



# *The Auxiliary Spirit*



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American Legion Auxiliary  
2018-2019  
Department President  
Rhonda Best

***“Mending Fences While Building New Bridges  
To Better Serve and Support Our Veterans”***



Hello Ladies,

Please take a step back and a couple of deep breaths. I want to “Thank” all of you for your hard work and dedication during the 1st half of this year. Please send any information/pictures you have from events/programs I attended between July and December to Sondra Elson, Scrapbook Chairman. Her email is [sondralynn7@hotmail.com](mailto:sondralynn7@hotmail.com).

Now that we have the holidays behind us we can adjust our focus back on our programs as well as our membership.

National is encouraging everyone to like/join each of their Program Facebook pages. I encourage each of you to upload your events to the appropriate Facebook pages. This enables National to gather pictures and information more efficiently from Departments.

I hope to see many of you at Mid-Winter Conference. I am excited about the wonderful experience and interaction.

God Bless and Be Safe,  
Rhonda Best  
Department President



## **Department Officers 2018-2019**

President-Rhonda Best  
1st Vice President-Sharon Kauffman  
2nd Vice President-Cathy Post  
Secretary/Treasurer-Paulette Anderson  
Chaplain-Kelli Immel  
Historian-Savanna Kauffman

## **District Presidents**

1st District-Holly Adams  
3rd District-Roxie Nicholson  
4th District-Nancy Sundstrom  
5th District-Beth Kilgore  
6th District-Peggy Swartz  
10th District-Sharon Glassford

## **District Vice Presidents**

1st District-Stephanie Handley  
3rd District-Carla Wilfong  
4th District-Patricia Young-Greiner  
5th District-JoAnn Hastings  
6th District-Reba Honaker  
10th District-Debbie Michael



## 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, 2019**. 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:** for Vice Presidents are due by 16th of each month. Target sheets will be emailed on 15th. Officers and Chairmen are due **NO LATER than 17th of each month**. If not in by the dates above will not be able to put in Spirit. Please limit your article to **200 words or less**. Please do not use a lot of **CLIPART** for Spirit. 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.

**Just a reminder,** send me your 990 N postcard verification if you haven't done so. Thank you to units that have.

**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 Department Office needs to be the **original**. Copies are for you to keep.

**Attention:** Back Dues on your 2019 Transmittal Sheet should read:

**Seniors—\$14.00**

**Juniors—\$2.50**

**Remember this is just for Back Dues**

**Online Dues** Members that pay their dues online will have their membership card sent directly to them from National. Membership Chairmen will still receive an email from me .

### *Future Dates To Remember*

**\*\*Midwinter Conference**

**Feb. 8-9, 2019**

**Lakeview Resort Morgantown**

**\*\*Department Convention**

**July 11-13, 2019**

**The Doubletree Hotel Huntington  
(former Pullman Plaza)**

**\*\*National Convention**

**August 23-29, 2019**

**Marriott Downton  
Indianapolis Indiana**

**Spring Conferences in Next Spirit**

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**National Website**

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### *2019-2020 Candidates for*

*Department Officers*

**President—Sharon Kauffman Unit #14**

**1st Vice—**

**2nd Vice—**

**Sec./Treas.—**

**Chaplain—**

**Historian—**

### *Candidates for District Officers*

**1st Dist. Pres.—**

**1st Dist. Vice—**

**3rd Dist. Pres.—**

**4th Dist. Vice—**

**5th Dist. Pres.—**

**5th Dist. Vice—**

**6th Dist. Pres.—**

**6th Dist. Vice—**

**10th Dist. Pres.—**

**10th Dist. Vice—**



### ***Membership Chairman***

As the New Year approaches, I want to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Very Blessed New Year!!

Our Department is currently at 36.56%. I want to Congratulate the following Units for reaching Target #4 at 50%: Wheeling Unit #1; Tyler Co. Unit #48; Bluefield Unit #9; Shinnston Unit #31; Franklin Unit #30; and Moorefield Unit #64. Great Job!!

The Herd is still ahead of the Mountaineers by 7. That is only by 1 Touchdown! I know we have a lot more scoring to do, remember the Field Goals and Safety's!!

I know some are frustrated with the Goals this year, but please do the best you can by Enhancing our Membership. We all need to Remember WHY we are in this Great Organization!! Be KIND to One Another and WORK TOGETHER!!!

I hope everyone is remembering my Challenge for Midwinter. You can still do a Membership Drive! Please bring a summary of your Units Drive and definitely bring New Memberships and Rejoined to the luncheon. Remember a special drawing will be held!

District Vices: Please contact your Department Vice Presidents!! I know that some have been contacted with no response. If we are going to get our numbers up, we have to work together!! Any problems can hopefully be handled by a phone contact or email. We are here to help in any way we can!

