



# 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

I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful (soggy) lol, spring weather. The flowers are blooming, the birds are chirping and the temperatures are rising.

Congratulations to all the units that have reached goal. For those that have not, please continue to get those memberships in. You still have time. I don't think our department will make goal but we are 5% ahead of Wisconsin so hopefully they will be wearing our West Virginia shirts. Thanks for all you do for membership.

I attended 1st District Conference on April 20. Thank you to President Paulette for a wonderful, fun meeting. And thanks to Unit 1 President Michelle and her team for the wonderful hospitality, both Friday evening and also on Saturday.

Here we are near Memorial Day. I'm sure all will remember our veterans by placing flags on graves and special events honoring and remembering them.

I am looking forward to my visit to Grafton this weekend. I sure hope the rain takes some time off for their ceremonies and parade.

Please make plans to attend our Department Convention in July. Remember to wear patriotic attire. Let's show our red, white and blue!

A reminder to please send me any pictures that you may have for my scrapbook.

If I can help you, please let me know.

**“LET'S BE PATRIOTIC”**

Hugs to all

Department President

Debbie Michael

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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 TO NATIONAL. IF YOUR UNIT WISHES TO MAKE A DUES AMOUNT CHANGE THERE WILL BE A FEE TO DO SO. THERE IS STILL TIME TO UPDATE REMIT TO ADDRESS.**

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—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

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

**Directory Update: Laura Clark has a new email address—[ala.lauraclark@gmail.com](mailto:ala.lauraclark@gmail.com).**

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

## Department Headquarters

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## 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

**Member dues are based on a member age on January 1 of the Membership year.**  
**(Example—A Junior member that is 17 on January 1st will be billed as a junior member for 2025 membership year. If she turns 18 after August 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 she will be changed to a Senior member for the 2025 membership year.**

*“Youth fades, love droops, the leaves of friendship fall; A mother’s secret hope outlives them all”*

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

**American Legion Auxiliary  
Point Pleasant Unit #23  
Point Pleasant, WV**

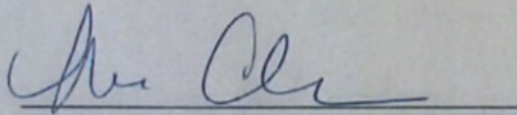
A regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary, Point Pleasant Unit #23, of Point Pleasant, WV was held on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at the American Legion Post #23, Point Pleasant, WV. The endorsement of Rebecca S. Farley for Department Historian for the year 2024-2025 was unanimously approved.

Rebecca S Farley is eligible through the military service of her grandfather, George D Sturm, who is a WWI Veteran. Rebecca joined our Unit in 2022. Rebecca is currently serving as Sergeant-at-Arms. She has served our unit for two years and is always there when help is needed.

Rebecca has been active on all levels of the American Legion Auxiliary by attending District meetings, Department and National conventions as well as online learning opportunities through the ALA Academy.

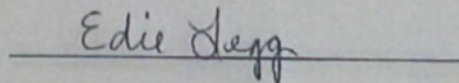
Rebecca is also a board member serving Main Street Point Pleasant. She is active in her church and is pursuing a startup nonprofit that will match prospective families with veterans designed to form a lasting family bond that will provide love, care, and support to the veteran all the year through. Rebecca is the owner of Coach Rebecca, LLC for the past 16 years providing empowering speeches and life balance coaching all around the country. She has three girls, three sons-in-laws, and four grandsons.

We are very proud to present Rebecca S Farley as a candidate for 2024-2025 for the office of Department Historian.



Michele Clark, Unit President

Point Pleasant Unit #23



Edie Legg, Unit Secretary

Point Pleasant Unit #23

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

**Membership Chairman**

We have exactly one month to be a goal unit. We have nine goal units: Moundsville #3, New Martinsville #28, Follansbee #45, Tyler County #48, Buckhannon #7, Bridgeport #68, Morgantown #174, Berkeley Springs #60 and Capon Bridge #137. I know several Units are oh so close.

Our last Membership Target Date is June 15 with 100%. We have twenty-three Units are 90% +.

On the downside, since last month's target sheet, we have only gained 84 members and 30 Units out of 57 Units have had no change at all in the membership.

