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American Legion Auxiliary
2016-2017
Department President
Tammy Workman



***Standing Strong For
Our Veterans & Sewing
a Better Tomorrow***



Hello everyone,

I'd like to begin with congratulating our newest PDP, Susan Wade on a job well done.

I wish to thank all of you for bestowing your faith and confidence, and electing me President for the 2016-2017 year. I'm quite overwhelmed with the love and support you've all shown to me along the way. I wish to thank all of you who accepted committee appointments and congratulate all of our newly elected officers. I'm looking forward to working with all of you and seeing your article in each month's spirit.

I'm also looking forward to working with our Department Commander, Sherman Baxa and Detachment Commander, Steve Wright this year.

For our theme I've chosen a "Timeless Reflection." We're nearing our one hundredth year but we need to make sure this organization will be strong enough to carry on as long as we have veterans who need us. So we're going to take a look back through the generations, from our Daughters of Liberty during the Revolution era, the Lady Patriots from the Civil War, the Farmeretts from WWI and Rosie the Riveters from WWII. Since everything is so different I thought of ways to sew it all together, and what better way than into one big quilt? Our membership chairman will be our seamstress, and our Chaplain and Historian are spools of thread. We're going to fill our Secretary's hope chest full of membership.

Our motto this year is **"Standing Strong for our Veterans and Sewing a Better Tomorrow."** All members are a piece of the quilt. Our units are Ladies Aid Societies and our Strategic Planning committee will be our Victory Garden, so we can cultivate and preserve our membership. My colors are navy blue and champagne (beige) for a little vintage feel and I chose wild flowers because I just couldn't pick just one. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Fall workshop in September. We will be doing a purse auction for my special project which is the Mountaineer Challenge Academy at Camp Dawson, Kingwood WV.



Department Officers 2016-2017

President-Tammy Workman
1st Vice President-Lisa Cadwallader
2nd Vice President-Rhonda Best
Secretary/Treasurer-Paulette Anderson
Chaplain-Sharon Kauffman
Historian-Ann Buchanan

District Presidents

1st District-Stephanie Handley
3rd District-Carla Wilfong
4th District-Cathy Post
5th District-Beth Kilgore
6th District-Peggy Swartz
9th District-
10th District-Sharon Glassford

District Vice Presidents

1st District-Holly Adams
3rd District-Roxie Nicholson
4th District-Nancy Sundstrom
5th District-JoAnn Hastings
6th District-Kathy Bailey
9th District-
10th District-Sharon Kauffman

Remembering Our Friends

Michelle Hart is continuing having treatments. Please keep her in your prayers. Cards may be sent to:

*Michelle Hart
67 Augustine Ct.
Kearneysville WV 25430*

Leona Kidwell fell and injured her back and is laid up for awhile.

Cards can be sent to her:

*Leona Kidwell
439 Elk Place
Romney WV 26757*

Department Headquarters—Hope Chest

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.

We need to repeat this Mission Statement at each meeting after we say our “Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary”

Spirits: articles are due into Department the **15th of each month**. Spirit is emailed/mailed by the 20th of each month. If it falls on a weekend then it will be sent on Monday of the next week. Please limit your article to 200 words or less. **No additional clipart as the Publisher keeps crashing with too much clipart and I have to redo ALL of it as it won't print out.**

Membership: 2017 cards are either already in the Unit or in the mail to the Unit Membership Chairman. Please read the booklet before you start your membership, especially new Membership Chairmen. There will be extra membership cards, transmittals, member data forms at the Workshop on Saturday this September.

National is honoring our women veterans again this year. Please remember to put “Honor Our Female Veterans” at top of application.

If a member is rejoining, I don't need an application sent in. You may want one for your records to make sure she is still eligible. If you do send one in, write either “rejoin” or her member ID number on the application, so she won't be listed as a new member in the system.

You have to pay your 2016 dues before you can pay back dues.

New members will be accepted September 1st and then will be counted on transmittals.

Updated Membership Roster will be sent to Units with the new Directory.

Directory: will be out in August. It will be sent to all Units, Department and District Officers, Chairmen, Past Department Presidents.

Poppy Brochures: new poppy brochures are online to download. They have updated information to what our poppy funds can be used for. I will have some at the Workshop in September.