Thank you all again for your continued support of the ALA!!

Lets start this New Year on a positive note!! God Bless You All!!

Susan Wade  
Membership Chairman



### ***Department 1st Vice President***

Hello Marshall Herd!

Hello Ladies; hope every had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We have no “0” Units, but we still have a four who are under 10. We have 2 in District 3, 2 in District 5. We are way behind in our numbers. By now all Officers should have been paid.

Call the units in your district to make sure the units under 10 their officers are paid. If you have a problem getting ahold of them let me know I will try. I know the membership is coming in slow.

Right now we are ahead of WVU by 7 members. And we are at 36.56%. I know you District Vices are doing your best, so Thank You and Thank You to all of our members.

Hoping everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Go Herd!  
Sharon Kauffman  
Department 1st Vice  
For God and Country



### ***Department 2nd Vice President***

Hello Lady Mountaineers,

Is everyone ready for Christmas? I know I'm not. I see a lot of you got snow, I do love snow!

As I was going over the membership target sheet, I see everyone is above 10 members, this is great, however; we are still behind those Lady Bison from Marshall. 36.50% to 35.99%, we are gonna have to play catch up. I'd sure like to see us dash right past them. Our highest percentage is Bluefield Unit 9, congratulations ladies!

As for my tip of the month, let's all do a membership drive. I actually did one the day we decorated the Veterans Christmas tree for the town. I passed out three applications to ladies who just came by and so far one has come back with dues paid. Don't forget to follow up, they need to know you want them in your organization. You be interested if they are interested!! I have not heard anything from any of the District Membership Chairmen. Let me know what ever you know!!

I hope everyone is thinking about Midwinter. I sent in for my room about three weeks ago. I'm excited and looking forward to see everyone. Check out other columns to see what we are supposed to be bringing for fundraising.

Until next time I wish you the Merriest of Christmases and a special Happy New Year.

Thank your veterans.  
In the Spirit of Service not Self,  
Cathy D. Post  
2nd Vice President



### *1st District Vice President*

Mountaineers!

Wow! The holidays have arrived!

I know everyone has been working hard on membership. Keep up the hard work, but the work is not done. Has your unit held a membership drive? Maybe have a holiday party membership drive? Get together with the Post and SAL and hold a joint membership drive.

Target #4 of 50% was on December 15th. There was one unit that met target and many more just missed it by a couple of percentage points. Everyone is doing a great job, but just need to find a way to wrangle in more members, New and old.

God Bless,  
Stephanie Handley  
1st District Vice President

### *3rd District Vice President*

Merry Christmas to all Auxiliary Members. The end of the year is upon us and we need to make sure we have our dues paid as they run out December 31st.

Make sure all Officers have their dues paid. Do not hold dues as they are important. You do not have to wait until you receive notice from National. If you have not paid them do so now.

Congratulations to Shinnston Unit 31 for making December Target #4 of 50%. Keep up the good work. Jane Lew 166 is at 47.69% just a few more. Buckhannon 7 is at 43.37%, Elkins 29 at 43.48%, Braxton County #33 at 43.75% and Pickens at 41.46%. Keep up the good work ladies. Units not listed are doing a good job also. We have one Unit under 10 so ladies get out there and work hard send in your dues. Remember after January 1st your Unit is not in good standing.

If you need my help, please call me at 304-592-0247 or e-mail me at : [carlajwilfong@yahoo.com](mailto:carlajwilfong@yahoo.com) and I will help you best I can.

God Bless America and our Troops  
Carla Wilfong,  
3rd District Vice-President

### *4th District President*

Greetings to Members of the 4th District,

Although there are only seven Auxiliary Units in District 4 our goal for 2019 is 2,236 members! December 15th was the deadline for our Membership Target #4. We were shooting for 50% membership in each Unit. I am proud to announce Tyler County #48 reached 66.67%. Yay! Go Mountaineers!! Following close behind is Sistersville #67 with 40.57%; Parkersburg #15 at 37.04%; Williamstown #159 at 34.88%; New Haven #140 at 34.55%; Spencer #21 at 31.63%; and Pt. Pleasant #23 at 30.58%.

By the time this "Spirit" newsletter goes to print the membership statistics will increase. Every member counts so Auxiliary Membership Chairmen, please don't hold dues. Process them as soon as possible!

Please keep in mind we are "Enhancing and Strengthening Our Membership Through Teamwork, Good Communication, and our Mission."

Members, always carry some ALA Membership applications with you. There are potential members around every corner just waiting to be invited to join our great organization. Remember to recruit, retain and reinstate members!

**If you love your Freedom,  
thank a Veteran!**

Patsy Young-Greiner  
4th District Vice President  
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### *5th District Vice President*

Hello Herd,

I want to thank Milton Unit 139 for making target in the Fifth District. Please keep up the good work.