I have challenged Department Vices to contact their districts to see what can we do to help? 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.

On a brighter note, do you 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 5.99% ahead. I know you don't want President Debbie or I wearing another state's t-shirt, do you? So keep up the good work and we will show you how Wisconsin looks like wearing West Virginia shirts.

We are doing great things and let us be loud and proud! If your Unit is not already there – will you be?

Our membership team is here to work with you. Please contact anyone of us if we can be of any assistance.

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd  
Membership Chairman



**Department 1st Vice President**

Happy Summer everyone! I am so excited to see so many of you at the Department Convention in July at the Doubletree Hotel in Huntington. There are many units that are so very close to goal and you have until June 15th to make that 100% target. Do not let up. Do not give up. Remember that Junior Members also count toward your membership goals.

Have you gone through all your renewals? Have you reached out to them and personally invited them to your meetings? Sometimes all you just need to do is **JUST ASK**. Ask them how they are doing, Ask them how their family is doing. Ask them about their lives. You would be surprised to find out when you **JUST ASK**, amazing conversations can evolve. It is about building that relationship.

I would LOVE to be able to celebrate all of our goal units at the Department Convention. Let's take a look at who have already achieved 100% of their goal from each district:

District 3:

Morgantown Unit 174: 112.75%

Buckhannon Unit 7: 102.5%

Bridgeport Unit 68: 100%

District 10:

Capon Bridge Unit 137: 113.77%

Berkeley Springs Unit 60: 103.74%

Many of you are at 90% or greater and so close to achieving goal! We have a couple of units that literally need ONLY 1-2 members and I am confident that you can do it. It takes a team effort and please make sure you are leaning on each other. Keep up the great work and keep pushing until the very end!

For God & County,

Laura Clark

Department 1st Vice President

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**NEW EMAIL**

**Department 2nd Vice President**

Keep up the awesome work District 1. You are almost at 95%!

Can we strive to read 100% by June 15th?

District 6 seems to be struggling. Please reach out if I can help in any way.

At the District 1 Spring Convention, I calculated that if every unit would encourage just 10 new members our State would reach its goal. Come on everyone, ask juniors, encourage new members, reach out to expired membership. WE can do this!

Way to go:

Moundsville 3

New Martinsville 28

Tyler County 48

You are all at 100% or more. Keep it up. Strive to be over achievers and get 5 more than your goal!

Wheeling 1, Cameron 18, Paden City 86, Parkersburg 15, Gary 38 you are almost there!

It has been a pleasure serving the STARS! As we gear up for Girl State, enjoy the mild June weather!

For God and Country

Kim Mellie

Department Second Vice

304-216-9943

**Chaplain**

"Failure is a bend in the road, not the end of the road. Learn from failure and keep moving forward" - Anonymous

Don't forget to send on a prayer for President Debbie's prayer book.

God Bless,

Stephanie Handley

Department Chaplain

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**Historian**

WOW!!! What a bunch of busy bees ya'll have been!!! I am reading your narratives and I am so in awe of what you ladies and gents have accomplished in the past year!!

All narratives that I have received will be given equal weight in judging. There were some question on postmarks/ email sent dates. However since it is my decision ultimately I have accepted all that were received with a date up to 10 May.

I look forward to seeing your History books at Convention!!!

April D. Wallace

Dept. Historian

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

Hello 1st District! Check out those membership numbers! Everyone is doing a fantastic job with membership. So excited to see a couple Units that have struggled, working so hard! May is poppy month, my favorite time of the year. Beautiful flowers blooming, gardens growing. It's also a time to remember our fallen. Let's all take a moment to remember, it's not just a 3 day weekend.

Christy Bland  
1st District Vice President

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

Congratulations to the tree units who have achieved 100% or higher!! The 3rd still leads the Department in membership! I appreciate all you hard work. Keep it up!! Let's try to achieve even higher numbers as the 10th is sneaking in behind us!!!

As always, if I can be of help, just a text away. Looking forward to seeing your beautiful smiles at Convention!!!

April D. Wallace  
(304) 516-9757

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

Welcome summer. Our membership drive ends on June 15 and on to Girls State on June 9. Hope that all of the Units in District 6 will have representatives from their unit attending. Reminder concerning American Legion WV state convention in Huntington on July 11-14. School is out and now families can enjoy summer activities.

