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“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)

Hello from the Chocolate Factory!

It has been a busy month attending District Fall Meetings and it has been wonderful seeing so many of you and getting the opportunity to collaborate with our amazing members in our great state! To date, we have raised over \$3000 to assist in the purchases of 5 AED's for the WV Veterans Home and I am so grateful and humbled by your generosity and giving spirit!

Thank you to everyone who has processed their renewals and as a reminder, it is imperative that you turn in membership as soon as you receive it. If you have any questions regarding membership, please reach out as we are all here to help! As a reminder, your first target date of 75% is by December 7th (Pearl Harbor Day). We have many units that are close, but I would like to shout out Bridgeport Unit #68 for hitting 75.76% of their membership goal and for being the first unit to achieve the first target date!

Continue to work together as we further the mission of assisting veterans, their families, and our communities.

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*“So much time and so little to do. Wait a minute. Strike that. Reverse it.”
- Willy Wonka*

Department Officers 2024-2025

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Secretary/Treasurer-Susan Brown
Chaplain- Peggy Swartz
Historian-Rebecca Farley

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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—Thank you

Directory Update:
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Treasurer-Cheryl Thomas

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Please add your Unit PUFL members to your membership count—Thank you!

ALA MIS payments are not due to Department until I send you an invoice. Please do not pay early—Thank you

Full access or Write users I do not need new applications that have been entered by you. They are for your records only!

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. The Department will then decide whether the Unit will be give permission.

Those units that have the write program only. You still have to complete a transmittal form when sending 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.**

There was a new Transmittal form given out at workshop. The past due amount for 2024 was not included. Past dues amount to be sent to Department is \$25.00. Please use the new form included in this Spirit.

Attachments—Letter from National President Trish Ward; Finance Committee 2024-2025 Recommendations; New Transmittal Sheet for 2025; Rules for Poppy Wreath Contest; Revised VA tracking hour form; Renew Crew T-shirt.

Just a small note; Posts and Units may meet on the same day. They just do not hold their business sessions together.

SPRING CONFERENCE 2025

March 22nd -10th District—Capon Bridge #137 (J)

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REMINDER TO ALL DEPARTMENT OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Spirit articles can not be any longer than 200 words. Single spacing and 10 fonts.

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



Greetings, Fellow American Legion Auxiliary Members:

I am honored to welcome you to your 2024 American Legion Auxiliary Fall Conference! What a great opportunity to get together as we collectively work hard to serve our veterans, military, and their families.

This conference is always the right time to continue the forward momentum that began at the start of our 2024-2025 ALA administrative year.

As you continue working the mission at the grassroots level, we want to invest back in you — our units and departments — to help you be more successful in growing this organization. You are the fabric of America as an ALA member.

I'm excited to share with you the Department Excellence Initiative, which is divided into two parts. The first includes national president visits to departments to deliver content to help members have greater awareness, knowledge, and understanding on how we can impact our organization at the grassroots level.

The second part is the Department Merit Medallion. There are five established areas of focus:

Achieve 85% membership benchmark goal by March 15, 2025.

Submit department impact report.

Governance excellence (Constitution & Bylaws annual review, board responsibilities, disciplinary process, meeting and voting authority).

Financial policies and process (990 compliance, audit standards).

Financial donation (American Legion Auxiliary Foundation Veteran Projects Fund, Auxiliary Emergency Fund).

If a department achieves all five, that department will be recognized. This content is all about our members and helping *you* in any way possible! I look forward to working with your department to invest back in our organization.

I hope you all have a wonderful Fall Conference!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Trish Ward". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Trish Ward

2024-2025 National President

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

**Membership Chairman**

As Fall arrives with chilly winds, let us approach membership with a warming glow by getting new members and retaining our previous members. Attending meetings is not the only way that members can show their support of our organization and our programs. Time available is different for each of us. Making a donation to our poppy fund, making a cake for a dinner, helping to serve a dinner for veterans, and getting out to votes are ways to support our goals and programs. Remember to say "Thank You" to those that give candy for Trick or Treat as well as to those that help prepare a meal for veterans. Remember to appreciate each member for paying their dues and that members need to be aware of what you need, so communication is very important. Most of you have had a District Conference by this time. Please stay in contact with you District President and District Vice President. Communication is a two way street, so keep your routes open. Congratulations to:  
District 3 for the highest % of membership goal of 39.14% followed by District 10 with 36.99%. Remember that our goal is 75% by December 7. I know that many of our units have sent in dues after this report; please do not hold membership. They need to be submitted no more that one week after paid by member.  
Congratulations to Bridgeport Unit 68 for being first to 75.76% and Buckhannon Unit with 68.18% coming in second. Every member counts; how sweet it is to get as many as possible.

Ann Buchanan  
Membership Chairman

**Department 1st Vice President**

Hello Laffy Taffy!  
Let's stretch our energy and kindness out to get new members and renewals from seasoned members. Think about creating a welcome committee and packet to give to new members. Check up on seasoned members to make sure they are ok. Remember that everyone wants to belong and feel important.  
Remember Our Mission Matters!

Laffy Taffy is in the lead with 34% of our goal! Amazing job. In District 3 Bridgeport 68 leads the way. Buckhannon 7, Shinnston 31, and Morgantown 174 are on your heels. Thank you Clarksburg for hosting a great Fall Conference.

District 5, St. Albans is leading the way with 67% followed by Huntington 16, Milton 139, and Barboursville 177! Hamlin - thank you for hosting the Fall Conference!

