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Department President



“For the Heart of the Matter”

Colors—Purple (Represents Ambition & Determination); Accent Color(s) Pink, Yellow, Blue (Represents Fun & Energy)

Flower— Daisy (Represents New Beginning & Cheerfulness)

To say that I am blessed, humbled, grateful, and even a little overwhelmed is an understatement. I would like to thank everyone for your support and encouragement. A special thank you to Debbie Michael for her guidance and leadership—what a fantastic year!

This year’s membership theme will be “Membership in the ALA... How Sweet it Is!” We will work together to “sweeten” those membership numbers and help units reach goal. Be on the lookout for more information from your Membership Chairman, Ann Buchanan (aka Slugworth) for more information.

This year, my theme for my special project is FOR THE HEART OF THE MATTER. As a 2-time stroke survivor and it is my mission to spread awareness of the risks of heart disease and advocate for heart health. We will be partnering with the ALA Foundation and the Veterans Project Fund to secure the funds to purchase at least 5 new AED’s or AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBILLATORS for the WV Veterans Home. Afterall, our veterans are truly FOR THE HEART OF THE MATTER.

Let’s have fun this year and let’s make this the sweetest year yet!

Love and Loyalty,
Laura Clark (Wonka)
Department President
ala.lauraclark@gmail.com
304-939-3607

“Come with me and we’ll be in a world full of pure imagination...”
Willy Wonka

Department Officers 2024-2025

President-Debbie Laura Clark
1st Vice President-Kim Mellie
2nd Vice President-Stephanie Handley
Secretary/Treasurer-Susan Brown
Chaplain- Peggy Swartz
Historian-Rebecca Farley

District Presidents

1st District-Paulette Anderson
3rd District-Margaret Yost
4th District-Patsy Greiner
5th District-Beth Kilgore
6th District-Peggy Swartz
10th District-Diana Teter

District Vice Presidents

1st District-Christy Bland
3rd District-Sandra Harper
4th District-Rebecca Farley
5th District -Lisa Harbour
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 or wish to donate);*

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

THE UNIT'S MANDATORY FUNDS HAVE TO BE PAID TO KEEP THE UNIT IN GOOD STANDING WITH DEPARTMENT. IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF YOUR UNIT'S STATUS CALL THE OFFICE.

The Unit Officers information was due by June 15th. Chairmen list by October 1st. We're in the process of working on next year's directory. If you did not remit the form by the June 15th date there could be a chance that your unit's information will not be in the directory. The unit's officers information needed submitted even if there was not changes. Department is going to try emailing the Directory to all Officers, Past Department Presidents, Current Committee Chairman & Committee persons, & Unit Presidents. This will go out no later than September 6th. If you are unable to download, let the office now. This date will give you a little longer to get officers information to the office.

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.

Miles Epling, PNC retired from the State Adjutant position during the State Convention. Cards may be mailed to the following address:

**Miles Epling, PNC
6194 Ohio River Road
Point Pleasant WV 25550**

**Thank you.
Lois E. Moles, Executive Assistant
The American Legion
Department of West Virginia
304-343-7591**

Last date to enter remit to persons & addresses to ALA MIS system so that they reflect on the 2025 1st mailed Renewal Notices **IS AUGUST 9TH.**

Senior members not renewed for 2024 in the ALA MIS by midnight on August 9th will get be mailed the last renewal notice for 2024.

Department will not be entering any new member after July 31st. New applications will be held until September 1st.

First Renewal Notice mailing will be mailed from the printer on September 15th.

The 2025 Membership renewals are available to be paid online.

Those units that have write only. You still have to complete a transmittal form when send in dues renewal. The office will return those that are received without one.

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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National Website**
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REMINDER TO ALL DEPARTMENT OFFICERS & COMMIT CHAIRS

Spirit articles must be 200 words or less, single space and 10 fonts.

Due into Department by the 15th of each month. Exceptions will be Department President, Membership Chairman, Department Vices, and District Presidents and Vices. Their articles will be due after receiving the target sheet.

Fall Conferences Dates

- 1st District -October 20th—Pine Grove Unit #81(Reg. 9) (Mtg. 10)
- 3rd District—October 5th—Clarksburg #13(J) (Reg. 9) Mtg. 10)
- 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)

“Some people are so heavenly minded that they are no earthly good.”