Mary Spence  
6th District  
Vice President

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

Spring has sprung; flowers should be blooming with all of this rain. I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather. I want to congratulate Berkeley Springs Unit 60, they have met the 100% and over. Congratulations!!! We have 2 units at and above 100%, 8 units at 75% or above, and 3 units have not made it to 75%. The next target date is June 15th; let's get those memberships in, along with new members. I know each unit can do it!! Sure, it can be a struggle at times, but we put our love and compassion into it, we can make goal. District 10 is still ahead of District 1 by a smidge, let's not allow them to take the Home plate from us. Keep encouraging those lagging behind to pay and let them know just how much paying their membership helps.

Don't forget if you have not got your room for the summer convention in Huntington to be sure you do so. It is in July. I would love to see a representative from each unit there. Be safe and hope to see you soon!!

Jill Davis  
10th District  
Vice President

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

First District Spring Conference was held on April 20th at Wheeling Unit #1 Post Home. Michelle Powell gave the welcome. After the formal opening, greetings were given by PDC and current Post Commander John Powell. There were 6 units present with 23 members. All Department Officers came and were welcomed by the district.

Memorial Services were done by Chaplain Cindy Gadd.

The First District and Tenth District had challenges of 50% and 75% in membership. The First District lost both challenges.

Rhonda Best went over the additions to Standing Rules. After discussion it was passed with amendments. They will be sent to units in the district by email/mail.

Units handed in their unit reports. Elections were held with Paulette Anderson elected as President, and Christy Bland elected as Vice President. Rhonda Best appointed as Secretary/Treasurer, Cindy Gadd as Chaplain.

Books were audited by Stephanie Handley, Christy Bland, and Debbie Fox. Books were in order.

District Picnic was announced for July 28th. Rhonda will be contacting units to bring a side dish or dessert. Pine Grove will host the Fall Conference on Sunday October 20th.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20pm.

Paulette Anderson  
District President

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

Awesome job Third District! We are still in the lead at 92.7%

Let try to get 10 new members to help reach our State goal!

Shout out to Buckhannon 7, Bridgeport 68, and Morgantown 74 for reaching 100% or MORE! Keep up the great work.

District 10 is on our tail with 92.44%.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Mother's Day and Father's Day.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Convention in July!

Remember to look out for our Veterans and their families.

May God Bless us all

Kim Mellie

Third District President  
304-216-9943

### *4th District President*

Hello All,  
What a busy time of year! Congratulations to the new officers of District 4. They are President Patsy Greiner; Vice President Rebecca Farley; Secretary/Treasurer Sandy George and Chaplain Melinda Paxton. We are looking forward to an exciting new year in 2024 – 2025.

Total membership for District 4 is 87.06%. We have time for one final push to get to 100% by June 15th. We need to recruit, reinstate, and renew. Are there any members in your unit that you can help by paying their dues? Department President Debbie has had a great year thanks to your support of her special project, Rhododendron Girls State!

Flag Day is June 14th. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. Let's show our patriotism and loyalty by holding a Flag Ceremony on June 14th.

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  
304-483-8296 (cell)

### *5th District President*

Hello 5th District! As we go into the summer months, we have a lot of opportunities to give back to not only our communities, but to our veterans and active military as we recognize several patriotic holidays in June and July.

Make sure you are planning accordingly and you are taking pictures and recording everything you are doing for your unit. Let us celebrate and promote those activities. If you are not already following the 5th District Facebook Page:

#### **American Legion Auxiliary, Department of WV-5th District**

We need to make sure that we are working together to achieve membership goals and furthering the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary. As we go into final months of the administrative year, please do not stop working hard. Please reach out to myself or 5th District Vice President Kim Evans if you need any assistance or have any questions. As Always, thank you for all you do for our veterans, their families, and your communities.

All the best,  
Laura Clark  
5th District President  
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New Email Address:  
Ala.lauraclark@gmail.com

### *10th District President*

Happy June!

Gardening –planting, weeding, producing. This not only sounds like work but it is work. The positive of this is the end result.

