



# The Auxiliary Spirit



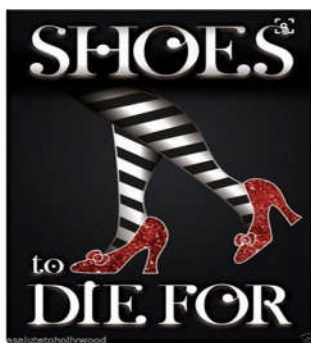
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Department President  
Cathy D. Post



*"Honoring Our Fallen  
Serving all Others"*

Colors—**Red, Purple, & Gold**

Flower—**Poppy**

Hello my Auxiliary Sisters,

Such a beautiful day here in Tyler County!! Much better than the 8 inches of snow we had last weekend. The roads were very slick on my trip to Shinnston with Susan Wade and Paulette Anderson.

It was a great weekend with Unit #31. Conference saw a new District President Kim Mellie and new District Vice President Lois Layman, Congratulations, ladies, I am sure you will do a great job. Thank you to Post/Unit 31 for your hospitality. Food was so good, Spaghetti/meatballs, salad one day and Baked steak, chicken, mashed taters, green beans, salad, hot rolls, and cake both days. Those ladies can and will cook at the drop of a hat. I think I gained about five pounds...LOL I want to thank Unit 31 and District 3 for your generous donation toward my Special Project Gold Star Mothers Living Memorial. Membership is doing good, but we can do better. So many are very close to GOAL!! Looks like things are "pickin" up in Pickens. Such good news to see them coming along. You go girls!!

Next conference is March 26 at Petersburg #78, I'm doubting that I make that one. My unit's Lenten Fish Fry is from 11-7 every Friday and I cannot drive that far that late at night. I wish you a very successful event and I know 1st Vice Savanna will have that one covered. I will send a letter to be read in my absence. I hope to make 5th District, on April 9 at Post #93.

Donations for my special project are coming and can be mailed to Department Headquarters, 2172 Grandview Road, Moundsville, WV 26041. Please, Please make sure you have this address changed, as forwarding time has run out and your mail will not get to Sue Brown.

Until next time be safe, thank your veterans and have a Blessed Easter.

For God and Country  
Cathy D. Post  
Dept. President



Never settle for the path of least resistance!

## Department Officers 2021-2022

President-Cathy Post  
1st Vice President-Savanna Kauffman  
2nd Vice President-Debbie Michael  
Secretary/Treasurer-Susan Brown  
Chaplain-Laura Clark  
Historian-Kimberly Mellie

## District Presidents

1st District-Stephanie Handley  
3rd District-Carla Wilfong  
4th District-Patsy Young-Greiner  
5th District-Kitty Kelly-Smoot  
6th District-Peggy Swartz  
10th District-Savanna Kauffman

## District Vice Presidents

1st District-Kim Elliott  
3rd District-Kimberly Mellie  
4th District-Marcia Finley  
5th District-Frema Wilson  
6th District-Mary Spence  
10th District-Jo Beth Delawder

## Endorsements 2022/2023

President—Savanna Kauffman  
First Vice President—Debbie Michael  
Sec/Treas.—Susan Brown  
NEC—Paulette Anderson



## 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:** (Unit General Fund)- Bonding (\$5.00), Education (Scholarship), & Girls State Project;

**Unit Welfare Fund - Veterans' 1st Fund** (any amount your unit can afford), Poppy Order, & 10% of Poppy Proceeds.

**The Veterans Welfare Fund is the same as the Love Fund, and Veterans 1st Fund. Just had been renamed over the last few years.**

**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.

I will have New Unit Officers forms with me at any District meeting that I attend this spring. Please fill out return and before June 1, 2022. Even if your unit does not change officers I need these forms returned completed. NO EXEMPTIONS!

Note—First District has had to move there spring meeting to May 1st. The meeting will still be held in Chester.

All 2022 dues MUST be paid before back dues are process—if not the Department will pay a processing fee which in turn will be passed on to the units.

Spirit articles are coming to me longer when 200 words. PLEASE check to see how long your articles are before sending. I will have to edit any article that's to long.

Please use the correct mailing address when sending communications to Department. There is still mail going to the New Martinsville's address. There will come a time when the post office will no longer forward mail sent to that address.

