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"Building Memories for Our Future American Legion Auxiliary while Loving Our Veterans Everyday"



Yellow Rose Represents Friendship White Rose Represents Purity and Love

# Good morning

First I want to thank everyone who came to Fall workshop. Hope everyone had a great time and fun. It was nice seeing everyone dressed up. I hope everyone learned what they needed to know about the membership change. We had fun and laughed and learned. I would also like to thank everyone who helped with the auction. We made \$1060.00 toward my special project.

We are going to be busy the next few months. Don't forget your mid-year reports. We have some Units who are under 10 members. With the numbers lowered on membership I think we should all make goal. And remember if anyone needs help I am here for you.

I'm looking forward to visiting the District conferences and I hope to see more of you attend.

My Homecoming is November 2nd, at the Martinsburg Moose, hope to see you there. Tickets are \$20.00 each, cut off date is October 15th. Flyer is included in this Spirit. My Special Project is Gold Star Family Memorial Monument. It is to be placed at the

Martinsburg VAMC . Whoever donates \$20.00 will receive a pin of the monument. Always remember that we are here for our Veterans not for a title.

Thank You Department President Sharon Kauffman 304-582-2973 Skauf01@yahoo.com



#### **Department Officers 2019-2020**

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1st District-Stephanie Handley 3rd District-Roxie Nicholson 4th District-Patricia Young-Greiner 5th District-JoAnn Hastings 6th District-Mary Spence 10th District-Bonnie Wilcox



# **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: are Bonding

(\$5.00), Education (Scholarship), Girls State Project, Veterans' 1st Fund, (any amount your unit can afford) and Poppy Order, 10% of Poppy Proceeds.

If you would like to receive the Spirit by email, please let me know so I can put you on the email listing. If you want Mail Call by email, I will need that also. You can have both, but if you want just one or other, let me know.

Membership: National is once again 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.

**Directory Updates:** page 4: add under Past Commanders: National: Brett Reisted, 2019, Dept. William Combs Page 9: Lynda Lancaster correct spelling of married name is: Loyd Page 13: replace year of District Officers to 2019-2020

Page 14: Dianne McClung (Education) is PNH. Delete PCDNVP. Lynda Lancaster should say Lancaster-Loyd under Girls State. Same on page 15

Page 16: under VAMC Martinsburg Gift Shop: Marcia last name is spelled Balinovic. Add Savanna Kauffman, 1671 Kelly Island Rd. Martinsburg WV 25405, 304-582-2976, skauf16@yahoo.com Page 27: delete cvpl1970@hotmail.com as second email contact for Berkeley Springs Unit #60 Page 29: add cindvi84@hotmail.com to Hamlin Unit #111 email contact. Page 30: Ridgeley Unit #136 President is now Rebecca Jenkins PO Box 98 Ridgeley WV 26753 301-707-8154, email contact: rebeccajenkins@hotmail.com Page 39: Standing Rules year should read 2018-2019.

**2020 Workshop:** It was put on the floor and passed at the Executive Board that there will be pre-registration for the Department Workshop. This is due to the cost of working up the booklets for workshop, and not know exactly how many to make.

#### Future Dates To Remember

3rd District Joint Conference Saturday September 28th Shinnston Post #31 Registration 9:00-10:00

4th District Joint Conference Saturday September 28th Parkersburg Post #15 Registration 9:00-10:00

5th District Joint Conference Saturday October 5th Ceredo-Kenova Post #93 Registration 9:00-10:00

6th District Auxiliary Conference Saturday October 12th Gary Unit #38 Hosting Will be held at the Sterling Drive In in Welch Registration 9:00-10:00

Ist District Auxiliary Conference Sunday October 13th Pine Grove Unit #81 Registration 9:00-10:00 Byrd Center \*\*\*I have the National President's 100 anniversary celebration pin in the Office to distribute. I plan to bring them to Fall & Midwinter Conferences and if any left over will take to spring conferences. ONLY one pin per member.

#### **Department Headquarters**

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American Legion Auxiliary National Website ALAforveterans.org

#### **Remember Our Friends**

I want to Thank everyone for the thoughts and prayers, cards, love and support shown to me during the loss of my precious Mother. I love you all and will remember your kindness always. I love my American Legion Auxiliary Family!! Susan Wade-PDP

I would like to thank everyone for your thoughts, messages, for my husband 3rd Stent surgery. We will always be grateful! Paulette Anderson Dept. Sec/Treas.

Alice Fought, 4th District Sec/Treas. passed away Wednesday morning after a long battle of cancer. Funeral services were held at: Lambert & Tatman Funeral Home Pike St. South Parkersburg. Cards may be sent to Ray Fought 414 Spring Valley Way Elizabeth WV 26143-5765

# "Honoring Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows"

# Membership Chairman

Thank you to all who attended the Membership Workshop last weekend. As one can see, we can have fun and learn at the same time. The fashion show was a great success. Be sure to keep your outfits as we will be sporting them again at Mid-Winter and start working on those war era dances.

Please be sure to look at the handouts that were in the folders and membership incentives for the year.