This is true with being a member, leader of the ALA. It takes planning to make the Unit grow, it takes the process of keeping order in all projects so they grow and produce good results. It takes time and patience.

Not every plant grows without tender care and support, not every member feels comfortable without the help of the Unit.

Please help each other, be a support, an uplift, and positive growth will happen.

Enjoy your summer. Hope to see you in July at the State Convention in Huntington.



Diana Teter  
District 10 President

### *Americanism*

Thank you to units who sent Reports in. It will be interesting reading. Thank you to units who included pictures.

If your unit wishes to apply for the National Unit Award you can do so by going on the National website and scroll to forms. There you will find the form stack to submit your report and any pictures you may have.

Remember Americanism is everyday usage, not just in February.

Paulette Anderson  
Americanism Chairman

### **NEC**

The National Creative Arts Festival was held May 11-18th in Denver Colorado. Since 2000 the ALA has co-represented, along with the Department of Veterans Affairs. You can read more on this on the homepage of the National American Legion Auxiliary website.

The 2024 National Convention will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana from August 23-29th. West Virginia will be lodged at the Hilton Garden Inn. We are right across the street from the convention center this year. If you are planning to attend, please send in your reservation form ASAP to The American Legion Department of WV.

Hope to see you there!  
Paulette Anderson  
NEC

## *Auxiliary Emergency Fund*

Fellow Auxiliary Members,  
Thank you to all Unit Chairmen who sent in an end of year report. Your efforts to raise funds and to help those in need are much appreciated.

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

Blessings,  
Melanie Shambaugh  
AEF Chairman  
sham4wv@aol.com

## *Junior Activities*

Thanks to all Auxiliary units who sent in Junior Activities year-end reports. The department of West Virginia has 42 Junior Girl units. There are 276 paid junior members in the department. Ten units reported. Six unit chairmen included narratives with their reports. There were 274 hours reported providing service and assistance to veterans, their families, and the community. We received one submission for Junior Member of the Year.

Please continue to work with the Junior members in your unit. There will be an election and installation of honorary Junior officers at the Department Convention. We hope to see more juniors at the convention. The Junior Activities program prepares girls to become active adult members of the organization by providing positive volunteer experiences that instill the ideals of the Auxiliary.

Junior member activities include learning about patriotism and how to show respect for the American flag; helping military kids as they start a new school; they distribute poppies and raise awareness, so our veterans know we care about them. Join us and learn more about the ALA service patch programs.

For God and Country  
Patsy Greiner  
Junior Activities Chairman  
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## *Children & Youth*

Three VA medical centers in West Virginia host baby showers for female veteran patients. Patients are invited to attend a shower where they receive resources, clothing and baby items in a one-stop shop event with lunch provided.

These facilities welcome your participation to help support new and expectant mommies. ALA units are encouraged to contact voluntary services for more information about the showers.

Female veterans, their husbands and children will be treated to a baby shower at the Huntington VAMC on May 24, 2024.

Female veterans make their way from table to table picking up baby items donated by local organizations. Each group participating in the shower chooses specific items to donate for the veterans.

Ceredo-Kenova Unit 93 donates cases of diapers, a major expense for a family.

Other VA Medical Centers in the state of WV celebrate women veterans who are expecting a baby or have recently given birth. On August 27, 2023 various departments at the Beckley VAMC put together their annual baby shower. Martinsburg VAMC hosted an annual baby shower for seventeen moms on August 31, 2023. No information was available for Clarksburg VAMC. Contact these VAMC for information about the 2024 dates.

Shirley Davis  
C&Y Chairman

## *Education*

Hello June! Let the summer begin. A big congratulations to Rachel Sampson who was chosen as one of the ten students who will receive the Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship. Thank you to the 12 Units who submitted year end reports. Eight out of the twelve included a narrative.

Unit Education chairmen, I'd love to hear if your unit did anything special for Teacher Appreciation Week. Please send me an email and let me know what was done.

May the month ahead bring you love, happiness, and lots of sunshine.

