



The Auxiliary Spirit



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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!

Wow! It is hot. Summer temperatures, a little early.

I spent last week at Rhododendron Girls State at Davis & Elkins Collage. Such a wonderful experience. I now completely understand this great program. The staff, the girls and the accommodations were amazing. Thanks to Irene, Rosemary, Sue, Kate and Ann for walking me through everything. Love ya’s.

I also was fortunate to be able to visit Mountaineer Boys State. A wonderful program, also. Thanks, Sue, Matt, Robbie, Doug and Jim and anyone else I may have forgotten.

Congratulations to all the units for their membership this year. I know you all tried your best to reach goal and that’s what is important. To those units that did reach goal or beyond, Great Job! Our department didn’t make goal, BUT...we are still ahead of Wisconsin. Hope they are ready to wear some WV shirts! lol

This will be my last Spirit article as your department president. I am both a little sad and a little relieved.

I enjoyed all my visits for conferences or special events, so much. The hospitality and kindness shown to me was wonderful. You sure know how to make one feel comfortable.

There are so many personal “Thank You’s” that I need to give but I will try to do that at convention. I just want to say “thank you”, members, for being a part of this great organization.

Always strive to make the ALA grow each year in volunteering, kindness and, yes, membership,

A big THANK YOU for making my year so memorable. I did the best that I could to represent you as your department president. I hope I did not disappoint you.

If I can ever help any of you, please let me know.

Please always remember...

~~~With Love and Gratitude, We Support Our Military and Honor Our Veterans~~~  
“LET’S BE PATRIOTIC”

LOVE & HUGS!

Debbie Michael  
Department President  
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## Department Officers 2023-2024

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

### District Presidents

1st District-Paulette Anderson  
3rd District-Kimberly Mellie  
4th District-Patsy Greiner  
5th District-Laura Clark  
6th District-Peggy Swartz  
10th District-Diana Teter

### District Vice Presidents

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





# Department Headquarters



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

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

**REMEMBER THE UNIT'S MANDATORY FUNDS MUST BE PAID BY JUNE 11TH FOR THE UNIT TO BE SEATED AT DEPARTMENT CONVENTION. PLEASE CHECK THE LIST TO SEE WHERE YOUR UNIT STANDS.**

**THE 2025 UNIT MEMBERSHIP DATA FORM HAS BEEN UPDATE AND APPROVED TO NATIONAL. IF YOUR UNIT WISHES TO MAKE A DUES RATE CHANGE THERE WILL BE A \$30 CHARGE TO DO SO.**

**The Unit Officers information is needed into the office, by June 15th. Chairmen list by October 1st. We're in the process of working on next year's directory. Remember if you do not remit that information even if there is no changes, your unit information will not be in the directory.**

ALA MIS system—it is not mandated by National nor Department that a Unit must use the system. The Unit needs to make a request to Department for usage. Department will then decide whether the Unit will be give permission.

This is an example of how credential are to be figured. Unit #200 has total membership of 65 with 1 past department president. The unit get 2 automatic delegates, then 1 delegate for each 50 members or a fraction thereof. Membership of 65 minus 50 leaves a fraction of 15. They would receive 1 extra delegate for the 50 and with the fraction less then 25 they would not receive another delegate. Their delegate count would be 3+1. Their past department president would be a delegate-at-large. Delegate-at-large do not count towards the units delegate count. Delegates-at-large are Current Department Officers, Current District Presidents, and Past Department Presidents. I hope this helps there are units that are confused on how this works. Call if you need help.

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.**

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

## Department Headquarters

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[ALAforveterans.org](http://ALAforveterans.org)

## Department Bylaws

### Delegate to Department Convention

**Page 33, Section 1—Paragraph 3 states that Mandatory Funds due Department from a Unit must be paid and postmarked at least thirty (30) days prior to opening day of Convention or Delegates will be deprived of voting privileges.**

## Fall Conferences Dates

1st District -October 20th—Pine Grove Unit #81(reg. 9) (Mtg. 10)

3rd District—(J) TBA

4th District—September 29th (J) -Parkersburg #15 (Reg. 1) (Mgt. 2)

5th District—October 26th (J) - Hamlin #111 (Reg. 9) (Mgt. 10)

6th District—September 28th—Gary #38 or Welch #8—TBA

10th District– October 19th (J) - Berkeley Springs #60 (Reg. 9) (Mtg. 10)

*“Where we love is home—home that our feet may leave,  
but not our hearts.”*

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

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

Membership Chairman

Congratulations to the fourteen Goal Units of 100%. Moundsville # 3, New Martinsville # 28, Follansbee # 45, Tyler County # 48, Gary # 38, Buckhannon # 7, Shinnston # 31, Bridgeport # 68, Morgantown # 174, Huntington # 16, Charleston # 20, Berkeley Springs # 60, Charles Town # 71, and Capon Bridge # 137. Three units are 95% +.

Membership is a team effort. If anyone of us can help please let us know. We are only a phone call away.

As far as our challenge from Wisconsin about wearing t-shirts from the winning department of highest percentage, it appears that Wisconsin will be wearing West Virginia shirts at National Convention! We are leading by 6.52%.

We are doing great things and let us be proud of those accomplishments. Be loud and proud!

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd
Membership Chairman



Department 1st Vice President

We have officially made it to summer and as the temperature begins to soar, I am happy to report that several units also soared and reached 100% of their membership goal by the June 15th target date! Thank you to so many of you who worked diligently on those membership goals! Your hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed!

Let's celebrate the following STRIPES units for reaching 100% of their membership goal from each district!