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.

~~~~~Membership in the American Legion Family...How Sweet It Is!!!~~~~~

### Membership Chairman

HELLO – ALA members  
Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary...How sweet it is.  
We are starting a new year – READY or not. It is now time to start working for 2024-2025. We will have an exciting, fun-filled, and successful year as we work to meet our membership goals. Our first goal will be 75% by Pearl Harbor Day on December 7, 2024. Members will be receiving dues reminders very soon from National, so start doing local reminders now. Remember, to wear your ALA proudly as you work on local programs and projects. You will get good vibes if you show a positive attitude and a smile as we work to successfully accomplish our programs and projects in our local areas. Our members are our “Golden Eggs” and we want to have as many as possible. Districts 1, 4, and 6 will be working with Kim Mellie and will be using Fun Dip. Districts 3, 5, and 10 will be working with Stephanie Handley and will be using Laffy Taffy. I hope to see many of you at the Workshop in Bridgeport on September 13-14; we will be giving more information on our membership theme for 2024-2025. Remember, we are a TEAM and need to work together. Willie Wonka quote “A little nonsense, now and then, is relished by the wisest men.”  
Slugworth/Wilkerson  
Ann Buchanan, Membership Chairman

### Department 1st Vice President

Hello Amazing Auxiliary members!  
Thank you for the vote of confidence in allowing me to be your First Vice President. I am honored to represent our organization.  
Thank you, Debbie Michael, for the wonderful year serving with you. Finally, a huge golden congratulations to President Laura Clark! I can't wait to see what this year holds. Golden tickets and sweet treats abound! How sweet it is! I am so excited to be overseeing Districts 3,5, and 10. I am certain we can incorporate the Laffy Taffy into our membership drives! The new target dates will be out soon. Hope to see you all at the membership workshop and E boards in September.  
Honored and proud to server! Here if you need anything.

May God Bless  
For God and Country,  
Kim Mellie



### Department 2nd Vice President

Hello everyone,  
Congratulations to Laura Clark on becoming our new Department President. Looking forward to working with her and membership goals. It was wonderful to get to see all those who attended Summer Convention in Huntington. We are going to have a fun and exciting year.

Stephanie Handley  
Department of WV  
2nd Vice President



### Chaplain

OUR HELP  
IS IN THE  
NAME OF THE  
LORD,  
THE MAKER OF HEAVEN  
AND EARTH  
Psalm 124:8

Peggy Swartz  
Dept. Chaplain

### NEC

I look forward to sharing information from National with you. I hope to have more after National Convention at the end of August.

Lisa Cadwallader  
Lisac.ala71@gmail.com





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

Happy Summer everyone! What a great turnout at State convention this year. Congratulations to Laura Clark, incoming Dept. President as well as all other Dept. and District officers. I got to see a lot of "old" friends and made some new ones. 2025 cards were available, hope every Unit remembered them. 'Tis the season to start on a brand new membership year! Don't forget that help is only a phone call or email away.

Christy Bland  
1st District VP  
Christy.bland8555@gmail.com

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

It was wonderful seeing everyone at summer convention. Congratulations to President Laura Clark and all the Department and District Officers on their new positions. Thank you for electing me as your District 5 Vice President. I'm excited to work with everyone this year especially the membership team and Beth Kilgore. I know we're going to have an awesome year.

I am a member of Barboursville 177 where I joined under my husband who is a Vietnam Veteran. My dad is also a Vietnam Veteran. I'm starting my 30<sup>th</sup> year as a kindergarten paraprofessional where I have been at the same school for 20 years. I love doing genealogy and participating in civil war re-enactments. Please feel free to contact me. If I don't answer it's because my cell phone service blocks numbers that isn't in my contact list. Please leave a message and I'll get back to you as soon as I can.

Email or text is the best way to get a hold of me.  
Again thank you for having faith in me to do this job.

Lisa Harbour-Adkins  
[Wvbravesfan@gmail.com](mailto:Wvbravesfan@gmail.com)  
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### ***3rd District Vice President***

Hello!

I would like to introduce myself to you,

I am Sandra Harper Unit 174, Thank you for the Opportunity to be the 3rd District Vice President.

I look forward to working with you in the future on Membership and anything else I maybe able to help with. If I don't know the answer, we will work together to find it out.

Please try to attend the workshop on September 14, 2024. This is one of the meetings that I learn a lot from and get to know you Auxiliary members better.

Thank You Again,  
Sandra Harper, Unit 174  
3rd District Vice President  
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### ***6th District Vice President***