Sometimes the questions are complicated, and the answers are simple. - Dr. Seuss

Nichole Shepherd  
Education chair  
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## Legislative

Write to our counterparts in the House and Senate and encourage them to support the Contract Our Veterans Act! This bill will help Veteran owned businesses get government contracts. Make sure to visit the Action Center. Become familiar with the site especially now since the 2024 Election is starting to gain momentum.

If you have any questions, feel free to email or text me.

Help our Veterans and their families in every way!

My legislative report was submitted to Nationals!

I was so excited to read how Units have used the Grassroots Newsletter and have sent over 811 emails! Unfortunately, I only received 11 reports out of 57 Units. What an Awesome job Morgantown Unit 174, Alderton-Dawson Unit 60, Martinsburg/Berkley Unit 14, Parkersburg 15, Hampshire Unit 91, McDowell Unit 8, Moorefield Unit 64, Barboursville 177, and Earl Francis Unit 3. You have done an amazing job communicating with your representatives at all levels. Shout out to Morgantown who had 750 emails. Keep up the great work.

Kim Mellie  
Legislative Chair  
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## Leadership

Everyone has at least a little bit of leader in them. I want to challenge you to unlock a lot of leadership talents and gifts.

There are conflicting opinions as to whether leaders are born... or made. I would suggest the answer is YES to both.

Some leaders are born. They have the innate ability to attract followers and just naturally take on responsibility for what is happening around them. But regardless of what one may or may not possess from birth when it comes to being a leader - there is always something to be learned or developed that can help us be better leaders. Leaders really are made... made better for sure!

I want everyone to think about their own leadership potential. What might you want to do more (or less) of as a leader? What might you like to do better? What traits do you see in others that you would like to see more (or less) of in yourself?

Take a moment to look in the mirror and see the leader you are. See the leader you want to be. See the leader you know you can be. See the leader others are counting on you to be. I see her!

In today's society, far too many people shy away from leadership positions for one reason or another. I want you to feel comfortable taking on the leadership positions your clubs and communities so desperately need. I want you to call on your peers to help you grow as leaders. I want to be a resource for you as you step up, lean in, dig deep, and aim high.

Leaders are born.

Leaders are made.

Leaders are always important.

Time to unlock your leadership potential and get to work.

Rosemary M. Thomas  
Leadership Chairman

## National Security

**The United Service Organizations (USO)** was established in response to a request from President Franklin D Roosevelt to provide morale and recreation services to U.S. uniformed military personnel. The USO was founded on February 4, 1941, by Mary Ingraham. Here's how the first USO centers were created: Hybrid Model: In early 1941, the plan was to use a hybrid model. The federal government would build and lease new buildings, while citizens and charities would staff and fund these service centers through the newly formed United Services Organizations. The United Service Organizations (USO) has undergone significant evolution since its inception.

The USO's creation was a joint effort involving government agencies, the USO's founding organizations, and everyday U.S. citizens who contributed their time, resources, and goodwill to support the troops.

How can we help:

**Donate Financially**

**Fundraising Campaigns**

**Airport Lounges**

**Attend USO Events: Galas and Fundraisers**

**Send Care Packages**

Remember that volunteering experience and our efforts contribute to the well-being of those who serve our country.

Laura Clark

National Security Chairman

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HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
Day!



### ***Past President Parley***

Hello Auxiliary Members,  
Last month was all about: Military Appreciation Month, Month of the Military Caregiver, Military Spouse Appreciation, Mother's Day, Children of Fallen Patriots Day, Armed Forces Day, National Poppy Day, and Memorial Day. I hope you got to celebrate all of them. Upcoming events

June – PTSD Awareness Month, 12th Women Veterans Recognition Day, & 14th Flag Day.

Heads up: State Convention luncheon - all PDPs please bring something to show off to members about your year.

Leave you with a quote: "Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value."

For God and Country  
Savanna Kauffman  
PPP Chairperson

### **Poppy**

Here it is that time of the year reports and certificates to be done.

I want to thank all the Units for sending me your reports. I will Not be able to attend Convention this year due to having total knee Replacement, but my report will be presented.

I will keep this short. Please remember our Veterans both living and Deceased. Use your Poppies for decorating and present them to our Veterans.

Have a nice Summer. If you need my help call me at 304-592-0247, Or email me at : carlajwilfong@gmail.com. Carla Wilfong  
poppy chairman.

