



The Auxiliary Spirit



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2015-2016
Department President
Susan Wade



Our Veterans "Depend" on You

Hello Ladies!

Spring is here!! I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful weather!!

I was blessed to be able to attend 4th District, 5th District and 8th District Spring Conferences. Thank you all for hosting great conferences! The hospitality and fellowship was outstanding! I am looking forward to attending 6th District and 1st District in the next week!

I hope all Units sent in their End-of-the-Year Reports. I know how hard all of you work for our Veterans and our other programs. Let WV shine when it comes to reporting all our efforts!

I am looking forward to our National President, Sharon Conaster's visit. I hope some of you are planning on meeting with her. We are still planning a trip to Martinsburg VA Hospital on Friday morning, July 8th. The evening plans are still incomplete. A trip is scheduled for Saturday the 9th, to go to Harpers Ferry. A meet and greet is scheduled with Charles Town Unit #71 on Saturday at 4:00 pm.

We have many activities coming up in the last few months of this fiscal year. May is a very busy month! I hope all Units hold Memorial Services for their deceased members. Poppy Days are upon us and I hope everyone is out there supporting this program. Remember to "Brand" yourselves!!!

I hope all Units are making plans for Memorial Day! I am looking forward to going back to Grafton for the weekend of activities. I was so impressed with the Patriotism that is shown there!!

Remember "Our Veterans Depend On Us"

God Bless Our Veterans
God Bless Each of You
Susan Wade
Department President



Department Officers 2015-2016

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Historian—Irene Weber

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10th District—Sharon Kauffman

Remember Our Friends

Peggy Jean Shreve, Buckhannon Unit #7, wife of Leslie Shreve, passed away. Visitation will be held Tuesday, April 19, 2016 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Poling-St. Clair Funeral Home Funeral Service- Wednesday, April 20, 2016 2:00 p.m. Poling-St. Clair Funeral Home and Burial Mt. Union Church Cemetery. Let's keep Peggy's family in our thoughts and prayers.

Sharon Glassford has had some medical problems. Let's keep her in our prayers.

Department Headquarters—Juggler



Mission Statement

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

Mandatory Funds: Bonding, Education, Girls State, Veterans 1st Fund, Poppy Order, and 10% Poppies Proceeds. They are due each year by July 31st to be a Unit in good year. Make checks payable to **"Department Treasurer, ALA"** Units that haven't paid their 2015 Mandatory Funds are: **Mannington Unit #40, Lewisburg Unit #69.** All mandatory funds must be paid by July 31st each year to be a unit in good standing. If you are attending convention must be paid by June 10th.

Membership: All applications must be signed by Post Adj. (NOT MEMBER OR SECRETARY). **Only exception** is if a female veteran joining the Auxiliary under herself. THEN the Secretary may sign the application. National is waiving the \$9.00 fee again this year for New Female Veterans. You must put "Honor Our Women Veterans" at top of application to get the credit for your Unit.

Applications: Please make sure they are filled out **completely** before sending in. Too many mistakes are being made and unit membership chairman are not catching them.

On February 1st if you send in dues for 2015 only, they will be counted for 2016 year. This comes from National.

Please limit your article to no more than 250 words as you have only one column to use. Spirit is limited to 20 pages (including front and back) to send. At times I have to add different pages (ex. quarterly reports, forms, etc.)

Directory Updates: pages 12, 14, 15; Sharon Glassford's address should be 90 Westhall Drive. All else the same.

Spring Conferences

*1st District
Cameron Unit #18
Cameron Annex Building
9:00-10:00 Registration
April 24, 2016*

*9th District—Joint
Elkins Post #29
9:00-10:00 Registration
May 7, 2016*

2016-2017 Department Candidates

*President—Tammy Workman
1st Vice Pres.—Lisa Cadwallader
2nd Vice Pres.—Rhonda Best
Sec/Treas.—Paulette Anderson
Chaplain—
Historian—*

*2016-2017 District Candidates
1st Dist. Pres.—Donna Freeland #81
Stephanie Handley #121
Vice Pres.—Donna Leek
3rd Dist. Pres.—Carla Wilfong
Vice Pres.—Roxie Nicholson
4th Dist. Pres.—Cathy Post
Vice Pres.—Nancy Sundstrom
5th Dist. Pres.—Beth Kilgore
Vice Pres.—JoAnn Hastings
6th Dist. Pres.—Peggy Swartz
Vice Pres.—
9th Dist. Pres.—
Vice Pres.—
10th Dist. Pres.—Sharon Glassford
Vice Pres.—Sharon Kauffman*

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**Work That Membership To
Reach Our Goal in Department
This Year!!!**

You Can Do This!!!