August 1, 2024 starts our new membership building year.  
The Annual Department of West Virginia American Legion Auxiliary Convention was held in Huntington on July 11 and 12, and 13th 2024. We had a great turnout and I enjoyed seeing and visiting with all of you.

Summer is here with its high temperatures. Hope everyone is able to stay cool during this heat wave.

Fall District dates to remember:  
ALA Membership Workshop in Bridgeport September 13 and 14, 2024 6th  
District Fall Conference on September 28, 2024

Save these dates.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again!

Please remember to say prayers for our country.

Mary E. Spence  
Vice President  
District 6

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

Hello, extraordinary members of District 4!

Ready to deliver a record number of "golden tickets"? Just like the various flavors of Fun Dip candy crystals, members of the ALA bring diverse skills, experiences, and strengths to their roles. Each member contributes uniquely, whether it is through volunteer efforts, organizational skills, fundraising initiatives, or advocacy work, adding their own "flavor" to the collective effort. Fun Dip candy crystals provide a burst of energy and enjoyment. Similarly, members of the ALA infuse energy and enthusiasm into their commitments. They tirelessly support veterans, the military, and their families, offering comfort, advocacy, and resources when needed most. Enjoying Fun Dip candy crystals brings immediate satisfaction.

Likewise, the efforts of ALA members yield tangible results that positively impact the lives of veterans and their communities. Your hard work and dedication create lasting effects, fostering a sense of fulfillment and pride in their service. Whether it is the sweet enjoyment of Fun Dip candy or the meaningful contributions of ALA members, each plays a vital role in bringing joy, support, and positive change to those they serve and interact with. Get ready to "dip" into sweet membership success by delivering more "golden tickets" than ever before! "The suspense is terrible; I hope it will last!" -Willy Wonka  
Rebecca S Farley 4th District Vice President

304-674-9908  
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### ***1st District President***

If you weren't able to attend the Department Convention you missed a great time. President Debbie did an outstanding job! Installation was beautiful! Congratulations to the new Department officers! Congratulations to the new NEC Lisa Cadwallader!

First District picnic will be held on Sunday July 28th at Benwood City Park from 12:00-5:00. If you plan to attend please bring a covered dish or dessert. I hope to see several units in our District represented.

First District Fall Conference will be held Sunday October 20th, hosted by Pine Grove Unit #81. More on this in the next Spirit.

Until next month!

Paulette Anderson

First District President

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

What a great Convention! It is always so good to see everyone.

Welcome Laura Clark as our new Department President. We are looking forward to a good year.

Debbie Michael thank you again for a good year 2023-2024. You did a great job.

I encourage everyone to attend the Fall Workshop September 13, 2024. It is a great learning experience.

It is my pleasure to serve again as District 10 President.

If you have concerns or need help in any way please let me know.

My email is dteter40@gmail.com. My phone number at home is 304-856-3894. My cell number is

540-539-0745. I prefer you text me if possible on my cell as sometimes it takes days to get a voicemail message from the cell back here in the mountain.

May God richly bless each of you.

Diana Teter

District 10 President

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

Hello Ladies of Third District, I am Margaret Yost, your president for the 2024-2025 year. The Third District Fall Conference will be at Clarksburg Post 13 on Saturday October 5, 2024. More to come later. Please let me know if you have any questions or need help. Margaret Yost  
Third District President  
304-629-0688  
mdyost2010@gmail.com

### ***HISTORIAN***

Ever heard of those quirky Nerds candies? Those sugary gems, ranging from a hint of tangy to a burst of sweetness, have been rocking taste buds for years. Did you know, Nerds came to life as the fun aftermath of crafting Gobstoppers! These tiny tangy treats were the leftover bits clinging to the candy-making drum. Talk about a sweet surprise! Keeping history is like nerds emerging from the gobstopper because it involves preserving the past and allowing it to be discovered anew by future generations. History, like the Nerds candy hidden within the gobstopper, holds layers of stories and knowledge waiting to be uncovered and appreciated. Like the surprise of finding nerds candy inside a gobstopper, history often reveals unexpected insights and connections. By keeping history alive and accessible, we uncover hidden gems of wisdom, lessons, and cultural richness that can surprise and delight us. Pop a few in your mouth, mix and match flavors like a candy chemist, and get ready for a sweet trip down memory lane as we dig into the origins, memories, stories and the undying love for our veterans, military, and their families! "So much time and so little to do. Wait a minute. Strike that. Reverse it." -Willy Wonka  