### ***Public Relations***

Hello everyone,

Even though this year is coming to a close, Public Relations never stops. Always be prepared to let people know who we are and what we do. Public relations is continuous and we should always continue to get the word out. Keep up your hard work with all functions and events your unit may have. Don't miss an opportunity to share what we do and why we do it.

Thank you,  
Stephanie Handley  
Public Relations Chairman  
stephaniehandley@msn.com

### **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. That means the Units mandatory funds must be paid.

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

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

I will be in touch soon with 3 Units I have. Parts of the committee is still reviewing.

As we start electing new officers, remember to review and follow your governing documents on what needs done to close out the year and move into the new year. If your documents contain a process or time frame of things such as auditing the books, passing on any items such as records, keys or any other details about moving from one year and or officer to another, then that is what needs done. If your documents do not include details about closing the year or passing things on, you may want to consider adding these details.

Lisa Cadwallader  
Chair  
Lisac.ala71@gmail.com

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

A huge thank you to those Units who sent reports in!! Amazing work, pat yourselves on the back, you deserve it! Now that reports are done for the year, start tracking all the good deeds you do. A small notebook or calendar will help come report time next year.

Remember to track hours by volunteer, monetary and goods value, and number of veterans serviced for each thing you do.

Don't forget to take pictures and when sending reports, remember any pictures forwarded to National must be jpg with high resolution.

Lisa Cadwallader  
Chair  
Lisac.ala71@gmail.com

*Happy  
Father's  
Day!*



# American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

## *Rhododendron Girls State*

Time is fast approaching and Girls State will be among us. The citizens will be arriving on Sunday, June 9 at Davis & Elkins in Elkins, WV and departing on Saturday, June 15.

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 and 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

**Ways and Means**

There were twenty-one \$25.00 winners for February, and one winner for the \$200 drawing. Congratulation to all the winners!

This year there will be a contest for the person and the Unit selling the most tickets. They will receive a small gift for their efforts.

If you have ticket stubs and money still out, I need for you to send them to Department.

Please cash your checks! 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

**April 2024 Ways and Means Winners**

| Name                | #’s | City             | State | Date    | \$\$\$ |
|---------------------|-----|------------------|-------|---------|--------|
| Irene Weber         | 746 | Berkeley Springs | WV    | 4/01/24 | 25.00  |
| Linda Riggleman     | 583 | Augusta          | WV    | 4/02/24 | 25.00  |
|                     | 880 |                  |       | 4/03/24 |        |
| Eric Riggleman      | 438 | Fisher           | WV    | 4/04/24 | 25.00  |
| Josh Michael        | 141 | Berkeley Springs | WV    | 4/05/24 | 25.00  |
| Shirley Davis       | 836 | Kenova           | WV    | 4/06/24 | 25.00  |
| Ricky Sherman       | 606 | Summersville     | SC    | 4/08/24 | 25.00  |
|                     | 568 |                  |       | 4/09/24 |        |
| Glenn McMillion     | 181 | Flatwoods        | WV    | 4/10/24 | 25.00  |
|                     | 015 |                  |       | 4/11/24 |        |
| Stephanie Gillespie | 430 | Bluefield        | VA    | 4/12/24 | 25.00  |
| Virginia Burek      | 005 | Wheeling         | WV    | 4/13/24 | 25.00  |
| Debra Arnold        | 638 | Augusta          | WV    | 4/15/24 | 25.00  |
| Joe Buff            | 080 | Augusta          | WV    | 4/16/24 | 25.00  |
| Mary Buckley        | 513 | Romney           | WV    | 4/17/24 | 200.00 |
| Allie Phillips      | 886 | Romney           | WV    | 4/18/24 | 25.00  |
| Marjorie Bear       | 607 | Carlisle         | PA    | 4/19/24 | 25.00  |
| Sherri Sparks       | 873 | Bluefield        | VA    | 4/20/24 | 25.00  |
| Michelle Powell     | 379 | Wheeling         | WV    | 4/22/24 | 25.00  |
| Frank Cooley        | 668 | Welch            | WV    | 4/23/24 | 25.00  |
| Larry Williams      | 579 | Cameron          | WV    | 4/24/24 | 25.00  |
|                     | 008 |                  |       | 4/25/24 |        |
| Vicki Hicks         | 499 | Apple Grove      | WV    | 4/26/24 | 25.00  |
| Collin Rock         | 955 | Upperglade       | WV    | 4/27/24 | 25.00  |
| Bob Joseph          | 716 | Wheeling         | WV    | 4/29/24 | 25.00  |
| ALA—1st District    | 990 | Moundsville      | WV    | 4/30/24 | 25.00  |
|                     |     |                  |       |         |        |
|                     |     |                  |       |         |        |