We have 14 Units that reached Target # 1 September 15 @ 30%! Congratulations to Wheeling # 1, Spencer #21, Welch #8, Bluefield #9, Gary # 38, Buckhannon # 7, Shinnston # 31, Braxton County # 33, Milton # 139, Martinsburg # 14, Moorefield # 64, Charles Town # 102, Capon Bridge # 137, and Keyser # 152. Ladies, this time last year we had three Units to reach this target.

National just sent out the renewal notice and can only wait to see how many Units reach our next Target #2, October 15 with 35%. Of those 14 Units, 10 of those have already reached their 35%. **WAY TO GO!** 

The next Spirit Article will have the District and Department Challenges.

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd Membership Chairman



\*\*\*If anyone picked up a big clear plastic tote by mistake, and took home, it is mine. I had the membership materials, crafts, receipts in it.

Please contact me if you have it.

Thank you!

# **Department 1st Vice President**

Hello ladies,

WOW! What a workshop. We had a fashion show that belonged on a New York Runway!!! Lots of great information was given by many. Lynda Lancaster-Loyd did a fabulous job, Thank you Ms. Linda.

We still have 9 units without any membership paid. Officers alone would take care of that. Let's get those paid. The unit can offer to pay dues for those having a hard time. Always nice to recognize your oldest member by paying her dues.

Since the eligibility has been opened up to all who served, you have more veterans' families to pursue. Check with the post for any new members they have gotten and engage those leads.

Looking forward to attending some district conferences this fall. If I can be of any help to you please don't hesitate to call or email, or for a quicker response, hit me up on Face Book. I'll be at 4th District Conference September 28, hope to see you there.

In the Spirit of Service not Self, Cathy D. Post 1st Vice President <u>cathy 1@frontier.com</u>



WWII/ Merchant Marines Era 12/7/41-12/31/46

# Department 2nd Vice President

Hello My Korea War Era,

Glad to see such a good crowd at the workshop this year. We had five new members, let's have more at Midwinter.

Congratulations to the Units that made 30% target, let's work on the units that have 0 or less than 30%. The Korea war side had 4 units that made 30% target. And 7 on the WWII side, 11 units total that made target! We're all working together but let's make higher targets on the Korea side.

Next target is 35% let's make it happen!!!

Don't forget to bring your gear and let's dress up and do a better fashion show at Mid-Winter.

Make sure all the districts get their challenges in. The Department Vice Presidents challenged each other to the most new members by June 1st. The side that loses pays \$25 toward Department President Sharon Kauffmans' special project!

Thanks Savanna Kauffman 2nd Vice President



Korea Era 6/25/50-1/31/55

# 1st District President

Hello Ladies,

Its the start of a new year; remember to work on membership and prompt our organization and what we do for our Veterans' and their families.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our Fall conference in Pine Grove on October 13, 2019.

Registration is due by October 7th. please send to Donna Leek at 37784 Mile Road Burton WV 26562.

The address for the location of the conference is Byrd Center 992 North Fork Rd. Pine Grove, WV 26419

Susan Brown District Secretary/ Treasure handed out credentials and registration at workshop to those who attended. Rest was sent out by mail. Send credentials to Susan. You should be receiving them shortly.

God Bless Holly Adams 1st District President 304-670-4105 hollyadams847@gmail.com

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

Hello 1st District,

Membership workshop that took place on Saturday, September 14th was great. It was fun to dress up in the 50's fashion and strut our stuff. I hope those in attendance had just as much fun.

I know that we are just getting started with membership for the year and some of the units are off to a good start. Let's keep the Cha-Cha going and get the members on the dance floor.

Just a reminder that now a male spouse may join the Auxiliary under his veteran wife, but same rules apply, that she must be a member of The American Legion, in order for him to join. The eligibility dates have also changed. There are now only 2 separate time periods. So anyone who has served after June 4, 1941 is eligible to join the American Legion, thus opening up eligibility to their spouse, daughters, granddaughters, sisters and mothers.

God Bless, Stephanie Handley 1st District Vice President <u>stephaniehandley@msn.com</u>

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

Here it is fall, the gardens are finished, all the canning is done, so we really need to start working on Membership. Since National has lowered our goals everything is more feasible.

This past Saturday was Fall Workshop in Bridgeport. I am sorry to say that out of 10 Units in 3rd District, only two Units, Clarksburg 13 with one member and Shinnston 31 with 8 members attended. Ladies we need to show more attendance at these meetings.

REMEMBER SATURDAY, SEPTEM-BER 28th is joint Fall Conference, at Shinnston Post 31, for Third District. I have each Units Chairman plan of Works. Registration will start at 9:00 but you can come early, we will be there. Hope to see you there.

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

God Bless America, and our Veterans Carla Wilfong

# **3rd District Vice President**

Hello 3rd District,

I'm back to talk about Membership again, Get used to it as I'll be doing it a lot this year. We are off to a good start with only 4 units having 0 members. We need to be working membership now and get an early start on getting those renewal's in. And get out there and beat the brush and find new members. Don't forget, if you have female veteran's in your unit, their spouse is eligible to join as long as they are a member of the Legion. Don't be too proud to ask anyone to join.