Congratulations to President Laura and all the new officers and chairmen!  
Let's Do this!  
Rebecca S Farley, Historian  
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### ***6th District President***

Hello Ladies  
Hope everyone is surveying this hot weather.  
Hope everyone made it home safely home from the State Convention this past weekend. If you were unable to attend you were missed we did see a lot of old friends and a lot of new friends.  
Debbie our past Dept. President will be missed. We will enjoy our new President Laura Clark welcome aboard Laura and wishing you a great year.

It is time to start having meetings and working on membership for next year as you should have picked up your membership cards if you were at convention or received it in snail mail.

To all Units in Sixth District I ask for you to send things for me to put in the Spirit each month so we know what your unit is doing.

So until next time Gpd Bless each of you, and a prayer for all of Veteran.  
Six District President  
Peggy Swartz

### ***Finance Chairman***

For Your Information

The Finance Committee voted to recommend that the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of West Virginia have a \$2.00 raise in dues starting with the 2026 year due to rising expenses. This will be voted on at the 2025 Department Convention.

Ann Buchanan

Finance Chairman

### ***Thank you***

I would like to thank everyone for the get well Card.

It really means a lot to receive one with so many names.

Carla Wilfong

## *Americanism*

It is laid out in the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary. Americanism is not only one of the four pillars of the organization, but woven into the fabric of everything we do and we recommit ourselves to it when we recite the Preamble each time we meet:

- To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of American.
- To foster and perpetuate a 100 percent Americanism.
- To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy.

Thank you for the opportunity to be the Chairman of this Committee.  
I look forward to hearing from you about what your Units are doing.  
If I can be of any assistance, please let me know.  
I will be reaching out to get updates on what you are doing in your Units  
Thank you again  
Sandra Harper Unit 174  
304-694-2067  
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## *Music*

I would like to thank President Laura Clark for asking me to chair this program. This year her Membership theme is "Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary...How Sweet It Is!  
She will be using "Willy Wonka" throughout the membership year. So with that in mind President Laura and I will be doing a "Membership" song to use throughout her year. You will get a preview at the Membership Workshop, so plan to attend. More on this next month.  
Paulette Anderson  
Membership Chairman  
pauletteanderson2848@gmail.com

## *Community Service*

Hello I'm Kelli A Immel a member of ALA unit #14 . It was great seeing everyone at summer conference. If anyone has a questions on community service or just needs some ideas please reach out.  
Kitbasket@hotmail.com or (304)-283-5092.  
I would like to thank President Laura for this appointment.  
A major outreach program of the Auxiliary since 1926, Community Service also demonstrates our longstanding commitment to supporting the work of American Legion posts and other organizations in providing assistance with blood drives, first aid and CPR training, child safety programs, support for women in shelters, and disaster and emergency preparedness programs.  
God Bless for God and Country,  
Kelli A Immel

## *Legislative*

Thank you President Laura for this appointment.  
**ACTION ALERT:** Urge your Senators to vote for the Richard Star Act Amendment!  
Currently, combat-injured veterans face a reduction in their retirement pay for every dollar of disability compensation they receive.  
Wait...WHAT? Their sacrifice deserves more.  
Hurry call, email, and urge your senators to support this legislation which will allow combat-injured veterans to receive both their earned retirement pay and disability compensation without offset.  
Remember visit the grassroots action center at legion.org. The email is composed for you just enter a few bits of information and send your message in minutes.  
There are also 9 other legislative pieces in which you could email your officials! Lets try to set a goal to email them monthly! Keep a record an include in your end of year report!  
In the Spirit of Service not Self  
Kim Mellie  
Legislative Chair  
304-216-9943

## *Education*

I would like to thank President Laura for asking me to be on her Education Committee. I hope my two co-chairman will help me.  
Just a few pointers and ideas. Check with your local schools to see what they may need in supplies. Make up necessity bags for the high schools for the girls and some personal care products for the boys.  
Talk with the guidance teachers, let them know what we offer during the year. Most of all get your juniors involved, keep them active.  
I will try to have more next month. If you need my help, please email me at:  