Finally, District 10 - Amazing job as 2 units are well on their way to goal. Congratulation on a job well done - Capon Bridge 137 with 65% and Moorefield 64 with 60.7%. Keep up the amazing work! Romney 91, Ridgeley 136, and Charles Town 71 are working hard! Thank you, Berkeley Springs, for hosting your Fall Conference.

Lets go Laffy Taffy  
Kim Mellie  
Department 1st Vice President

**Department 2nd Vice President**

Hello Fun Dips,  
The Days are getting chilly so let's heat up with getting are membership numbers up. First renewal notices have gone out, so units should be seeing dues coming in. I know with all the crazy weather that we have had with hurricanes and flooding that it may have slowed some in renewing their membership. So let's continue to working hard to get your membership processed.  
I want to thank 6th District for a lovely Fall Conference. I know it was hectic day with the weather the area experienced the night before. Thank you for the lovely Birthday card. I would like to apologize to 4th District for not attending your Fall Conference, but from the Facebook pictures it looks like there was a good turnout. I look forward to seeing everyone from 1st District at their Fall Conference.

Your Scrumptiddlyumptious Bar,  
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**Chaplain**

*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Psalm23:4*

Dear Members  
Please send prayers to me for the President prayer book.

**Historian**

Hello WV Rockstars! I hope this message finds you in high spirits! Just a quick note to address a little hiccup on my end. It turns out I was supposed to whip up a plan of action for the Department of West Virginia Unit Historians. Surprise! But fear not, the plan is now ready to roll and our fabulous Department Secretary/Treasurer, Susan Brown, will be zipping it over to you all later this week by email! (if you have provided one, otherwise call me and I will send it to you!) Now, I'm yearning to hear all about the fantastic adventures your unit has been up to! Your hard work is like the secret sauce, and I want to make sure it shines in our Department of West Virginia's historical narrative. This could be our chance to strut our stuff on the national stage! So, don't be shy! Share any tidbits about your events, community service jaunts, or anything else that shows off your unit's awesomeness. Together, we can craft a dazzling record that honors your passion and commitment. Thanks a million for everything you do! Can't wait to hear from you soon!  
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### ***1st District Vice President***

Hello First District!

Fall is upon us, brrr. Hope you're all staying warm & well. Membership numbers are trickling in slowly. Please, don't hold your dues! Send them in. Come on 1st District, let's work together to get those numbers up! We can do it. Hope to see all Units represented at Fall conference in Pine Grove on the 20th. Take care & God Bless!

Christy Bland  
1st District VP

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

Hello everyone,

It's hard to believe it's already the beginning of November. Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas is right around the corner along with our first target date of December 7th for 75%. Keep working hard in bringing in those memberships. West Virginia is 22.04% on October 9th. I like what April Kollmorgen said in the Central Division Newsletter. "Each department is a T.E.A.M. and working together is where we will all succeed. Together Everyone Achieves More." St. Albans is still going strong at 66.67%, followed by Huntington #16 at 46.27% then Milton at 27.94%. Keep working hard on that membership. District 5 is a hard working district so keep up all the hard work that you are doing for our Veterans. Hope everyone has a great Veterans Day honoring those who have service. Also have a great Thanksgiving and enjoy your time with your love ones. If I can be of any help, please feel free to contact me.

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

THANK YOU to everyone for their hard work on Membership! Laffy Taffy is still leading at 34.07% to Fun Dip at 18.77% District 3 is ahead but District 5 and 10 are hot on heels, Fall District conference was a great meeting and a lot of Fun, Thank you to Clarksburg Unit 13 for Hosting. I have sent out emails to the Units in District 3 from Margaret Yost (3rd District President) and I to see about coming to your Units meetings to see if we can help in anyway, or just enjoy another Units meeting. I have only heard back from one of them so far, If you did not receive and email please reach out to Me and let me know, my phone number is readily available along with my email address. From National President Trish Ward, "Get on the Renew Crew" today and let's build Membership greatness together I will ask if the t-shirt link can be posted in the Spirit. 75% by December 7,2024 100% by January 31,2025

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

There are 2 units well on their way to make the December 7th goal of 75%. Many of the units are starting to get their memberships in. Please don't hold these, try to process them at least once a week. 2 units may be having a little trouble, if this is the case, please don't hesitate to contact me. I am willing to help you in any way. I know sometimes the mail is slow and I get my sheets before they have reached Sue. I know we can all make goal, let us be the ONE to do it. Happy Thanksgiving, don't forget a veteran or an elder this time of year. Please if you have not paid your mandatory funds do so at this time.

Jill Davis  
10th District Vice President

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

I want to take a moment to thank each of you for the critical role you play in ensuring our membership stays strong and continues to grow. Processing dues in a timely manner and actively recruiting new members are both vital components of our success, and I appreciate your dedication to these efforts. Let's get the 75% by December 7! Membership is the lifeblood of the ALA, you are instrumental in helping us meet our goals. As you work to encourage retention of existing and bring new members into our fold, you are directly supporting our mission to serve veterans, active-duty service members, and their families. Your efforts allow us to continue honoring the men and women whose service makes our eligibility possible. Please know that your hard work does not go unnoticed. Each membership renewal and each new member you recruit helps strengthen our organization and reinforces our commitment to service. I am grateful for your continued efforts, and I look forward to working together as we move forward in meeting our membership goals for District 4 and beyond! Wishing you and yours a blessed Thanksgiving.

Rebecca S Farley  
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### ***6th District Vice President***

.Hoping everyone is still safe and healthy. Casper reported that everyone had a safe and enjoyable Halloween and that our ghosts and goblins are taking a rest now and are gone.

