                                         | <p>21</p>                  | <p>22</p>                                                                                      | <p>23</p>                                                                                       | <p></p> | <p>25</p>                                                                                           |
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~~~~~"Let's Be Patriotic"~~~~~

Date 04/15/2024
Department Goal 4994 — Membership to Date— 4332
Department Unit 200 Goal 210 — Membership to Date— 110
Next Target Date 6/15/24—100%

Kim

| District 1 | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
| Wheeling #1 | 23 | 19 | 82.61% |
| Moundsville #3 | 254 | 256 | 100.79% |
| McMechen #5 | 25 | 10 | 40% |
| Weirton #10 | 68 | 60 | 88.24% |
| Cameron #18 | 130 | 114 | 87.69% |
| New Martinsville #28 | 104 | 104 | 100% |
| Wellsburg #34 | 30 | 19 | 63.33% |
| Follansbee #45 | 50 | 58 | 116% |
| Pine Grove #81 | 75 | 61 | 81.33% |
| Paden City #86 | 80 | 73 | 91.25% |
| Wheeling #89 | 20 | 3 | 15% |
| Newell #114 | 20 | 15 | 75% |
| Chester #121 | 136 | 117 | 86.03% |
| TOTALS | 1015 | 909 | 89.56% |

| District 4 | | | |
|-------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
| Parkersburg #15 | 394 | 364 | 92.39% |
| Spencer #21 | 29 | 26 | 89.66% |
| Pt. Pleasant #23 | 225 | 198 | 88% |
| Tyler County #48 | 42 | 42 | 100% |
| Sistersville #67 | 48 | 21 | 43.75% |
| New Haven #140 | 135 | 118 | 87.41% |
| Williamstown #159 | 85 | 62 | 72.94% |
| TOTALS | 958 | 831 | 86.74% |

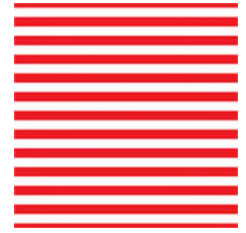
| District 6 | | | |
|-------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
| Welch #8 | 45 | 36 | 80% |
| Bluefield #9 | 27 | 17 | 62.96% |
| Beckley #32 | 25 | 13 | 52% |
| Gary #38 | 90 | 78 | 86.67% |
| Cowen #62 | 23 | 14 | 60.87% |
| Richwood #97 | 33 | 21 | 63.64% |
| TOTALS | 243 | 179 | 73.66% |

Laura

| District 3 | | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
| Buckhannon #7 | 40 | 41 | 102.5% |
| Clarksburg #13 | 54 | 38 | 70.37% |
| Elkins #29 | 115 | 91 | 79.13% |
| Shinnston #31 | 267 | 250 | 93.63% |
| Braxton County #33 | 30 | 28 | 93.33% |
| Bridgeport #68 | 62 | 62 | 100% |
| Belington #96 | 20 | 12 | 60% |
| Pickens #122 | 22 | 16 | 72.73% |
| Morgantown #174 | 102 | 112 | 109.80% |
| TOTALS | 712 | 650 | 91.29% |

| District 5 | | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
| Huntington #16 | 130 | 129 | 99.23% |
| Logan #19 | 22 | 11 | 50% |
| Charleston #20 | 25 | 16 | 64% |
| St. Albans #73 | 32 | 26 | 81.25% |
| Ceredo-Kenova #93 | 215 | 207 | 96.28% |
| So. Charleston #94 | 13 | 6 | 46.15% |
| Hamlin #111 | 40 | 33 | 82.50% |
| Milton #139 | 75 | 63 | 84% |
| Barboursville #177 | 154 | 136 | 88.31% |
| TOTALS | 706 | 627 | 88.81% |