carlajwilfong@gmail.com. Or you can call me at 304-592-0247.  
God Bless America and God Bless our Veterans.  
Carla Wilfong  
Education, chairman

## *National Security*

Thank you President Laura for this appointment.  
Did you know there are over 1000 POW/MIA's from the state of West Virginia!!!!  
September 20th is POW/MIA day! Posters are available through <https://dpaa-mil.sites.crmforce.mil/dpaaFamWeb> go to the middle of the page and click on order posters!! The posters are available in two sizes and are available at no cost! Make plans now on recognizing this important date. If you do not have a POW/MIA table in your Auxiliary meeting space, consider adding it to you decor! If you need any information on what is required, drop me an email and I will get the information right to you!!! See you all at Membership Conference!!!

April D. Wallace  
National Security Chair  
phone 304-516-9757  
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## *Past President Parley*

Hello to all!

As we start a new year, I would like to congratulate all the new department officers, district presidents and vice presidents. I'm sure this will be a "sweet" year for President Laura and all of you. It was wonderful seeing all of you at the department convention.

If you don't have an active Past Presidents Parley in your unit, I hope that you will considerate starting one. We all have past presidents in the unit, district and department and that is where to start. They can help with their past and present knowledge of the ALA.

I am working on a new plan of works for the PPP. I will have it ready for our Fall Workshop. Please start making plans to attend this very informative meeting.

Until next time...Stay Cool!

Hugs!

Debbie Michael

Past Presidents Parley Chairman  
katndebbie@gmail.com

## *Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation*

Let me start by saying Thank you to President Laura for this appoint.

As we are moving into a new year for our programs, if you have not already started, now is the time to start tracking hours, and donations. List everything done since you turned reports in and continue until you turn your next report in. While tracking your hours remember to note if done at or for Veterans at a VAMC or outside the VAMC. Why track separately? Because we have a Field Service (now called Service to Veterans) and an overall VA&R award. When writing your reports you should turn in two narratives, one for each category with your report form and list of names and hours for each. I'm asking that you email me the file of names and hours. It's easier to copy and paste then retype.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have.

Lisa Cadwallader, VA&R Chairman  
Lisac.ala71@gmail.com

## *Poppy*

Thanks to Department President Laura Clark for my appointment as Poppy Chairman.

Every American Legion Auxiliary member is encouraged to promote awareness about the poppy. Make every day a "poppy day"—wear a flower or a poppy pin.

What is the poppy's significance?

The poppy is a patriotic symbol of the sacrifices made by our veterans and their families.

What is the meaning of the poppy?

The red petals stand for the vast outpouring of blood;

The yellow and black center is the mud and desolation of all battlefields.

The green of the stem is symbolic of the forests, meadows and fields where generations of Americans have perished to make this land free.

The stem represents the courage and determination of our fallen warriors.

What is the history of the poppy? The American Legion Auxiliary adopted the poppy as its memorial flower in 1921 and in 1924, in conjunction with The American Legion, instituted the national Poppy Program to protect the memorial poppy from becoming commercialized by outside interests.

Each year American Legion Auxiliary volunteers distribute millions of poppies in exchange for contributions to assist active-duty military, veterans, and their families. Educate your community about the poppy!

Shirley Davis

## *Public Relations*

Welcome to a "Sweet" New Year!

As you know, public relations for the ALA plays a crucial role in fostering community engagement, promoting its mission, and supporting our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. I want to start the year off with a reminder of a few aspects that are essential to effective public relations.

Clear and consistent communication is critical in conveying the ALA's objectives, activities, and impact in a way that resonates with various audiences, including veterans, military, their families, donors, and the broader community. Utilizing multiple channels such as social media, press releases, and newsletters helps in reaching diverse demographics effectively.

Maintaining a positive public image is vital. The ALA must highlight its contributions to veterans' welfare, educational scholarships, and community service initiatives by highlighting success stories, testimonials, and partnerships that demonstrate the overall mission.

Building relationships is fundamental in collaborating with media outlets for coverage, partnering with other veteran support organizations, and engaging with governmental bodies to advocate for veteran-centric policies.