Filling The Big Top With Members



Membership Chairman

I've had 18 units take the challenge of recruiting one new member per unit. Thank-you to McMechen #5, New Martinsville #28, Wheeling #89, Chester #121, Pt. Pleasant #23, Parkersburg #15, Hamlin #111, Barboursville #177, St. Albans #73, Elkins #29, Martinsburg #14, Berkeley Springs #60, Moorefield #64, Petersburg #78, Romney #91, Charles Town #102, and Capon Bridge #137. There is still plenty of time for the rest of the units. The ending date for this challenge is April 30th. Come on the other 46 Units let make this challenge. **JUST ONE NEW MEMBER.**

At the National level we're not doing real great. On numeric goal we are at 36th place, and last place in Central Division. Now, our rejoin/renewal we are doing well in. On National level we are in 12th place, and 3rd in Central Division. The problem is that to be seated at National Convention they go on the overall (numeric) placement. This is where my challenge come back into play. Sixty-four plus new members will help out greatly. It's no fun setting in the back of the class.

Have a happy spring! Remember April showers bring May flowers. Let's say April showers brings New Members.

Susan Brown, PDP
Membership Chairman



1st Vice President

Hello everyone, and Happy Mother's Day!!!

I'll leave it to you to check your Unit's standing on the target report section of this Spirit or in our Membership Chairman's report this month. My articles have been pretty repetitive with stuff like, don't hold Dues, keep applications on hand, double check applications before mailing to department secretary etc... Our "Big Top" is dancing in the wind and we need every member to help secure our ropes so it doesn't collapse.

We're on the end stretch of our membership year for 2016, with just a few months left before we begin working on the 2017 membership, and we have a lot of work left to do to get us to our Goals.

Please remember our "Strategic Plan" especially the 'culture of goodwill' and 'leadership.' All members are a leader to someone, whether you are an officer or chairman, or not, there is always someone looking to you and following your steps. Let's make sure we step respectfully. If we wish to cultivate new membership and preserve our current membership then it is most important to practice, not just say the words, culture of goodwill. Remember not everyone is a lion, nor an elephant, nor a trapeze artist. We know there is a lot of work in grooming; cleaning and care that goes on behind the scenes of a real circus but none of that is featured in what the public sees on stage, let's keep it that way with our ALA. "Our Veterans Depend on Us!!!" Let's make sure we give the best we possibly can, because this really is the Greatest Organization in the Nation!

For God and Country
Tammy Workman
Dept. 1st Vice President
(Lion Keeper)



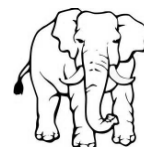
2nd Vice President

Hello Ladies,

I want to start by saying I attended 10th, 5th and 4th District Conferences. Let me say I had a real treat attending the 5th District SPRING conference, someone forgot to tell Mother Nature it was spring. Before heading out to conference I woke up to white out conditions. Then the ladies were ready to toss me out for winning the poppy club item and the poppy basket raffle. All and all they were good conferences. And Congratulations to the new District Officers in those Districts. I'm sorry to say I will miss 8th and 1st District. I saw the ladies in 1st in the fall, but I am truly sorry. I will be attending 6th and 9th districts and I'm hoping Mother Nature has it right.