All members should have received their Membership booklets with the 2024-2025 cards by now. You should have started processing membership renewals for 2024-2025 on August 1. Let's give big SHOUT OUT congratulations for Cowen and Gary Auxiliary for reaching a strong lead for their membership goal. The first goal is 75% by December 7, 2024. I know that Fall is here and the leaves are falling, but don't fall behind on collecting your dues in order to meet your December 7, 2024 target goal of 75%.

I was able to make contact with a representative from several Auxiliary Units in District 6. I was happy to hear that most units are starting to collect their dues.

Wish everyone has a successful Thanksgiving Day celebration with family or friends. Don't eat too much turkey.

Prayers for all to be safe.

Mary E. Spence

Vice President

6th District Vice President

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

Good Day to All Members of the First District. I hope you are well. By the time you receive this newsletter the Fall Conference will be over. I will do my report on it in the December Spirit.

Please continue to work on your membership. I see there are 2 units who haven't paid any dues for 2025. There are 6 units who have under 10 members. Don't hold membership! Please send them in at least weekly.

If your unit is planning functions this year, please send me a short report so I can include it in my articles. Holidays are coming up and I would love to get pictures in action of members volunteering their time. Please send them jpeg if you can.

Until next month

Paulette Anderson

First District President

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

Hello Ladies,

To the ladies who did not attend Third District Conference, you missed a great conference and meal. Thank you Clarksburg Unit 13.

I want to thank President Laura and Secretary/Treasurer Susan Brown for attending our conference and all the Department Chairperson.

Ok ladies, we are still ahead of District 10 in members but not by much. So ladies of Units 13, 29, 33, 96, and 122 let's get business and get those dues in so we can stay a head of District 10. Units 7, 31, 68, and 174 keep up the good work. Remember ladies first target of 75% is due by December 7, 2024.

If you need any help, please contact either me at 304-629-0688 or Sandra Harper.

For God and country,

THANK YOU,

Margaret Yost

Third District President

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

Hello All,

The District Four Fall Conference was held September 29, 2024, in Parkersburg, WV. Department President Laura Clark and Department Historian/District Vice President Rebecca Farley attended. What a great conference. They shared so much information about membership and new program ideas for the 2024-2025 year. What a great Team we have. I am so proud to be a member of the American Legion Family!

President Laura is a "hands on" type of leader. If you have questions about the American Legion Auxiliary, please do not hesitate to contact her or one of her program chairmen.

Unit Presidents, if you have not received a program/membership packet yet, you will be receiving a package from me. Please review the program materials. Membership renewals were just mailed out on September 15th. Renewals should bring the number of renewals up.

Veterans Day is the perfect time to recognize Veterans. Every day is Veterans Day for the American Legion Family.

If you love your Freedom, Thank a Veteran.

Patsy Greiner

4th District President

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### *5th District President*

I am so pleased with the work, you are doing on membership and projects in your local unit. We're coming up on a busy time of the year and I know each of you will be there with the betterment of the American Legion auxiliary in your heart. Keep up the good work and know that I am so proud of you.

I hope to see a lot of you at the fifth district conference on October 26 Helda Hamlin unit 111. Registration will be from 9 to 10 with our meetings starting at 10. Registration is \$10 including your lunch. if you have any questions about the district meeting or any project or program that you are working on, just give me a call. You can reach me at 304-654-7750. I look forward to seeing you at the fifth district conference.

Beth Kilgore, President  
5th District

### *6th District President*

Hope you are ready for this Fall weather, because I am not ready for it. Sixth District had their Fall District meeting just lucky that we got to have it this was the time we had the Hurricane Helene. Welch did not have electric and water pipe had broken, Mary and I was holding our breath, but

come Saturday morning it was back on. We did not have a lot of members in attendance. Bluefield got hit pretty hard And no one came from their Unit, We had the privilege of having our Department President Laura Clark with us and also our 2nd Vice President Stephanie Handley so happy to have both in attendance. We still had a good meeting. Looking for a better attendance come Spring.

Hope everyone is working on membership and getting mandatory funds figured out.

Guess everyone is getting ready for Veterans Day. I know Unit 8 will be doing a lot to help our post with the parade will be a busy month for us. Marsha Riffe, President of Gary Unit 38 lost her soon the last part of September so lets keep her in our prayers The Department President Homecoming is coming up soon and I hope to be in attendance hope to see a lot of you there.

Well guess I have said enough at this time but please to Sixth District Units please send me something that your Unit is doing so I can put it in the Spirit. So until next time lets keep our Veterans in our prayers and also all of our members.

Peggy Swartz, President  
Sixth District

### *10th District President*

Fall is here. Time flies when you are having fun.

Many activities are in the making at this time of year. Halloween parties for youth, Veterans brunches, Fall bashes and the list goes on but the positive is that we are making a difference in our communities.

It is so nice to see all Units being active and giving to our Veterans. Keep up the good work.