Dates To Remember:

National Convention

Cincinnati Ohio

August 26th-September 1st

Department Workshop/Executive

Board Meetings

September 10th

10th District Fall Conference (Joint)

Capon Bridge Post #137

September 17th

6th District Fall Conference

Gary Unit #38

September 24th

4th District Fall Conference (Joint)

New Haven Post #140

September 25th

Commander Sherman Baxa's

Homecoming

October 8th

More Information to Follow

5th District Fall Conference (Joint)

Barboursville Post #177

October 15th

President Tammy Workman's

Detachment Commander Steve Wright

Joint Homecoming

October 22nd

New Martinsville Post #28

More Information to Follow

1st District Fall Conference

Chester Unit #121

October 23rd

*This is all the information I have
Updates in next Spirit.*

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The American Legion Auxiliary

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The American Legion

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for 2016-2017
If you haven't done so.**

Secretary/ Treasure (Hope Chest)





(Timeless Reflections) "We Can Do It"



Membership Chairman

Hello To All,

I want to thank newly elected Department President, Tammy Workman, for this outstanding chairmanship.

In May we spent three days at Indianapolis going over everything our National organization expectations of us this year. President Tammy, Sec/Tres. Paulette and I spent some long days hearing from all the incoming chairman hopefuls. Most of the information was helpful, some not so much for our department.

This year National will not be giving membership status reports only comparison reports. They will be comparing this year to last year, where we stand percentage from then to now. I know this sounds confusing as it was at Indianapolis. However this year we will be praising our members each month. For September all members National, Department, District and Units, ALL levels of the organization who have THEIR DUES paid and posted by September 1st the date in honor of Labor Day, September 5th will be praised. All of this being said I'll be reporting this each month in advance as what National's Praise is for next month.

Now for our Department membership theme Timeless Reflection "We Can Do It". We'll be the women that keep the home fires burning and the light in the window so that the warriors will have a home to return to after the war has ended. WWI are the "Farmeretts" the women that went to the fields and kept the farms going while the men were overseas and WWII are the "Rosie the Riveters" the women that headed to the factories to build the equipment for our soldiers to defend our flag. District VP's are Civil War-"Lady Patriots", Juniors are Revolution War-"Daughters of Liberty." The Units are the "Ladies Aid Societies". Our Dept. Sec/Tres. is our "Hope Chest" and Dept. Membership Chair is the "Sewing Basket/Seamstress". So the rest of the story is we all have titles and we're all part of the Membership Team.

More to story next SPIRIT.

Debbie Fox

Membership Chairman



Department 1st Vice President

Hello Ladies,

Department Convention was great and it was good to see so many. Congratulations to those who won an award!!

Now, its time to work on the new year. Membership cards are ready. To get membership in early sow your seeds, consider doing an early bird special of some kind.: maybe a dinner, a dance, a picnic for early birds or a reduced fee.

District 3, 5 and 10, we are Farmeretts and our icons are hats and aprons. What are farmeretts? Women during WWI stepped up to farm the land while the husbands were off at war.

Our membership theme is (Timeless Reflection) "We Can Do It" and our 1st button (target) is 25% due August 15th, 2nd button 30% due September 15th and our 3rd button 35% due October 15th. Sounds like a fun year!!

Our fall workshop will be here before you know it. So start thinking what challenges you want to make. It should be fun and I hope to see many of you there.

Until next time, happy sewing.

Lisa Cadwallader

Department First Vice

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Department 2nd Vice President

Hello Ladies,

I am really excited about this year and working with Districts 1,4,6, and 9.

District Presidents and Vice Presidents I look forward to talking with you about our membership and how we can be the best Rosie The Riveters ever. I will contact all of you soon. So let's get RIVETING!!!!

I hope to visit several areas this year and I am thankful for this opportunity.

Thank you Madam President
Tammy Workman.

Until Next Month
God Bless Everyone
Rhonda Best
2nd Vice President



Chaplain

Hello ladies,

I hope everyone got home safely from convention.

I hope everyone is doing great.

I wish to thank all members for electing me as your Department Chaplain.

Let me know if anyone isn't well so I can send out a card and a prayer.

God Bless

Sharon Kauffman

Dept. Chaplain



Parliamentarian

President Tammy

It will be my honor to service you this year as your Parliamentarian – Thank You.

Just to let everyone know that I will be seen and not heard from this year, unless I need to address a situation.

All committee chairs I wish you the best this year.

See you in September

Susan Brown, PDP

Parliamentarian



Historian

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve in the position of Historian for the Department of WV. We need to keep our history up to date so that those in future year will know what we accomplished. Our National Organization has a Historian and a History Committee with National Chairman, Cathi M. Taylor, Department of Indiana. We will elect the Historian at the 2016 National Convention in Cincinnati, OH.