| District 10 | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Unit | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
| Martinsburg #14 | 77 | 56 | 72.73% |
| Piedmont #52 | 20 | 18 | 90% |
| Berkeley Springs #60 | 187 | 182 | 97.33% |
| Charles Town #63 | 40 | 34 | 85% |
| Moorefield #64 | 89 | 78 | 87.64% |
| Charles Town #71 | 146 | 129 | 88.36% |
| Petersburg #78 | 71 | 51 | 71.83% |
| Romney #91 | 164 | 130 | 79.27% |
| Paw Paw #128 | 44 | 39 | 88.64% |
| Kirby #134 | 35 | 26 | 74.29% |
| Ridgeley #136 | 70 | 64 | 91.43% |
| Capon Bridge #137 | 167 | 187 | 111.98% |
| Keyser #152 | 40 | 32 | 80% |
| Totals | 1150 | 1026 | 89.22% |



Stripes Team
Goal— 2568
To Date—2303
89.68%

Membership Chair
Uncle Sam



Stars Team
Goal 2216
To Date 1919
85.25%



**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:

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

X MEANS PAID UNIT AUDIT OF MEMBERSHIP & MANDATORY FUNDS — June 11, 2024

FIRST DISTRICT - Paulette Anderson President, Christy Bland Vice President

| Unit/Number | Bonding | Scholarship | Veterans Fund | Girls State | 10% | Membership |
|----------------------|---------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----|------------|
| #1 Wheeling | X | X | | X | X | 19 |
| #3 Moundsville | X | X | X | X | X | 256 |
| #5 McMechen | X | X | X | X | X | 10 |
| #10 Weirton | | | | | | 60 |
| #18 Cameron | | | | | | 114 |
| #28 New Martinsville | X | X | X | X | X | 104 |
| #34 Wellsburg | | | | | | 19 |
| #45 Follansbee | X | X | X | X | | 58 |
| #81 Pine Grove | | | | | | 61 |
| #86 Paden City | X | X | X | X | X | 73 |
| #89 Wheeling | | | | | | 3 |
| #114 Newell | X | X | X | X | | 15 |
| #121 Chester | X | X | X | X | X | 117 |

THIRD DISTRICT - Kim Mellie President, April Wallace Vice President

| Unit/Number | Bonding | Scholarship | Veterans Fund | Girls State | 10% | Membership |
|--------------------|---------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----|------------|
| #7 Buckhannon | | | | | | 41 |
| #13 Clarksburg | | | | | | 38 |
| #29 Elkins | | | | | | 91 |
| #31 Shinnston | X | X | X | X | X | 250 |
| #33 Braxton County | | | | | | 28 |
| #68 Bridgeport | | | | | | 62 |
| #96 Belington | | | | | | 12 |
| #122 Pickens | | | | | | 16 |
| #174 Morgantown | | | | | | 112 |

FOURTH DISTRICT - Patsy Greiner President, Melinda Roush-Braxton Vice President

| Unit/Number | Bonding | Scholarship | Veterans Fund | Girls State | 10% | Membership |
|-------------------|---------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----|------------|
| #15 Parkersburg | | | | | | 364 |
| #21 Spencer | | | | | | 26 |
| #23 Mason County | X | X | X | X | | 198 |
| #48 Tyler County | | | | | | 42 |
| #67 Sistersville | | | | | | 21 |
| #140 New Haven | | | | | | 118 |
| #159 Williamstown | | | | | | 62 |

FIFTH DISTRICT: Laura Clark President, Kimberly Evans Vice President

| Unit/Number | Bonding | Scholarship | Veterans Fund | Girls State | 10% | Membership |
|----------------------|---------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----|------------|
| #16 Huntington | X | X | | X | X | 129 |
| #19 Logan | X | X | X | X | X | 11 |
| #20 Charleston | | | | | | 16 |
| #73 St. Albans | | | | | | 26 |
| #93 Ceredo-Kenova | X | X | X | X | X | 207 |
| #94 South Charleston | | | | | | 6 |
| #111 Hamlin | X | X | X | X | | 33 |
| #139 Milton | | | | | | 63 |
| #177 Barboursville | X | X | X | X | X | 136 |