**Do Not Hold Dues**. If by some chance a person who joins today has a tragedy tomorrow, they won't be eligible for help if you haven't sent their dues in. And please don't forget to have the application signed by the Post Adjutant. Just be sure to cross all your t's and dot all your i's.

I'll be watching for next month's membership report to see all of our unit's doing well. In the meantime, if you need anything, just call me, 304-657-5740.

Roxie Nicholson Vice President 3rd District

# 4th District President

Hello Ladies,

I want to let you know that I'm having some medical problems now. I'm going to be unable to attend our Fourth District Fall Conference at this time. If everything goes well I will be at our Spring Conference.

Ladies I am leaving you in good hands; our Vice President Patsy Young-Griener will conduct your meeting.

At this time we need Committee Chairman. f you want to hold a Committee please let Vice President Patsy know.

I am asking my Auxiliary Sisters, to keep me in your prayers. Please keep Alice Foughts' husband Ray, and her children in your prayers.

God Bless Our Troops and Veterans Nancy Sundstrom Fourth District President

# 4th District Vice President

Greetings to Members of the 4th District:

It is with sadness that I report 4th District past secretary/treasurer, Alice Fought, lost her battle with cancer this week.

If you missed the annual American Legion Auxiliary Fall Workshop in Clarksburg, you missed a great event! The 4th District is celebrating 50's fashion, our time period is the Korean War and our dance is the Cha-Cha. We had a great time dressing, dancing and celebrating our era at the fall workshop. We are ready to meet and exceed this year's membership goals.

As of September 15th, our membership statistics are as follows: Parkersburg #15 is 6.39%; Spencer #21 is 32.50%; Pt. Pleasant #23 is 0.04%; Tyler County #48 is 14.71%; Sistersville #67 is 1.16%; New Haven #140 is 3.79%; and Williamstown #159 is 9.92%.

Remember to carry blank ALA Membership applications with you. Invite eligible friends and family to join today.

Our 2019 – 2020 Membership Theme is "Honoring Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows." Until next time, God Bless. Patsy Young-Greiner 4th District Vice President 304-295-8844 Patsygirl2@suddenlink.net

## **5th District President**

What a great weekend we just had at the Membership Workshop in Bridgeport. If you missed it, talk to someone who was there and find out all you missed. Great job by all who participated, check out Facebook for pictures that were taken and put on the Department page.

In just a few weeks, we will have the 5th District Fall Conference. Plan now to attend on October 5th at Ceredo - Kenova Post # 93 for a great time of fellowship and information. Registration will be from 9 - 10 am with the meeting starting at 10:00. I hope every unit plans to attend.

Keep working on your membership. We will discuss the eligibility of membership more thoroughly at the District Conference. The eligibility period has also changed and we will discuss that also. See you there!!

Beth Kilgore 5th District President

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

Hello Ladies

I just got back from 2020 membership training workshop.

I first want to thank Lynda Lancaster-Loyd for doing a great job on membership. We need to work on membership harder and try to get new ones in as well as bring our old ones back. We need to talk to people and tell them what we do and what we stand for. We help the veterans because they fought for us and sadly some gave their lives for the freedom we have today.

Thank you. JoAnn Hastings Fifth District Vice President



# **10th District President**

Hello Members of the 1940's!

It was great seeing everyone at the Fall Boards in Clarksburg. Thank you for a great workshop, President Sharon and Membership Leader Lynda. It was so much fun. Sorry many of you missed it.

For those units who were not represented, I will be mailing your Plan of Actionfrom the committees. I will also send a couple of awards that were given out. Congratulations again to all those who received awards last year. Great job!

We have many things to do in our district this year. The main one is up-dating our Bylaws and Standing Rules. All the units except four, were given the 10th District Constitution/Bylaws/Standing Rules at the Spring Conference in Petersburg. I will be sending them to the four units that did not receive them.

Our committee is Debbie Fox #60, Kim Rolls #152 and Melanie Delawder #64. I would like ALL units to examine these Bylaws and Standing Rules and amend anything they feel needs to be changed. You could use your unit Constitution and Bylaws/Standing Rules committee for this.

All proposed changes need to be emailed to this District committee. Contact info will be sent to you when the other mailings are sent. All proposed changes will need to reach this committee by January 15, 2020. When the committee is finished with all the proposals and changes, the document will be sent to all units to be read.

After reading this first version, any questions/comments/changes need to be sent to the committee by February 15, 2020. If changes are made during the time frame, the committee will consider and the finished document will be sent to all units for an official first reading by March 1, 2020. The document will have a second reading and vote at the Spring Conference in Capon Bridge.

This is a great opportunity for all units in our district to look and revise your Const./ Bylaws/Standing Rules. Make sure you have a copy on file with the Department Secretary

If you have lost the copy that was given to you in the spring and would like one, just let me know. Enjoy the weather!

Hugs to all! Debbie Michael 10th District President <u>katndebbie@gmail.com</u> 304-258-2705

#### 10th District Membership

#### Greetings,

Congratulations to those units in our district who have made the 1st Target of 30% and more!

Capon Bridge #137 36.36 % Target #1 Martinsburg #14---46.32% Charles Town #102---46.43% Both for Targets 1, 2, & 3. Keyser #152---91.11% Targets 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9.