Elephant's we need to work a little harder, those lions are catching up to us!! With that being said, ladies both elephant's and lion's, we need to work our membership. We need to find ways to bring new members in and keep the ones we have. All year we have been preaching "Good Will" but we also need to practice "Good Will". We need to listen to ideas from all members and try different things. We don't have to like each other but we do need to work together for the good of the origination. We are here for one reason only and that is our Veterans, not our self's. As the older members can't no longer do, we will need the younger more able to step up and take the lead to carry on. If we aren't practicing "Good Will" we are going to lose new members and old members. We need to open our arms to new or different things. No we are not all going to agree all the time but it doesn't mean it's wrong. We need to learn to work out our differences and work together. Because in the end if we run off members there will come a time there is no one left standing to carry on this great organization and I don't know about you but I don't want to see that happen. So please invite new and old member in with open arms, mentor them, try their ideas and remember why we are ALL here!!

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The Elephant Trainer
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**Reaching For
One Million Members
In 2019!!!**

Only You Can Do This!!!

3rd District President

I hope every one is enjoying the beautiful weather outside.

Ladies we need to start working really hard on membership. I know it is really hard to pull the members and dues out of thin air, but lets try harder.

I want to let Buckhannon Unit #7 I am really sorry to hear that Peggy Shreve had passed on. Your Unit and her family are in my Prayers.

Have you all done your End of the Year Reports? I hope you have. Any Units that have not paid your Mandatory Dues please do so!

I hope to see a lot of Third District Units at Summer Convention in July.

If you need my help, please call me at 304-592-0247 or you can e-mail me at carlajwilfong@yahoo.com

God Bless America and
God Bless our Veterans
Carla Wilfong
Third District President

6th District President

Hello Everyone

Hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful weather, it gets a little cool at night.

I would like to remind everyone that Sixth District will have their Spring Conference on Saturday, April 23, 2016. Hope to see our Units in attendance.

No news from any of the Units except Welch Unit 8, we catered the Post Birthday Dinner in March we had over 60 people in attendance.

Hope, all Units have paid their mandatory funds by now. It is time to pick your girls for Girls State.

I guess no news is good news so until next time God Bless and do say a prayer for all of our Veterans.

Peggy Swartz
Sixth District President

10th District Vice President

Hello ladies

It was nice to talk to some you at the spring conference.

I know membership is coming in slow but don't give up. Remember we need to meet Goal by June 1st.

Some have given me your emails and some are still getting calls. Thanks for all your help.
Sharon Kauffman

4th District President

Hello my Auxiliary Sisters,

I'm thinking Spring has finally sprung!

I'd like to thank Unit #15 Parkersburg for hosting our Spring Conference. The hospitality and food was wonderful. We didn't have as many units in attendance as I had hoped for.

Thank you Madam President Susan Wade, Secretary/Treasurer Paulette Anderson and 2nd Vice President Lisa Cadwallader for attending and giving us all such good advice and information.

Ladies PLEASE plan on attending Fall Conference. Your officers for 2017 will remain the same as this past year. Thank you ladies for stepping up and accepting these positions again. Patty Wyatt will be National Security Chairman and Michelle Ryan has accepted the Chairman for Children and Youth.

Please remember Melinda Roush, our Chaplain, in your prayers, she has been in the hospital.

We are still the top District in the state on membership; let's keep those coming in; if each unit brings in one new member per month that would be great.

Unit elections are coming up next month, please add your newly elected officers to 4th District Facebook page.

Until next month, enjoy this weather and work those programs!!

Service Not Self,
Cathy D. Post

4th District Vice President

Hello Ladies:

I want to thank everyone that attended 4th District Spring Conference.

I also would like to thank you for electing me as you 4th District Vice President for the year of 2016 - 2017.

We are doing a very good job with our Membership and 4th District has the highest percentage of paid members at this time. Good job Unit Membership Chairmen!

God Bless All
Nancy Sundstrom
4th District Vice President

5th District President

What happens in Huntington, West Virginia on April 9, 2016 when the 5th District Spring Conference is scheduled. It **SNOWS!!!**

I want to thank all those who braved the weather to attend the Conference. Everyone seemed to have a good time and Ceredo-Kenova Unit #93 did a wonderful job hosting (as always).

Thank you to President Susan Wade, 2nd Vice President Lisa Cadwallader and Secretary/Treasurer Paulette Anderson, PDP, for attending.

During the business meeting, elections were held; JoAnne Hastings and I were re-elected to serve another year. We will do our best to live up to the confidence you have bestowed on us for the coming year.