By focusing on communication, image management, and relationships you can effectively enhance your PR efforts, advancing in your mission of service to the veterans, military, and their families.

Please let me know how I can aid your PR efforts.

Rebecca S Farley

Public Relations Chairman  
304-674-9908





# American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

## *Rhododendron Girls State*

Thank you President Laura for this appointment. It's not too early to start planning for next year's Rhododendron Girls State Session.

Please start to solicit businesses and secure funding from organizations as they are preparing next year's budgets.

Also, please use your past Girls State citizens for your Veterans Day, Poppy Day, Christmas Parade or to help out with a Unit function!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact your district representative or myself.

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd  
Girls State Chairman



## *District Representatives*

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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 \$25.00 winners for June, and no winner for the \$200 drawing. Congratulation to all the winners!

Here are the winners of the lottery ticket sales contest: Member is Bonnie Wilcox selling 87 tickets. Unit is Welch Unit #8 selling 60 tickets. They will each receive \$25.00 from myself and Linda. Thank you everyone for all the tickets that you sold.

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

Please cash your checks! We still one outstanding check from 2023 that needs cashed.

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

***Juen 2024 Ways and Means Winners***

| Name               | #’s | City             | State | Date    | \$\$\$ |
|--------------------|-----|------------------|-------|---------|--------|
| Wreatha Funkhouser | 362 | Moorefield       | WV    | 6/01/24 | 25.00  |
| David Bailey       | 338 | Bluefield        | WV    | 6/03/24 | 25.00  |
| Rita Alley         | 341 | Cass Grande      | AZ    | 6/04/24 | 25.00  |
| Josh Michael       | 141 | Berkeley Springs | WV    | 6/05/24 | 25.00  |
| Randy Roush        | 323 | New Haven        | WV    | 6/06/24 | 25.00  |
|                    | 357 |                  |       | 6/07/24 |        |
| Terry Woody        | 961 | Princeton        | WV    | 6/08/24 | 25.00  |
|                    | 601 |                  |       | 6/10/24 |        |
| ALA Unit #14       | 885 | Martinsburg      | WV    | 6/11/24 | 25.00  |
| Brandy Clower      | 189 | Augusta          | WV    | 6/12/24 | 25.00  |
| Michelle Jones     | 070 | St. Marys        | WV    | 6/13/24 | 25.00  |
| Rita Alley         | 581 | Cass Grande      | AZ    | 6/14/24 | 25.00  |
|                    | 307 |                  |       | 6/15/24 |        |
| Cindy Gillespie    | 822 | Bluefield        | VA    | 6/17/24 | 25.00  |
| Bill Campbell      | 326 | Romney           | WV    | 6/18/24 | 25.00  |
|                    | 853 |                  |       | 6/19/24 |        |
| Ronald Sirk        | 937 | Winchester       | VA    | 6/20/24 | 25.00  |
| Sherri Sparks      | 212 | Bluefield        | VA    | 6/21/24 | 25.00  |
| Lois Sine-Hoffman  | 941 | Wheeling         | WV    | 6/22/24 | 25.00  |
| Sue Sager          | 780 | Moorefield       | WV    | 6/24/24 | 25.00  |
| John Power         | 827 | Wheeling         | WV    | 6/25/24 | 25.00  |
| Melissa Stegman    | 493 | Wheeling         | WV    | 6/26/24 | 25.00  |
| Jon Dudley         | 671 | Frametown        | WV    | 6/27/24 | 25.00  |
| Rebecca Crites     | 936 | Fisher           | WV    | 6/28/24 | 25.00  |
|                    | 307 |                  |       | 6/29/24 |        |
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# August 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

|                                      |              |              |                                                                                        |              |                                                                                           |    |
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| Red Shirt<br>Friday—<br>Every Friday |              |              |                                                                                        | 1            | 2                                                                                         | 3  |
| 4                                    | 5            | 6            | 7<br> | 8            | 9                                                                                         | 10 |
| 11                                   | 12           | 13           | 14                                                                                     | 15           | 16                                                                                        | 17 |
| 18                                   | 19           | 20           | 21<br>Office will<br>closed for Na-<br>tional Convention<br>thru Sept. 3rd             | 22<br>Closed | 23<br>Closed                                                                              | 24 |
| 25                                   | 26<br>Closed | 27<br>Closed | 28<br>Closed                                                                           | 29<br>Closed | 30<br>Closed                                                                              | 31 |