#### GREAT JOB!! BE PROUD!! KEEP REACHING!!

Goal membership should be very easy this year for all units.

Last year's membership total plus:

1 for members 10-45

2 for members 46-75

3 for members 76-150

4 for members 151-175

5 for members 176-200

6 for members 201-224

7 for members 225-275

8 for members 276 & up

This is a good time to organize a membership drive!

10th District is in 2nd place. We are 1.06 % behind 3rd District. Let's get that membership in and take the lead! We can do it!

10th District Membership

# 6th District President

Congratulations to: Welch #8, Bluefield #9, Gary #38 for making and surpassing the 1st target of 30%!!

If you missed the membership workshop you missed a great time. Outfits were out of this world, guest speaker gave us plenty of information on Presidents Special Project "Gold Star Family Memorial Monument". Chairmen went over their Plan of Action, and every unit received a copy in their folders. I will have 6th Districts' at the Fall Conference.

I want to remind you the 6th District Fall Conference will be held on Saturday October 12th at the Welch Sterling Drive In restaurant. It is hosted by Gary Unit #38. Lunch will be Dutch Treat, and they ask that you place your order when you arrive at the meeting, so they will be sure to have it ready at lunch time.

All Department Officers are invited. Please let me know if you plan to attend. Peggy Swartz 6th District President

# Chaplain

If you know of an American Legion family that needs a card, please let me know so I can take care of it. My email address is : <u>mkjennings@frontier.com</u>.

"No matter how far down you may go with the troubles of this world, there is One who reaches out, who has the power to lift you out of the muck and mire, the dread and the dark. His name is the Lord of Light and Life. Reach out your hand, connect with your Savior, and find the peace and joy awaiting you in Him."

God Bless In God and Country Mary Jennings Chaplain



# Historian

#### ATTENTION: ALL UNIT HISTORIANS

As we celebrate our 100th birthday as the American Legion Auxiliary, I hope each unit is planning a birthday celebration to honor 100 years of service to our veterans. These celebrations can be from big and intricate to small and quaint.

The choice is up to what your unit feels comfortable doing.

As soon as possible after your celebration is completed, I need you to send me a report of your event. Please include: \*\*Name of event

\*\*Unit name and number

\*\*Date of event

\*\*Brief description of the event Email the report to me at

MBKilgore@frontier.com

I need to send National a report of how the units in our department are celebrating our birthday. I would like for West Virginia to be well represented.

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

Beth Kilgore

#### Americanism



Americanism Plan of Actions were distributed at Workshop. I really enjoyed the workshop and hope everyone enjoyed it as well. Thank you to all that worked so hard to make it enjoyable.

We need to be concentrating on the Americanism Essay Contest. This year's theme is "*How can we address the health and well-being of our Veterans, military, and their families.*"

All Unit entries must be sent by the Department Chairman, no later than April 1, 2020.

Please contact your schools NOW if you haven't already done so. Stay in contact and communicate with the school staff. Let them know that you are available to answer any questions. Sometimes the younger students have a hard time understanding exactly what they need to write about. We need to encourage our youth!

Please start NOW on your Mid-Year reports. It makes it so much easier to keep track of all the hard work we do and not try to do it all at once! I need your Mid-Year reports in a narrative form by December 15, 2019. It is listed in Plan of Action as 2020. Sorry for the error, please correct!!

Fly Our Flag Proudly For God and Country

Susan Wade Americanism Chairman



### **Children & Youth**

The American Legion Auxiliary's Children & Youth program emphasizes protecting, caring for and supporting children and youth, particularly those of veterans' and military families – their 'health and well-being, Safety.

In 1972, The American Legion implemented a nationwide Halloween safety program for young trick-or-treaters, the first and only one of its kind. Since then, the Commission (now Committee) on Children & Youth has, in the words of its Chairman's Guide, "urged ... membership to conduct Halloween programs that are designed to keep young children safe in an effort to reduce accidents associated with Halloween."

A brochure to this purpose, "Make Halloween a Safe and Fun Night," is available for download as a PDF. Go to the Legion website and search Make Halloween Fun and Safe Night.

Keeping kids out of harm's way on Halloween started well before 1972. As far back as 1930, The American Legion monthly described local posts' efforts to put on community Halloween celebrations, to cut down on youthful danger and vandalism.

I urge you to download the brochure, make copies and distribute to the elementary schools in your area.

Beth Kilgore, Chairman



## **Community Service**

Hope everyone has read the information on Community Service that was put in your folders at the workshop.

We have so much that we can do for this program: help a Veteran, Fire Department, Police Department. What ever you do please keep track of what you do and then send me a copy of what you have done, because I need to send out a report by January 5, 2020. Thanks Peggy Swartz Chairman

# **Child Welfare Foundation**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Child Welfare Foundation at the Membership workshop this past weekend. It is appreciated and will certainly be put to good use. All the pigs I had on hand have been distributed but if you will let me know who needs one, I will try to get a hold of some more.