SIXTH DISTRICT - Peggy Swartz President, Mary Spence Vice President

| Unit/Number | Bonding | Scholarship | Veterans Fund | Girls State | 10% | Membership |
|--------------|---------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----|------------|
| #8 Welch | X | X | X | X | X | 36 |
| #9 Bluefield | | | | | | 17 |
| #32 Beckley | | | | | | 13 |
| #38 Gary | | | | | | 78 |
| #62 Cowen | | | | | | 14 |
| #97 Richwood | | | | | | 21 |

TENTH DISTRICT- Diana Teter President, Jill Davis Vice President

| Unit/Number | Bonding | Scholarship | Veterans Fund | Girls State | 10% | Membership |
|----------------------|---------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----|------------|
| #14 Martinsburg | X | X | X | X | X | 56 |
| #52 Piedmont | | | | | | 18 |
| #60 Berkeley Springs | X | X | X | X | X | 182 |
| #63 Charles Town | X | X | X | X | X | 34 |
| #64 Moorefield | | | | | | 78 |
| #71 Charles Town | X | X | X | X | X | 129 |
| #78 Petersburg | | | | | | 51 |
| #91 Romney | X | X | X | X | X | 130 |
| #128 Paw Paw | | | | | | 39 |
| #134 Kirby | X | X | X | X | X | 26 |
| #136 Ridgeley | X | X | X | X | | 64 |
| #137 Capon Bridge | X | X | | X | X | 187 |
| #152 Keyser | X | X | X | X | X | 32 |

**CALL FOR
HUNDRED-SECOND ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA, INC.**

The Hundred-SECOND Department Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary is hereby called in conformity with Article IX, Section 1 of the Department Constitution and Bylaws which provides, "That the Department Convention be held annually concurrent with the Convention of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia." The Convention will meet in Huntington, West Virginia on July 11, 12, 13, 2024 at the Doubletree by Hilton.

PURPOSE

The Convention is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, amending the Department Constitution, receiving reports of Department Officers and Chairperson, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it.

REPRESENTATIVES

Representation at the Convention shall be by Units. Each Unit shall be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for each fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof, whose dues have been paid and received by the Department Headquarters one month prior to the Convention for which they were elected. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote. **No Unit unrepresented shall have a proxy vote.** The elective officers, all Past Department Presidents, in good standing shall be delegates-at-large to the Department Convention, with vote to be exercised with their Units, provided said officers are present at the Convention.

ALTERNATES

Each Unit is entitled to one alternate for each delegate. The alternate will have power to vote **ONLY** in the absence of the regular Delegate.

CREDENTIALS

Membership cards must be presented by delegates and alternates. Certification of the election of the delegates and alternates **MUST** be mailed to Department Headquarters **no less than two weeks** prior to Convention, and **SHALL BE** accompanied by the Convention fee of \$20.00 for each accredited delegates so certified.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Pre-Convention Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday July 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Doubletree by Hilton in the Virginia-Maryland Room. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Department Elective Officers, NEC, the Eight District Presidents, all Past Department Presidents, and Chairperson of all standing committees. All members of standing committees, exclusive of the chairperson, may attend the Executive Committee Meeting with the privilege of discussion but without vote. Any member in good standing may attend the Executive Committee Meeting with the privilege of discussion but **NO** vote.

DEPARTMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE

This committee will meet on Thursday July 11, 2024 at 1:00 pm in the Virginia Room. Those to attend this meeting are the three (3) members of the Finance Committee and the Department President and Department Secretary/Treasurer who are ex-officio members without vote.

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

All Department Officers, Department Chairmen, District Presidents/Vice Presidents, Past Department Presidents with email addresses. Spirits are posted monthly on the website: www.wvaux.org
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