Membership is slow right now but keep up the good work, and please remember don't hold dues get them in as soon as possible.

Holidays are here at last. Please remember to reach out to our Veterans, homeless, children, active military this holiday season. God bless each and every one of them.

Have a blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

JoAnn Hastings  
Fifth District Vice President

### *10th District Vice President*

Hello Ladies!

The Marshall Thundering Herd is still ahead in membership, but not by much. Let's keep moving forward to remain in 1st place.

Congratulations to Franklin #30 and Moorefield #64 for making the 50% Target. Great job, ladies! Martinsburg #14, Charles Town #102, Kirby #134 and Keyser #152 are very close. Keep up the good work!

It appears that membership is coming in at a slower pace in the other units. I realize that no one has any control on this. Members basically pay when they want to.

In my phone conversations (which I really enjoyed) with many of you I have learned one thing that is a common feeling with most units. Many units have lost the desire to make goal, as National has placed it out of reach. It's kind of like riding a bike on a ten mile journey only to realize in all that effort, you didn't even move.

This has left many units bitter. I, for one agree. It used to exciting to get those last few members to reach our goal. I remember when the goal was to have 1 more member than the year before and most units reached goal.

Well, I guess we can't do anything to change National. Let's just set our own goals. Let's get as many new members as we can, reinstate those old ones and retain the ones we have. If we do this, we will make "Our Goals". After all, doing your best at something is always the most important thing you can do.

I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2019! Spend this time with family and friends and remember those who are not so fortunate. Spread the love and kindness!

Please contact me if I can help you in any way.

Debbie Michael  
10th District Vice President  
[katndebbie@gmail.com](mailto:katndebbie@gmail.com)



### *4th District President*

Greetings Ladies,

I know we all have been very busy since the holidays season began and you are all working very hard in your communities doing a variety of good things for your local Veterans and Children & Youth.

One thing we have to put up front right now is our membership. We need our members so please remind your members that there 2018 membership cards will be delinquent and all benefits are suspended if not paid by January 1, 2019.

Remember ladies we are here for our Veterans so don't forget about all of the homeless veterans out in cold weather snow and rain, so let's try and do as much as we can do as a Unit for these men and women that fought for our Freedom and always keep them in our prayers.

Hope to see all 4th District Members at Mid-Winter in February 2019.

Merry Christmas to all my Auxiliary Sister's and your Family; if traveling be safe.

God Bless All  
Nancy Sundstrom  
4th District President



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### *5th District President*

I hope everyone is having the happiest of holiday seasons and you have been able to relax and enjoy all the excitement they bring.

January and February are typically slow months for activities in any organization. But during that time, we still have servicemen and women deployed and fighting for the many freedoms we enjoy. While we are experiencing this down time, let us not forget the needs of these brave warriors or their families do not take a break. They still need your help and support.

I have been seeing pictures and messages on Facebook of some of the Holiday activities the Units are doing. Keep up the great work and remember to send a mid-year report to the various chairmen about your activities. Include pictures with these reports.

I hope many of you are planning on attending the Mid-Winter Conference in Morgantown the second weekend in February. Don't forget your silent auction gift for Saturday of Midwinter Conference. Also, don't forget the poppy posters if you have any. It should be a great time.

See you there!  
Beth Kilgore,  
5th District President



### *Chaplain*

Hoping everyone had a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Midwinter, be safe in your travels.

Thank you to the ones who sent in mid year reports. Hope I get more for end of year. We need to make sure we're letting people know what we are doing in our units and department.

Please remember our service personnel and our Veterans in our daily prayers.

*Matthew 5:16 - Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

God Bless  
In God and Country  
Kelli A Immel



### *Historian*

Hello Ladies,

I hope you members are having a good holiday with your families. Out of all the units I only received one report.

Keep on keeping track of your history, theses reports are very important for your unit reports.

Would like to see more reports at the end.

Thanks  
Savanna Kauffman  
Historian



### *2018 Beckley VA Gift Shop*

*We held the Beckley gift shop on 12/5/18. We served a total of 70 veterans, including the adult daycare guys!*

*WOAY news came and did a news segment. Department President Rhonda Best did a great job with the interview.*

*Santa's elves were myself, Carla Musick & husband George Webster, my grandson Trevor Musick, who also volunteers with cheer parties & the fishing trips. We gave a few treats to passerby vets.*

*We would like to thank Linda Crumm & Unit 46 for their donation.*

*We also want to let the ladies from Gary & Welch know we missed them! Hope to see all next year.*

*Merry Christmas & a Blessed New Year  
Sandy Musick  
Chairman*

## Constitution & Bylaws

I know Units are very busy during this time of the year, but it has been very slow receiving Constitution & By-Laws so far this year. Activities typically slow down during the next few months so I hope your Unit will use this time to review your Constitution & By-Laws. Many Units updated theirs last year and that is fantastic but there are still many Units who need to update theirs.