Established in 1954, the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc., is a repository of funds from individuals who wish to contribute to the betterment of the nation's children. Our foremost philanthropic priority is to contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children and youth by aiding progress in the field of child welfare through dissemination of knowledge about research, studies, surveys and projects, or by supporting programs and activities benefiting the welfare of children and youth. Not all American children grow up inside the comfortable definition of normal childhood development. For thousands, each day is a challenge marked by pain, prayer and perseverance. Many of them require specialized care.

To overcome their obstacles, they need help from you and the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. Beth Kilgore Chairman



Hello Ladies,

Looks like I missed a exciting Fall workshop meeting. I am having some medical problems and unable to attend.

We need to pass the word around regarding the Poppy. We need to make the young youth understand the meaning of the purpose to honor our Veterans.

I hope that you have children enter the Poppy Poster Contest. The requirements will be in the next spirit. Should you need more assistance email or call me. This is where our Juniors can get to show their talent of the Poppy usage.

In your Unit have a contest for the best usage of the Poppies. You need to take a 8 x 10 picture of your Poppy creation. At Mid-Winter we will display the Poppy Posters and the 8 x 10 Poppy creations. All money collected will go to our Department Welfare Fund for our Veterans.

God Bless our Troops and Veterans Nancy Sundstrom Department Poppy Chairman



# Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

I just got back from our Membership/Leadership Training & Executive Board Meeting at which I distributed the VA&R Plan of Action for the 2019-2020 membership year. Those units in attendance got their paperwork on the programs; however, the District officers took those for units not in attendance. If you do not get yours in a timely manner, contact me; and I will send you another copy.-

I mentioned in the last Spirit the hour earned at a VA Hospital or VA Clinic must be verified by the Voluntary Service Office before they can be counted for pins or even reporting. I might mention that you can't count hours for family members you assist at a VA facility or at home nor can you count hours if you are paid as part of your job. Any questions on this, please contact me.

If you have a Volunteer at your VA facility you think would qualify for American Legion Auxiliary Volunteer of the Year, get your Voluntary Service Director to write a letter or a report on them and send to me so I can get to National by November 1.

If I can help in any way: please contact me at 7 Parsons Street Huntington WV 2505-3811 Phone (304) 638-7665.

# National Executive Committeewoman

Hi Ladies,

For the members that attended our Workshop you were told about several changes and things National is focusing on. The following is for the members unable to attend: **Membership Eligibility is a major change. Previously there were 7 War Eras and now there are only 2 War Eras which are WWI- 4-6-1917 and Anytime After 12-7-1941. This change gives more Veterans and their Families the possibility to join our Legion Family.** 

Also, male spouses can now join the Auxiliary. Please note that the Veteran they are joining under needs to be a Legionnaire Member in order to do so. You can obtain the new application on The National Website

#### <u>https://www.alaforveterans.org/</u> and the Department website: <u>www.wvaux.org</u>

Another change is wording: The word "Chairman" is now "Chairperson". A 3rd change is for the Senior and Junior Academic Courses. They were listed under Leadership and will now come under History. I know these changes are a lot to take in at one time.

Remember to continue to focus on our Mission Statement and what it means to you. If you have any questions/concerns, then contact me. I will help you as best I can.

Rhonda Best

NEC PH: 304-281-8152 Email: <u>rlcbest37@aim.com</u>



Mary Waybright

# Education

The 2019-2020 Plan of Action is coming your way. If you did not have a representative at the recent Department Workshop, your District President will make sure you receive copies.

A new National Scholarship has been established this year, the Junior Auxiliary Loyalty Scholarship.

• Deadline: March 1, 2020 • Two scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 will be awarded in each American Legion Auxiliary division, for a total of ten scholarships. • Candidates for this award shall have been Junior members of the American Legion Auxiliary, held membership in the American Legion Auxiliary for the past three consecutive years (2017, 2018 and 2019) and must be a paid member for the current (2020) membership year. Applicant must continue her membership in the American Legion Auxiliary during the scholarship period. Applicant must have completed at least one semester of college but not yet attained a bachelor's degree and have at least a 3.0 GPA using a 4.0 base.

• This scholarship is intended for the traditional student with no interruption in her education, who is at least in her first semester of college but not yet attained a bachelor's degree. Any member who is non-traditional student (a student who returning to the classroom after some time away from college) is welcome to apply for the American Legion Auxiliary Non-Traditional Scholarship.

Check the Department website, <u>www.wvaux.org</u> for copies of the four National scholarships: Junior Member Loyalty, Spirit of Youth, Children of Warriors and Non-Traditional Scholarships. Also check for the Department Scholarship.

National Education Chairman Debra Albers explained the difference between the Spirit of Youth (for Juniors) and the Junior Member Loyalty Scholarships as: "The Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship is designed for students now in college that were once Junior members and have continued as senior members. It's often hard for college students to find scholarships while in college other than renewable ones."

Dianne McClung Education Chairman

#### Junior Activities

#### Hi to all,

I hope everyone is doing well and looking forward to the beautiful fall weather.

Please sign up those Junior members. They are a wonderful asset to the units. They can help with so many things and can be taught to be the leaders of our organization. Remember, these girls are under your guidance, so what they learn is all up to you.

For any units that did not attend the Fall Workshop in Clarksburg. I will send the Junior Plan of Works to you if you let me know that you want them. It was a wonderful workshop and there was a Junior who helped with the Fashion Show and the auction. Thank you, Julie.