Diana Teter  
District 10th President



### *Americanism*

Here are a few ideas on Americanism:

1-Hold flag etiquette sessions with various other organizations  
2-Teach the Do Not's about our Flag:  
Do not let the Flag touch the ground  
Do not let the flag fly upside down unless there is an emergency Do not carry the flag flat, or carry things in it  
Do not use the flag as clothing Do not store the flag where it can get dirty Do not use it as a cover Do not fasten it or tie it back, always allow it to fall free  
Do not draw on, or otherwise mark the flag

3-Flag disposal -the flag should be folded in its customary manner It is important that the fire be fairly large and of sufficient intensity to ensure proper burning Place the flag on the fire-do not allow pictures to be taken during this portion of the ceremony Individual (s) can come to attention, salute the flag, recite the Pledge of allegiance, brief silence After the flag is completely consumed, the fire should be extinguished and ashes buried

4-Veteran Day, November 11, 2024

5-Pearl Harbor Day, December 7th

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Happy

Thanksgiving



## ***Auxiliary Emergency Fund***

### **DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

An Auxiliary Emergency Fund grant may provide immediate emergency assistance to eligible American Legion Auxiliary members in areas devastated by a natural disaster, such as fire, flood, hurricane, tornado, earthquake, and/or other severe weather. The applicant must have either received damage to their primary residence, been displaced/evacuated from their residence or experienced basic out-of-pocket emergency expenses as a result of the disaster. Grants may be awarded up to \$3,000.

### **BASIC CRITERIA FOR QUALIFICATION**

The applicant must be a current American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) member. Applicant must have maintained annual ALA membership for three consecutive years (the current year and immediate past two years). Disaster application must be received within 6 months of disaster. Applicant must be able to provide documentation such as photos of damage to the primary residence (exterior/interior/contents), itemized receipt(s) for emergency expenses, damage repair estimates, FEMA/insurance documents, current driver's license, and other information as requested. Only one AEF grant (disaster or hardship) per grantee will be awarded in a 12-month period.

Blessings,

Melanie Shambaugh  
AEF Chairman  
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## ***Children & Youth***

We have a lot of new members in the department and this is a wonderful thing however, there is so many programs and so many things that units can participate in. Sometimes it gets a little muddled. These are very deserving awards for the youth of our communities.

This month I have focused on the good deed award and the youth hero award. If you have any questions, give me a call at 304-654-7750 and I will help you in anyway I can.

So just what is Children & Youth? What do we promote?

### **1. Good Deed and Youth Hero Awards**

more info can be found on the National Website

### **2. The Child Welfare Foundation**

even though this is a Legion Program, they have asked the Legion Family to help raise funds

more info can be found on the National Legion and Auxiliary Websites

### **3. Purple Up For Military Kids**

encourage your members Purple Up during the month of April to bring awareness to our Military Kids

### **4. Project Stuffsack**

more info coming soon

Beth, Kilgore, chairman  
Children & Youth

## ***Child Welfare Foundation***

I hope everyone who has a bar at your post has set out canisters for the Child Welfare Fund. For those of you that haven't, I would ask that you can please consider doing so. For those of you that don't have a bar in your post. I would suggest that you pass the hat during your meetings and the post meetings to see if they will donate to this worthy cause. This is a Legion program that the auxiliary has chosen to assist with. For those of you that have set out a canister, please check it often. Did you explain what the money being collected was for. If not, please do so.

If you have any questions, feel free to give me a call at 304-654-7750.

Beth Kilgore, chairman  
Child Welfare Fund

## ***Community Service***

Good Day,

my American Legion Auxiliary Family.

I'm hoping we're learning new ideas with our fall conversations happening. As the fall leaves are starting to turn it also time to start thinking of all the fall fairs happening in our great state making sure we're letting community know we're members of the Great ALA. Remember to always have something on with American Legion Auxiliary (Emblems sales has a great new Magnet with the ALA Logo on it) be proud of being a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. Remember we don't wear our Logo when we're working the voting poll or going into vote. Please keep track of your hours for end year reports \$ amount per Volunteer just increased to \$33.49/hour for your annual reporting.

Blessing,

Community Chairman,  
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## *Education*

Good day to all Auxiliary Members, hope everyone is enjoying the nice Fall weather.

My article this month will be short, it will be longer next month. ALA Scholarship Applications are now open. They can be found online at <https://www.legionsaux.org/scholarships>.

Please download and share with the schools in your area. Deadline for all Scholarships is March 1st, 2025. Remember it is never to early to apply.

If you need my help call me at 304-592-0247 or email: [carlajwilfong@gmail.com](mailto:carlajwilfong@gmail.com).

God bless America and our Veterans.

Carla Wilfong

Co chairman Education

## *Music*

Did you know you can purchase a Patriotic Music CD from The American Legion Flag Emblem Sales? You can use this CD in your ceremonies.

You can also sponsor 2 players for TAPS at Memorial Day Ceremonies. Or if you have someone in your unit who plays the trumpet have them play TAPS. Remember to take pictures.

Have a Sing-a-long for hospitalization veterans. They would love to hear songs, and they may participate.

Sponsor a student band member by purchasing sheet music, lessons or instruments, if they can't afford to.

There are many ways you can utilize music.

Paulette Anderson

Music Chairman

## *Junior Activities*

Junior Girls are working hard all over the department. I hear from Units repeatedly telling me about the programs and activities Junior Girls are doing.

I encourage senior members to mentor our juniors. One day they will be senior members, too. Please include them in your auxiliary activities. They are eager to learn about programs, meeting procedures, and programs.

The American Legion Auxiliary has one purpose – to contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of The American Legion.

The goal of the ALA Junior activities program is to develop our junior members into leaders and stay connected with them. The purpose of the Junior activities Committee is to interest eligible young women under the age of 18 in continuing their membership as a senior member through the positive experience of mission-based volunteering that instills the ideals of the organization.

If you need program ideas, log on to the American Legion Auxiliary website. There are so many ideas for projects and activities. Thank you for all you do for our Juniors! I appreciate you.

For God and Country

Patsy Greiner

Junior Activities Chairman

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## *Legislative*

Just a reminder that the American Legion Family is nonpartisan. Everyone is entitled to their political opinions and please be careful not to mix your personal opinions with your affiliation in our organization. Encourage others to exercise their constitutional right and you do the same! Be respectful of others' opinions!! Encourage others to vote and model the behavior you expect!