Remember a by-law revision is a major overhaul of the bylaws. Units, your constitution and by-laws ensure you are operating according to your agreed-upon rules. It is the best environment in which to accomplish your goals and objectives.

If you have any questions or I can help you in any way, feel free to call me at 304-654-7750 or email me at [MBKilgore@frontier.com](mailto:MBKilgore@frontier.com)

Beth Kilgore  
Chairman

## Children & Youth

Hello To All,

I know it's really been a busy time of year. You and your unit have worked so hard on Children & Youth Programs, it makes me sad that no one wants to report what has been done. We have so many different ways to work for our military and community children.

- \*Star Spangle Kids
- \*Constitution Day
- \*The American Legion Oratorical Contest
- \*Josh Dog Program
- \*Good Deed & Youth Hero Awards
- \*Purple Up Day
- \*Child Welfare Foundation (CWF)

This is the list of programs the American Legion Auxiliary sponsors or participates. Never mind the back to school parties, the Halloween and Christmas parties. Less than 10% of our units sent mid year reports. So very sad when I know you're working the program. I don't want anyone to think I'm the mid report police but sure is disappointing.

Hope to see everyone at mid winter.

For God and Country,  
Debbie Fox  
C&Y Chairman



## Education

Happy New Year!

I would like to ask you to add to any resolutions you may have already made. Why not resolve to give school children a new year's start by collecting school supplies under Auxiliary's Give 10 to Education program.

Those items they were given back in the fall are long gone. On the national website, [alaforveterans.org](http://alaforveterans.org), under the Education plans of action (2017-2022), there is a list of suggested items. Some things other than the usual pencils or crayons are hand sanitizer, baby wipes, paper towels, sports equipment, donations to the library or established scholarships. This list has a column for tallying the items and a column for a monetary value for reporting purposes.

A printable citation for participating in the Give 10 to Education is also available on the website. Make sure you acknowledge all donations.

Check your school (s) to see if they participate in the Box Tops for Education program and if they do, start saving the box tops for school supplies. Look on the internet for companies/products that offer Box Tops for Education.

Dianne McClung,  
Chairman  
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## Public Relations

MERRY Christmas and Happy Holidays,

Please send your mid-year public relations report to me as soon as possible. I'm sure each unit has some news to report on what exciting things they did for our veterans and communities. Each unit has some kind of story to tell, but just remember that we are only at the half way mark for the year. Keep working on getting the word out on who the ALA is and what we do. Let the people of your communities know about the great things we do for our veterans and their families.

For service not self,  
Stephanie Handley  
Public Relations Chairman  
[stephaniehandley@msn.com](mailto:stephaniehandley@msn.com)

## Junior Activities

Hi Ladies,

By the time you are reading this Spirit; Mid-year reports will already be submitted. I am sad to say that I only received reports from 2 units. Thank you to Martinsburg #14 and Berkeley Springs #60.

I know there are units that have Juniors who do many things. Please document these things for the Year-end report and send, email or call me and I will keep them to use for the report. We want National to know what our West Virginia Juniors are doing!

Don't forget about our "We Care" project. If you didn't/couldn't do something for the holidays, do it anytime. Take a meal, cake, pie, cookies or just anything that would brighten someone's day. Remember our Veterans and our American Legion Family and those lonely people in your community. Take your Juniors with you to teach them this act of kindness.

I hope you are making plans to bring those Juniors with you to Mid-winter Conference in Morgantown in February.

Again, if there is anything that you would like me to do or emphasize, please let me know.

Here's wishing everyone a wonder Christmas and a super good 2019!

Juniors are Such a Joy!

Junior Activities  
Debbie Michael  
[katndebbie@gmail.com](mailto:katndebbie@gmail.com)



## 100 Years of Celebration 1919-2019



As Beth explained last month, we have had to pull back on what we had planned for mid-winter. We have been asked to hold off at the department level actually doing things gearing up for the 100th Anniversary, since it is the Legion's 100th and not wanting to infringe. This however, does not mean Units should not do stuff this year to gear up, actually National is encouraging it. Besides items you were planning on pulling for our Mid-Winter event, hang on to, I believe they are planning to do this next year.

Be sure to watch the Rose Bowl Parade Jan. 1, 2019 at 8 am. The American Legion will have a beautifully designed float, 3rd in line, right after the Marine Corp. The National Commander, Auxiliary President and S.A.L. Commander along with four Medal of Honor recipients; Hershel "Woody" Williams, Ron Rosser, Walter "Joe" Marm and Britt Slabinsk.