Reminder— 990N are DUE! Most be filed to keep your Unit's tax exempt status. Copy needs to be sent to Department

### Note

Mary Jennings has withdrawn her endorsement for Department First Vice President.

### Spring District Conferences

1st District—May 1st@ Chester #121  
4th District—April 23rd @ Parkersburg #15  
5th District—April 9th @ Ceredo/Kenova #93  
6th District- April 23rd @ Bluefield #9

### Note

National President Kathy Daudistel will be visiting the Department June 30th—July 3rd. She will be attending Dept. President Cathy Post dedication of the "Gold Star Mothers Living Memorial". There is a small block of room at the Microtel Hotel in New Martinsville. Room cost is \$99.00 per night plus tax. Phone number is 304-810-2133 please use "American Legion Auxiliary National Visit" when making reservations.

### Department Headquarters

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American Legion Auxiliary  
Huntington Unit 16  
Huntington, WV

At a regular meeting of American Legion Auxiliary, Huntington Unit 16, of Huntington, WV was held on at 7:00 PM March 1, 2021 at the Post Home. The endorsement of Laura Kilgore-Clark for the office of Department 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for the year 2022-2023 was unanimously approved by the membership.

Laura Kilgore Clark is eligible through the military service of her grandfather, Glen R. Hogan, who was a Navy veteran of Korean War. She is married Brandon Clark and the mother of three (Trae Caudill, Katie Beth Caudill, and Alexander Caudill), all of who are members of the American Legion family. Laura joined Huntington Unit 16 in 1982. Laura has served in many capacities within Huntington Unit 16 including volunteering for Poppy Day, Veterans Day, and Memorial Day. She served Junior Activities Chairman. Laura is currently serving as Chaplain and assisting with Children & Youth.

Laura has been active on the District level for many years and has served as District Vice President. Laura is currently serving as 5<sup>th</sup> Chaplain.

Laura is active on the department level having served on the Junior Activities Chairman. Laura is presently serving as Department Chaplain

Laura is a member of Madison Avenue Christian Church and has served as Christian Education Chairman. She is presently serving on the Community Outreach Department and the IT Committee. She has raised money for childhood cancer research with the Headbands 4 Hope, volunteered at the Huntington City Mission, active member of the Spring Valley High School Athletic Boosters. She has assisted the American Heart Association with fundraisers and participate in God Red for Women. She has coordinated fundraisers for the WV Breast Health Initiative and the local animal shelter. She has assisted the Homeless Veterans Resource Center, the Shatterproof (addiction recovery), and Autism Speaks

Huntington Unit 16 is proud to present Laura Kilgore-Clark as a candidate for 2022-2023 for the office of Department of West Virginia, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

Huntington Unit 16 President  
Ann Buchanan

Huntington Unit 16 Secretary  
Yvonne Sargent

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 32

1708 South Kanawha Street

Beckley, WV 25801

At a regular meeting held on January 11, 2022 the membership of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 32 unanimously endorsed Mary H. Jennings for the position of the Department of West Virginia 2nd Vice President for year 2022-2023. I am submitting my endorsement for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for the year of 2022-2023.

Mary is eligible through her son, Ronald H. Jennings, Jr. a 17-year WV Army National Guard Veteran. Ronald, Jr. was deployed to Haiti, Hurricane Katrina, The Mexican Border and Iraq. He was stationed with the 111<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade, Eleanor, WV.

Mary has been a member in good standing of the American Legion Auxiliary of the Department of West Virginia for 10 years. Mary served the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of West Virginia as Chaplain.

Mary has served as Unit Treasurer for 4 years and as Secretary/Treasurer for 6 years.

Mary also serves the 6<sup>th</sup> District as Secretary.

Mary's son, Ronald, Jr. served 6 years as American Legion Commander Post 32, her two grandsons, Robert Edward has served as the Commander for the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 32 and is serving the Detachment of West Virginia Sons of the American Legion as Vice Commander. Ronald Howard, III is currently serving as Commander for the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 32 and serves as Sgt. Of Arms for the Detachment of West Virginia Sons of the American Legion. Ronald, III joined the West Virginia Army National Guard and completed his basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia. He is currently at the State Police Academy training and learning the WV laws as a Beckley City Police Officer.