District 3:
Morgantown Unit 174: 114.71%
Buckhannon Unit 7: 105%
Shinnston Unit 31: 100.37%
Bridgeport Unit 68: 100%

District 5:
Huntington Unit 16: 100.77%
Charleston Unit 20: 100%

District 10:
Capon Bridge Unit 137: 113.71%
Berkeley Springs Unit 60: 103.74%
Charlestown Unit 71: 100.68%

Again, thank you for all of your dedication and hard work this year!

For God & Country,
Laura Clark
Department 1st Vice President
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Department 2nd Vice President

Hello all you wonderful volunteers! It is hard to believe that this year is almost over. I got to spend one day at Girls State. What a remarkable leadership and government program! Shout out to Rose Mary Thomas, Katie Gailick, Susan Brown, Ann Buchanan, President Debbie Michael, Irene Weber, and the many I know were involved but can't list all! I did have the pleasure of meeting a plethora of new people. This program is our way to instill patriotism, leadership and government in our youth! Thank you all for having me. Try, if you can, to attend the National Convention in New Orleans 8/23-8/28. Also prepare for the State Convention July 11-13.

Let's go STARS...we are still behind the STRIPES.

Congratulations to our 100% goal Units.
Moundsville #3 102.76%
New Martinsville #28 105.77%
Tyler County #48 100%
Gary #38 100%

Wonderful job of recruiting and meeting goal! You guys rock!

Those that are close can still reach 100% -

District 1 -Wheeling #1 95%, Weirton #10 92.65%, Cameron #18 92.31%, Paden City #86 91.25%
District 4 - Parkersburg #15 95.18%, Spencer #21 89.66%

District 6 - Welch #8 91.11%

I know the rest of you are trying hard! Be sure to invite members to the State Convention in July! All are welcome and that could spark some new interest.

I truly can't wait to see all of you in July! As always, I am here if you need anything.

May God Bless us All
Kim Mellie
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1st District Vice President

Hello First District!

Summer is finally here. For all those who wanted heat, wow we've got it! Everyone has done great with membership. State convention is quickly approaching, if you haven't sent your credentials in to dept, get those in. I hope to see a great turn out from our district. Also, remember the 1st district picnic is coming up in July, then the golf scramble in Aug. Enjoy the sunshine, vacations, and cookouts! Have a great summer!

Christy Bland

1st Dist. Vice President

1st District President

I hope all is staying cool during this heat wave. The Heat Index here is to be between 100 and 104 this week.

We have one unit in our District who is below the 10 senior members. I will be contacting the unit to see if they need any help getting members paid. We have about one month left until the new membership year begins, so lets' see how many more units can achieve Goal.

The First District picnic will be held on Sunday July 28th at Benwood City Park. Make plans to attend. If you haven't contacted Rhonda Best for food to bring, please do so. She has a list of what has been donated so far.

I hope to see units from First District at the Department Convention July 11-13th. Please send any deceased members to the Department Secretary.

Until next month, stay cool!

Paulette Anderson

First District President

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3rd District Vice President

WOW!!! What a great year! Shout out to the Third District for being #1!!! I know it took a lot of hard work and dedication but we finished on top!!

It has been an absolute JOY to work with Kim Mellie this year! She makes you feel better at the end of every conversation!!! My Unit had some rough patches during the year; but we adapted, persevered and overcame!

The Third is going to have an outstanding Vice President this year in Sandra Crowder-Harper. I wish you Fair Winds and following skies!

Thank you for this year of learning more about the ALA!

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

April D. Wallace

3rd District President

Happy June!

What a superb District we have! Congratulations to the 4 Units that have reached 100% or more!

Bridgeport #68 100%

Shinnston #31 100.37%

Buckhannon #7 105%

Morgantown #174 114.71%

Our District is at 95.93% can we still make it to 100%?

We have so many talented and hard-working people.

Dede Kelly and Sandra Harper have both been given important community accolades. Congratulations to you both. I know many more of you are doing great things! Please publicize and get the word out. Remember that branding and positivity are a great way to increase membership! I am here if you need anything. It has been a joy to serve you! God Bless.

Third District President

Kim Mellie

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10th District Vice President

I would like to say thank you for this year. I also would like to thank you for choosing me to be your 10th District Vice President for the next year. The end of the year results are as follows: Yeah, we as 10th District did beat 1st District in the end. I know that each year we try to do better and that there are times when we are unable to make 100%. Hopefully next year the membership chairman will have a better or easier time collecting membership. We ended up with only 3 units making 100% and or above. Congratulations to Berkeley Springs unit # 60, Charles Town unit # 71, and Capon Bridge unit # 137. There were 8 units that were really close to or at least above 75%. Then 2 units that were unable to make 75%.

Thank you all for doing the best you could. Remember to stay positive and know that we are all a team. We work together and we become the best that we can. Have a Happy and Safe Independence Day. See you in a few weeks at Summer Convention.

Jill Davis



4th District President

Hello All,
District four fell short of our membership goal of 100%. Thank you for your efforts! The American Legion Auxiliary is one of the strongest patriotic service organizations in the world. The Auxiliary was founded in 1919. Before COVID national statistics had division membership counts at 39,796. Friends, we are running in the forefront with service to our veterans, active military, and communities!

During my travels, this past year I have met sisters and comrades who ask, "What does 'Be the One' mean?" This logo is intended to reduce the number of veterans and active military suicides. The logo also brings awareness to the issue.

Membership raises the idea of our re-commit to the mission and purpose of the American Legion Auxiliary. To support and advocate for veterans, military, and their families. To uphold the ideals of freedom and democracy.

Commit to the four founding principles: justice, freedom, democracy, and loyalty.

Remember, it is the "Spirit of Service Not Self." For God and Country, we will honor the sacrifices of our veterans, our military, and their families.

If you love your Freedom, Thank a Veteran.

Patsy Greiner
4th District President
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Americanism

I am looking forward to the Department Convention to see Units receive awards this year. I hope you plan to attend.

I want to thank President Debbie for asking me to chair this program this year. I wish the best to next years' chairman.