The History Committee has the challenge to “preserves, displays and shares the history of the American Legion Auxiliary. The heart of the Auxiliary is in its unique records, items that our officers, members, directors, employees, and volunteers have donated, produced and compiled over the years. They provide unique testimony to the achievements of the organization, stimulate pride and enthusiasm among our members, and are invaluable to society by serving as informative and educational resources to a variety of potential users.”

Our History does not start in April, 2017 when we make our report and write our history. The History for your unit starts when you elect and install the Officers for 2016-2017. It is best to start a notebook NOW and write down each month what the unit has been involved in during the month. Many of the units will start a new year in May or June, so do not lose information by waiting to write down what was done including any awards received at Department Convention,. It may be helpful to have a page of each program and write down what is done each month of each program. Many small events are left out only because they were forgotten. Members can help the Historian by entering what they did during the month and what program they participated in for the unit. Each Department Chairman needs a unit report in January for their National report. So the notebook can be the resource to make the job easy. I am looking forward to hearing from many of you this year.

Ann Buchanan,
2016-2017 Historian



1st District President

Hello Ladies,

I want to thank all of you for bestowing the responsibilities of the 2016-2017 1st District President to me. I am looking forward to working with each unit to reach our goals of the American Legion Auxiliary.

I would like to congratulate our new Department President Tammy Workman. Hope that you have a wonderful coming year.

I am looking forward to an exciting and wonderful coming year in creating more (Timeless Reflection) “We Can Do It” and collecting “Buttons” and “Bows” for membership. Let’s get those Wildflowers growing and blooming!

I still need to find committee chairs for the following: Americanism, National Security, and Children & Youth. If anyone is interested in filling these positions please let me know.

God Bless,

Stephanie Handley

1st District President

stephaniehandley@msn.com

1st District Vice President

Hello Ladies

First I would like to extend many thanks to all of you from the 1st District for giving me the opportunity to be your Vice President.

During this 2016-2017 year I hope to bring in new members and work to promote what a rewarding and wonderful organization we have and all the work we do to support our veterans. By working together and staying in touch we can strive to meet our new Department President Tammy Workman’s vision of (Timeless Reflections) “We Can Do It”. I look forward to speaking with each unit in 1st District, working towards our target dates “Buttons” and reaching our goals “Bows”.

Thank you and God Bless

Holly Adams

1st District Vice President

3rd District President

Good morning Auxiliary Members;

It is a start of a new year. I hope things go better for me so I will be able to visit more Units.

Summer Convention is over now and we need to start on Membership for the new year. I am sorry to say National has added more members to our goal from the year 2016. District Three Units has six (6) more added to last years Goal. So ladies we will have to work a little harder.

I will have more to say in the next Spirit. If any Unit needs my help, please call me at 304-592-0247 you can leave a message and I will call you back (if I do not answer).

Or you can e-mail me at carlajwilfong@yahoo.com

God Bless America
God Bless our Veterans
Carla Wilfong
3rd District President

4th District President

Hello Auxiliary Sisters,

What a great convention ! I hope you made it, if not you surely missed a lot. I really enjoyed making new friendships and rekindling previous ones.

I'd like to congratulate Madam President Susan Wade on a wonderful year and the outstanding accomplishments of her term.

As we move into our new year, I wish, our new President, Tammy Workman a very successful term.

Let's all dig in, get with the programs and build membership to a new all time high.

I must say I was totally shocked to have received the two National Awards for Americanism, I am thrilled beyond words. I thank you for your participation and hard work to the units that turned in reports.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and pray for those in our state that were devastated by all the loss. Continue to send all the help you can.

Service not Self
Cathy D Post
4th District President

5th District President

I want to thank the units and members of 5th District for reelecting me as your District President. I hope that each of you are enjoying summertime weather and are having a wonderful summer. We are now starting a new year and many of our units have some or all new officers.

I wish each unit the best of luck and hope that each unit is planning on having some or all your unit officers attend the Fall Workshop on September 10th in Bridgeport. This is a way to get a good start to the exciting new year.

A very special welcome to our two additional units in 5th District: St. Albans Unit 73 and South Charleston Unit 94. We are looking forward to working with you and your members during the coming year. I will be contacting each unit very soon,

Unit presidents make sure you send in your new officers to Department Headquarters as soon as possible. You should have received the form or it is available on the department website.

