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Lisa Cadwallader



Serve & Honor Those Who
Defend our Freedom While
Building Future Leaders



BUILDING
LEADERSHIP

Hello Ladies,

Membership, membership, membership, I know a few units are probably tired of hearing from us. We are trying very hard to get each unit out of the 0 paid members NOW so our Department can receive a \$1,000 to assist us in membership and the wonderful things we do for our veterans. Please if your unit is still at 0 paid members, we need someone to pay NOW, since headquarters needs to have them into national before the end of this month.

Social media, many units have a facebook page and other social medias. Remember we have guidelines and rules at both Department and National levels. We handed out some information in the folders during workshop. More information can be found at the bottom of this page: <https://www.alaforveterans.org/Social-Media/>. There is a link to a pdf file about the national policy. The page also tells you all the social media that National is on and where to find them.

We have formed a committee to work on updating the back to basics book. If you notice anything out dated or would like to see anything included, please let Deedee Kelly, Linda Crumm or Savanna Kauffman know.

Districts 3, 10, and 5, thank you, had a wonderful fall conference. I look forward to District 6 conference this weekend, District 1 the following weekend, and I await hearing from District 4. I'm hoping the leaves are a little more colorful then they were last week. A special Thank you goes out to those Districts that have donated to my special project.

I enjoyed Commander Frank's homecoming and the ladies from Welch did a wonderful job preparing the food as usual. Thank you for allowing me to share in his special evening. And in a few weeks, I look forward to attending Matt's homecoming. I am very honored to be working with both of these fine fellas this year.

My homecoming is over and I thank everyone who came out to share this special night with me. I enjoyed a wonderful evening with all. I also want those unable to attend due to illness that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Halloween and Veterans day are right around the corner. As you plan your activities and are out in the communities eye, please remember to wear gear or post signs that lets others see us out in our communities. Be sure to have some applications with you so if you come across an eligible person you are ready to recruit them in.

I look forward to seeing many old and hopefully some new faces at the up coming district conferences.

Serve & Honor Veterans,
Lisa Cadwallader
LisaC.ALA71@gmail.com



Department Headquarters

Mission Statement

In the spirit of service, not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and 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 our youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

Mandatory Funds: to be a unit in good standing one of the obligations is paying your unit mandatory funds yearly, no later than July 31, 2017. If you are attending Department Convention to be seated as a delegate, then it is 30 days before Convention.

Mandatory Funds are: ***Bonding, Girls State Project, Education, Veterans 1st Fund, Poppies, and 10% proceeds.***

Spirit 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.***

Membership: National is honoring our "new" female 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 ID number on the application so she won't be listed as a new member in the system.

Please don't send me the DD214. They are for the unit files only. Post Officer signature is all I need on application to verify the eligibility.

All applications sent to the Dept. Office needs to be the original. Copies are for you to keep.

Any dues for 2017 dues are considered "back dues" starting with the 2018 year. Please put in the area designated for back dues on your transmittal. Please don't send in 2017 transmittals to pay 2018 dues.

Directory Updates:

Page 8: Tamala Workman has a new address: 110 Florence St. Sistersville WV 26175. All else the same.

Page 13: Irene Weber new email is: irenew21941@gmail.com All else the same.

Page 14: Legislative Chairman now is: Rosemary Thomas, 200 Boundary Ave. Elkins WV 26241. 443-880-2246, mtfromwv@gmail.com

Poppy Shop and Scrapbook Joy Jenkins area code should be (513). All else is the same.

Page 16: VAMC Martinsburg Gift Shop: Joy Jenkins area code should be (513). All else the same.

Page 34: Fax Number for Huntington VA Medical Center should be: 304-429-7596.

Page 25: Martinsburg Unit #14 meetings are now the 3rd Thursday of the month. All else the same.

Online Dues for new year has started. The membership chairman will receive an email from me giving your credit for your unit, and instructions how to process this credit.

Secretary Minutes if anyone would like a copy of the minutes I presented at the fall workshop, email me or call the office and I will gladly send a copy to you.

Please do not staple checks to transmittals.

Dates To Remember

October 28th

***SAL Detachment Commander
Randy M. Bland Homecoming
New Martinsville Post #28***

October 29th

***1st District Auxiliary Fall Conference
McMechen Unit #5 Hosting
Moundsville VFW
114 Grant Street Moundsville***

Department Officers 2017-2018

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4th District-Cathy Post
5th District-Beth Kilgore
6th District-Peggy Swartz
10th District-Sharon Kauffman

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“Soaring High in Membership While Strengthening our Culture of Goodwill”

Membership Chairman

Congratulations to Units 3, 5, 7, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 23, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 38, 46, 48, 60, 62, 64, 69, 71, 78, 86, 89, 91, 93, 102, 111, 120, 121, 122, 128, 134, 137, 139, 159, 177 for your hard work and meeting Target 1! Remember for the Unit to have a chance to win the cash prize, they must attend the Fall and Spring District conferences. Everyone has been working so hard to meet the National challenge of having no Units with 0 paid members. We currently have 61 of the 64 Units!!! The remaining three Units are working very hard to get their members in so that WV can successfully meet the challenge and receive \$1,000!! Great work Districts 1, 4, and 5 for having membership in all of your Units submitted!