Paulette Anderson
Americanism

5th District President

As my administrative year comes to a close, I want to thank you all for a wonderful year as your 5th District President. I had the honor and privilege of attending many of your meetings, events, and officer installation. A special thank you to my Vice President Kim Evans, for her help with membership this year. I hope to see many units represented at the Annual Department meeting in Huntington July 12-13th at the Doubletree Hotel.

Your new 5th District President will be Beth Kilgore from Huntington #16 and your new 5th District Vice President will be Lisa Harbour from Barboursville #177. I wish them nothing but the best and you are in wonderful hands under their direction and leadership.

Again, thank you for all your support over the last year. It has been a fantastic journey with all of you and I look forward to what we all will accomplish together in the 2024-2025 administrative year!

Much Love,
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5th District President
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10th District President

Independence is defined as being able to live without being controlled. If you think about that it is huge. Our Veterans fought and died for this right. They stood together and made a difference.

Many of them have laid in fox holes for days, were sent to countries without their families, have been captured, tortured and some didn't make it home at all. Some of those that made it home has suffered in their mind from the various situations they were in.

Please think about this when you feel you have been mistreated or done wrong.

Most of the time ours is just minimal compared to theirs.

As Auxiliary we are to advocate for Veterans and fundraise for veterans programs.

We can only do this if we stand together. We can accomplish much by giving a little.

Give it your all as they did.

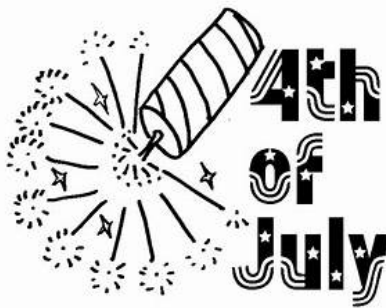
Hope to see you at Convention in Huntington.

Diana Teter
District 10 President

NEC

How time flies! Two years have gone fast for Liaison to our Department. The National Convention will be my final obligation. I wish the best for our Department's NEC, the next two years.

Paulette Anderson
NEC



Children & Youth

My year as Children and Youth chairman is coming to an end. Thank you Department President Debbie Michael for appointing me. I have enjoyed promoting the program. Reports were written and tabulated indicating most of the great work that was done for the children in communities across the state. The results are commendable!

I saw photos and details on Facebook pages of units that contributed greatly to children and youth and it was very impressive. However, a report of some of those activities was not submitted to the department. Please make an effort next year to submit reports. As reported by Department of West Virginia units:

The number of military children helped in WV was 104.

The number of children helped in the community was 5,511.

Total of children helped was 5,615.

Non Direct aid to children in the community was \$11,274.

The number of hours volunteered was 3,058.

Number of coloring books distributed was 1,894.

Eight youth were awarded Good Deed Awards.

Two youth received Youth Hero Awards.

The Department of West Virginia also had several donations to the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

Thank you to all for supporting the children of our state.

Shirley Davis

Education

Correction 14 Units submitted year end reports. Eight included a narrative.

An overview of the combined unit reports will be submitted to Department Headquarters at the State Convention.

Being the WV Department Education Chair has defiantly been an experience. Thank you to everyone for your dedication to the American Legion Auxiliary Programs. Now take that much deserved break, decompress, and enjoy your summer.

Education chairs once you have your committee together start planning your strategy for the new year. Call the school office to set a date and time for a meeting. Be sure to explain who you are, why you're calling and what your unit involvement can be with the school(s). It's also the perfect time to get a copy of teacher's & students supply lists and get started on collecting for Give 10 to Education.

Next year's National scholarship program will go live in October 2024. Information and applications can be found at www.ALAforVeterans.org/scholarships. Congratulations, to Department President Debbie Michael on a successful year.

You put your heart and soul into it! Here's hoping that all of you have a blessed summer.

Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened. - Dr. Seuss

Nichole Shepherd
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Junior Activities

The ALA Convention and Junior Girls Convention is held in July at the same time, in the same hotel. The junior girls will hold an election of honorary officers on Friday, July 12, 2024. Senior auxiliary members will install the new honorary officers. This is an exciting time for all junior auxiliary members.

Special thanks to everyone who has supported the 276 West Virginia junior girls. We rarely hear about the girls' activities during the year. After reading all the fantastic reports senior members submitted, I am so proud and encouraged by the activities and photographs I received.

I cannot emphasize it enough, please continue to work with the junior members in your unit. The national Junior Activities program prepares girls for the future. The programs teach junior girls about Americanism, patriotism, flag etiquette and service to our veterans and the community. It is an exciting time in the lives of our junior members, your encouragement and enthusiasm for the junior girls' commitment is one of the greatest gifts you can give our young girls today.

For God and Country
Patsy Greiner
Junior Activities Chairman
304-483-8296 (cell & text)



Legislative

Go to the Action Center and email a letter of support for a Congressional Gold Medal for the Hello Girls of World War I.

June 26th 7pm Est - Legislative Commission Meeting

July 17th 3pm Est - Legislative Division Training Session

The are online and a link will be provided on the Grassroots website.

The White House is opposing a congressional proposal to give junior enlisted service members their biggest pay raise in a generation.

The House Armed Services Committee presented their finding after months of study of military quality-of- life found that military pay has not kept pace with inflation or the private sector. According to Rep. Adam Smith D-Wash. stated that many of our junior members are struggling to afford housing as housing costs have gone up. The administration is conducting their own study, called the Quadrennial Review of Military Compensation, which is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

While Tuesday's statement from the White House suggested Congress should wait until the year's end to make significant changes to military pay, the senior enlisted leaders urged lawmakers to act immediately to boost service members' pay.

Send your emails ..in order to increase the military accessions pool, we must take care of their monetary concerns. They deserve a comfortable life!