I hope everyone turned in the End of the Year Reports. You work hard for our veterans and you deserve the recognition. I have had people make the comment that they don't do the work for the veterans but that is not the only reason. What a wonderful way to share your experiences with other units. They may have been thinking about doing the same project and knowing you have will give them someone to contact when doing it in their unit.
SHARE YOUR IDEAS!!

Keep the memberships coming in. Please do not hold onto memberships. Process as soon as possible after being received.

*Alone we can do so little,
together we can do so much, ~
Helen Keller*

Beth Kilgore
5th District President

5th District Vice President

Hello Ladies

The Fifth District held their spring conference April 9 2016 at Ceredo-Kenova #93.

The Fifth District membership is doing ok. We have a couple units dropping behind, please don't hold dues, and process it into Department as soon as you get it.

Don't be discouraged if you are sending dues and falling short of meeting target. We had a big jump in our goals this year from National; it will take us time to catch up. Just keep on working on membership.
God Bless,
JoAnn Hastings
Fifth District Vice President

Department Chaplain

Hello Ladies,

I want to take this time to say a prayer with each of our Members.

I know this time of year can be difficult when looking back and remembering our fellow Sisters we lost throughout the year.

"As we pray Dear Lord include all Members, family, and friends which have lost additional family and friends this year"



"Author Unknown"

Rhonda Best
Dept. Chaplain



Legislative

I know it is really hard to concentrate on your End of the Year Reports. I am having the same problem. But let's get them done. I hope to hear from each Unit with a Narrative on what you have done, if your Unit contacted any of our Representatives. If you only did it once, let me know.

If you need my help call me at 304-592-0247 or e-mail me at carlajwilfong@yahoo.com

See you at Convention in July.

God Bless America
God Bless Our Veterans
Carla J Wilfong
Legislative Chairman

Americanism



May 5, 1865- Decoration Day was first observed in the U.S., with the tradition of decorating soldiers' graves from the Civil War with flowers. The observance date was later moved to May 30th and included all veterans' graves from all wars and became better known as Memorial Day. In 1971, Congress moved Memorial Day to the last Monday in May, creating a 3-day holiday weekend.

May 5, 1961 Alan Shepard became the first American in space.

May 6, 1937 the German Hindenburg burst into flames as it neared Lakehurst, NJ, following a trans-Atlantic voyage.

May 11, 1969 during the Vietnam War began the Battle of Hamburger Hill.

May 14, 1942 during WWII, an act of congress allowed women to enlist for noncombat duties forming the WAAC, WAVES, WAFS, and SPARS.

May 20, 1927 saw Charles Lindbergh take off from Roosevelt Field, Long Island in the Spirit of St. Louis.

May 20 1932 Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic.

May 21, 1881 the American Red Cross was founded by Clara Barton.

May 24, 1844, Samuel Morse sent the first official telegraph message, "What hath God wrought?" from the Capitol building in Washington, D.C. to Baltimore.

May is a great month for school children to color flags, draw pictures with flags in them and/or write essays about Veterans.

Happy Spring !!
For God and Country
Cathy D. Post

Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Ladies,

I hope you got your donations in. If not please do so now. Your donations need to be into the Department headquarters in time for Paulette to send them in to National no later than June 1 in order to count this year.

I also hope you have been sharing with members what this fund is all about and have flyers or brochures in your post home for members to pick up. An idea to raise funds is to put a donation can next to the brochures. Once members read the brochure they may make a small donation.

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Children and Youth

Hello Ladies,

By now I'm really hoping everyone has sent year end reports to Department office. I'm really excited to see all the great work the units have done this year.

Please remember even though your reports have been completed and sent to Department doesn't mean you should quit working on the program. We'll always have children that need some sort of assistance.

If your unit has decided to do any kind of summer program now is the time to get started. School will be out before you know. Lots of parents would welcome some help with their children couple hours in the afternoon. Parents and children alike can always use a helping hand.

Happy Spring
Debbie Fox



Constitution & Bylaws

Have all units updated their Constitution & Bylaws with the change to membership? So, Paulette has received 64 changes? Right? I know there are some units that have made big changes, but those of you that needed to change membership eligibility only, you have done that. Right?