Lisa Cadwallader, Chairman  
Roxie Nicolson, Committee Member  
Beth Kilgore, Committee Member

## Past President's Parley

Hope you are looking for Auxiliary members to submit for the Timeless Award. This can be anyone who is not a current Department officer, as long as they have held their membership for the past three years. This includes her work within the Auxiliary and outside the Auxiliary though her life time, not just the past year. This includes but not limited to other organizations, churches, and within the community. Many of our members go above and beyond and we lack in submitting them for these awards. Please look to see if anyone in your unit should be submitted for the Timeless Award or the Unit Member of the Year Award.

Merry Christmas &  
A Safe and Blessed New Years  
Lisa Cadwallader  
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## Poppy

Greetings Ladies,

I would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe holiday. Please remember to send your Mid Year Report by 12/31/2018. I need these reports so that I can forward a combined report to National.

Don't forget to bring your Poppy Corsage to Mid-Winter for display we will have containers available for you to vote on your favorite Poppy Corsage All proceeds goes to the Department Welfare Fund.

Keep our Veterans and their Families in your Prayers this holiday season.

Happy Holidays to all my Auxiliary Sister's and their Families and safe travels.

God Bless all  
Nancy Sundstrom  
Poppy Chairman



## Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Merry Christmas to all Auxiliary Members and their families.

It is that time of the year. Please e-mail me your Mid-Year report, as my report has to be in on January 5th. Tell me what your Unit has done so far, it does not have to be long.

Now is the time to purchase your Comfort Items, If you are purchasing and taking directly to Hospital or Nursing Home near you, check with them see what they need. Also check on if you can take Chap Sticks especially at the Nursing Homes, because they can be eaten.

While we are thinking of our families at this time of the year, please remember our veterans, troops over seas, and our homeless; do what you can for them.

When you bring items to Mid-Winter don't forget your forms and a total of cost for reporting.

If you know who is picking up for the hospital or nursing home near you, please let me know who it will be. Keep up the good work.

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

God Bless America and our Veterans  
Carla Wilfong,  
VA&R Chairman

## Rhododendron Girls State

Rhododendron Girls State will be held June 9 -June 14, 2019 at Davis & Elkins College in Elkins, WV.

Once again the cost is \$250 per citizen and this includes the cost of the parade t-shirt.

Please be in contact with your schools personnel. Please feel free to contact me or your district representative if you have any questions.

Happy New Year!  
Lynda Lancaster  
Girls State Chairman





*There are plenty of 2019 tickets still available in the Dept. Headquarters.*

*If your unit hasn't received any or anyone wishes to purchase for themselves, contact this office.*

*The tickets are WV only fundraiser and 75% goes to our VETERANS programs.*

*Thank you in advance.  
Paulette Anderson  
Susan Wade*



**2019 Fundraiser  
Tickets Are Due into  
Department  
Headquarters  
NO LATER than  
December 31, 2018 to  
be eligible for January  
1st Drawing**

## November Ways and Means Winners

<i>Name</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Harry George	771	Newell	WV	11/1/18	\$25.00
Tim Anderson	090	Welch	WV	11/2/18	\$25.00
Tom Viselli	449	Romney	WV	11/3/18	\$25.00
Sherri Sparks	385	Bluefield	VA	11/5/18	\$25.00
	868			11/6/18	
	596			11/7/18	
Rick Shobe	578	Petersburg	WV	11/8/18	\$25.00
Charles Honaker	084	Welch	WV	11/9/18	\$25.00
Sue Sager	412	Moorefield	WV	11/10/18	\$25.00
Nancy Blosser	340	Wheeling	WV	11/12/18	\$25.00
Mary Jo Thomas	423	Fairmont	WV	11/13/18	\$25.00
PDP Club	430	Moundsville	WV	11/14/18	\$25.00
	468			11/15/18	\$25.00
Jeff Wisley	009	Lavalette	WV	11/16/18	\$25.00
Judy McAllister	226	Wellsburg	WV	11/17/18	\$25.00
David Sigman Sr.	041	New Haven	WV	11/19/18	\$25.00
	928			11/20/18	
Mary Jo Thomas	526	Fairmont	WV	11/21/18	\$200.00
	753			11/22/18	
	658			11/23/18	
John Bolner	081	St. Clairsville	OH	11/24/18	\$25.00
Connie Rayl	533	Wheeling	WV	11/26/18	\$25.00
Elaine Davis	482	Keyser	WV	11/27/18	\$25.00
Brenda Shoemaker	737	Purgitsville	WV	11/28/18	\$25.00
Karen Ali	060	Moundsville	WV	11/29/18	\$25.00
PDP	776	Moundsville	WV	11/30/18	\$25.00