I sure hope you can attend the Midwinter Conference in February. I hope you all are making plans to bring your Juniors!

The project this year is: **"Let's Donate** and Share". There is no cost to anyone! Let's teach our Juniors to donate things they no longer want or need; clothing, toys or just anything. Donate to a shelter, neighbor or another organization etc. There is always someone who can use these things.

Share with others when you can; Maybe a pencil, snacks or lunch at school for someone who forgot theirs. There are many things and many people to share with. The most important thing to share is "time & smiles". I also encourage all Senior members to set an example for our Juniors by also "Donating and Sharing".

There will be three Junior plaques presented at Department Convention in July. Best Overall Report....Best Junior History & "Junior Member of the Year", this is a new one. All criteria for these awards will be in the Department Awards Manual.

Please contact me for info or questions. Juniors~~~Such a Joy!

Junior Activities Debbie Michael <u>katndebbie@gmail.com</u>



#### Fall Workshop has passed, all the Plan of action was distributed. the following is information from National on National Security.

National Security

1. Let your units know of any military families or businesses that should receive a Blue Star or Gold Star Banner in recognition of service member's service

2. Encourage units to provide support on a spouse to spouse or family to family basis.

3. Refer service members with financial assistance needs to the American Red Cross Armed Forces Call Center at

1-877-272-7337.

4. Complete a Community Emergency Response Training Course.

5. Donate Blood

6. Host a POW/MIA ceremony commemorated annually on the 3rd Friday in Sept.

Overseas commissaries are still asking for our clipped manufacturers coupons. I will get more information on the addresses and specifics and put in future Spirit.

If you need my help, please call me at 304-592-0247 or e-mail me at: <u>carlajwilfong@yahoo.com.</u> God Bless America and our Veterans Carla Wilfong Chairperson

# Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Fellow Auxiliary Members,

In the spirit of Service not Self, Auxiliary members have made it their mission to provide a helping hand to our veterans, military, and their families. That's where the Auxiliary Emergency Fund comes into play. For the past 50 years, the AEF has provided relief to our fellow members faced with adversity.

The Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) is a national grant assistance program that provides temporary emergency help to eligible members of the American Legion Auxiliarywho have suffered a significant financial setback as the result of an act of nature or other personal crisis.

With all of the terrible destruction caused by hurricanes in our country recently, I hope that each Unit has by now appointed a Chairman to be in charge of educating your members about the Auxiliary Emergency Fund and the wonderful program that it is and assisting them to get any help that they may need.

If I can be of assistance to you or your Unit in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Melanie Shambaugh sham4wv@aol.com



# American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron **Girls State**

# **Rhododendron Girls State**

The Girls State Board of Directors met on Friday, September 13th in Clarksburg, WV. The upcoming dates for the 2020 ALA Girls State Session will be the citizens arriving on Sunday, June 14 thru Friday, June 19, 2020 at Davis & Elkins College, Elkins, WV. Once again, registration is \$250 per girl. This includes the cost of the parade t-shirt.

Ladies, it is not too early to start securing your sponsorships now as businesses are appropriating their 2020 budgets and know you would like to have a donation line item to help sponsor a girl to Girls State.

Please use your Girls State District Representative if you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance please feel free to contact me.

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Lynda Lancaster-Loyd Girls State Chairman



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1st Dist. —	Susan Brown 2172 Grandview Rd. Moundsville WV 26041 304-845-5122
3rd Dist. —	Mary Jo Thomas 279 Rock Lake Road Fairmont WV 26554 304-366-2912
4th Dist. —	Nancy Sundstrom 1307 23rd Street Parkersburg WV 26101 304-422-1263
5th Dist.—	Beth Kilgore 1562 Holderby Road Huntington WV 25701 304-654-7750
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# 100 Years of Celebration 1919-2019



It's time to think about Mid-Winter and our 100th celebration. It's time to get out the poster board and get your display ready. You can win

a small prize and have fun doing this.

Just a few suggestions, start with a picture of your charter, pictures of your Past Presidents, a picture and short bio of your oldest member, your longest member, your oldest may not have been a member as long as someone else. along with a picture of your youngest member. Include some of your history, because you are making history. And we will make history all year long, so keep track of everything you do.

Have fun with your board and let your imagination go wild, you don't know what you'll come up with. If someone in your unit is artistic, give them free rein. Get everyone's input and take all suggestions seriously.

Roxie Nicholson Committeeperson

# Past President's Parley

Hello Ladies,

I am still reeling with excitement and joy from a wonderful workshop. I would like to "Thank" Madam President Sharon Kauffmann, Membership Chairman Lynda Lancaster-Loyd, and their Membership Team for an awesome job.

Now that we are moving right into the New Year with many wonderful things I want everyone to think about a member that stands out and always goes above and beyond. Then take the time to nominate that member for "Unit Member of The Year". I hope to receive numerous nominations because I am sure there are lots of members that give 110%.

In addition, I am challenging each Unit to start a Past Presidents' Parley Club if you do not have one yet. Unit Presidents I am asking for contact information of your Chairperson. I will be getting in touch with them soon. Until next month "Be safe and God Bless". Rhonda Best, PPP Chairperson

# Leadership

"Great leaders don't tell you what to do; they show you how it is done." Think about that for a moment... \*\*Do you regularly take the time to show people how the task before them should be done?