Remember to use "We have received and found not to be in conflict with Department and National Constitution and Bylaws". The words "Approved by" is no longer used.

Here is some items that can be moved to Standing Rules – Unit's membership dues, and time and place of unit meeting. Another suggestion is that your annual membership dues not be a set amount. Here is wording you might want to think about – The annual membership dues of the Unit shall not be less than the Department and National per capita, nor exceed (a dollar amount \$5.00, \$10.00) of the amount payable after the Department Convention. If you word it this way you would be able to change your dues without have to change your bylaws or standing rules. Just a thought.

Susan Brown, PDP
Constitution & Bylaws
Chairman

Education

Ladies,

I surely hope to see more reports than I did scholarship applications. We only received about 5 applications for the National Scholarship Children of Warriors and 7 Department Scholarships. The one selected to be sent on to National was mailed in time for National to receive by the April 1 deadline.

The Department Scholarships, it's sad to say most had to be tossed out because they were missing required parts. Ladies I had stressed all year to please make sure that all parts were there. Of the ones tossed out, they were all missing the ACT/SATs and one was missing proof of Military connection. The other thing was most were not signed by the Unit President and Unit Secretary but I did not hold them back, I had my Unit sign off on them. This only left 2 to select from. I'm sorry ladies this is really sad and I hope next year these issues get better attention so the promising young men and woman who apply have a better chance.

I am proud to announce the WINNER of this year's Department Scholarship is Robert W. Judy submitted by Kirby Unit 134. Congratulations Kirby, you were the only unit that followed all the directions and had all the required parts included. This is not why this young man won. His application showed the most financial need, he had the most school, church, community activities and the best explanation as to need of this scholarship. I wish Robert the best in pursuing his education. He will be receiving a letter from headquarters.

There are a few issues I will be presenting on the floor during convention to hopefully make the application a bit more clearer.

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National Security

The importance of the American Legion Auxiliary's National Security Program is equivalent to the sense of security one has from unwanted intrusion by locking the doors in our homes. By providing for the needs of our military families on the home front, we hope to ease the minds of our deployed service members so they won't worry about their loved ones back home and can focus on the monumental task of protecting our country.

The American Legion Auxiliary offers many outstanding resources to the Unit to successfully carry off programs of benefit to our military and their families. An excellent guide to assist with assisting military members and their families is **ALA MILITARY FAMILY READINESS ACTION GUIDE**. It can be found on the National website at: <https://www.alaforveterans.org/members/guides/> This guide provides valuable resources for you to partner with other organizations, if desired, to make their lives more comfortable and the time during deployment less chaotic. I would urge you to go to the website and download the guide and look it over. It just may have the answers you need.

Beth Kilgore
Chairman
National Security



Poppy Program of Month

I am just doing a short article to remind you to do your Year End Report, with a narrative. Please get them to me so I can send a good report to National, and you can get recognition for all your work. Here are a few pointers

*How did you promote the Poppy Program?

*How did you increase Poppy revenue?

*How did you promote the Poppy Poster contest?

*How many posters were submitted?

*How did you promote Little Miss and Miss Poppy?

*How many girls participated?

Please send this to me so I can send to our Central Division Poppy Chairman, and West Virginia can get the recognition and your unit can win. Please do it as neatly as you can.

My thanks for all your good work!
Roxie Nicholson
Poppy Chairman



Poppy Shop

Ladies, I need your help!

I cannot find a veteran to make the Poppies, and right now there are 2 Auxiliary members working on them. Paulette will be helping when she can, but she has a lot on her plate right now. If you can help, or know a veteran that can work on this, please call me at 304-657-5740.

An Auxiliary member get the satisfaction of volunteering, whereas a veteran can make .03 per poppy.

You must have a glue gun, as the label will not stick without it.