The House and Senate must negotiate their respective bills before the final legislation can reach President Joe Biden's desk. The House bill will also include a provision that would end marijuana testing as a condition for enlisting as a way to glamorize the idea of protecting our country.

The Biden administration in general "strongly supports enactment of a National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for a 64th consecutive year," the statement said. Read more about these and other bills on the American Legion Grassroots page.

A few more to watch and email regarding:
HR 8529 Warriors to Workforce Act
HR 7543 Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act of 2024

HR 8560 End Veteran Homelessness Act of 2024

In the Spirit of Service NOT Self
Have a wonderful Summer

Kim Mellie
Legislative Chair
304-216-9943

National Security

I would like to take this opportunity to thank President Debbie Michael for appointing me as the Department National Security Chairman for the 2023-2024 administrative year. I have had a great time acting as your Chairman and have enjoyed collaborating with many of you watching you and your units participate in several National Security programs and RED Fridays!

A program that I stumbled upon recently is called **Treat the Troops**. It is a wonderful initiative that ensures deployed military personnel know they are remembered by people back home. Through this program, you can send freshly baked cookies to our troops, completely FREE of charge.

Simply visit www.treatthetroops.org and fill out the cookie request form. Be sure to have the soldier's name, APO/FPO address, and a message that you would like to send the deployed personnel. It typically takes a few weeks to process the orders and get them mailed out. This simple gesture boosts morale and shows appreciation for the hardship and risks our troops endure daily! Again, thank you for all you do for our military and first responders and I am excited to see what the new year will bring. Continue to participate in RED Fridays (Remembering Everyone Deployed), and post your events and pictures in the Department Facebook page!
God Bless the USA!

Laura Clark
National Security Chairman
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Standing Rules

If you have any unit Standing Rules to mail, please wait until after the Department Convention to mail to the new chairman.

Thank you President Debbie for this chairmanship this year. I wish the best for next year's chairman and her committee.

Paulette Anderson
Standing Rules

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Are you ready for Department Convention, its just around the corner! If you haven't already started your hour log for VA & R, start now while everything your done since reports is still fresh. I know many do wonderful things for our veterans, that there is no question about. Where we lack is tracking the time, money and donated items we as individuals or as a Unit put in and that information is just as important. Why, you ask? Because this information gets passed on to the National American Legion and congress. This information may help get benefits for veterans. So go the extra step and do it for our veterans!

Hope to see many at Convention,
Lisa Cadwallader
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Constitution & Bylaws

As this year is almost over, I want to Thank the Units and Department Committee members for all their hard work. I also want to thank President Debbie for the appointment.

Remember to follow your Governing documents all year and as you move into a new officer year, refresh yourself with your Units documents.
Lisa Cadwallader
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Past President Parley

Hello Auxiliary Members,
I can't believe we have come to the new year and about to vote in a new slate of officers. Hope everyone enjoy their year. Here's to a new year. Leave you with a quote: "Each person must live their life as a model for others."

Note: I hope someone can be that role model for you.
For God and Country
Savanna Kauffman
PPP Chairperson



American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

Rhododendron Girls State

Wow, thank you to all who made this another successful Girls State Session. You made this a once in a lifetime opportunity to the leaders of today.

A huge thank you to Director Rosemary Thomas and Assistant Director Kate Garlick and their awesome team in leading these young ladies of learning and a lifetime of friendships. What a rewarding experience it is to witness these young ladies as they come in on Sunday and transformation in of themselves and awareness of their surroundings and events surrounding them on Saturday. Congratulations to the newly elected Rhododendron Girls State Governor Chloe Smalley and to the Girls Nation Senators Mollie Pack and Candra Frazier.

Girls State Girls Will Always Be Til the End of Time!

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd
Girls State Chairman



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6th Dist. — Peggy Swartz
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10th Dist. — Debbie Fox
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Ways and Means

There were twenty-one \$25.00 winners for May, 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! We still have 2023 checks outstanding.

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

May 2024 Ways and Means Winners

| Name | #'s | City | State | Date | \$\$\$ |
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| Aleesha Karmazin | 673 | Canonsburg | PA | 5/01/24 | 25.00 |
| Fran Rayl | 345 | Reedsville | WV | 5/02/24 | 25.00 |
| JoBeth Delawder | 612 | Old Fields | WV | 5/03/24 | 25.00 |
| James McGrew | 439 | Welch | WV | 5/06/24 | 25.00 |
| Bob Joseph | 716 | Wheeling | WV | 5/07/24 | 25.00 |
| Tena Roush | 748 | West Columbia | WV | 5/08/24 | 25.00 |
| | 112 | | | 5/09/24 | |
| Mary McMillion | 767 | Flatwoods | WV | 5/10/24 | 25.00 |
| Shirley Davis | 836 | Kenova | WV | 5/11/24 | 25.00 |
| Mark Porter | 804 | Moorefield | WV | 5/13/24 | 25.00 |
| | 207 | | | 5/14/24 | |
| Cindy Ross | 711 | Graysville | PA | 5/15/24 | 200.00 |
| Mike McCreedy | 989 | Paw Paw | WV | 5/16/24 | 25.00 |
| | 382 | | | 5/17/24 | |
| Bob Weimer | 911 | Ridgeley | WV | 5/18/24 | 25.00 |
| Mat Hause | 902 | Morgantown | WV | 5/20/24 | 25.00 |
| ALA Unit #21 | 089 | Spencer | WV | 5/21/24 | 25.00 |
| Christy Bland | 742 | New Martinsville | WV | 5/22/24 | 25.00 |
| Gerry Walsh | 463 | Oldtown | MD | 5/23/24 | 25.00 |