\*\*Do you instead address the task by directing people to do this or do that... only to find yourself having to do it yourself because they don't always deliver what you want.

I would recommend we have a good tape measure and a level in our tool box to keep ourselves on the right track. Measure twice, cut once!

Think about the task at hand. Think about how you can show someone else how to do it. Then let them do it. It may not be perfect every time but you are empowering them with every opportunity you give them to succeed, prove themselves, and deliver.

There is a balance we have to strike because some members will require more support and instruction than others. Some would rather read the "How To" directions. Others may want to talk it over. Still others may want to have a sounding board for their own ideas. We as leaders need to balance our skills with their needs.

We want outcomes to be mutually beneficial. We need to lead by example. We need to show folks how things are done without editorializing or judging.

Keep your measuring tape handy... think twice before you act once. Make sure you stay level and keep things balanced along the way.

Rosemary M. Thomas Chairman

# Legislative

As we are starting to celebrate our Centennial year, national is asking that we take a look back over the last Century, not only as Departments, Districts, and Units, but as individuals. They are wanting to hear our stories, how the Legion Family and its works has made a difference to us or those we know. For example, The American Legion played an important roll in first GI Bill. Do you know someone who used the GI Bill and how it maybe gave them the start they needed to provide a good life. If so national is asking that we share these stories. If it relates to legislative please post the story on the National American Legion Auxiliary's facebook page "ALA Legislative". Anyone is welcome to join that Auxiliary program page or any of the other facebook pages. National has a page for each of our programs. When you post to the page, please include the Unit you are from and that it is in the Department of West Virginia.

Did you know during National Convention the American Legion was honored by Congress? At the time, National Commander Brett Reistad, was presented with a copy of Senate Resolution 263, which recognizes The American Legion as a "cornerstone of life in the United States" and honors the role the Legion has played in the United States "as an inextinguishable beacon of community, responsibility, honor, and service." Read the full article at https://www.legion.org/ legislative/246894/legion-honoredcongress and see the resolution on www.congress.gov, search for senate Resolution 263.

Lisa Cadwallader Legislative Chairman Lisac.ALA71@gmail.com



Good day Auxiliary Members, Congratulations to the 2019 August winners!

I enjoyed the workshop very much. The Hilton Garden Inn was so helpful and cooperative to make our stay and our meeting rooms great.

I had the 2020 Fundraiser tickets with me and they were signed out to those who attended. Alas, not many units were there, so I am going to mail each unit 10 tickets to sell. If you can sell at least that many, it would help our Dept. Fundraiser a lot.

My challenge was that each unit sell at least 10 tickets. That is not too much to ask.

On the line where "seller" is please put the Unit # instead of a person's name. I am giving a gift (from me personally) to the unit and district who sells the most 2020 tickets, and a certificate to the units who do sell and send in.

Remember that this is the ONLY fundraiser our Department has. 75% of this proceeds goes for our Veterans. What better way to help them in our state!!

Until next month! Paulette Susan





# August Ways and Means Winners

Name	Number	City	State	Date	Amount
	166			8/1/19	
Betty Bryson	263	Thorpe	WV	8/2/19	\$25.00
Cindy Gadd	143	Newell	WV	8/3/19	\$25.00
Peggy Swartz	276	Gary	WV	8/5/19	\$25.00
	582			8/6/19	
Lisa Graley	382	Groveport	ОН	8/7/19	\$25.00
Debbie Veach	246	Augusta	WV	8/8/19	\$25.00
	275			8/9/19	
	741			8/10/19	
	604			8/12/19	
Sue McCoy	104	Augusta	WV	8/13/19	\$25.00
Carol Greathouse	317	Paden City	WV	8/14/19	\$25.00
Sharon Kauffman	402	Martinsburg	WV	8/15/19	\$25.00
Kinsey Byron	073	Westminster	MD	8/16/19	\$25.00
Nada Clagg	202	Barboursville	WV	8/17/19	\$25.00
Lynda Lancaster-Loyd	570	Matthews	VA	8/19/19	\$25.00
	770			8/20/19	
	302			8/21/19	
	491			8/22/19	
	127			8/23/19	
David Wolfe	204	Moorefield	WV	8/24/19	\$25.00
Mary Jo Thomas	757	Fairmont	WV	8/26/19	\$25.00
	795			8/27/19	
Sarah Staley	572	Morgantown	WV	8/28/19	\$25.00
ALA Parkersburg #15	888	Parkersburg	WV	8/29/19	\$25.00
	069			8/30/19	
PDP Club	523	Moundsville	WV	8/31/19	\$25.00



2019-2020 Membership Theme "Honoring Our Legacy, Celebrating Our Tomorrows"



Membership Target Sheet September 15th Target #1 Department Goal— 5616 Membership To Date: 813 (14.48 %) Unit #200 Goal— 80 To Date: 19