Mark October 15, 2016 on your calendar – that is the date of the 5th District Conference at Barboursville Post 177.

Beth Kilgore
5th District President

5th District Vice President

Hello Ladies

The annual convention of the American Legion Auxiliary of the state of WV is now over.

I was glad to see some of the Fifth District ladies were there. I hope you take things back to your unit that you have learned and can use.

I know it has been a hard year for membership. All I can say is I am proud of you and please hang in there.

If you need me to help please call and I will try to help you.

Thank you
JoAnn Hastings
Fifth District Vice President

6th District Vice President

I would like to Thank each and everyone that gave me a warm welcome at the State Convention.

As another year is upon us, membership is always our main goal. Membership is always a challenge.

The new veterans and their families seem to have no time for Veteran Service Organization, but we have to sell the American Legion Family to them. We have a mission that no one other than ourselves understand. We are the glue that holds this family together. We must push forward to reach our goal for the up coming year.

If anyone needs any help or just wants to talk don't hesitate to contact me Kathymbailey56@gmail.com

May each and everyone of you be truly blessed.

Kathy Bailey
6th District Vice President



10th District President

Tenth District congratulates Dept. President Tammy Workman, Lisa Cadwallader 1st Vice., Rhonda Best 2nd Vice, Paulette Anderson Sec./Treas., Sharon Kauffman, Chaplain and Ann Buchanan Historian.

Department Theme: "Standing Strong For Our Veterans & Sewing a Better Tomorrow."

Membership: (Timeless Reflection.) "We Can Do It". Debbie Fox is Membership Chairman. Debbie's Icon Is Seamstress, Paulette is Hope Chest, Chaplain and Historian are spools of thread. Past Department Presidents Cameros, Junior Members Daughters of Liberty, icons "pearls", Dept. 1st Vice Farmeretts, and has District 3,5,10, 2nd Vice Rosie the Riveters and has Districts 1,4,6,9.

8 District Vice Presidents Lady Patriots, UNITS Ladies Aid Societies, MEMBERS Quilt Pieces.

District 1,4,6,9 Scarfs and Tool-belts. District 3,5,10 Hats and Aprons.

Getting started for a New Year.

Thank You,
Sharon Glassford

10th District Vice President

Hello ladies

I want to say welcome to all the new membership chairmen.

My email is skauf01@yahoo.com and phone number is 304-707-5512.

Sharon Kauffman
10th District Vice President

Community Service

I would like to thank President Tamala Workman for the appointment of Community Service Chairman for 2016-2017.

Remember when out volunteering to wear shirt or badge with the American Legion Auxiliary emblem to let the public know who we are.

Thank You
Sharon Kauffman
Community Service

Americanism

Hello Ladies!

I would like to Thank Department President Tammy Workman for the appointment of Chairman of Americanism for the 2016-2017 year.

The Plan of Works will be handed out at the Workshop in September.

We all know how important Americanism is and I hope that all Units are demonstrating this program and keeping track now for reports!!

Susan Wade
Americanism Chairman



Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Hello Ladies,

I wish to thank President Tammy Workman for the appointment as your 2016-17 Auxiliary Emergency Fund Chairman.

The purpose of the AEF Committee is to raise funds for and awareness of the AEF, to promote knowledge about the program, to get the information to members about the application process, and to assist member in need.

The AEF provides eligible members with temporary assistance for:

1. Financial crisis, to pay for food, shelter and utilities. Funds are not available to settle existing or accumulated debts, or to help with catastrophic illnesses.

2. Food and shelter, due to weather-related emergencies and natural disaster.

3. Educational training, due to life changes such as death of a spouse, divorce, or separation, necessitating the Auxiliary member to assume the rule of primary source of support for her family.

In each case, as a first course of action, applicants are encouraged to make every effort to secure financial assistance through local, state and federal agencies.

Will have more information in my plan of works at the Workshop in September.

Thank You
Margaret Yost
AEF Chairman
304-592-1721
mdyost2010@frontier.com

Children & Youth

I want to thank President Tammy Workman for giving me the opportunity to serve as the Children & Youth Chairman for the Department of West Virginia.

The children and youth are the future of our organization, our nation, and our world. We need to take the time to support programs that will benefit them today and tomorrow.

The Children & Youth Program emphasizes protecting, caring for and supporting children and youth, particularly those of veterans' and military families.

The National Goals for 2016-2017 are:

Support Children and Youth in your community.