|                                      |              |              |                                                                                        |              | <p><i>Program of Month</i></p> <p><i>National Convention</i></p> <p><i>Leadership</i></p> |    |

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Date 07/17/2024
Department Goal 4994 — Membership to Date— 4565
Department Unit 200 Goal 210 — Membership to Date— 113
FINAL TARGET SHEET—2024

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 | 66 | 97.06% |
| Cameron #18 | 130 | 121 | 93.08% |
| New Martinsville #28 | 104 | 112 | 107.69% |
| Wellsburg #34 | 30 | 19 | 63.33% |
| Follansbee #45 | 50 | 64 | 128% |
| 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% |
| TOTALS | 1015 | 954 | 93.99% |

| District 4 | | | |
|-------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
| Parkersburg #15 | 394 | 382 | 96.96% |
| Spencer #21 | 29 | 27 | 89.66% |
| Pt. Pleasant #23 | 225 | 203 | 79.61% |
| Tyler County #48 | 42 | 42 | 100% |
| Sistersville #67 | 48 | 21 | 43.75% |
| New Haven #140 | 135 | 118 | 87.41% |
| Williamstown #159 | 85 | 62 | 72.94% |
| TOTALS | 958 | 855 | 89.25% |

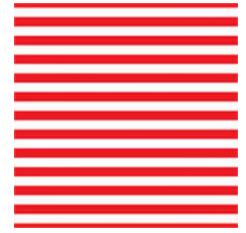
| District 6 | | | |
|-------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
| Welch #8 | 45 | 41 | 91.11% |
| Bluefield #9 | 27 | 18 | 66.67% |
| Beckley #32 | 25 | 13 | 52% |
| Gary #38 | 90 | 90 | 100% |
| Cowen #62 | 23 | 16 | 69.57% |
| Richwood #97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

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 | 269 | 100.75% |
| Braxton County #33 | 30 | 28 | 93.33% |
| Bridgeport #68 | 62 | 83 | 133.87% |
| Belington #96 | 20 | 12 | 60% |
| Pickens #122 | 22 | 16 | 72.73% |
| Morgantown #174 | 102 | 117 | 114.71% |
| TOTALS | 712 | 705 | 99.02% |

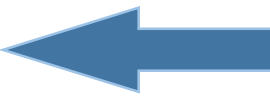
| District 5 | | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
| Huntington #16 | 130 | 131 | 100.77% |
| Logan #19 | 22 | 14 | 63.64% |
| Charleston #20 | 25 | 25 | 100% |
| St. Albans #73 | 32 | 26 | 81.25% |
| Ceredo-Kenova #93 | 215 | 208 | 96.28% |
| So. Charleston #94 | 13 | 6 | 46.15% |
| Hamlin #111 | 40 | 36 | 90% |
| Milton #139 | 75 | 63 | 84% |
| Barboursville #177 | 154 | 145 | 94.16% |
| TOTALS | 706 | 655 | 92.78% |

| District 10 | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Unit | 2024 Goal | 2024 | % of Goal |
| Martinsburg #14 | 77 | 57 | 74.03% |
| Piedmont #52 | 20 | 18 | 90% |
| Berkeley Springs #60 | 187 | 200 | 106.95% |
| Charles Town #63 | 40 | 34 | 85% |
| Moorefield #64 | 89 | 80 | 89.89% |
| Charles Town #71 | 146 | 148 | 101.37% |
| 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 | 190 | 113.77% |
| Keyser #152 | 40 | 32 | 80% |
| Totals | 1150 | 1083 | 94.17% |



Stripes Team
Goal— 2568
To Date—2443
95.13%

Membership Chair
Uncle Sam



Stars Team
Goal 2216
To Date 2009
90.66%



“Membership in the American Legion Family...How Sweet It Is!”

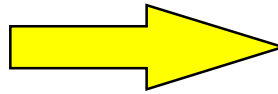
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Department Goal 4691 — Membership to Date—
Department Unit 200 Goal 232 — Membership to Date—
First Target Date 75% - December 7, 2024

Stephanie

| District 1 | | | |
|----------------------|------------|------|-----------|
| Unit | 2025 Goal | 2025 | % of Goal |
| Wheeling #1 | 26 | | |
| Moundsville #3 | 265 | | |
| McMechen #5 | 15 | | |
| Weirton #10 | 68 | | |
| Cameron #18 | 125 | | |
| New Martinsville #28 | 113 | | |
| Wellsburg #34 | 23 | | |
| Follansbee #45 | 61 | | |
| Pine Grove #81 | 68 | | |
| Paden City #86 | 77 | | |
| Wheeling #89 | 10 | | |
| Newell #114 | 20 | | |
| Chester #121 | 125 | | |
| TOTALS | 996 | | |

| District 4 | | | |
|-------------------|------------|------|-----------|
| Unit | 2025 Goal | 2025 | % of Goal |
| Parkersburg #15 | 381 | | |
| Spencer #21 | 30 | | |
| Pt. Pleasant #23 | 215 | | |
| Tyler County #48 | 45 | | |
| Sistersville #67 | 32 | | |
| New Haven #140 | 124 | | |
| Williamstown #159 | 74 | | |
| TOTALS | 901 | | |

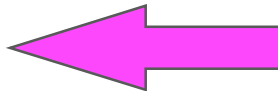
| District 6 | | | |
|-------------------|------------|------|-----------|
| Unit | 2025 Goal | 2025 | % of Goal |
| Welch #8 | 45 | | |
| Bluefield #9 | 23 | | |
| Beckley #32 | 20 | | |
| Gary #38 | 93 | | |
| Cowen #62 | 20 | | |
| Richwood #97 | 28 | | |
| TOTALS | 229 | | |



**“Laffy Taffy”
 Team
 Goal—2565
 To Date—
 %**



**Membership
 Chairman**



**“Fun Dip”
 Team
 Goal—2126
 To Date
 %**



Kim

| District 3 | | | |
|--------------------|------------|------|-----------|
| Unit | 2025 Goal | 2025 | % of Goal |
| Buckhannon #7 | 44 | | |
| Clarksburg #13 | 46 | | |
| Elkins #29 | 108 | | |
| Shinnston #31 | 271 | | |
| Braxton County #33 | 32 | | |
| Bridgeport #68 | 66 | | |
| Belington #96 | 16 | | |
| Pickens #122 | 20 | | |
| Morgantown #174 | 120 | | |
| TOTALS | 723 | | |

| District 5 | | | |
|--------------------|------------|------|-----------|
| Unit | 2025 Goal | 2025 | % of Goal |
| Huntington #16 | 134 | | |
| Logan #19 | 20 | | |
| Charleston #20 | 28 | | |
| St. Albans #73 | 33 | | |
| Ceredo-Kenova #93 | 212 | | |
| So. Charleston #94 | 10 | | |