| Robert E Robbins | 457 | Wheeling | WV | 5/24/24 | 25.00 |
| Lisa Strama | 775 | Martins Ferry | OH | 5/25/24 | 25.00 |
| Lisa Graley | 708 | Groveport | OH | 5/27/24 | 25.00 |
| Mary Jo Thomas | 237 | Fairmont | WV | 5/28/24 | 25.00 |
| Zach Johnson | 400 | Grundy | VA | 5/29/24 | 25.00 |
| Nancy Mills | 943 | Mineral | VA | 5/30/24 | 25.00 |
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July 2024

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for Department
Convention | 12
Office closed
for Department
Convention | 13 |
| 14 | 15
Office
closed | 16
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reopen at
9:30 am | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
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| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Program of Month</i>
<i>Department Conven-</i>
<i>tion</i> | |

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

**Date 06/15/2024**  
**Department Goal 4994 — Membership to Date— 4505**  
**Department Unit 200 Goal 210 — Membership to Date— 112**  
**Target 100%**

**Kim**

| District 1           |             |            |               |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit                 | 2024 Goal   | 2024       | % of Goal     |
| Wheeling #1          | 23          | 22         | 95.65%        |
| Moundsville #3       | 254         | 261        | 102.76%       |
| McMechen #5          | 25          | 10         | 40%           |
| Weirton #10          | 68          | 63         | 92.65%        |
| Cameron #18          | 130         | 120        | 92.31%        |
| New Martinsville #28 | 104         | 110        | 105.77%       |
| Wellsburg #34        | 30          | 19         | 63.33%        |
| Follansbee #45       | 50          | 58         | 116%          |
| Pine Grove #81       | 75          | 66         | 88%           |
| Paden City #86       | 80          | 73         | 91.25%        |
| Wheeling #89         | 20          | 4          | 20%           |
| Newell #114          | 20          | 15         | 75%           |
| Chester #121         | 136         | 121        | 88.97%        |
| <b>TOTALS</b>        | <b>1015</b> | <b>942</b> | <b>92.81%</b> |

| District 4        |            |            |               |
|-------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit              | 2024 Goal  | 2024       | % of Goal     |
| Parkersburg #15   | 394        | 375        | 95.18%        |
| Spencer #21       | 29         | 26         | 89.66%        |
| Pt. Pleasant #23  | 225        | 200        | 78.43%        |
| 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%        |
| <b>TOTALS</b>     | <b>958</b> | <b>844</b> | <b>88.10%</b> |

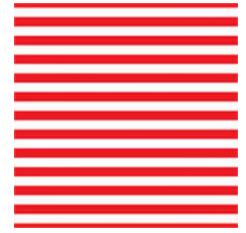
| District 6    |            |            |               |
|---------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit          | 2024 Goal  | 2024       | % of Goal     |
| Welch #8      | 45         | 41         | 91.11%        |
| Bluefield #9  | 27         | 18         | 66.67%        |
| Beckley #32   | 25         | 13         | 52%           |
| Gary #38      | 90         | 90         | 100%          |
| Cowen #62     | 23         | 16         | 69.57%        |
| Richwood #97  | 33         | 22         | 66.67%        |
| <b>TOTALS</b> | <b>243</b> | <b>200</b> | <b>82.31%</b> |

**Laura**

| District 3         |            |            |               |
|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit               | 2024 Goal  | 2024       | % of Goal     |
| Buckhannon #7      | 40         | 42         | 105%          |
| Clarksburg #13     | 54         | 41         | 75.93%        |
| Elkins #29         | 115        | 97         | 84.35%        |
| Shinnston #31      | 267        | 268        | 100.37%       |
| 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        | 117        | 114.71%       |
| <b>TOTALS</b>      | <b>712</b> | <b>683</b> | <b>95.93%</b> |

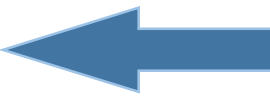
| District 5         |            |            |               |
|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit               | 2024 Goal  | 2024       | % of Goal     |
| Huntington #16     | 130        | 131        | 100.77%       |
| Logan #19          | 22         | 14         | 63.64%        |
| Charleston #20     | 25         | 25         | 100%          |
| St. Albans #73     | 32         | 26         | 81.25%        |
| Ceredo-Kenova #93  | 215        | 207        | 96.28%        |
| So. Charleston #94 | 13         | 6          | 46.15%        |
| Hamlin #111        | 40         | 36         | 90%           |
| Milton #139        | 75         | 63         | 84%           |
| Barboursville #177 | 154        | 142        | 92.21%        |
| <b>TOTALS</b>      | <b>706</b> | <b>650</b> | <b>92.07%</b> |

| District 10          |             |             |               |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Unit                 | 2024 Goal   | 2024        | % of Goal     |
| Martinsburg #14      | 77          | 57          | 74.03%        |
| Piedmont #52         | 20          | 18          | 90%           |
| Berkeley Springs #60 | 187         | 194         | 103.74%       |
| Charles Town #63     | 40          | 34          | 85%           |
| Moorefield #64       | 89          | 79          | 88.76%        |
| Charles Town #71     | 146         | 147         | 100.68%       |
| Petersburg #78       | 71          | 51          | 71.83%        |
| Romney #91           | 164         | 140         | 85.37%        |
| Paw Paw #128         | 44          | 40          | 90.91%        |
| Kirby #134           | 35          | 28          | 80%           |
| Ridgeley #136        | 70          | 65          | 92.86%        |
| Capon Bridge #137    | 167         | 189         | 113.17%       |
| Keyser #152          | 40          | 32          | 80%           |
| <b>Totals</b>        | <b>1150</b> | <b>1074</b> | <b>93.39%</b> |



**Stripes Team**  
**Goal— 2568**  
**To Date—2407**  
**93.73%**

**Membership Chair**  
**Uncle Sam**



**Stars Team**  
**Goal 2216**  
**To Date 1986**  
**89.62%**



## PROPOSED CHANGES TO DEPARTMENT STANDING RULES

1. Add before Number (#) one (1) of Department Standing Rules the Mission Statement and Vision Statement.

Rationale: Would be in compliance with the National Standing Rules

New Reading Before Number #1 Standing Rules:

### Mission Statement

In the spirit of Service Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace, and security.