Also, go

to [votervoice.net](http://votervoice.net) and send emails daily. I do it most mornings and it takes less than 10 minutes. Click on the 9 links and send the automated message. You can only send one message about each legislation every 24 hours.

Kim Mellie

Legislative Chairman

## *National Security*

This month we celebrate Veterans Day. It is important to remember the difference between Veterans Day and Memorial Day

Veterans Day. Honors all who have served in the military, both living and dead, during wartime or peacetime. Veterans Day is celebrated on November 11.

Memorial Day. Honors those who died while serving in the military, especially those who died in battle. Memorial Day is celebrated on the last Monday in May.

Remember to Thank a Vet or Visit a Vet but also importantly Pray for a Vet!

April Wilson Wallace

Chairman, National Security Committee

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### *Past President Parley*

A Sweet Hello to All!

It was so nice seeing so many at the 10th District Conference. Great job, District President Diane and her team. Department President Laura, Department 1st Vice President Kim and Department Secretary/Treasurer Susan gave us valuable information.

I hope your units are forming a Past President's Parley. It is a wonderful support group for you unit. Advice and ideas can come from your past presidents.

In order to qualify for the Total Participation Award, something must be reported from ALL programs and PPP is one of them.

It has been several years since anyone was awarded the "Timeless Award". I'm sure the units have that one special person that goes above and beyond to serve their unit and its programs. Start looking within your unit now.

If I can help you. Please contact me.

Have a fun and safe Halloween!

Hugs to all!  
PPP Chairman  
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304-830-7721

### **Poppy**

The Poppy is the most visible program of the American Legion Auxiliary. Let Junior members (ages 6 - 12) be Little Miss Poppy. There is no limit to the number of Junior girls that can serve as Little Miss Poppy and represent your Unit. Let them ride in parades and help with poppy distributions. If they want, let them be poppy princesses, wear special costumes, a special dress, a crown, or a sash.

Go into your schools and read to children. A good book to read is The Poppy Lady. It is the story of Moina Michael who launched a campaign during World War I to establish the poppy as a symbol of the sacrifice and courage of America's soldiers. Work on getting the Poppy Poster Contest in schools. Use the poppy math pages, coloring pages, and the poem "In Flanders Fields" in the schools. Distribute the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Coloring Book available at American Legion Emblem Sales.

When your Unit is distributing poppies, take Junior members and SAL members to help. Let them be "Poppy Ambassadors." It is well known that people cannot resist children when they are involved in events. Shirley Davis, Chairman  
psdavis1524@msn.com  
(304) 544-1838

### *Public Relations*

Hey there, fabulous WV team! I hope you're all rocking it! I wanted to take a quick moment to chat about our Public Relations game plan. So, here's the scoop: I totally thought someone else was on PR Plan duty, but surprise! It's me! Makes sense now that the chair sets the tone! The good news is, I've whipped up the plan, and our superstar Department Secretary/Treasurer, Susan Brown, will be shooting it your way later this week by email. (If you have provided one, otherwise, call me and I will email it to you!)

"Public Relations" is the glitter that makes our work in the American Legion Auxiliary sparkle, and I can't wait to help shine a spotlight on the amazing stuff your unit is up to! Your stories, events, and accomplishments are key to boosting our presence in the community. Don't be shy! Share the cool things happening in your neck of the woods, whether it's a shout-out from local media, a viral social media campaign, or any outreach magic you're creating. Your input is vital for keeping the Department of West Virginia dazzling on both the local and national stages.

Thanks a million for your hard work, and I can't wait to team up and amplify all the fantastic things you're doing!  
Rebecca S Farley Public Relations  
Chairman  
dcoachrebecca@gmail.com  
304-674-9908



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

I hope many of you are enjoying your District conference and gaining new information. As we move into cooler weather, now is the time to start supplying blankets, sweat pants, warmer clothing items for homeless veterans and those at a VAMC or state veterans home. As well as food for VA food banks. While you're doing this, remember to track your hours, donations and costs. These can all be submitted on the Comfort Drive sheet and turned in at Mid-Winter.

Again this year, I'm asking Units to take Comfort items to their closest VAMC. Turn these items in on the form and bring any monetary donations to mid-winter.

We are approaching Veterans Day, anything you do for veterans may they be at a VAMC or not gets reported. If your Unit hands out thank you cards, a small gift item, a few pieces of candy to all Veterans, it counts, it goes in your reports. Not sure, please reach out and ask.

Let's talk Caregiver hours again. A caregiver is someone who assists a Veteran who can not do daily activities such as dressing, or bathing to name a few things.

The holidays are not far off. Consider adopting a Veteran and their family in need.

Until next time,

Lisa Cadwallader, Chair  
Lisac.ala71@gmail.com

## **Convention Chairman**

Hello American Legion auxiliary department of West Virginia,  
American Legion auxiliary dept of West Virginia convention 2024 looking through my eyes was a success.

I want to thank our department president Debbie Michael for providing tote bags and glasses for each who attended the convention.

We had 26 units represented which included

74 delegates

Six alternates

Four guests

I would like to thank each unit and member that provided door prizes for the weekend everyone that participated in the 50/50 for the department.

On a personal note I'm so sorry that I can't be with everyone this weekend sometimes life just gets in the way hope you enjoy your weekend and have a great fall board meeting.