# June 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

|                                                                                           |                                        |                                   |                                       |                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                      |    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Red Shirt<br>Friday—<br>Every Friday                                                      |                                        |                                   |                                       |                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1  |
| 2                                                                                         | 3                                      | 4                                 | 5                                     | 6<br><b>D-DAY</b><br>Normandy Landings<br>June 6, 1944 | 7<br>Office<br>Closed for<br>RGS                                                                                                                                                     | 8  |
| 9                                                                                         | 10<br>Office closed for<br>RGS         | 11<br>Office<br>Closed for<br>RGS | 12<br>Office Closed for<br>RGS        | 13<br>Office Closed for<br>RGS                         | 14<br><br> | 15 |
| 16<br> | 17<br>Office reo-<br>pens at<br>9:30am | 18                                | 19<br>Office closed for<br>Juneteenth | 20                                                     | 21                                                                                                                                                                                   | 22 |
| 23                                                                                        | 24                                     | 25                                | 26                                    | 27                                                     | 28                                                                                                                                                                                   | 29 |
| 30                                                                                        |                                        |                                   |                                       |                                                        | <p><i>Program of Month</i></p> <p><i>Rhododendron Girls</i></p> <p><i>State</i></p>                                                                                                  |    |

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

**Date 05/15/2024**  
**Department Goal 4994 — Membership to Date— 4416**  
**Department Unit 200 Goal 210 — Membership to Date— 112**  
**Next Target Date 6/15/24—100%**

**Kim**

| <b>District 1</b>    |             |            |               |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit                 | 2024 Goal   | 2024       | % of Goal     |
| Wheeling #1          | 23          | 22         | 95.65%        |
| Moundsville #3       | 254         | 256        | 100.79%       |
| McMechen #5          | 25          | 10         | 40%           |
| Weirton #10          | 68          | 61         | 89.71%        |
| Cameron #18          | 130         | 118        | 90.77%        |
| New Martinsville #28 | 104         | 107        | 102.89%       |
| 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          | 4          | 20%           |
| Newell #114          | 20          | 15         | 75%           |
| Chester #121         | 136         | 121        | 88.97%        |
| <b>TOTALS</b>        | <b>1015</b> | <b>925</b> | <b>91.13%</b> |

| <b>District 4</b> |            |            |               |
|-------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit              | 2024 Goal  | 2024       | % of Goal     |
| Parkersburg #15   | 394        | 367        | 93.15%        |
| 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%        |
| <b>TOTALS</b>     | <b>958</b> | <b>834</b> | <b>87.06%</b> |

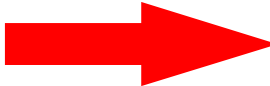
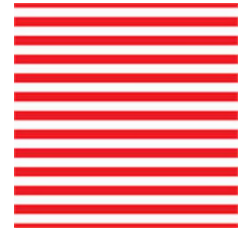
| <b>District 6</b> |            |            |               |
|-------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit              | 2024 Goal  | 2024       | % of Goal     |
| Welch #8          | 45         | 39         | 86.67%        |
| Bluefield #9      | 27         | 17         | 62.96%        |
| Beckley #32       | 25         | 13         | 52%           |
| Gary #38          | 90         | 86         | 95.56%        |
| Cowen #62         | 23         | 14         | 60.87%        |
| Richwood #97      | 33         | 22         | 66.67%        |
| <b>TOTALS</b>     | <b>243</b> | <b>191</b> | <b>78.60%</b> |