***"Star Spangled Kids":

***Youth Hero Awards/Good Deed

***Awards:

***Josh dogs:

***April is The American Legion's Children and Youth Month

Support military children and youth

***Kids of Deployed are Heroes 2 (KDH2)

***GI Josh:.

***April is the Month of the Military Child

Support veterans' children and youth.

***Homeless veterans' children

***Klinger, *a Story of Honor and Hope*

I will give information on all the above at the Fall Meeting on September 10th in Bridgeport. I hope many of you will be attending.

I will be reporting all our activities to the National Chairman, Nicole Clapp, Department of Iowa, so please let me know what you are doing in the area of Children & Youth.

Beth Kilgore,
Children & Youth Chairman

Constitution & Bylaws

I would like to thank President Tammy Workman for giving me this opportunity to serve as Chairman on this committee. I will try my best to do a good job. I am looking forward to working with Susan Brown and Vicky Luttrell on this committee.

I would like each Unit that has not revised their Constitution and By Laws to do so. If you are doing this, please include a Cover Sheet, the Preamble, the Mission Statement, and a sheet for the committee to sign off on. I will have examples in Plan of Works at Fall Workshop.

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

Have a safe Summer
God Bless America
God Bless our Veterans
Carla J Wilfong, Chairman

Education

Hello Ladies,

First I would like to Thank our Madam President Tammy Workman for the opportunity to be Education Chairman. We have 2 other Auxiliary members on this committee as well. They are Lisa Cadwallader and Kelly Immel.

I am really excited and I know we will have a wonderful and informative year. I will have Educational Information in the next Spirit for everyone and I hope to see several of you at our Fall Workshop in September.

If you need to reach me or email me, I have included my contact information below.

God Bless You,
Rhonda Best
Education Chairman
304-281-8152
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Flag Alliance

I would like to thank President Tammy for giving me the opportunity to serve as Flag Alliance Chairman for the 2016-2017 year.

I would like to see each Unit hand out the small flags at any or all Parades held in your area. You can order them from Oriental Trading. Hand them out at Veterans Day, any time you are doing something for the Veterans or the Post.

It would be nice if each Unit could learn to fold the flag and know what each fold is for.

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

I will have Plan of Works at Fall Workshop.

God Bless America
God Bless our Veterans
Carla Wilfong, Chairman



Junior Activities

I would like to thank the Auxiliary members for bringing the Juniors to the Summer Convention.

We had a great day on Thursday with six Juniors attending. Juniors finished up their birthday cards for our Veterans that are in hospitals & nursing homes in West Virginia.

The meeting was held by Debbie Fox where we had election for this coming year.

Our young ladies made t-shirts with their handprint being the blue of our flag and drew the red lines in. Everyone enjoyed it. Department President Susan Wade and NEC Debbie Fox & Kelli Immel made shirts along with the juniors. Miss Betty Rae helped keep us all straight and helped in everything we did.

We had special guests talk the Juniors; Commander Kenneth Smith, Detachment Steve Wright, President Susan Wade.

Our Officers for 2016-2017
Department of West Virginia
Honorary Junior President
Casey Michael Unit 60
Secretary Mary - Grace Bannon #16
Chaplain Charli Michael Unit 60

Juniors Co-Chairman
Kelli Immel



Junior Activities-Daughters of Liberty

Leadership

I want to give a very big thank you to President Tammy Workman for the appointment as the Department of West Virginia Leadership Chairman this year. I am aware that there are lots of ways that we can give our members the opportunity to gain training in leadership. The objective of the National ALA Leadership Committee is to increase awareness of all the members to the leadership opportunities available through the Department and National organizations. The National Chairman, Jeri Greenwell, Department of Maine has in the Program Action Plan the following five goals for Leadership.

Learn about and promote participation in the ALA Leadership Academy, which is being developed as a result of the ALA Centennial Strategic Plan.

1. Enhance leaders' knowledge about ALA history, programs and organization.
2. Encourage the use of ALA reference documents and materials, such as the Unit Guide Book, Unit, Department, and National Constitution & Bylaws, Department Operations Guide, ALA Girls State Program Guide, and the national website listing of previous annual reports, to include the Centennial Strategic Plan initiatives.

3. Offer a mentoring program, utilizing the knowledge and experiences of members that have served as leaders beyond the unit level.

4. Nurture a culture of goodwill at all levels of the organization.

I will cover these goals and how we can help the Department meet each of them and how your unit can use these goals to become a more successful unit and develop more leadership in your unit at the Fall Meeting.