Convention chairman,  
Debbie Fox





# American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

## *Rhododendron Girls State*

Do you utilize your previous citizen's to help with your Units children's Halloween parties, Veterans Day, Christmas parade, Wreaths Across America, your Junior members and poppy days? This is a great way to keep them involved! It's not too early to start planning for this upcoming Girls State Session. This is the time of year businesses prepare their budget's. I know you would like some donations for your Unit and get on their list. Many businesses and organizations would love to help send a deserving young lady to Girls State. You just need to ask!

The impact you have on a deserving young lady is a life-time opportunity. They will remember attending Girls State for years to come but only you can help secure the funding for them. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your district representative or myself.

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 nineteen \$25.00 winners for August and one winner for the \$200 drawing. Congratulation to all the winners!

I will have the 2025 tickets with me at the workshop. If there is any special numbers that you would like, email or call to see if their still available.

Once again this year the committee will be offering a cash prize for the individual and unit that sells the most Ways & Means tickets.

Please cash your checks! We still one outstanding check from 2023 and early 2024.

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



**September 2024 Ways and Means Winners**

| Name                | #’s | City             | State | Date      | \$\$\$ |
|---------------------|-----|------------------|-------|-----------|--------|
| Courtney Clark      | 741 | Shadyside        | OH    | 9/2/2024  | 25.00  |
| Marjorie Wall       | 380 | Donated back     |       | 9/3/2024  | 25.00  |
| Cindy Gillespie     | 822 | Bluefield        | VA    | 9/4/2024  | 25.00  |
| Debra Riley         | 275 | Nebo             | WV    | 9/5/2024  | 25.00  |
| Pam Shanholtz       | 571 | Romney           | WV    | 9/6/2024  | 25.00  |
| JoAnna Camp         | 404 | Spencer          | WV    | 9/7/2024  | 25.00  |
| Carmen Sager        | 483 | Mathia           | WV    | 9/9/2024  | 25.00  |
| Dawn Cross          | 533 | Churton          | MD    | 9/10/2024 | 25.00  |
| Savanna Kauffman    | 567 | Charles Town     | WV    | 9/11/2024 | 25.00  |
| Josh Michael        | 141 | Berkeley Springs | WV    | 9/12/2024 | 25.00  |
| Diane DeVault       | 176 | Martins Ferry    | OH    | 9/13/2024 | 25.00  |
| Stretch Benyo       | 378 | McMechen         | WV    | 9/14/2024 | 25.00  |
| Scott Warner        | 213 | Leesburg         | VA    | 9/16/2024 | 25.00  |
| Cindy Gadd          | 017 | Newell           | WV    | 9/17/2024 | 25.00  |
| Tommy Meeks         | 173 | Sistersville     | WV    | 9/18/2024 | 200.00 |
| Sherri Sparks       | 577 | Bluefield        | VA    | 9/19/2024 | 25.00  |
| Shirley Davis       | 037 | Kenova           | WV    | 9/20/2024 | 25.00  |
| Dwayne Boothe       | 569 | Vienna           | WV    | 9/21/2024 | 25.00  |
| Virginia Burek      | 005 | Wheeling         | WV    | 9/23/2024 | 25.00  |
| Robin Kimble        | 576 | Moorefield       | WV    | 9/24/2024 | 25.00  |
| Savanna Kauffman    | 567 | Charles Town     | WV    | 9/25/2024 | 25.00  |
| Helen Sirk-Bell     | 163 | Romney           | WV    | 9/26/2024 | 25.00  |
| Shannon Harshbarger | 327 | Huntington       | WV    | 9/27/2024 | 25.00  |
|                     | 956 |                  |       | 9/28/2024 |        |
| James Spence        | 435 | Welch            | WV    | 9/30/2024 | 25.00  |
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# November 2024

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| 10<br> | 11<br><br>Office Closed | 12                                           | 13                                   | 14                                                                                                                    | 15                  | 16 |
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| 24                                                                                        | 25                                                                                                         | 26                                           | 27                                   | 28<br>                            | 29<br>Office Closed | 30 |
|                                                                                           |                                                                                                            |                                              | Red Shirt<br>Friday—<br>Every Friday | <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Program of Month</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Public Relations</i></p> |                     |    |

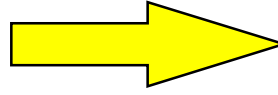
***“Membership in the American Legion Family...How Sweet It Is!”***

**Date 10/15/2024**  
**Department Goal 4691 — Membership to Date— 1324**  
**Department Unit 200 Goal 232 — Membership to Date— 51**  
**First Target Date 75% - December 7, 2024**

**Stephanie**

**Kim**

| <b>District 1</b>    |            |            |               |
|----------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit                 | 2025 Goal  | 2025       | % of Goal     |
| Wheeling #1          | 26         | 11         | 42.31%        |
| Moundsville #3       | 265        | 51         | 19.25%        |
| McMechen #5          | 15         | 0          | 0             |
| Weirton #10          | 68         | 5          | 7.35%         |
| Cameron #18          | 125        | 44         | 35.2%         |
| New Martinsville #28 | 113        | 56         | 49.56%        |
| Wellsburg #34        | 23         | 6          | 26.09%        |
| Follansbee #45       | 61         | 5          | 8.20%         |
| Pine Grove #81       | 68         | 0          | 0             |
| Paden City #86       | 77         | 28         | 36.36%        |
| Wheeling #89         | 10         | 6          | 60%           |
| Newell #114          | 20         | 2          | 10%           |
| Chester #121         | 125        | 5          | 4%            |
| <b>TOTALS</b>        | <b>996</b> | <b>219</b> | <b>21.99%</b> |