### Vision Statement

The vision of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion while becoming the premier service organization and foundation of every community providing support for our veterans, our military, and their families by a shaping positive future in an atmosphere of fellowship, patriotism, peace, and security.

2. Delete on last page of Standing Rules:

Standing Rule #12 submitted b Governing Documents Committee (2021-2022)

|                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Lynda Lancaster-Loyd | Dede Kelly     |
| Melanie Delawder     | Ann Buchanan   |
| Irene Weber          | Debbie Michael |
| Savanna Kauffman     | Rhonda Best    |
| Paulette Anderson    | Linda Crumm    |
| Debbie Fox           |                |

Rationale: Standing Rule #12 was added to Department Standing Rules in 2022 at Department Convention. Therefore, the signatures of the Governing Committee are no longer needed.

Submitted by Department Standing Rules Committee:

Paulette Anderson  
Chairman

Michelle Powell  
Member

Kim Elliott Member

# Credential Certification

The following members of our Unit have been duly elected delegates and alternates to the 102nd Annual Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of West Virginia to be held in Huntington, WV

**(DUE INTO DEPARTMENT ON OR BEFORE JUNE 27, 2024)**

DELEGATES

ALTERNATES

|           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| 1. _____  | 1. _____  |
| 2. _____  | 2. _____  |
| 3. _____  | 3. _____  |
| 4. _____  | 4. _____  |
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| 20. _____ | 20. _____ |
| 21. _____ | 21. _____ |
| 22. _____ | 22. _____ |
| 23. _____ | 23. _____ |
| 24. _____ | 24. _____ |
| 25. _____ | 25. _____ |

**REGISTRATION FEE IS \$20.00 PER PERSON**

(Please pre-register)

**(registration at door will be \$25.00)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Unit Name and Number

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:**

Department Treasurer, ALA

**MAIL TO:**

Department Headquarters, ALA  
2172 Grandview Road  
Moundsville WV 26041

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit President 2023-2024

OR BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Secretary 2023-2024

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**EXTRA VOTES -- Delegates-At-Large** to be given for paid

Past Department Presidents, all current Department Officers,  
Current District Presidents.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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NUMBER OF MEMBERS PAID INTO DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTER BY JUNE 11, 2024 \_\_\_\_\_

**(VOTING STRENGTH - each Unit is entitled to 2 plus one for each 50 members or fraction thereof, whose 2024 dues have been paid one month prior to Convention.**

VOTING STRENGTH ENTITLED \_\_\_\_\_



# 102nd ANNUAL CONVENTION

## *Tentative Program*

### Thursday July 11, 2024

|                |                                                   |                        |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 12:00– 6:00 pm | Registration                                      | Lower Foyer            |
| 1:00 pm        | Department Finance Meeting                        | Virginia/Maryland Room |
| 2:30 pm        | Convention Committee Meetings                     |                        |
|                | Constitution & Bylaws Committee                   |                        |
|                | Standing Rules Committee                          |                        |
|                | Policy & Procedures Committee                     |                        |
|                | Resolutions Committee                             |                        |
|                | Credentials Committee                             |                        |
| 7:00 pm        | Pre-Convention Department Executive Board Meeting | Virginia/Maryland Room |

### Friday July 12, 2024

#### Juniors

|              |                                               |                      |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 9:00 am      | Registration for Junior Department Convention | Lower Foyer          |
| 9:30-2:20 pm | Junior Department Convention                  | Huntington Boardroom |
| 3:30 pm      | Installation of Junior Officers 2024-2025     |                      |

### Friday July 12, 2024

#### Auxiliary

|              |                                         |                                                  |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 8:00-4:00 pm | Registration                            | Lower Foyer                                      |
| 8:15 am      | Department/District Officers Line Up    |                                                  |
| 8:30 am      | Processional                            | Virginia/Maryland Room                           |
|              | District Vice Presidents                |                                                  |
|              | District Presidents                     |                                                  |
|              | Past Department Presidents              |                                                  |
|              | Department Officers                     |                                                  |
|              | Presentation of Gavel to                | Debbie Michael, Department President             |
|              | By                                      | Debbie Fox, Department Convention Chairperson    |
|              | Call to Order                           | Debbie Michael, Department President             |
|              | Advancement of Colors                   | Sandra Harper, Sgt. at Arms                      |
|              |                                         | Sheri Sanders, Sgt. at Arms                      |
|              | Invocation                              | Stephanie Handley, Department Chaplain           |
|              | Moment of Silence                       | Debbie Michael, Department President             |
|              | Pledge of Allegiance                    | Paulette Anderson, Americanism Chairman          |
|              | National Anthem                         | Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Music Chairman                |
|              | Preamble                                | Lisa Cadwallader, Constitution & Bylaws Chairman |
|              | Draping of the Charter                  | Stephanie Handley, Department Chaplain           |
|              | Roll Call                               | Susan Brown, Department Secretary                |
|              | Rules & Order of Business               | Susan Brown, Department Secretary                |
|              | Report of Policy & Procedures Committee | Laura Clark, Chairman                            |
|              | Constitution & Bylaws                   | Lisa Cadwallader, Chairman                       |
|              | Report of Credentials Committee         | Roxie Nicholson, Chairman                        |
|              | Report of Resolutions Committee         | Savanna Kauffman, Chairman                       |
|              | Standing Rules Committee                | Paulette Anderson, Chairman                      |
|              | Presentation                            | Rosemary Thomas, Leadership Chairman             |

*“West Virginia Unit Member of The Year”*

**Friday July 12th** (continue)

9:30 am Presentation and Remarks

Citations and Awards:

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd, Chairperson and Membership Team

Presentations of Traveling Plagues and Awards:

|                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Americanism              | Junior Activities       |
| Auxiliary Emergency Fund | Leadership              |