Please help. 304-657-6740

Roxie Nicholson
Poppy Shop

Parliamentarian



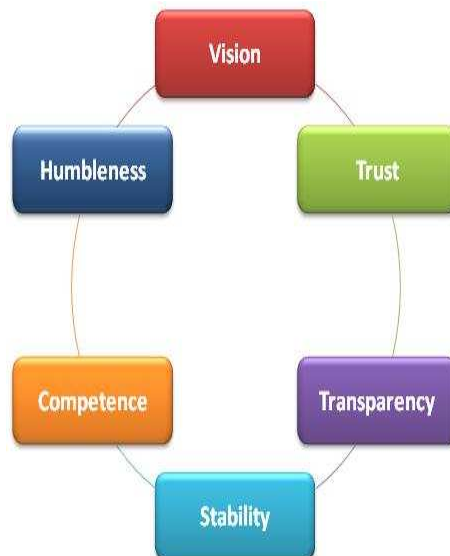
Parliamentary Points to Ponder

There will be many votes taken at unit meeting during the next few months. This is a reminder for how to handle a motion effectively.

Summary of Steps in Handling a Motion

1. A member rises and addresses the presiding officer.
2. The presiding officer recognizes the member.
3. The member states the motion.
4. Another member seconds the motion.
5. The presiding officer restates the motion, thus placing it before the assembly for consideration.
6. The assembly may discuss the motion if it is debatable and amend the motion if it is amendable.
7. The presiding officer takes the vote.
8. The presiding officer announces the result.

Ann Buchanan
Parliamentarian



Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

From the April Newsletter of the Central Division Chairman, I wish to share with you.

In 2010 President Barack Obama made a commitment to end veterans homelessness by 2015. The Administration released Opening Doors, the nation's first ever strategic plan to prevent and end homelessness. The plan focused on collaboration with state and local government, service organizations, individuals, philanthropic partners, Congress and others to end homelessness. The American Legion Homeless Veterans Task Force put together a step by step guide to coordinate efforts within communities to end homelessness. (www.legion.org/documents.pdf/homelessnessguide.pdf)

As of this date there has been some success in reducing homelessness among veterans. The governors of Virginia and Connecticut have reported they have ended homelessness in their states. Their success is attributed not only the commitment of the communities but collaboration with housing department, veterans affairs and shelters and communities and working the following strategies;

Navigation teams - Outreach Teams in the communities identify the homeless veterans and work with veterans to get the documents they need to obtain housing and services.

Housing First Models - Focus on providing housing and then connect them with additional services such as case management and substance abuse counseling and job training. This has proven to be cost-effective. With housing and support services there is a reduction of homeless veterans utilizing hospital emergency rooms, jails and shelters.

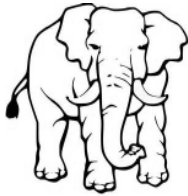
Rapid Re-Housing - working with rental agencies and landlord mediation to keep veterans housed.

Veteran Homelessness is not over. The community and organizations like the American Legion Auxiliary need to continue to focus on making sure no veteran who served our country is homeless. We must continue our work with homeless veterans.

(<http://www.legion.org/homelessveterans/handbook>) Thought some of you might want to get these sources on homelessness.

Mary Waybright
V A & R

Membership 2015-2016 Filling The Big Top With Members



Target 7 (April 22nd—85%)
National Goal—8487
Membership To Date—6266 (73.83 %)
Department Unit #200—82

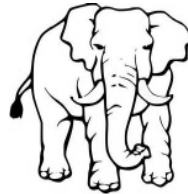


District 1			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	26	17	65.39%
Moundsville #3	365	270	73.97%
McMechen #5	68	39	57.35%
Weirton #10	77	60	77.92%
Cameron #18	230	160	69.57%
New Martinsville #28	163	139	85.28%
Wellsburg #34	32	27	84.38%
Follansbee #45	51	39	76.47%
Benwood #46	117	84	71.79%
Pine Grove #81	111	73	65.77%
Paden City #86	146	102	69.86%
Wheeling #89	40	26	65.00%
Newell #114	50	35	70.00%
Hundred #120	107	63	58.88%
Chester #121	192	149	77.60%
TOTALS	1775	1283	72.28%

District 4			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	1011	783	77.45%
Spencer #21	66	46	69.70%
Pt. Pleasant #23	423	326	77.07%
Sistersville #67	159	91	57.23%
Parkersburg #104	14	10	71.43%
New Haven #140	174	148	85.06%
Williamstown #159	202	156	77.28%
TOTALS	2049	1560	76.13%