The Doves are still soaring higher than the Eagles right now but the gap is very small. Keep up your hard work! Target 2 will be quickly approaching in December.

Membership recruitment tool for this month – highlight paying the first year membership dues for female veterans. Currently WV has only submitted 1 new female veteran membership. This is an appropriate month to reach out to the female veterans as you are working your recognition events for Veterans Days. The key is to have the membership application with you and to ask!!

Don't forget I have special treats to award for all units who have 31% or higher by October 31! There are 19 Units that have already qualified for their treat! What membership trick are you going to use to get your treat??

Soaring High With You,
Heather Fauble
Membership Chairman

Department 1st Vice President

Hello Ladies,

I want to mention how hard the entire Membership Team has been working toward the National Goal for each Department to meet in membership. Hopefully we reach it in time.

District Vice Presidents and Unit Membership Chairmen please make a note that our 2nd Target for Department is coming up. It is for each Unit to reach 50% by December 31, 2017. You may be able to hold a couple of membership drives or use the ALAMIS to help you focus more in certain areas.

Calling all of the Beautiful Doves (Districts 3, 5, 10)—Keep in mind our challenge with the Eagles (Districts 1, 4, 6). So go and search for those new auxiliary members before Mid-Winter.

Be Safe and God Bless!!!

Rhonda Best
1st Vice President



Department 2nd Vice President

Hello lady Eagles,

We have a couple of units who are still at 0 membership. We can change that if the officers send in their membership dues. This will help you from being at 0 paid member. Please remember to call back the District Vices as they have to do reports every month.

If you need any help I am here to help you. I am just a phone call away. I have talked to several of you and thanks for the callbacks. Thanks to the District Vices for all your help; Holly Adams, Nancy Sundstrom, Reba Honaker; keep up the good work ladies. And please remember to update me with the amount of new members.

Have a nice Veterans Day and a Happy Thanksgiving.

Fly High Eagles
Sharon Kauffman
Dept. 2nd Vice



1st District President

1st District Fall Conference is in a couple of weeks. I am hoping we have a good turn out and a successful conference.

All units need to continue to work on membership and reaching our goals. Now is the time each unit needs to re-view their dues since National and Department will increase the amount that we must submit to them. Any changes need to be submitted to Department when you receive the Unit Data Form for next year.

If you have not updated your units' constitution and bylaws or your standing rules recently, please take the time to review them. Make sure you have had made necessary changes that have been made to the wording of the constitution and bylaws based on changes from national.

Hope to see you at Conference
Stephanie Handley
1st District President

1st District Vice President

Hello Ladies,

Membership is moving along but we still have a lot of work ahead of us. So far in District #1 by my records every unit has at least 1 paid senior member. "Congratulations" keep up the good work.

Our next target is 50% membership by December 31, 2017. Continue to make contact with unpaid members especially unit officers emphasizing the importance of paying their dues. Also remember ALA Member Benefits; it is easy just check on line at www.ALAfroVeterans.org – go to members only > members resources > member benefits to find what is available.

Thank you and God bless
Holly Adams
1st District VP

3rd District President

It is hard to believe that it is Fall, but it is. Now is the time for ALL Units to be signing up new members. I know it is hard to make the quotas that have been placed on us, but we need to push a little harder. Get out there, sign up new members and talk to our members that haven't paid their dues in the past years about renewing their dues.

Remember the month of November is Veterans Day. Help hold a dinner for our Veterans, participate in a parade.

At the end of September our District still had two (2) Units with no membership paid. Also two Units with just the Paid up for Life members paid. I would like to see all Units with membership turned in.

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

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

4th District Vice President

Hello Ladies,

Now that the dues notices have been sent out your members should be paying their membership dues. All officers should have already paid their dues. Please don't hold your membership money make sure you get it mailed to our Department Secretary so she can get your membership counted not only for Departments Targets but also need a count of paid members for National Auxiliary.

I want to thank all of 4th District members for paying their dues and the Membership Chairmen for all of their hard work. Ladies I want to thank everyone for everything you do for our Veterans and all the other Auxiliary Programs.

GOD BLESS All
Nancy Sundstrom
4th District Vice President

4th District President

Good Afternoon Ladies,

Happy Fall Y'all! As cold weather is here, please see to attending the needs of our veterans and fellow citizens of your communities, there is a lot of need out there.

Still no word on our 4th District Fall Conference yet. I will try again to reach the District commander and see what his plans are at this time. As soon as I find out, I'll contact each unit by email, text and/or phone. I am anxious to get on with this as this will affect our ability to receive plaques. President Lisa will have her special project set up at our conference, when it takes place.

If you missed out on the Homecomings...you missed a lot. They were both great and we are looking forward to the SAL Commanders, as well.