Each month I will give two questions on the History of our organization in the hope that when members research the answer (if they don't already know) they will gain knowledge about our organization and feel free to talk to their friends.

Q1: Who was the first President of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Q2: Who was the first President of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of WV.

Ann Buchanan
2016-2017 Leadership Chairman

Legislative

I would like to thank President Tammy Workman for giving me the opportunity to hold Legislative Chairman for the 2016-2017 year.

I would like to see each Unit invite a Congressman, Senator or a local Government Official to a meeting this year. It could be a staff member. Ask questions on what is being done for our Veterans.

I would like to see each member that has a computer contact a representative in Washington DC and receive information from them. Senator Shelly Capito's office sends out each week what she is doing and it is very informative.

I will have the Plan of Works at Fall Workshop.

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

God Bless America
God Bless our Veterans
Carla Wilfong, Chairman

Past President's Parley

Hello Ladies!

I am honored to be the Chairman of the Past Presidents Parley!

I hope all Units are going to start early on The Unit Member of the Year Award!

I will have more in the coming months!!

Susan Wade
NEC

National Security

Thank you Tammy for this appointment.

National Security is maintaining and promoting a strong national defense by supporting service members and their families.

Support active-duty military families by working with a Family Readiness Group.

Wear red on Fridays to support our "Deployed service members."

Check and make sure that the Families have a Blue Star or Gold Star Banner to display.

You can locate a Military Family that you can keep in contact with to show your support.

When service members return home make their homecoming a special day and sign of support.

Community Emergency Response Training: To help in disaster situations. "How To train for FEMA'S Community service. Support the First Responders, your Firefighters and Police. Show your appreciation for what they do. Blood Drives. Make sure we include our Junior members for Youth Preparedness.

Keep watch for more information in the Spirit. Please share this information with other members. Should you have information that can be passed on to others please share.

Keep our Military in your prayers and always remember the families.

God Bless America
"Standing Strong for our Veterans & Sewing a Better Tomorrow".

Sharon Glassford
National Security Chairman

Ways & Means

What a wonderful year we have had in Ways & Means!! Here are the results of this year:

Balance Carried Over: \$1,036.15
 701 tickets sold for \$14,400.00
 Redeposited voided checks: \$100.00
 Total Income \$15,536.15

107 \$25.00 winners \$2,675.00
 5 \$200.00 winners \$1,000.00
 1 \$100.00 winner \$100.00
 Checks ordered \$106.60
 Printer Paper \$2.00
 Total Expenses \$3,977.60

Balance July 3, 2016 \$11,558.55
 Left in Account \$5,275.00

25% Deposited in General \$1,570.89
 75% Deposited in Welfare \$4,712.66

Winners of this year money awards:

Member: Leona Kidwell #91
 (117 tickets)

Unit: Romney Unit #91 (175 tickets)
 District: 10th District (309 tickets)

Congratulations!!

I will have the 2017 tickets available at the September Workshop.

Paulette Anderson
 Ways & Means

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

It will be my pleasure to serve as your VA&R Chairman for the 2016-2017 year. Thank you Department President Tammy Workman for giving me the opportunity to serve with you.

I do not have the National plan yet, but there is always something we can continue to do for our veterans, whether in your local VA hospitals, nursing homes or in your communities.

Hospital and Service to Veterans pins and bars were distributed for the volunteers as earned thru this past membership year; however as I stated, if you believe you qualified and I missed you; please contact me. I know I owe some to some unit members of Ceredo-Kenova Unit 93, but I will take care of ordering them in the next few weeks.

It is never too early to start working on our Comfort Item Drive. Set up a box in your Post home or to place a container to collect money for purchase of items. As I stated at convention, this is one program I "brag" about to our National organization when I report to Central Division about our West Virginia Auxiliary programs.

Hope to see many of you at the Membership Workshop in September.