| Chaplain                 | Legislative             |
| Children & Youth         | Music                   |
| Community Service        | National Security       |
| Education                | Past Presidents' Parley |
| History                  | Poppy                   |
| Girls State              | Public Relations        |

Scrapbook  
Unit Presidents Award  
V A & R  
Total Participation  
Ways & Means

11:30 am

Break For LUNCH

Pennsylvania/Ohio Room

*Presentation of "Timeless Award"*

*Savanna Kauffman, PDP, Past Presidents Parley*

1:00 pm Joint Session with The American Legion

Grand Theatre

2:00 pm Reconvene

Virginia/Maryland Room

Complete Traveling Plagues and Awards

4:00 pm Recess

Practice for Installation

9:00 pm Karaoke

Grand Ball Room

**Saturday July 13, 2024**

8:00-12:00 pm Registration

2nd Floor Lower Foyer

8:00 Session Reconvene

Call to Order

Debbie Michael, Department President

8:15 am Memorial Service

Stephanie Handley, Chaplain

9:00 am Greetings

Matthew Sampson, Department Commander  
Herb Churchman, Detachment Commander

Department Secretary—Susan Brown

Roll call for elections

Final Report of Credentials

Roxie Nicholson, Chairperson

Final Report of Resolutions

Savanna Kauffman, Chairperson

Final Report of Constitution & Bylaws

Lisa Cadwallader, Chairperson

Final Report of Courtesy Resolutions

Melanie Shambaugh, Chairperson

Nominations & Election of Officers 2024-2025

Election of Delegates & Alternates to National Convention

Appointment of Personal Pages at National Convention

Ratification of District President & Vice Presidents

12:00 pm Recess

1:00 pm Reconvene

Installation of 2024-2025 Officers

Closing Remarks

Debbie Michael, Department President

Retirement of Colors

2:00 pm Convention Adjourned

2:15 pm Post Executive Board Meeting

4:00 pm Religious Services

Grand Theatre

6:00 pm Commanders and Presidents Banquet

Grand Ballroom

9:00-12:00 Karaoke

Cash Bar

*Have A Safe Trip Home*

2023-2024 Convention Committees

|                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Convention Chairman.....           | Debbie Fox, Berkeley Springs Unit #60                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Convention Recorder.....           | Dede Kelly, Clarksburg Unit #13                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Sergeant at Arms.....              | Sandra Harper, Morgantown Unit #174<br>..... Sheri Sanders, Morgantown Unit #174                                                                                                                        |
| Personal Pages.....                | Lynda Lancaster-Loyd, PDP, Charles Town Unit #71<br>..... Nicole Shepherd, Berkeley Springs Unit #60                                                                                                    |
| Floor Pages.....                   | Shana Adams, Chester Unit #121<br>..... Holly Adams, Chester Unit #121                                                                                                                                  |
| Distinguished Guest Committee..... | Paulette Anderson, NEC, PDP New Martinsville Unit<br>Unit #28—Chairman<br>..... Savanna Kaufman, PDP, Martinsburg Unit #14<br>..... Cathy Post, PDP, Tyler County Unit #48                              |
| Rules & Order of Business.....     | Susan Brown, PDP, Dept. Sec/Treas, Moundsville Unit #3                                                                                                                                                  |
| Credentials Committee.....         | Roxie Nicholson, PDP, Shinnston Unit #31<br>..... Peggy Swartz, Welch Unit #8<br>..... Rebecca Farley, Mason County Unit #23                                                                            |
| Election Committee.....            | Paulette Anderson, PDP, New Martinsville Unit #28<br>..... Jill Davis, Capon Bridge Unit #137<br>..... Lynn Rose, Berkeley Springs Unit #60                                                             |
| Courtesy Resolutions.....          | Melanie Shambaugh, Berkeley Springs Unit #60<br>..... Margaret Yost, Shinnston Unit #31                                                                                                                 |
| Judging Committee.....             | Melanie Delawder, Moorefield Unit #64<br>..... Lynda Lancaster-Loyd, PDP, Charles Town #71<br>..... Rhonda Best, PDP, Moundsville Unit #3                                                               |
| Standing Rules.....                | Paulette Anderson, NEC, PDP Chairman,<br>New Martinsville Unit #28<br>..... Kim Elliott, Chester Unit #121<br>..... Michelle Powell, Wheeling Unit #1                                                   |
| Policy & Procedures.....           | Laura Clark, Dept. 2nd Vice President,<br>Huntington Unit #16<br>..... Kimberly Mellie, Dept. 2nd Vice President,<br>Shinnston Unit #1<br>..... Stephanie Handley, Dept. Chaplain,<br>Chester Unit #121 |
| Resolutions.....                   | Savanna Kauffman, PDP, Martinsburg Unit #14<br>..... Dortha Parsons, PDP, Shinnston Unit #31<br>..... Mary Spence, Welch Unit #8                                                                        |
| Constitution & Bylaws.....         | Lisa Cadwallader, PDP, Chairperson, Charles Town #71<br>..... Kim Elliott, Chester Unit #121<br>..... Michelle Powell, Wheeling Unit #1                                                                 |
| Music.....                         | Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Huntington #16                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Parliamentarian.....               | Irene Weber, PCDNVP, PDP                                                                                                                                                                                |

**Sgt. at Arms and Pages are to wear white blouses, navy blue skirts or dress slacks**

**(NO JEANS)**



**American Legion Auxiliary  
Department Honorary Junior Convention  
Huntington, WV  
July 12, 2024  
Huntington Boardroom  
2nd floor**

|                                                         |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Registration.....<br>(Fee \$10)                         | 9:00  |
| Opening Ceremony .....                                  | 9:30  |
| Warm up & Snack Time.....                               | 9:45  |
| “Prayer Book”.....                                      | 10:00 |
| How do you become a ALA Junior member?.....             | 10:15 |
| Lunch (on your own).....                                | 12:00 |
| “Craft Time”.....                                       | 1:00  |
| Election of Officers.....                               | 2:00  |
| Closing Ceremony & Adjournment.....                     | 2:30  |
| Installation of 2024-2025 Honorary Junior Officers..... | 3:30  |

**Please bring a white dress/skirt/top for installation!**

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

## REGISTRATION/PERMISSION FORM

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

Name of Junior \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred name for Nametag \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Hotel Junior is staying \_\_\_\_\_

Please lists any food allergies/dietary restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Junior Member

### EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

Chaperone during the Department Junior Meeting \_\_\_\_\_

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

Chaperone Emergency Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

*You may pre-register your Juniors that are coming by using this form.*

*Registration cost is \$10.00*

*Or at Door for \$10.00*

*Register early and a name tag will be made up in advance!*

CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT AND HOSPITAL SERVICES