# Enhancing and Strengthening Our Membership Through Teamwork, Good Communication, and Our Mission

**Target #4—December 15th—50%**  
**Department Goal—9966 Membership to Date—3644 ( 36.56 %)**  
**Department Unit Goal—86 Membership to Date—63**

District 1			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	26	15	57.69%
Moundsville #3	428	129	30.14%
McMechen #5	73	30	41.10%
Weirton #10	112	30	17.86%
Cameron #18	262	103	39.31%
New Martinsville #28	217	100	46.08%
Wellsburg #34	48	13	27.08%
Follansbee #45	65	29	44.62%
Benwood #46	131	52	39.69%
Pine Grove #81	112	40	35.71%
Paden City #86	178	63	35.39%
Wheeling #89	39	14	35.90%
Newell #114	57	19	33.33%
Hundred #120	115	31	25.96%
Chester #121	269	85	31.60%
<b>TOTALS</b>	2132	753	35.32%



**Special Teams  
Coach  
Goal—4915  
To Date—1794  
36.50 %**

**Membership  
Chairman  
Special Teams  
Coach**



**Special Teams  
Coach  
Goal—4965  
To Date—1787  
35.99 %**



District 3			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	83	36	43.37%
Grafton #12	32	1	3.13%
Clarksburg #13	230	47	20.44%
Elkins #29	253	110	43.48%
Shinnston #31	412	216	52.43%
Braxton County #33	48	21	43.75%
Philippi #44	41	10	24.39%
Bridgeport #68	93	31	33.33%
Belington #96	43	16	37.21%
Pickens #122	41	17	41.46%
Jane Lew #166	65	31	47.69%
Morgantown #174	30	11	22.13%
<b>TOTALS</b>	1371	547	39.90%

District 5			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Huntington #16	347	116	33.43%
Logan #19	30	8	26.67%
St. Albans #73	65	28	43.08%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	489	117	23.93%
South Charleston #94	26	8	30.77%
Hamlin #111	99	33	33.33%
Milton #139	113	54	47.79%
Barboursville #177	243	79	32.51%
<b>TOTALS</b>	1412	443	31.37%

District 10			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	151	64	42.38%
Franklin #30	19	15	78.95%
Piedmont #52	72	13	18.06%
Berkeley Springs #60	338	129	38.17%
Moorefield #64	136	76	55.88%
Charles Town #71	326	115	35.28%
Petersburg #78	126	45	35.71%
Romney #91	353	121	34.28%
Charles Town #102	45	27	60.00%
Paw Paw #128	68	22	32.35%
Kirby #134	71	33	46.48%
Ridgeley #136	136	42	30.88%
Capon Bridge #137	214	66	30.84%
Keyser #152	77	36	46.75%
<b>TOTALS</b>	2132	804	37.71%

District 4			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	1080	400	37.04%
Spencer #21	98	31	31.63%
Pt. Pleasant #23	484	148	30.58%
Tyler County #48	33	22	66.67%
Sistersville #67	106	43	40.57%
New Haven #140	220	76	34.55%
Williamstown #159	215	75	34.88%
<b>TOTALS</b>	2236	795	35.55%

District 6			
Unit	2019 Goal	2019	% of Goal
Welch #8	100	47	47.00%
Bluefield #9	28	22	78.57%
Beckley #32	98	32	32.65%
Gary #38	159	62	38.99%
Cowen #62	62	22	35.48%
Lewisburg #69	100	33	33.00%
Richwood #97	50	21	42.00%
<b>TOTALS</b>	597	239	40.03%

# January 2019

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1 <i>New Years Day Office Closed</i>	2	3	4	5
6	7 <i>Membership Unit Data Form Mailed</i>	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 <i>Target #5 60%</i>	16	17 <i>Spirit Articles Due</i>	18	19
20	21 <i>Spirit Out VA Checks</i>  <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 <i>Year End Reports Out</i>	29	30	31		



***American Legion Auxiliary***

***Berkeley Unit #14***

***Announces Sharon A. Kauffman***

***As a Candidate for Department President***

***For the year 2019-2020***

**2019 DEPARTMENT MID-WINTER CONFERENCE  
RESERVATION FORM**

February 8-9, 2019  
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!**

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

YOU ARE INVITED  
TO THE 38<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 8-9, 2019

LAKEVIEW RESORT  
MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA

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

RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

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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 31, 2019**

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38th Annual Mid-Winter Conference  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Conference Program  
Lakeview Resorts, Morgantown WV