Mary Waybright
 V A & R Chairman

June 2016 Ways & Means Winners

Winner	Number	City	State	Date	Amount
Larry Mason	466	Rio	WV	6/1/2016	\$25.00
ALA Unit #3	511	Moundsville	WV	6/2/2016	\$25.00
Brenda Schoemaker	533	Purgitsville	WV	6/3/2016	\$25.00
Nancy Cumpston	64	Cameron	WV	6/4/2016	\$25.00
	682			6/6/2016	
Karen Yeager	77	Parkersburg	WV	6/7/2016	\$25.00
Jay Chatman	313	Kimball	WV	6/8/2016	\$25.00
Cindy Walker	993	Augusta	WV	6/9/2016	\$25.00
Jim Hampton	314	Roderfield	WV	6/10/2016	\$25.00
PDP	827	Moundsville	WV	6/11/2016	\$25.00
	747			6/13/2016	
Rose Epling	417	Reedy	WV	6/14/2016	\$25.00
Janet Mann	438	St. Albans	WV	6/15/2016	\$200.00
	334			6/16/2016	
CJ Bell	215	Augusta	WV	6/17/2016	\$25.00
Josephine Cavallo	076	Gary	WV	6/18/2016	\$25.00
	20			6/20/2016	
	849			6/21/2016	
Les Shoemaker, Sr.	878	Augusta	WV	6/22/2016	\$25.00
Bill Chapman	464	Thorpe	WV	6/23/2016	\$25.00
Don Hagerman	597	Welch	WV	6/24/2016	\$25.00
	237			6/25/2016	
Nichole Shepherd	377	Berkeley Springs	WV	6/27/2016	\$25.00
Bill Gaddis	441	Reedsville	OH	6/28/2016	\$25.00
	518			6/29/2016	
Pola Maniskas	764	Huntington	WV	6/30/2016	\$25.00

*Play
To Win*

Call To Department Fall Meetings

September 9-10, 2016

Days Inn Bridgeport WV

This is a notice to all concerned about the Finance Committee Meeting and the Department Fall Executive Board Meeting. The purpose of these meetings are to set up the administrative year for our Department for 2016-2017.

September 9, 2016—Friday West Virginia Room

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

Department President—ex-officio member without vote

Department Secretary/Treasurer—ex-officio without vote

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

5:00 pm—Rhododendron Girls State, Inc. Executive Board Meeting—5 Board of Incorporators, Department President, 8 District Representatives, Girls State Finance Officer, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, Director and Assistant Director

**7:00 pm—Membership Committee—Department President, Department Membership Chairman
Department Vice Presidents, District Vice Presidents**

September 10, 2016—Saturday West Virginia Room

6:00 pm—American Legion Auxiliary, Department of West Virginia, Inc. Executive Board Meeting

According to Department Constitution: Article VII, Executive Committee:

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

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

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

September 10, 2016—Saturday Workshop West Virginia Room

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

Purpose of this session is for instruction to Units/members/Officers and to announce the membership program for 2015-2016 year. There will be some different things for all to enjoy. **ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THIS WORKSHOP.** Good tool for learning if you want to help with leadership in your Unit, in your District and on Department level.

Juniors will have meeting and activities planned for them also. Registration \$10.00 each held in Nathan Goff room next to West Virginia Room.

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

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

RESERVATION FORM
American Legion Auxiliary
Fall Meetings
Officers Training
Department Fall Executive Board

Date: September 10, 2016

Place: Bridgeport Days Inn

Cost: \$84.60 plus tax

Deadline for Housing: September 1, 2016

Name_____

Address_____

Phone Number_____ Unit Name & #_____

Room Type: Single (King Size Bed) Double: (2 Full Size Beds) Handicap_____
Smoking_____ Non Smoking_____
(Can't guarantee rooms will be adjoining)

Please list names of persons rooming with you:

Arrival Date:_____ Departure Date:_____

Check # _____ Amount of Check_____

Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date_____
(One Nights Deposit Required for each room)

Mail Reservations To:

Days Inn
ATTN: Cindy Gibson
112 Tolley Street
Bridgeport WV 26330

2016 Sign Out Sheets (Continued)

Timeless Award ✓

31) Twyla Finley Peggy Roberson

Unit Member of the Year ✓

32) Janice Gamerdinger no one

Poppy ✓

33) Brady Stone (Highest % in Poppy Club) Kanaka Kapa 16#

34) Lorena Jennings (10-150) Linda Crumm #46

35) Sharon Glassford (151 and over) no one

Public Relations ✓

36) Helen Kessler (10-150) Linda Crumm #46

37) Dianne McClung (151 and over) Kelley #71

Unit President Award ✓

38) Tallulah Simpson (10-150) Peggy Swartz

39) Jerri Ritenour (151 and over) Ann Buchanan 16#

V A & R ~~Let's see~~

40) Betty Burton (10-150) Be Linda Crumm #46

41) Anna Jane Williams (151 and over) Carla Wilcox

Total Participation ✓

42) Ina Polsinelli (10-150) no one

43) Jessica Payne (151 and over) Ann Buchanan 16#

Ways & Means ✓

Sold 701 tickets: Seller Leona K Unit #91 District 10+4

August 2016

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Mon

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Wed

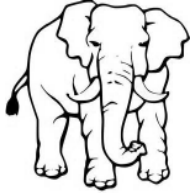
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Spirit Articles Due	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Spirit Out VA Checks Mailed	23	24	25 Office Closed National Convention	26	27
28	29	30	31	Program of Month Leadership National Convention	Office Closed Until September 6th for Labor Day	