I am proud that we do not have any "O" units, however; we need to be working harder for Vice President, Nancy. Please feel free to contact either one or both of us if we can help you in any way.

Now is the time to be getting your comfort item collection started. Mid-Winter will be here before you know it! Let me know some of your projects for this fall and winter...I wanna brag on you all!! Don't forget to join your local Post for Veterans Day celebrations and go into your schools, to educate the students about our veterans. My unit will be doing a Veterans Breakfast at the elementary school this year. Also don't forget to encourage Halloween safety in the schools.

Until next month, Thank a veteran.

For God and Country
Cathy D. Post
4th District President



5th District President

What a great Fall Conference we had.

Thank you to Hamlin Unit #111 for hosting. We always have a good time when we go to Hamlin, but they do not have a monopoly on hospitality. Every unit in the 5th District always extend a warm welcome. Thank you to Department President Lisa Cadwallader And Department Secretary/ Treasurer for joining us. You are always welcome in the 5th District.

Department chairmen shared important information with the units at the Leadership Conference in September and that information was distributed at the District Conference to those units in attendance at the Fall Conference. If no one from your unit attended, I will get that information to your unit. If you need the plan of works before I can get it to you, you can go on the Department website at <http://wvaux.org> and download it.

I am so proud of the units for getting their membership in on a timely basis. DO NOT hold membership. Your members deserve the benefits of their membership. You do an excellent job with submitting membership and for that I thank you.

Keep working for our veterans.

Beth Kilgore
President 5th District

5th District Vice President

Hello Ladies,

I hope everyone is healthy in the Fifth District.

The Fall Conference is over. I want to thank the ladies of Hamlin #111 for hosting the District Conference. I want to thank our Department President Lisa Cadwallader, and our Secretary Paulette Anderson for attending our Conference.

Membership is going well but we have a long way to go. Reach out to the members and get them to pay their membership now. Don't forget that your unit must attend the fall and spring District Conferences to be eligible for the monetary prizes. Please don't hold member dues, send them in when you get them.

JoAnn Hastings
Fifth District Vice President

6th District Vice President

District 6 is going to be working with units in the District diligently to improve their membership.

That is one of our main goals this year.

I am very much looking forward to visiting the other Units in our District before bad weather comes.

Reba Honaker
District 6 Vice President

10th District Vice President

Wow Doves!

We're ahead of District 3, great job! A Special thank you for your hard work, for answering calls and welcoming Sharon and I on our Unit visits.

Keep in mind Oct 31st, one paid member is needed from each Unit for the Department to receive \$1000 from National. Membership will need to be mailed in ASAP to meet this goal. If you running behind ask a member to pay on line. Are your officers paid? Having a concern, call or email me. We are here assist.

Next Goal December 31, 2017- 50% Ladies we can do this!

Remember Department Vice Presidents have challenged each other, "Most New Members by Mid Winter" Lets go Ladies!

As members we are each needed to help membership chairman meet their goals. Call your friends, greet new people, remember your Female Veterans, and ask your chairman how you can help. They need our help.

Have a Blessed. Thanksgiving
Linda Schlicht
10th District Vice President
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10th District President

Hello ladies,

We had a good turn out for the District 10 Conference. I would like to thank Capon Bridge Unit #137 for all their help and their hospitality. Our special guests were President Lisa Cadwallader and Dept. 1st Vice Rhonda Best. Thank Connie Pyles for sitting in as Chaplain. Thanks to all who attended.

I would like to thank Keyser Unit #152 for their hospitality in allowing us to attend their meeting. Thank you ladies it was very nice.

Don't forget Depart. President Lisa's Special Project: West Virginia National Cemetery, one in West Virginia State Veterans Cemetery, and a Bronze sign in the old National Cemetery in memory and honor of all Veterans.

Don't forget our Veterans on Veterans Day and at Thanksgiving time.

Sharon Kauffman
District 10 President



Chaplain

Auxiliary Sisters,

I had a lovely time at Madam President Lisa's Homecoming. Everything was just perfect. Fun traveling with Paulette, Susan and Rhonda.

My trip to Welsh was equally as great for Department Commander Frank's Homecoming. I got to see parts of our beautiful state that I had never seen. I am looking forward to SAL Commander Matt Bland's Homecoming as well the end of this month.

As they all begin their journey for this busy year ahead of them, please join me in prayer:

Father, we thank you for this great organization and all its members. We ask your blessings and travel mercies on each of our department leaders. Give them courage to pursue all the projects and dreams in the coming year. Bless our United States and her people. Guide the decisions of our Commander-in-Chief as he makes choices to further our country. We ask this in your precious name, as we are one nation under God, Amen

Please keep all our members in your prayers, many have much need. I ask special prayers for Dede Kelly's little grandson, Asher.

In the spirit of service not self,
Cathy D. Post



Historian

Hope everyone is enjoying all the fall festivals and the beautiful fall colors . Remember to thank a Veteran for our freedom and their service everyday.