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

WAIVER OF CLAIM

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

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

Name of parent (s) Group Medical Insurance Carrier \_\_\_\_\_

Policy/Certificate Number \_\_\_\_\_

Parent to whom Policy was Issued \_\_\_\_\_

Employer to who Policy was Issued \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Mother or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Mother or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Father or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

PARTICIPANT MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION RELEASE FORM

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

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

Signature Junior Member \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Daytime Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Nighttime Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Alternative Contact in case of Emergency (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE ON THIS FORM

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

Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

*Past President's Luncheon  
Friday July 12, 2024  
Double Tree by Hilton Huntington  
11:45 am-12:45 pm*

*Lunch Buffet*

*Soup, Salad, and Sandwiches*

*Soups*

*Broccoli & Cheddar and Tomato Basil*

*Salad*

*Garden Salad with Toppings*

*Sandwiches*

*Club Sandwich and/or Roast Beef and Cheddar Sandwich*

*Coffee, Tea, and Water Station*

*Dessert - Sheet Cake by Savanna*

*Cost is \$27.00 A PERSON*

*Send reservation and check to:  
ALA Department Treasurer  
2172 Grandview Road  
Moundsville WV 26041*

*Due Date: Tuesday July 2, 2024*

*No Deviation for this Luncheon*

*Please list any allergies*

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**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           | X   | 22         |
| #3 Moundsville       | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 261        |
| #5 McMechen          | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 10         |
| #10 Weirton          | X       | X           | X             | X           |     | 63         |
| #18 Cameron          | X       | X           | X             | X           |     | 120        |
| #28 New Martinsville | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 110        |
| #34 Wellsburg        | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 19         |
| #45 Follansbee       | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 58         |
| #81 Pine Grove       |         |             |               |             |     | 66         |
| #86 Paden City       | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 73         |
| #89 Wheeling         |         |             |               |             |     | 4          |
| #114 Newell          | X       | X           | X             | X           |     | 15         |
| #121 Chester         | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 121        |

**THIRD DISTRICT** - Kim Mellie President, April Wallace Vice President

| Unit/Number        | Bonding | Scholarship | Veterans Fund | Girls State | 10% | Membership |
|--------------------|---------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----|------------|
| #7 Buckhannon      | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 42         |
| #13 Clarksburg     | X       | X           | X             | X           |     | 41         |
| #29 Elkins         | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 97         |
| #31 Shinnston      | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 268        |
| #33 Braxton County | X       | X           |               | X           | X   | 28         |
| #68 Bridgeport     |         |             |               |             |     | 62         |
| #96 Belington      |         |             |               |             |     | 12         |
| #122 Pickens       |         |             |               |             |     | 16         |
| #174 Morgantown    | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 117        |

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

| Unit/Number       | Bonding | Scholarship | Veterans Fund | Girls State | 10% | Membership |
|-------------------|---------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----|------------|
| #15 Parkersburg   | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 375        |
| #21 Spencer       | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 26         |
| #23 Mason County  | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 200        |
| #48 Tyler County  |         |             |               |             |     | 42         |
| #67 Sistersville  |         |             |               |             |     | 21         |
| #140 New Haven    | X       | X           | X             | X           |     | 118        |
| #159 Williamstown |         |             |               |             |     | 62         |

**FIFTH DISTRICT: Laura Clark President, Kimberly Evans Vice President**

| XUnit/Number         | Bonding | Scholarship | Veterans Fund | Girls State | 10% | Membership |
|----------------------|---------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----|------------|
| #16 Huntington       | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 131        |
| #19 Logan            | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 14         |
| #20 Charleston       |         |             |               |             |     | 25         |
| #73 St. Albans       | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 26         |
| #93 Ceredo-Kenova    | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 207        |
| #94 South Charleston |         |             |               |             |     | 6          |
| #111 Hamlin          | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 36         |
| #139 Milton          |         |             |               |             |     | 63         |
| #177 Barboursville   | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 142        |

**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   | 41         |
| #9 Bluefield | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 18         |
| #32 Beckley  |         |             |               |             |     | 13         |
| #38 Gary     | X       | X           |               | X           | X   | 90         |
| #62 Cowen    | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 16         |
| #97 Richwood |         |             |               |             |     | 22         |

**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   | 57         |
| #52 Piedmont         |         |             |               |             |     | 18         |
| #60 Berkeley Springs | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 194        |
| #63 Charles Town     | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 34         |
| #64 Moorefield       | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 79         |
| #71 Charles Town     | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 147        |
| #78 Petersburg       | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 51         |
| #91 Romney           | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 140        |
| #128 Paw Paw         |         |             |               |             |     | 40         |
| #134 Kirby           | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 28         |
| #136 Ridgeley        | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 65         |
| #137 Capon Bridge    | X       | X           |               | X           | X   | 189        |
| #152 Keyser          | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 32         |

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