Membership 2015-2016 *Filling The Big Top With Members*



Target 11 (July 30th—102%)

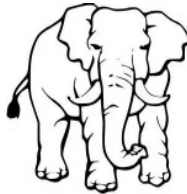
National Goal—8487

Membership To Date—6504 (76.63 %)

Department Unit #200—82



District 1			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	26	17	65.39%
Moundsville #3	365	282	77.26%
McMechen #5	68	39	57.35%
Weirton #10	77	60	77.92%
Cameron #18	230	167	72.61%
New Martinsville #28	163	141	86.50%
Wellsburg #34	32	27	84.38%
Follansbee #45	51	42	82.35%
Benwood #46	117	86	73.50%
Pine Grove #81	111	78	70.27%
Paden City #86	146	109	74.66%
Wheeling #89	40	34	85.00%
Newell #114	50	42	84.00%
Hundred #120	107	64	59.81%
Chester #121	192	153	79.69%
TOTALS	1775	1343	75.66%

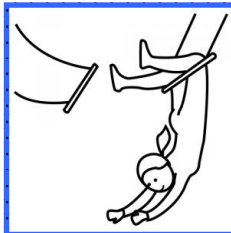


Elephant Keeper

Goal—4520

To Date—3462

(76.59 %)



District 4			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	1011	797	78.83%
Spencer #21	66	46	69.70%
Pt. Pleasant #23	423	335	79.19%
Sistersville #67	159	96	60.38%
Parkersburg #104	14	10	71.43%
New Haven #140	174	150	86.21%
Williamstown #159	202	161	79.70%
TOTALS	2049	1595	77.84%

District 6			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Welch #8	87	67	77.01%
Bluefield #9	34	22	64.71%
Beckley #32	50	31	62.00%
Gary #38	90	78	86.87%
TOTALS	261	198	75.86%

District 9			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Elkins #29	215	165	76.74%
Cowen #62	54	38	70.37%
Lewisburg #69	76	51	67.11%
Belington #96	42	30	71.43%
Richwood #97	22	23	104.55%
Pickens #122	26	21	80.71%
TOTALS	435	328	75.40%



Lion Keeper

Goal—3824

To Date—2960

(77.41 %)

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	271	75.70%
Braxton Co. #33	32	25	78.13%
Mannington #40	22	12	54.55%
Philippi #44	39	25	64.10%
Bridgeport #68	56	52	92.86%
Jane Lew #166	46	40	86.96%
Morgantown #174	35	18	51.43%
TOTALS	860	653	75.93%

District 5			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Huntington #16	302	235	77.81%
Logan #19	19	12	63.16%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	451	324	71.84%
Hamlin #111	61	49	80.33%
Milton #139	82	62	75.61%
Barboursville #177	168	134	79.76%
TOTALS	1083	816	75.35%

District 8			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
St. Albans #73	77	46	59.74%
South Charleston #94	24	20	83.33%
TOTALS	101	66	65.34%

District 10			
Unit	2016 Goal	2016	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	153	154	100.65%
Franklin #30	22	10	45.45%
Piedmont #52	34	38	111.76%
Berkeley Springs #60	251	218	86.85%
Moorefield #64	131	97	74.05%
Charles Town #71	305	230	75.41%
Petersburg #78	108	74	68.52%
Romney #91	310	225	72.58%
Charles Town #102	22	23	104.55%
Paw Paw #128	70	55	78.57%
Kirby #134	54	41	75.93%
Ridgeley #136	118	88	74.58%
Capon Bridge #137	144	128	88.89%
Keyser #152	58	44	75.86%
TOTALS	1780	1425	80.06%

WHO RECEIVES SPIRIT: Emailed to all **Unit Contacts** and any **Unit Officers** with an email address. It is emailed to **All Department Officers, Department Chairmen, District Presidents/Vice Presidents, Past Department Presidents** with emails. Spirits are posted monthly on the website: www.wvvaux.org Unit Presidents **with no email contact** will receive a free copy.

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