I know a lot of the units will be busy with Veterans Day services and also will be getting ready for thanksgiving .

I'm hoping to start getting information from units on what you are doing . To let National about our state that love our veterans, and let the Mountain state shine.

God Bless,
Kelli A Immel

Community Service

Hello Ladies,

I know each and everyone of you do community service. I have heard what you do for the veterans and I am proud of that. Please volunteer to organize or assist with your community Veterans Day observances.

Register services projects on websites, community forums and any social media to attract other community members to participate in your service project. Always wear you American Legion Auxiliary apparel or pin while volunteering in the community.

Thank you
JoAnn Hastings
Community Service Chairman

Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Hello Ladies,

At Fall Board I handed out pamphlets about the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. It explained different information about the AEF. I didn't know it was established in 1969 by an Auxiliary member Helen Colby Small. She was from Wisconsin.

I hope the state of West Virginia this year can again honor our our members with a donation to National to help the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. I'm sure there will be applicants this year because of all the damages done in Florida and Texas due to the Hurricanes, and the floods. Plus the fires out west also.

Our units could come up with some fundraising ideas to make a donation to the AEF program. Whether small or large, anything will help. We have very creative members in the state, so please go for it ladies; every penny helps the cause.

Thank You for any support you can do for the AEF.

Connie Pyles
Auxiliary Emergency Fund
Chairman

Constitution & Bylaws

I have received a list from Paulette of all units that have a Constitution & By-Laws on file with the Department office. I was surprised to learn most units and districts have not updated their Constitution & By-Laws in quite some time. Each unit and district should review these documents every 3 or 4 years to make sure they are compliant with what your unit and district are doing. If you do not have your dues list in your constitution & by-laws, then you may go a few years longer without updating. However, they should be reviewed.

If you would like to know how long it has been since your Constitution & By-laws was updated, give me a call at 304-654-7750, send me an email at MBKilgore@frontier.com, or send me a private message on Facebook.

Beth Kilgore
Chairman

Americanism



Hello ladies,

Veterans Day is coming up, so go out and support our men that have gave us our freedom and our lives to be able to do what we need to do.

Please teach our children about our flag and America; plus when our national anthem is being played to stand with the hand over your heart and if you have a hat on take it off and stand proud to be an American.

There will be more in next month spirit about the essay.

Michelle Dambaugh
Americanism Chairman

Remembering Our Friends

Dede Kelly's newborn grandson, Asher, is in Children's Hospital in Morgantown. He is a "fighter". Please keep Dede, her daughter, and the father in your prayers. You can find more information on Dede's Face book page.

We have several Past Department Presidents who have been ill recently. Let's keep them in our prayers, and I know they would like to have cards sent to them.

Nina Mason's husband, Larry, has been in the hospital recently. Let us keep him in our prayers.

Meaning of our Preamble

When we gather for auxiliary functions, we recite the Preamble to the Constitution. Do you know what the meaning of the Preamble is and why it was written? During the coming year, I will offer you a breakdown of the Preamble is and the next time you recite it, hopefully it will have more meaning for you.

Explanation of the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary

3rd in a series of 11

"To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism..."

The term "Americanism" covers all of the things that have made the American nation great and the American people free. It implies qualities of character as well as principles of government. Under this Constitution's principles, the Legion and Auxiliary have worked, and are continuing to work, to defeat the attempts of subversive organizations to undermine our system. We attempt to build loyalty to and confidence in American ideals, and to develop an American citizenship capable of making America's free form of government a constantly greater success.

Beth Kilgore, Chairman
Constitution & By-Laws Committee

Education

Hello Ladies,

It is officially fall and the changing leaves are a beautiful sight.

I hope that all units are focusing on contacting their area schools and getting the scholarship information out. Remember the Auxiliary has many educational programs to enhance the betterment of student's lives and we need to make them aware.

American Education week is fast approaching November 13-17 and it should be a goal for units to recognize all school personnel not just the teachers, remember the bus drivers, custodians and food service staff that have interaction with the students. Some ideas may be to send a card to all your local schools thanking them for the work they do. Also educate school administrators on how the American Legion Auxiliary can have a positive impact on students.

Please remember to keep track of all information and activities your unit does to support the education program and send to me Holly Adams Dept. Chairman as mid- year reports need to be completed and submitted to Divisional Education Chairman plus a copy to the national Education chairman by January 5, 2018. Therefore in order for me and the committee to create our report I should have those reports about your units education program by the 2nd to 3rd week of December to collaborate a report of all the work our units in the Department have done.

Thank you & God Bless
Holly Adams
Education Chairman
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All Auxiliary Scholarships including the Department Scholarship for 2018 are online on our Dept. website:
www.wvaux.org

Junior Activities

With school started a great patch you can work on is the Americanism Patch. This patch is very educational and a lot of fun to work on together as a group. One of the activities you and your juniors can learn together is how to sign the Pledge of Allegiance, and with Veterans Day right around the corner what a great idea for your Juniors to do at a memorial service to honor our Veterans..