District 6			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Welch #8	87	65	74.71%
Bluefield #9	34	22	64.71%
Beckley #32	50	30	60.00%
Gary #38	90	73	81.11%
TOTALS	261	190	72.80%

District 9			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Elkins #29	215	165	76.74%
Cowen #62	54	37	68.52%
Lewisburg #69	76	51	67.11%
Belington #96	42	28	66.67%
Richwood #97	22	23	104.55%
Pickens #122	26	19	73.08%
TOTALS	435	323	74.25%

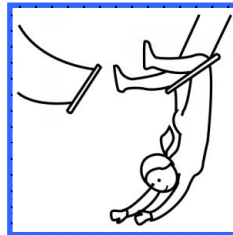


Elephant Keeper

Goal—4520

To Date—3356

(74.25 %)



Lion Keeper

Goal—3824

To Date—2828

(73.95 %)

District 3			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	66	51	77.27%
Grafton #12	26	15	57.69%
Clarksburg #13	180	139	77.22%
Shinnston #31	358	265	74.02%
Braxton Co. #33	32	19	59.38%
Mannington #40	22	12	54.55%
Philippi #44	39	25	64.10%
Bridgeport #68	56	48	85.71%
Jane Lew #166	46	40	86.96%
Morgantown #174	35	17	48.57%
TOTALS	860	631	73.37%

District 5			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Huntington #16	302	228	75.50%
Logan #19	19	11	57.89%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	451	310	68.74%
Hamlin #111	61	49	80.33%
Milton #139	82	61	74.39%
Barboursville #177	168	134	79.76%
TOTALS	1083	793	73.22%

District 8			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
St. Albans #73	77	36	46.75%
South Charleston #94	24	19	79.17%
TOTALS	101	55	54.46%

District 10			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	153	133	86.93%
Franklin #30	22	10	45.45%
Piedmont #52	34	17	50.00%
Berkeley Springs #60	251	209	83.27%
Moorefield #64	131	92	70.23%
Charles Town #71	305	223	73.11%
Petersburg #78	108	71	65.74%
Romney #91	310	219	70.65%
Charles Town #102	22	23	104.55%
Paw Paw #128	70	54	77.14%
Kirby #134	54	41	75.93%
Ridgeley #136	118	88	74.58%
Capon Bridge #137	144	125	86.81%
Keyser #152	58	44	75.86%
TOTALS	1780	1349	75.79%

May

Sun

Mon

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Sat

1 <i>Indianapolis</i>	2 <hr/>	3 <i>Office Reopens</i>	4	5	6	7 <i>9th District Conference Elkins #29</i>
8 <i>Mothers Day</i>	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 <i>Spirit Articles Due</i>	17	18	19	20 <i>Spirit and VA Checks Out</i>	21 <i>Armed Forces Day Target #8 90%</i>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 <i>Memorial Day Office Closed</i>	31	<div><i>Program of The Month Poppy Past President's Parley</i></div>			

2016 Ways & Means

Congratulations to the March winners! You will notice some have won more than once this year.

There are still tickets out in Units. Please try to sell them, remember they are good until December 31st.

We have been averaging 4-5 winners weekly. If you don't purchase a ticket you CAN'T WIN!!

Just a reminder that the member, Unit and District who sells the most tickets will receive a gift from me at Department Convention.