**“Laffy Taffy”  
Team  
Goal—2565  
To Date— 874  
34.07%**

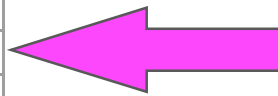
| <b>District 3</b>  |            |            |               |
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| Unit               | 2025 Goal  | 2025       | % of Goal     |
| Buckhannon #7      | 44         | 30         | 68.18%        |
| Clarksburg #13     | 46         | 8          | 17.39%        |
| Elkins #29         | 108        | 9          | 8.33%         |
| Shinnston #31      | 271        | 135        | 49.82%        |
| Braxton County #33 | 32         | 0          | 0             |
| Bridgeport #68     | 66         | 50         | 75.76%        |
| Belington #96      | 16         | 0          | 0             |
| Pickens #122       | 20         | 1          | 5%            |
| Morgantown #174    | 120        | 50         | 41.67%        |
| <b>TOTALS</b>      | <b>723</b> | <b>283</b> | <b>39.14%</b> |

| <b>District 5</b>  |            |            |               |
|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit               | 2025 Goal  | 2025       | % of Goal     |
| Huntington #16     | 134        | 62         | 46.27%        |
| Logan #19          | 20         | 0          | 0             |
| Charleston #20     | 28         | 2          | 7.14%         |
| St. Albans #73     | 33         | 22         | 66.67%        |
| Ceredo-Kenova #93  | 212        | 19         | 8.96%         |
| So. Charleston #94 | 10         | 1          | 10%           |
| Hamlin #111        | 40         | 7          | 17.50%        |
| Milton #139        | 68         | 19         | 27.94%        |
| Barboursville #177 | 148        | 34         | 22.97%        |
| <b>TOTALS</b>      | <b>693</b> | <b>166</b> | <b>23.95%</b> |

| <b>District 4</b> |            |            |               |
|-------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit              | 2025 Goal  | 2025       | % of Goal     |
| Parkersburg #15   | 381        | 83         | 21.78%        |
| Spencer #21       | 30         | 6          | 20%           |
| Pt. Pleasant #23  | 215        | 13         | 6.05%         |
| Tyler County #48  | 45         | 1          | 2.22%         |
| Sistersville #67  | 32         | 1          | 3.13%         |
| New Haven #140    | 124        | 5          | 4.03%         |
| Williamstown #159 | 74         | 15         | 20.27%        |
| <b>TOTALS</b>     | <b>901</b> | <b>124</b> | <b>13.76%</b> |



**Membership  
Chairman**



**“Fun Dip”  
Team  
Goal—2126  
To Date 399  
18.77%**

| <b>District 6</b> |            |           |               |
|-------------------|------------|-----------|---------------|
| Unit              | 2025 Goal  | 2025      | % of Goal     |
| Welch #8          | 45         | 2         | 4.44%         |
| Bluefield #9      | 23         | 0         | 0             |
| Beckley #32       | 20         | 0         | 0             |
| Gary #38          | 93         | 41        | 44.09%        |
| Cowen #62         | 20         | 13        | 65%           |
| Richwood #97      | 28         | 0         | 0             |
| <b>TOTALS</b>     | <b>229</b> | <b>56</b> | <b>24.45%</b> |



| <b>District 10</b>   |             |            |               |
|----------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit                 | 2025 Goal   | 2025       | % of Goal     |
| Martinsburg #14      | 68          | 9          | 13.24%        |
| Piedmont #52         | 22          | 0          | 0             |
| Berkeley Springs #60 | 197         | 58         | 29.44%        |
| Charles Town #63     | 38          | 0          | 0             |
| Moorefield #64       | 84          | 51         | 60.71%        |
| Charles Town #71     | 151         | 53         | 35.10%        |
| Petersburg #78       | 62          | 10         | 16.13%        |
| Romney #91           | 155         | 71         | 45.81%        |
| Paw Paw #128         | 43          | 9          | 20.93%        |
| Kirby #134           | 32          | 10         | 31.25%        |
| Ridgeley #136        | 69          | 25         | 36.23%        |
| Capon Bridge #137    | 192         | 126        | 65.63%        |
| Keyser #152          | 36          | 3          | 8.33%         |
| <b>TOTALS</b>        | <b>1149</b> | <b>425</b> | <b>36.99%</b> |

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

**All Department Officers, Department Chairmen, District Presidents/Vice Presidents, Past Department Presidents** with email addresses. Spirits are posted monthly on the website: [www.wvaux.org](http://www.wvaux.org)  
Unit Presidents **with no email contact** will receive a free copy by mail.

*Subscription will Cost \$18.00*

*Runs August through July Each Year*

**MAIL TO:**

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Department of West Virginia  
2172 Grandview Road  
Moundsville, WV 26041