Connecting and involving are Juniors in activities that are interesting to them will only help us grow our Junior membership.

I hope everyone one has a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Michelle Ryan
Junior Activities



Legislative

As members of the American Legion Auxiliary, we need to understand the Legislative Program. We provide information and assistance to members to be able to advocate for the legislative agenda of The American Legion.

The American Legion Legislative Division does not develop its own policies or priorities. The Legion acts as a voice to all divisions. Each year resolutions are brought before the Legion at the National Convention with legislative intentions. Some involve Veterans Affairs, National Security, our Flag and certain items that would help Veterans. Based on the resolutions, the Legion establishes priorities and helps prepare and promote Congressional testimonies.

How can we as members help? We must become educated on the topics. The current TAL Legislative topics can be found at www.legion.org/legislative along with a list of resources you can use. Check back regularly for updates.

Remember to encourage members to subscribe to the Legion's Legislative Updates and the digital version of the Dispatch at www.legion.org/newsletters or www.legion.org/dispatch

The quickest way to be notified that action is needed is by signing up for TAL Legislative Action Alerts at www.legion.org/takeaction. Action Alerts and access to Elected Officials at www.capwiz.com or www.capwiz.com/legion/mim/signup/

Rosemary M. Thomas
Education Chairman

National Security

Hello Ladies,

Hope everyone's staying warm with all this rain.

Heads up if you're interested: National Veterans Creative Arts Festival (NVCAF) will be held October 23-29, 2017 in Buffalo, N.Y. There will be a guest speaker, The National Auxiliary President, The National Legion Commander, The Department VA Secretary, and The Second Lady (Karen Pence) that's going to be attending there.

If anyone would like to see any of the 1st place arts you can go to this link that I have provided: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/veteransaffairs/sets/72157684954101073/with/36506216855/>

This link provided is a video that tells you a preview of what the NVCAF is like: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cnpTNW6rz-0&feature=youtu>

This is something I learned by reading it in the national level. Did you know about air miles? Help a veteran; donate air miles. Veterans that are going to attend the NVCAF for the first time are provided free airfare courtesy of Hero Miles. What a great way to serve the ALA mission by donating your flyer miles to Hero Miles. FYI it's simple to do online. To read more go to this link that I have provided: <https://fisherhouse.org/programs/hero-miles/how-to-donate-miles/>

God Bless
National Security
Savanna Kauffman



Leadership

The first focus area in our 2017 - 2018 Leadership Action Plan is:

Learn about and promote participation in the ALA Academy!

- ~Mentor members, learn their strengths, interests, skills. Promote interest in learning more about the ALA
- ~Build your leadership skills by volunteering for a project
- ~Give your Unit a short presentation on the ALA training opportunities
- ~Survey members to identify interests and skills. Match projects based on individual strengths (*survey form has been supplied to every Unit Leadership Chairman, attached to the Action Plan*)
- ~Hold an event (workshop, brunch etc.) and focus on preparation of reports, applying for awards

National ALA Headquarters website:

<https://www.alaforveterans.org/>

The ALA Academy is here, under 'Members Only', you must sign up/register to access this area

The ALA Training Academy curriculum currently includes:

ALA 101: is the introductory course to the ALA Academy, focusing on who we are, what we do and why we matter. ALA 101 provides a general overview of the ALA and our mission, with information helpful for most new (and not-so-new) members to learn. The entire online course will take about 35-40 minutes to complete. That includes watching the videos and playing the fun learning games.

ALA Communications 201 is the first class in the Effective Communications Module: an introduction to how the ALA uses E-Communication. It also provides basic how-to information about using social media. Other courses planned for this module include a webinar under development, plus an Effective Listening class. This class is part of the Effective Communications Module and only about 15 minutes.

ALA Leadership 201: Living Our Motto of Service Not Self. This course goes over what it means to be a leader and reviews that leadership is not a title — it is helping others to stay mission-focused and leading by our guiding principles. You'll also learn to recognize what leadership is and isn't. By the end of this course, participants will have the tools they need to develop a personal leadership plan. Learn more about the ALA Academy, and get started today on ALA Leadership 201
~ many more training modules coming soon!

Dede Kelly
Leadership Chairman
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Black Friday. Cyber Monday.
What is #GivingTuesday?

We have a day for giving thanks and two for getting deals. #GivingTuesday, November 28, is a global day dedicated to giving back.

Donate to the ALA Foundation on #GivingTuesday to help ensure our worldwide mission of service to veterans, military and their families endures.

Your support leads to job training, shelter, physical and mental health services and so much more.

Gifts to the ALA Foundation on #GivingTuesday will be matched up to the first \$15,000.* What a great way to double your gift and double our assistance to those in need!

Learn more at:
www.ALAFoundation.org/givingtuesday
or call us at 317-569-4500.

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2017-2018 Department President's Homecoming Department Lisa Cadwallader and Department Officers



Public Relations

Public relations is a very important tool for our organization. This is how we share our stories of what we are doing and what we plan on doing.