Until next month!
Paulette Anderson
Department Ways & Means
Chairman



March 2016 Ways and Means Winners

Winner	Number	City	State	Date	Amount
Squadron #3	622	Moundsville	WV	3/1/2016	\$25.00
Donna Aker	469	Fredericksburg	VA	3/2/2016	\$25.00
AL Post #3	586	Moundsville	WV	3/3/2016	\$25.00
	486			3/4/2016	
	540			3/5/2016	
Romney Unit #91	825	Romney	WV	3/7/2016	\$25.00
Chrystal Graham	226	Pocahontas	VA	3/8/2016	\$25.00
	780			3/9/2016	
Ralph Richardson	236	New Martinsville	WV	3/10/2016	\$25.00
Harold Plants	534	Ellicott City	MD	3/11/2016	\$25.00
Tom Wood	772	Wheeling	WV	3/12/2016	\$25.00
Anita Wilson	737	Romney	WV	3/14/16	\$25.00
	512			3/15/2016	
	090			3/16/2016	
	958			3/17/2016	
Harold Plants	534	Ellicott City	MD	3/18/2016	\$25.00
Lou Ann Crook	968	Ashton	MD	3/19/2016	\$25.00
Calvin Florence	501	Parkersburg	WV	3/21/2016	\$25.00
Bill Coleman	733	Romney	WV	3/22/2016	\$25.00
Nancy Cumpston	064	Cameron	WV	3/23/2016	\$25.00
PDP's Club	543	Moundsville	WV	3/24/2016	\$25.00
Kitty Kelly-Smoot	001	Huntington	WV	3/25/2016	\$25.00
Kay Watson	798	Reedsville	OH	3/26/2016	\$25.00
	933			3/28/2016	
Greg Haines	617	Shanks	WV	3/29/2016	\$25.00
Don Hagerman	597	Welch	WV	3/30/2016	\$25.00
PDP's Club	543	Moundsville	WV	3/31/2016	\$25.00



National President, Sharon Conatser

Meet & Greet

Saturday, July 9

4 – 6 pm

American Legion #71

225 W. Washington St.

Charles Town, WV

Enjoy some Appetizers and Socialize with our National President

Casual Attire she will be coming from a day at Harpers Ferry National Park

Please R.S.V.P no later than June 30th by contacting one of the following:

LisaC.ALA71@gmail.com Lisa (240) 271-8385, or Legion Post (304) 725-7212



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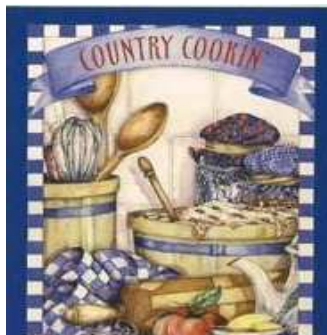
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Cookbook sales are an ongoing project that will continue to put much needed dollars into the Veteran's Fund. Get your cookbooks today! Buy some as gifts! The recipes are the best kind – Tried & True!

Cookbooks are \$15.00 plus \$4.00 (S & H)

I want to purchase ____cookbooks and have the cookbooks mailed to:

Make checks payable to: **Department Treasurer, ALA**

Mail to: ALA Department of West Virginia
1251 Doolin Run Road
New Martinsville WV 26155 –7808

**2016 STATE CONVENTION
RESERVATION FORM**

July 14-16, 2016
Pullman Plaza Hotel
1001 3rd Avenue
Huntington, West Virginia 25701

\$78.00 per night room rate (plus 13% tax)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

Arrival Date _____ AM PM Departure Date _____

Room Type: (circle one) Doubles King

Non-Smoking Facility _____

Handicap Room: (circle one) wheelchair oxygen tank other

If you circled "other", please explain. _____

*Members with wheelchair disabilities will receive first priority.

One night's deposit must accompany this request to reserve a room. Any form without a deposit will be returned. Enclosed, please find one night's room deposit of \$78.00 (plus 13% tax) = \$88.14 per night

(circle one)

check cash credit card
_____ credit card # _____
type _____
expiration date _____

Your credit card may be charged for the one night's room deposit.

Mail to: Pullman Plaza Hotel
 ATTN: Jeannie
 1001 3rd Avenue
 Huntington, WV 25701

**This form must be mailed to reserve a room at The Pullman Plaza Hotel.
(No phone calls for rooms will be accepted.)**

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER EARLY- THANKS!

CANCELLATION MUST BE 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE TO RECEIVE REFUND.

98TH Annual State Convention

2016

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The American Legion
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I hereby authorize the following advertisement to be placed in the official program of the 98th Annual State Convention of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia, Inc., scheduled July 14-16, 2016, at The Pullman Plaza Hotel, Huntington, West Virginia.

Date: _____, 2016

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UNIT (S) _____

ADDRESS _____

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1251 DOOLIN RUN ROAD
NEW MARTINSVILLE WV 26155-7808

DEADLINE: JUNE 30, 2016

*This form is for any Auxiliary member who isn't a **Delegate or Alternate**
who wishes to attend the Department Convention*