**Laura**

| <b>District 3</b>  |            |            |               |
|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit               | 2024 Goal  | 2024       | % of Goal     |
| Buckhannon #7      | 40         | 41         | 102.5%        |
| Clarksburg #13     | 54         | 38         | 70.37%        |
| Elkins #29         | 115        | 93         | 80.86%        |
| Shinnston #31      | 267        | 255        | 95.51%        |
| 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        | 115        | 112.75%       |
| <b>TOTALS</b>      | <b>712</b> | <b>660</b> | <b>92.70%</b> |

| <b>District 5</b>  |            |            |               |
|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| 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        | 140        | 90.91%        |
| <b>TOTALS</b>      | <b>706</b> | <b>631</b> | <b>89.38%</b> |

| <b>District 10</b>   |             |             |               |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| 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         | 138         | 94.52%        |
| Petersburg #78       | 71          | 51          | 71.83%        |
| Romney #91           | 164         | 139         | 84.76%        |
| Paw Paw #128         | 44          | 40          | 90.91%        |
| Kirby #134           | 35          | 26          | 74.29%        |
| Ridgeley #136        | 70          | 65          | 92.86%        |
| Capon Bridge #137    | 167         | 190         | 113.77%       |
| Keyser #152          | 40          | 32          | 80%           |
| <b>Totals</b>        | <b>1150</b> | <b>1063</b> | <b>92.44%</b> |



**Stripes Team**  
**Goal— 2568**  
**To Date—2354**  
**91.67%**

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



**Stars Team**  
**Goal 2216**  
**To Date 1950**  
**88%**



**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.

# 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. _____  |
| 5. _____  | 5. _____  |
| 6. _____  | 6. _____  |
| 7. _____  | 7. _____  |
| 8. _____  | 8. _____  |
| 9. _____  | 9. _____  |
| 10. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 11. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 12. _____ | 12. _____ |
| 13. _____ | 13. _____ |
| 14. _____ | 14. _____ |
| 15. _____ | 15. _____ |
| 16. _____ | 16. _____ |
| 17. _____ | 17. _____ |
| 18. _____ | 18. _____ |
| 19. _____ | 19. _____ |
| 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>..... Carla Wilfong, Shinnston Unit #31   |
| Judging Committee.....             | Melanie Delawder, Moorefield Unit #64<br>..... Carla Wilfong, Shinnston Unit #31<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 \_\_\_\_\_

**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   | 256        |
| #5 McMechen          | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 10         |
| #10 Weirton          | X       | X           | X             | X           |     | 61         |
| #18 Cameron          | X       | X           | X             | X           |     | 118        |
| #28 New Martinsville | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 107        |
| #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         |         |             |               |             |     | 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   | 41         |
| #13 Clarksburg     | X       | X           | X             | X           |     | 38         |
| #29 Elkins         |         |             |               |             |     | 93         |
| #31 Shinnston      | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 255        |
| #33 Braxton County |         |             |               |             |     | 28         |
| #68 Bridgeport     |         |             |               |             |     | 62         |
| #96 Belington      |         |             |               |             |     | 12         |
| #122 Pickens       |         |             |               |             |     | 16         |
| #174 Morgantown    | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 115        |

**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   | 367        |
| #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**

| XUnit/Number         | Bonding | Scholarship | Veterans Fund | Girls State | 10% | Membership |
|----------------------|---------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----|------------|
| #16 Huntington       | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 129        |
| #19 Logan            | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 11         |
| #20 Charleston       |         |             |               |             |     | 16         |
| #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           |     | 33         |
| #139 Milton          |         |             |               |             |     | 63         |
| #177 Barboursville   | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 140        |

**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   | 39         |
| #9 Bluefield | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 17         |
| #32 Beckley  |         |             |               |             |     | 13         |
| #38 Gary     |         |             |               |             |     | 86         |
| #62 Cowen    |         |             |               |             |     | 14         |
| #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   | 138        |
| #78 Petersburg       |         |             |               |             |     | 51         |
| #91 Romney           | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 139        |
| #128 Paw Paw         |         |             |               |             |     | 40         |
| #134 Kirby           | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 26         |
| #136 Ridgeley        | X       | X           | X             | X           |     | 65         |
| #137 Capon Bridge    | X       | X           |               | X           | X   | 190        |
| #152 Keyser          | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 32         |



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