We all have a story to tell. So make sure we are getting our story out and documenting those stories.

For proper record verification make sure you include date and means of the publication.

I hope all the units are working on telling their story.

Stephanie Handley
Public Relations Chairman

Poppy

There is a Chill in the Air Ladies! Hope everyone is doing well.

November events are coming quickly. Units are preparing for Veterans Day and some are working on events for Thanksgiving.

Think about using your Poppy collection. Set up a special table, place them in a basket to hand out (good job for Juniors), make special pins for guest speakers. If you happen to have one of the special Poppy Centerpieces made by Ms Shirley Davis, use it as your center point.

Ladies be prepared to talk about the Legacy of the Poppies and how donations are used. Remember to share, share and share.

Take pictures with Veterans as you share. Making food baskets, decorate with poppies. I know we have many creative members let your creativity shine.

Keep in mind: Mid Year Reports December 15th, Poster Contest Mid Winter February. Review your Action Plans

May all of you have a Blessed Thanksgiving and remember our Service Families who are not together for Thanksgiving.

Thank you for all your hard work.
Linda Schlicht
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chappylinda@gmail.com



Strategic Planning Committee

Goal 1 Enhance Membership

As we are starting into the Phase II of our Centennial Strategic Plan there are various ways to attract, engage, and retain members.

I encourage each Unit Membership Chairman to come up with at least 3 ideas on ways to carry out **GOAL 1**. Accomplish at least 1 of your ideas before December 1st, and include this activity/event in your Mid-Year Report.

Happy Planning and God Bless,
Rhonda Best,
Strategic Plan Committee



Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation



The Month of November is a busy month. The month of November is National Military Family Month. It was established in 1996 to recognize all the daily sacrifices made by Military Families.

****November 10th is the Marine Corps Birthday.**

****November 11th is Veterans Day.** I hope each Unit in this fine State is helping in a Veterans Day Dinner, Parade, etc.. Our Veterans need to be recognized on this their day.

****Then we have Thanksgiving Day.** Help at a Soup Kitchen, Salvation Army, or even the Mission, a lot of our Veterans are homeless and in need of a good warm meal. So do your best. If you know a Homeless Veteran offer him a warm meal, even if you prepare it yourself.

There is a "Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation: A Guide for Volunteers" available at Emblem Sales. Order it and research what you can do.

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

In the Spirit of Service Not Self for Veterans, God and Country
Carla Wilfong
Chairman





American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

Girls State Chairman

As the leaves fall to the ground, we are all busy getting ready for all the holidays activities that are coming very soon.

Our work with the Girls State Program still needs to have our attention. It is time to make contact at your local schools and lay the groundwork for your work in the spring.

Just a reminder the cost is \$250.00 per girl and the T-shirt is included. Girls State Week will be held at Davis Elkins College, in Elkins, West Virginia the week of June 10th thru the 15th, 2018.

Girls State will not accept PERSONAL CHECKS, if a parent want to sponsor their own daughter or family friend, they must make their check out to the Unit and the Unit will deposit it and make check for Girls State to sponsor the girl of their choice.

Nancy Sundstrom
Girls State Chairman

There were 2 recipients the 2017 year of the American Legion Samsung Scholarship: Jerry Lacy \$5,000 and Alyssa Ehni, \$1,250. Congratulations!!



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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. — Nancy Sundstrom
1307 23rd Street
Parkersburg WV 26101
304-422-1263

5th Dist.— Beth Kilgore
1562 Holderby Road
Huntington WV 25701
304-654-7750

6th Dist. — Peggy Swartz
P O Box 124
Gary WV 24836
304-448-2394

10th Dist.— Lynda Lancaster
PO Box 1037
Ranson WV 25438
304-676-3979

Ways & Means

Congratulations to the September winners! There are still 2017 ways & means tickets available to purchase, in Department Headquarters. I will bring them to the rest of the conferences. You can contact me by email or office phone to get them also.

Don't forget I will need the 2018 ways & means tickets into the office no later than December 31st to be eligible for the January 1, 2018 drawing.

I do have one book of 20 tickets left, and several single tickets. They will be with me the rest of my travels this year.

They make great Christmas gifts to family, friends, and units.

Until next month!
Paulette Anderson
Chairman



September Ways and Means Winners

Tom McFadden	997	Beech Bottom	WV	9/1/17	\$25.00
	320			9/2/17	
	633			9/4/17	
	143			9/5/17	
Shirley Baker	149	Romney	WV	9/6/17	\$25.00
Kevin Rolls	795	North Huntington	PA	9/7/17	\$25.00
	755			9/8/17	
Tracie Pifer	199	Charles Town	WV	9/9/17	\$25.00
George White	261	Belington	WV	9/11/17	\$25.00
Heather Roush	162	New Haven	WV	9/12/17	\$25.00
Karen Thomas	293	Upper Glade	WV	9/13/17	\$25.00
Bill Yealer	190	Parkersburg	WV	9/14/17	\$25.00
	547			9/15/17	
	122			9/16/17	
Jake Bartrug	261	Reader	WV	9/18/17	\$25.00
	990			9/19/17	
Jimmy Hampton	568	Roderfield	WV	9/20/17	\$200.00
Mildred Barber	384	Gary	WV	9/21/17	\$25.00
	624			9/22/17	
Holly Vargos	508	Swan Lake	NY	9/23/17	\$25.00
	577			9/25/17	
Gerald Kauffman	715	Martinsburg	WV	9/26/17	\$25.00
	961			9/27/17	
Lisa Cadwallader	332	Charles Town	WV	9/28/17	\$25.00
	465			9/29/17	
Dawn Lewis	112	Romney	WV	9/30/17	\$25/00