**Friday, February 8, 2019**

8:00 am Comfort Items Open \_\_\_\_\_ Ballroom 3  
12:00- 7 pm Registration \_\_\_\_\_ Main Foyer  
2:00-2:30pm Policy & Procedures \_\_\_\_\_ Ballroom 1 & 2  
3:00-4:00pm Girls State Executive Board Meeting \_\_\_\_\_ Ballroom 1 & 2  
4:15-4:45pm Centennial Strategic Planning Committee Meeting \_\_\_\_\_ Ballroom 1 & 2  
Back to Basics Meeting \_\_\_\_\_ Ballroom 1 & 2  
6:00-6:45pm Membership Team \_\_\_\_\_ Ballroom 1 & 2  
7:00-9:00pm Opening Joint Session \_\_\_\_\_ Ballrooms 4-5-6

**Saturday, February 9, 2019**

8:00am -12:00 pm Registration \_\_\_\_\_ Main Foyer  
8:00am -2:00 pm Silent Auction \_\_\_\_\_ Main Foyer  
8:30am Opening Session \_\_\_\_\_ Chestnut Room  
Call to Order \_\_\_\_\_ Rhonda Best, President  
Prayer \_\_\_\_\_ Kelli Immel, Chaplain  
Moment of Silence  
Pledge of Allegiance \_\_\_\_\_ Tammy Workman, Americanism Chairman  
National Anthem \_\_\_\_\_ Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Music Chairman  
Preamble of Constitution \_\_\_\_\_ Beth Kilgore, Constitution & Bylaws Chairman  
Mission Statement \_\_\_\_\_ Rosemary Thomas Leadership Chairman  
8:40am Welcome \_\_\_\_\_ Rhonda Best, President  
8:45am Chapel-4-Chaplains \_\_\_\_\_ Kelli Immel Chaplain  
9:00 am Juniors Session \_\_\_\_\_ Chestnut Room 1  
9:00am Military Child Table \_\_\_\_\_ Debbie Fox, Children & Youth Chairman  
9:30am Membership (Introductions and Certificates) \_\_\_\_\_ Susan Wade, Membership Chairman  
10:00am Committee Chairmen (Reports/Year End Reporting) \_\_\_\_\_ Department Committee Chairmen  
10:30am Girls State \_\_\_\_\_ Michelle Sirbaugh, Director  
10:45am 2018 Rhododendron Girls State Governor  
Nataya Bartlett  
Wheeling WV  
11:00am Family Feud Game \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Team  
11:30am Headquarters (Forms & Information) \_\_\_\_\_ Paulette Anderson, Secretary  
11:45am Membership Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_ Hotel Restaurant  
Susan Wade and Membership Team  
“WVU & Marshall Huddle Up”

1:00pm Reconvene  
Centennial Strategic Planning Committee  
1:30pm Complaint Free World (Will Bowen) \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Rosemary Thomas, Leadership  
Our Mission Statement and What It Means To Us \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Rosemary Thomas, Leadership

***Silent Auction Closes at 2:00 pm***

***Please pick up your items and pay for them right after Adjournment***

2:45pm Poppy Poster & Poppy Arrangements \_\_\_\_\_ Nancy Sundstrom, Poppy Chairman  
Comfort Items Report \_\_\_\_\_ Carla Wilfong, V A & R Chairman  
Silent Auction Raffle Basket Drawing \_\_\_\_\_ Roxie Nicholson  
Ways and Means Report \_\_\_\_\_ Paulette Anderson, Treasurer  
3:00pm Updates & Announcements \_\_\_\_\_ Paulette Anderson, Secretary  
Adjournment  
4:00pm Post Everlasting \_\_\_\_\_ Ballroom 4-5-6  
6:00pm Commander's and President's Reception \_\_\_\_\_ Ballroom 4-5-6

***2019 Midwinter Membership Luncheon***

***Saturday February 9, 2019***

***Lakeview Resort Morgantown***

***“Hot Sandwich Buffet”***

***MENU***

***Soup du jour***

***Homemade Pasta Salad***

***Choices of Sandwiches Include:***

***Grilled Chicken Breast, Traditional New York Style Reuben***

***Lakeview’s Signature Crab Cakes***

***Seasoned French Fries***

***Condiment Display***

***Coffee, Tea, Water***

***Price \$23.00 each person***

***Advance Registration with Payment Needed by January 31, 2019***

***NO DEVIATION***

***List of Names Attending:***

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***Since This Is a Buffet You Don’t Have to List Allergies***

***Send Form and Payment to: ALA Dept. Treasurer***

***1251 Doolin Run Road***

***New Martinsville WV 26155***

# ***SILENT AUCTION***

***SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2019***

***MIDWINTER CONFERENCE***

***LAKEVIEW RESORTS MORGANTOWN WV***

***Roxie Nicholson and Susan Brown will be Handling the Silent Auction***

***ITEMS May BE SPECIAL BASKETS—***

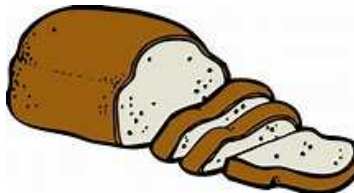
***VALENTINES, ST. PATRICK DAY, FOOTBALL, MOVIE THEME, ETC.***