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_



## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR 2024-2025

1. The Auxiliary SPIRIT will be sent by email to all Past Department Presidents, Department Officers, District Presidents, District Vice Presidents, Chairmen of Standing Committees, and Presidents and/or Secretaries of all Units. Complimentary copies will be sent to Central Division National President, the National President, and The American Legion, Department of West Virginia. Paper copies of The Auxiliary SPIRIT will cost \$20 for a one-year subscription.
2. A Unit Credentials Sheet along with **\$20 per person** shall be sent to the Department Headquarters two (2) weeks prior to the Department Convention. The registration fee shall be **\$25 per person** if not paid in advance. The Department Convention Chairman has the authority to request an advance of funds on any expense.
3. Prizes and Awards (estimated costs) will consist of:
  - a) Membership Awards - \$250
  - b) Gold Ribbons \$125
  - c) History Awards - \$10
  - d) Poppy Awards - \$15
  - e) Americanism Essay Plaques - \$100
  - f) Prayer Book Awards - \$10
  - g) Scrapbook Awards - \$10
  - h) Public Relations (PR) - \$10
4. Each year \$100 of the General Fund will be deposited (earmarked) for Campaign Fund for the support of our National Candidates.
5. Department Leadership National Convention – The incoming Department President, incoming Department Secretary, and incoming Membership Chairman shall be allowed expense money. The amount to be determined by the Finance Committee.
6. Mid-Winter Conference – The annual budget shall contain an allotted amount for the rent of the room for the Comfort Item Drive and for equipment rental, etc.
7. The Department Juniors may hold a fund-raising project at the annual Department Convention. Proceeds from the project will be submitted to the Department Secretary/Treasurer. The Junior Chairman will submit expenses receipts for payment. An adult, over the age of 18, must handle money for the Junior members fundraiser (National).
8. The Department of West Virginia VAMC Gift Shop may spend \$10.00 per gift for the Christmas Gift Shop items, effective 2024-2025. A change in Department Policy and Procedures (page41) will be made to reflect the amount of \$10.00.
9. The Department Secretary/Treasurer shall be in charge of tickets for the Department Convention luncheon and the Mid-winter luncheon. A specific number will be reserved with the hotel and tickets will be sold in advance. NO reservations will be accepted without payment. Refunds on cancellations will be given only if cancellation is done fourteen (14) days prior to luncheon.
10. The Department of West Virginia shall charge a \$15 registration fee for Senior members the Fall/Membership/Leadership Workshop. Starting in 2020 units will pre-register attending members for Fall Membership/Leadership Workshop.
11. The Department Secretary/Treasurer shall be allotted a maximum of five (5) days per diem for travel to District Conference especially those conferences requiring an overnight stay.
12. For members living out of state, mileage will be paid from West Virginia line destination to destination.

Ann Buchanan, Finance Chairman  
Sharon Kauffman, Finance Committee Member  
Stephanie Handley, Finance Committee Member  
September 12, 2024

Name:  
Address:  
State, Zip:

**American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of  
West Virginia  
2025 Membership Transmittal**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
UNIT # \_\_\_\_\_  
TRANSMITTAL # \_\_\_\_\_

| Member ID # | Sr | Jr. | Print Name Alphabetically | List Any Name, Address Changes, List if "Rejoining" |
|-------------|----|-----|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
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Mail To: ALA Department Headquarters  
2172 Grandview Rd.  
Moundsville WV 26041

\_\_\_\_\_ Sr. X \$25.00 = \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jr. X \$ 3.75 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Back Dues (2024)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Sr. X \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jr. X \$3.75 \_\_\_\_\_

**Back Dues (2023 and back years)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Sr. X \$19.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jr. X \$3.75 = \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Memo (-) \_\_\_\_\_  
Debit Memo (+) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Total Membership to Date \_\_\_\_\_

Back Dues

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| 5 |

DECEASED MEMBERS (Name & ID#)

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## American Legion Auxiliary Department of West Virginia

### POPPY WREATH CONTEST

Wreaths are made of styrofoam, available at Wal-Mart, for approximately \$8. The styrofoam wreath is size 2" x 15.6" Flora Craft Flora FM Floral Arranging Wreath in green. If you cannot find the wreath, contact Shirley Davis, [psdavis1524@msn.com](mailto:psdavis1524@msn.com), or text 304-544-1838. (Shirley bought extra wreaths.)

#### Rules:

1. Wreaths must be made from ALA Poppies
2. All tags must be removed
3. Other flowers, small amounts of ribbons, tulle or ferns (not to predominate the poppies) may be used.
4. The poppy must be **dominant**. Use a sufficient number of poppies to make a nice arrangement.
5. Wreaths must be made by member(s) of the American Legion Auxiliary
6. Entries are judged by their Unit and the winner is brought to Mid-Winter to be judged.
7. Judging at Mid-Winter is by monetary donations.

Please be sure to tag each wreath with:

Name, Address, and Unit number

Include a description of how wreath will be used afterwards.

### CHAIRMAN'S CHOICE CONTEST

Units or individuals are encouraged to submit pictures of how poppies have been used during the year. Photos of decorations, crafts, centerpieces, corsages, tray favors, artistic works, etc. may be submitted.

Photos may be: 3.5 x 5, 4 x 6, and 5 x 7 maximum size.

Please submit highest quality photos. Maximum number of photos that can be submitted is four. Photos submitted should feature different items.

One (1) ticket will be given for each photo submitted—four tickets maximum.

Poppy themed prizes awarded.



## Join the Renew Crew

There is a new T-shirt option available to members. The Renew Crew t-shirts are available for anyone to purchase at the link below. All proceeds benefit the ALA Foundation Veteran Projects Fund.

From National President Trish Ward “Get on the “Renew Crew” today and let’s build membership greatness together! And don’t forget...be sure to bring your T to national convention next August in Tampa, Florida!”

[https://shopdantheshirtman.com/products/renew-crew-tee?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAR2kPr\\_UOTlSHuVNoOv5cztYStlKzwMeNyeoiNZbD3iQTzNL4iFenyGCM0\\_aem\\_cX8quFpxHS5pXXtJE8FNCg](https://shopdantheshirtman.com/products/renew-crew-tee?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAR2kPr_UOTlSHuVNoOv5cztYStlKzwMeNyeoiNZbD3iQTzNL4iFenyGCM0_aem_cX8quFpxHS5pXXtJE8FNCg)