Membership 2017-2018 "Soaring High with Membership While Strengthening our Culture of Goodwill"



Membership Target
December 31, 2017—50%
Department Goal 9446
Unit #200 Goal 88 To Date: 53
Membership to Date: 2612 (27.65%) October 17, 2017



District 1			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	20	4	20.00%
Moundsville #3	423	115	27.19%
McMechen #5	67	37	55.22%
Weirton #10	106	12	11.32%
Cameron #18	257	55	21.40%
New Martinsville #28	211	101	47.87%
Wellsburg #34	42	19	45.24%
Follansbee #45	59	8	13.56%
Benwood #46	125	49	39.20%
Pine Grove #81	106	28	26.42%
Paden City #86	172	66	38.37%
Wheeling #89	33	10	30.30%
Newell #114	51	11	21.57%
Hundred #120	109	13	11.93%
Chester #121	264	54	20.45%
TOTALS	2045	582	28.46%



Membership: 4704
To Date: 1353
(28.76%)

District 3			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	76	29	38.16%
Grafton #12	25	1	04.00%
Clarksburg #13	222	76	35.59%
Elkins #29	245	77	31.43%
Shinnston #31	404	149	36.88%
Braxton Co. #33	41	20	48.78%
Philippi #44	34	1	02.94%
Bridgeport #68	86	25	29.07%
Belington #96	36	15	41.67%
Pickens #122	34	10	29.42%
Jane Lews #166	58		
Morgantown #174	23	1	04.35%
TOTALS	1284	404	31.46%

District 4			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	1067	331	31.02%
Spencer #21	84	29	34.52%
Pt. Pleasant #23	470	134	28.51%
Tyler County #48	29	15	51.72%
Sistersville #67	92	19	20.65%
New Haven #140	206	48	23.30%
Williamstown #159	201	28	13.93%
TOTALS	2149	604	28.11%



Membership: 4654
To Date: 1206
(25.91%)



District 6			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Welch #8	89	34	38.20%
Bluefield #9	16	5	31.25%
Beckley #32	87	13	14.94%
Gary #38	148	67	45.27%
Cowen #62	48	17	35.42%
Lewisburg #69	86	32	37.21%
Richwood #97	36		
TOTALS	510	168	32.94%

District 5			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Huntington #16	335	115	34.33%
Logan #19	20	10	50.00%
St. Albans #73	55	16	29.09%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	476	26	05.46%
South Charleston #94	16	1	06.25%
Hamlin #111	89	13	14.61%
Milton #139	103	31	30.10%
Barboursville #177	231	67	29.00%
TOTALS	1325	248	18.72%

District 10			
Unit	2018 Goal	2018	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	144	38	26.39%
Franklin #30	16		
Piedmont #52	65	1	01.54%
Berkeley Springs #60	334	99	29.64%
Moorefield #64	129	55	42.64%
Charles Town #71	320	110	34.38%
Petersburg #78	119	36	30.25%
Romney #91	349	92	26.36%
Charles Town #102	38	13	34.21%
Paw Paw #128	61	18	29.51%
Kirby #134	64	12	18.75%
Ridgeley #136	129	22	17.05%
Capon Bridge #137	207	45	21.74%
Keyser #152	70	3	04.29%
TOTALS	2045	554	26.60%

November 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<div> <i>Programs of The Month For November</i> <i>Membership</i> <i>Public Relations</i> </div>			1	2	3	4
5 	6	7	8	9	10 <i>Office Closed</i>	11 <i>Veterans Day</i>
12	13 <i>National Education Week</i>	14	15 <i>Spirit Articles Due</i>	16	17	18
19	20 <i>Spirit Out VA Checks</i>	21	22	23  <i>Office Closed</i>	24	25
26	27 <i>Office Closed Vacation</i>	28	29	30	<i>December 1st</i>	

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.wvaux.org Unit Presidents **with no email contact** will receive a free copy.

Purchase/Renew Your Subscription!

\$16.00 per year

Runs August through July Each Year

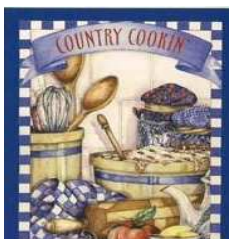
MAIL TO:

**The American Legion Auxiliary
Department of West Virginia
1251 Doolin Run Road
New Martinsville WV 26155**

NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____



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! There are about 50 cookbooks left!!