***WREATHS, FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS, QUILTS,***

***GIFT CARDS, BAKED GOODS, AFGHANS***

***BRING ON SATURDAY BY 8:00AM***

***IF WRAPPED, INCLUDE LISTING OF WHAT IS INSIDE***



***A SPECIAL THEME BASKET WILL BE RAFFLED OFF AT THIS AUCTION***

***ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE DEPARTMENT WELFARE FUND***



***American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of West Virginia***

**Comfort Item Drive**

UNIT/POST/SQUADRON # \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

PERSON IN CHARGE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ITEMS DONATED \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

VALUE OF DONATION \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*\* turn this form in with your donation or tape to your box  
(s) of donations. Make sure your name is on box so can be  
given credit of donation.**

THANK YOU,

*Carla Wilfong*  
Department VA & R Chairman

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## West Virginia Veterans Home Donation List

While we always appreciate ALL donations, there are some things our  
Veterans need more than others...

If you have questions, please call 304-736-1027.

### For the Recreation Dept.

Cash/Check Donations  
TTA Bus Tickets (\$5 increments)  
Tickets to Sporting Events  
NFL/NASCAR/Baseball Items  
Gift Cards (ex. Wal-Mart)  
International Phone Cards  
Movie Passes  
Camping & Fishing Equipment  
Sporting & Exercise Equipment  
Archery Arrows & Pool Cues  
Remote control cars & planes  
Bookshelves  
Oil/ Acrylic Paints & Brushes  
Hand Tools & Craft Supplies  
Darts and Dart Supplies  
Small Folding Tables  
Digital Picture Frames  
DVD Players  
Metal Detectors  
Movies & Music  
Surge Protectors  
Individually Wrapped Snacks  
Individual Microwave Popcorn  
Individual Hot Chocolate  
Coffee, Creamer, & Tea Bags  
Garden Items (Pots & Plants)  
Holiday Decorations  
Shuffle Board Table  
Magazine Subscriptions  
Bottled water & Gatorade  
Pin Ball Table  
Snack, crackers, chips  
Chocolates

### For the Veterans

Washers  
Dryers  
Chocolates - individual  
Cologne  
Bandoliers  
Bar Soap Cases  
Hand Sanitizer  
Shoelaces  
Hats, Gloves, & Jackets  
Liquid Fabric softener  
Hand & Body Lotion  
Sewing & Eyeglass Repair Kits  
Wallets & Watches  
Batteries (AA, AAA, c, & d)  
Triple and Quad Blade Razors  
Dryer Sheets  
Denture Adhesive/cleaner  
Radios/ CD Players  
TVSets(flatscreen)& DVD Players  
Clock Radios/ Alarm Clocks  
Bedside Lamps  
Laundry Bags  
Men's Pocket T-Shirts, esp. XXL/  
XXXL sizes - *6X as well*  
Diabetic Socks  
Men's Underwear, Pajamas  
Sweat Pants & Shirts  
Plants (indoor)  
Pillows & Twin Sheets WHITE  
Musical Instruments  
Guitar Strings & Music  
Coffee Mugs  
Keychains  
Cards & Board Games  
Shower/Pool Shoes

We are seeking sponsors for future  
field trips.

Revised on October 10, 2018

### **Martinsburg VA Medical Center Donation Listing**

Triple Blade Razors	Chap Stick
Shaving Cream	Postage Stamps
Shampoo for Sensitive Skin	Tampons
Conditioner for Sensitive Skin	Adult Coloring Books & Pencil Sharpeners
Deodorant	Notebooks or Journals
Jogging Pants	Gas Cards
Liquid Bath Soap	NO HAND SANITIZER
Socks—Men	Lotion—Bottle
Underwear—Men	
T-Shirts—Men	
Hair Brushes— Men and Women	
Combs— Men and Women	

### **Clarksburg VA Medical Center Donation Listing**

Sweatshirts All Sizes  
Sweatpants All Sizes  
T-Shirts Medium—2XX  
Underwear Medium-2XX  
Body Wash  
Stick Deodorant for Men  
Dish Liquid  
Laundry Detergent Pods Only    **No Hand Sanitizer**

### **Hershel “Woody” Williams VA Center Listing**

In addition to list please add: Travel Size Shaving Cream, Deodorant, tooth past and tooth brushes (kits)  
**(Not Motel Size)**

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](http://www.wvvaux.org) Unit Presidents **with no email contact** will receive a free copy.

***Subscription will Cost \$18.00***

***Runs August through July Each Year***

**MAIL TO:**

**Department of West Virginia  
1251 Doolin Run Road  
New Martinsville WV 26155-7808**

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

STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX: -----

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