| Hamlin #111 | 40 | | |
| Milton #139 | 68 | | |
| Barboursville #177 | 148 | | |
| TOTALS | 693 | | |

| District 10 | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|------|-----------|
| Unit | 2025 Goal | 2025 | % of Goal |
| Martinsburg #14 | 68 | | |
| Piedmont #52 | 22 | | |
| Berkeley Springs #60 | 197 | | |
| Moorefield #64 | 84 | | |
| Charles Town #71 | 151 | | |
| Petersburg #78 | 62 | | |
| Romney #91 | 155 | | |
| Charles Town #63 | 38 | | |
| Paw Paw #128 | 43 | | |
| Kirby #134 | 32 | | |
| Ridgeley #136 | 69 | | |
| Capon Bridge #137 | 192 | | |
| Keyser #152 | 36 | | |
| TOTALS | 1149 | | |

Call To Department Fall Meetings

September 13-14, 2024

Hilton Garden Inn Clarksburg WV

This is a notice to all concerned about the Finance Committee Meeting and the Department Fall Executive Board Meeting. The purpose of these meetings are to set up the administrative year for our Department for 2022-2023.

September 13, 2024—Friday Meeting Room 1 (Rhododendron Room)

1:00 pm—Finance Meeting—**The three members of the Department Finance Committee**

Department President—ex-officio member without vote

Department Secretary/Treasurer—ex-officio without vote

Purpose of this meeting is setting up budget for this administrative year to be ratified by the Department Executive Committee.

4:00 pm—Membership Committee—**Department President, Department Membership Chairman
Department Vice Presidents, District Vice Presidents**

5:00 pm—Rhododendron Girls State, Inc. Executive Board Meeting—5 Board of Incorporators, Department President, 6 District Representatives, Girls State Finance Officer, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, Director and Assistant Director

September 14, 2024—Saturday Meeting Room 1 (Rhododendron Room)

4:00 pm—American Legion Auxiliary, Department of West Virginia, Inc. Executive Board Meeting

According to Department Constitution: Article VII, Executive Committee: Section 1: Department Executive Committee which shall be composed of the Department President, Department First Vice President, Department Second Vice President, Department Secretary/Treasurer, Department Chaplain, Department Historian, National Executive Committeewoman, the eight District Presidents, all Past Department Presidents, and Chairmen of all Standing Committees (Americanism, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Children & Youth, Community Service, Constitution & Bylaws, Education, Finance, Girls State, Junior Activities, Leadership, Legislative, Membership, National Security, Past President's Parley, Poppy, Public Relations, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation. (Bylaws, Article IV, Committees, Section 2).

Section 2: All members of standing committees, **exclusive of the chairmen**, may attend Executive Committee meetings **with the privilege of discussion with no vote.**

Section 3: Any member in good standing may attend the Executive Committee Meeting **with the privilege of discussion but without vote.**

September 14, 2024—Saturday Workshop Meeting Rooms 1 and 2

Registration—8:00 am to 9:00 am (**\$15.00**) each **Session:** 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Purpose of this session is for instruction to Units/members/Officers and to announce the membership program for 2024-2025 year. There will be some different items for all to enjoy. **ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THIS WORKSHOP.** Good tool for learning if you want to help with leadership in your Unit, in your District and on Department level.

Travel Allowances: Travel allowances will be paid by Department to **all Department Officers, District Presidents, Department Finance Chairman, and Department Parliamentarian** that attend Department Executive Board Meeting. They will be allowed one day per diem (\$60) plus (if eligible) mileage as per Standing Rule #1. If not spending the night will receive \$20.00 plus (if eligible) mileage. (as per Department Budget)

District Vice Presidents that attend the Membership Workshop. They will be allowed one day per diem (\$60) plus (if eligible) and mileage. If not spending the night, will receive \$20 plus mileage. (as per Department Budget)

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**Cut-off date is August 30, 2024 all unused rooms will be released after
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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 | | 66 |
| #18 Cameron | X | X | X | X | | 120 |
| #28 New Martinsville | X | X | X | X | X | 112 |
| #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 | X | X | X | X | X | 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 | X | 41 |
| #29 Elkins | X | X | X | X | X | 97 |
| #31 Shinnston | X | X | X | X | X | 269 |
| #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 | 378 |
| #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 | 15 |
| #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 | X | X | X | X | X | 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 | 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 | 198 |
| #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 | X | 190 |
| #152 Keyser | X | X | X | X | X | 32 |

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

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