Cookbooks are \$10.00 each plus \$4.00 (S & H)

If you buy 5 ALL AT ONCE then the 6th one is free!!

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

37TH Annual Mid-Winter Conference
2018
ADVERTISING FORM

The American Legion
Department of West Virginia, Inc.

I hereby authorize the following advertisement to be placed in the official program of the 37th Annual Mid-Winter Conference of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia, Inc., scheduled February 9-10, 2018, at Lakeview Resort, Morgantown, West Virginia.

Date: _____, 2017/2018

Name of Post/Unit/SAL

Please specify exactly how your ad should read. Only the information you supply will be published. An attached copy of your ad is very helpful. Be sure to state if Legion, Auxiliary, or SAL Emblem is requested.

Ad should read as follows:

Authorized Signature: _____

Price List:	Full Page	\$100	Full Page (Color)	\$160
	Half Page	\$60	Half Page (Color)	\$100
	Quarter Page	\$35	Quarter Page (Color)	\$70
	Eighth Page	\$25	Eighth Page (Color)	\$ 50

Please send your ad along with a check made payable to: **The American Legion**
P.O. Box 3191
Charleston, WV 25332

Ad and Payment Deadline is January 16, 2018.
No Deviation

**2017 DEPARTMENT MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
RESERVATION FORM**

February 9-10, 2018
Lakeview Resort
One Lakeview Drive
Morgantown, West Virginia 26508

\$79.00 per night room rate (plus 12% tax)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

E-mail _____

Arrival Date _____ AM PM Departure Date _____

Room Type: (circle one) Doubles King (Additional charge of \$10 for a 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 **\$79.00** (plus 12% tax) = \$88.48 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:

Lakeview Resort

ATTN: Kim Lapana

One Lakeview Drive

Morgantown, West Virginia 26508

Cancellation, at least 48 hours in advance

**This form must be mailed to reserve a room at Lakeview
Resort. (No phone calls for rooms will be accepted.)**

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER EARLY- THANKS!

***CANCELLATION MUST BE
48 HOURS IN ADVANCE
TO RECEIVE REFUND***

YOU ARE INVITED
TO THE 37TH ANNUAL
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 9-10, 2018

LAKEVIEW RESORT
MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA

ADVANCED REGISTRATION - \$20.00
AT DOOR REGISTRATION - \$25.00

RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

I AM SENDING \$ _____ FOR _____ ADVANCED REGISTRATION(S).
PLEASE ATTACH A LIST OF INDIVIDUALS FOR WHICH YOU PAYING.
SPELL NAME AS IT IS TO APPEAR ON NAME BADGE DURING CONFERENCE

NAME (S) _____

TITLE: _____

ADDRESS _____

POST/UNIT/SAL NO. _____

MAIL TO: THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA
PO BOX 3191
CHARLESTON WV 25332

DEADLINE DATE: JANUARY 26, 2018

**2018 AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION
RESERVATION INVOICE**

AUGUST 24 - AUGUST 30, 2018
RENAISSANCE MINNEAPOLIS HOTEL
225 THIRD AVENUE SOUTH
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55401

NAME(S) OF ATTENDEE(S)

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-MAIL:

King/Doubles (\$137 per night plus 13.4 % hotel tax) One Bedroom Historic Suite \$199

Parking rate per day---Self parking \$22 (Sun-Thurs); \$15 Fri/Sat & Valet \$36 Parking

PLEASE MAIL PAYMENT BY MAY 1, 2018

ARRIVAL DATE TO HOTEL	
DEPARTURE DATE FROM HOTEL	
KING OR DOUBLE	

		Quantity	Amount
ONE NIGHT'S ROOM DEPOSIT @	\$156.59		\$0.00
ADDITIONAL OCCUPANT @	\$10.00		\$0.00
REGISTRATION FEE @	\$25.00		\$0.00
NATIONAL COMMANDER'S BANQUET @	\$50.00		\$0.00
SOUTHERN BLOC BREAKFAST @	\$32.00		\$0.00
HOSPITALITY ROOM FEE @	\$25.00		\$0.00
NATIONAL CONVENTION SHIRT@ Name: Size:	\$25.00		\$0.00
TOTAL			

FIRST NIGHT'S DEPOSIT REQUIRED.

WE WILL BILL YOU FOR OTHER CHARGES

PLEASE ORDER YOU NATIONAL CONVENTION SHIRT ON THIS FORM

Check

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE AND MAIL TO:

Total

THE AMERICAN LEGION

PO BOX 3191

CHARLESTON WV 25332

If you have any questions, please contact Department Headquarters at 1-888-534-4667

First Night Deposit Required

PLEASE RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE"

THANK YOU

***You will not be charged for the Delegate fee. If you are not elected as a delegate at your District Convention or on the floor at the State Convention, Department Headquarters will bill you for the \$25.00 registration fee after State Convention.**