# Savanna

Savanna				Cathy				
District 1					District 3			
Unit	2020 Goa	2020	% of Goal	WWII/	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
Wheeling #1		26 13		Merchant	Buckhannon #7	41	17	41.46%
Moundsville #3	24			Marines Era	Clarksburg #13	89	-	7.87%
McMechen #5		72 C	2.4070		Elkins #29	149	7	4.70%
Weirton #10		52		40's Fashion	Shinnston #31	262	11:	43.89%
Cameron #18	14		6.76%	Jitterbug Dance	Braxton County #33	30	1:	3 43.33%
New Martinsville #28					Bridgeport #68		20	
Wellsburg #34		26 2			Belington #96	17	20	29.03/
Follansbee #45		11 1			Pickens #122	23		
Benwood #46		75 1			Jane Lew #166	32		
Pine Grove #81		37 19						
Paden City #86		)7 17		G 1 2500	Morgantown #174	30		
Wheeling #89		23 1	4.34%	Goal 2789				
				<i>To Date: 526</i>		- 10		
Newell #114		31 3	9.68%		TOTALS	740	179	9 24.19%
Hundred #120	Ę	50		(18.86 %)				
Chester #121	16	6 3	3 1.81%		District 5			
					Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
TOTALS	123	30 93	3 7.56%		Huntington #16	171	33	19.30%
					Logan #19	17		
				Membership	St. Albans #73	31	5	16.13%
				Chairman	Ceredo-Kenova #93	290	12	4.14%
District 4				Chan man	South Charleston #94		1	7.14%
Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal		Hamlin #111	49	1	2.41%
Parkersburg #15	548	35	6.39%	<b>"Rosie the</b>	Milton #139	62	19	30.65%
Spencer #21	40	13	32.50%	Riveter"	Barboursville #177	144	6	4.17%
Pt. Pleasant #23	250	1	0.04%	Riveter				
Tyler County #48	34	5	14.71%		TOTALS	779	77	9.88%
Sistersville #67	86	1	1.16%					
New Haven #140	132	30	22.73%					
Williamstown #159	131	14	10.69%	Korea Era				
	4004		7 700/		District 10			
TOTALS	1221	94	7.70%	50's Fashion	Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal
				Cha-Cha	Martinsburg #14	95		50.53%
					Franklin #30	16		
					Piedmont #52	28		44.070/
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District 6					Charles Town #71	195		20.00%
Unit	2020 Goal	2020	% of Goal		Petersburg #78	75		1.33%
Welch #8	59	23	38.98%		Romney #91	221		8.14%
Bluefield #9	26	12	46.15%	Cogl 2747	Charles Town #102	28		46.43%
Beckley #32	43	12	27.91%	Goal 2747	Paw Paw #128	35		. 5. 10 /0
Gary #38	76	26	34.21%	<i>To Date: 268</i>	Kirby #134	41		14.63%
Cowen #62	27	7	25.93%		Ridgeley #136	83		2.41%
Lewisburg #69	42	1	2.38%	(9.76%)	Capon Bridge #137	121		36.36%
Richwood #97	23			( )./0 /0 )	Keyser #152	45	41	91.11%
TOTALS	296	81	27.36%		TOTALS	1270	270	21.26%

# October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Educ	of Month cation n & Bylaws	1	2	3	4	5 5th District Conference Ceredo- Kenova #93
6	7	8	9	10	11	126th Dist. Aux. Conf. in Welch at Sterling Drive In. Hosted by Gary #38
13 1st Dist. Auxiliary Conference Pine Grove #81 Byrd Center	14 Columbus Day	15 Target #2 35%	16	17	18 Spirit Articles Due	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Department Commanders' Homecoming
27	28	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN		



WV Department American Legion

Commander's Homecoming

Barbara Burdette

When - October 26th, 2019

Where - Ronceverte, WV - Ronceverte Recreational Center/Clifford Armory Jime - Social Hour 5:30-6:30

Dinner - Served - 6:30

Jickets - \$20

Fairfield 9nn & Suites by Marriott Lewisburg <u>Address</u>: 273 Coleman Dr, Lewisburg, WV 24901 <u>Phone</u>: (304) 645-7999

10 Blocked Rooms for the American fegion -

Veteran rate - \$94/night plus Jax

Contact Barbara @ 304-661-4979 or by

email @ bburdette3@frontier.com for tickets and map

Other Hotels available in the area at a higher rate



2019-2020 Department President Sharon Kauffman

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Saturday, November 2, 2019 Martinsburg Moose 201 Woodbury Ave. Martinsburg, WV 25404

Lodging Special Rate: \$104.00 plus tax

Must book by 10/15/19

20 rooms have been reserved under American Legion Auxilary.

Holiday Inn 301 Foxcroft Ave. Martinsburg, WV 25401 304-267-5500 TICKETS \$20.00 PER PERSON

Social Hour 5-6pm Dinner & Program 6-8pm Karaoke to Follow Dinner: Fried Chicken, Pork Tenderloin, Mash Potatoes, Corn, Green Beans, Salad, & Dessert

**CONTACT SHARON** (a) 304-582-2973 for tickets 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: <u>www.wvaux.org</u> Unit Presidents with no email contact will receive a free copy.

Subscription will Cost \$18.00

Runs August through July Each Year

MAIL TO:

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