We, the Membership of Beckley Unit 32, are asking you to join us by electing Mary H. Jennings for the position of American Legion Auxiliary, Department of West Virginia 2nd Vice President.



Linda Day, President



Teresa Rose Townley, Vice President

American Legion Auxiliary  
Shinnston Unit 31  
Shinnston, W. V. 26431

American Legion Auxiliary Department of W.V.  
2172 Grandview Road  
Moundsville, W.V. 26401

Dear Madam Secretary:

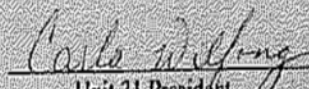
At a regular convened meeting of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 31, Shinnston, W.V. On Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 2022, Kim Mellie was unanimously endorsed for the office of Department Chaplain for the year 2022-2023.

Kim is eligible through her father, who served in World War II and through her husband, Frank who served in the Coast Guard during Operation Desert Storm. Kim lost her father when she was 9 and has since wanted to honor his memory through the American Legion Auxiliary and serving other Veterans.

Kim has previously served as the Unit 174 President from 2018-2021. Kim is now serving as the Department Historian and has been the District 3 Vice-President for 3 years. She was involved in every Auxiliary Fundraiser and played a major role in increasing membership for her previous Unit 174. Kim has and will attend many functions that Shinnston has to offer.

Kim has been married to Frank for 28 years who served as District 2 Commander. Sunday family dinners are very important to her family. Kim and Frank have four daughters and 3 grandchildren.

As a Unit, we know that Kim will perform the Duties assigned to Chaplain to the best of her ability. Please accept our endorsement of Kim Mellie for Department Chaplain.

  
Unit 31 President

  
Unit 31 Secretary

I will Perform the duties of Department Chaplain to the best of my Ability

Kim Mellie  
District 3 Vice President  
Department Historian

American Legion Auxiliary  
Huntington Unit 16  
Huntington, WV

At a regular meeting of American Legion Auxiliary, Huntington Unit 16, of Huntington, WV was held on at 7:00 PM March 1, 2021 at the Post Home. The endorsement of Kitty Kelly-Smoot for the office of 5<sup>th</sup> District President for the year 2022-2023 was unanimously approved by the membership.

Kitty Kelly-Smoot is eligible through the military service of her husband, Charles Smoot, who is a Vietnam veteran. She is the mother of three and grandmother of six. Kitty joined Huntington Unit 16 in 2011. Kitty has served in many capacities within Huntington Unit 16 including President, Vice President, Music Chairman, Americanism Chairman, Junior Activities Chairman and Past Presidents Parley. Kitty is currently serving as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Americanism Chairman and Junior Activities Chairman for our Unit. She is on the Post 16 Veterans Honor Guard.

Kitty has been active on the District level for many years and has served as Americanism Chairman, and District Vice President. Kitty is currently serving as 5<sup>th</sup> District President.

Kitty is active on the department level having served on the Membership Committee, Music Chairman, and Convention Chairman. Kitty is presently serving as Music Chairman and Convention Chairman.

Kitty is a member of Christ the King Lutheran Church and has served on the Council for 7 years. She is a member of AVVA (Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America). She is a member of Greater Barboursville Community Outreach, and Barboursville Lions Club and serves as Treasurer. She is a member of the Cabell County Democratic Women's Club and serves as Chaplain and FR chair. Kitty is on the Cabell County Democratic Executive Committee. She is an avid crocheter.

Huntington Unit 16 is proud to present Kitty Kelly-Smoot as a candidate for 2022-2023 for the office of 5<sup>th</sup> District President.

Huntington Unit 16 President  
Ann Buchanan

Huntington Unit 16 Secretary  
Yvonne Sargent

***"There's No Place Like Home Of The Brave, Because Of Their Courage, We Shall Never Forget"***

***Membership Chairman***

We are only 5 days from Spring!! I know I'm happy and ready!

I want to thank the Legion family at Shinnston for their hospitality while attending 3rd District Conference, and the 103rd Birthday dinner. Great food and they always make you feel like family!

**Membership report:**

With the 3rd Target date upon us, I am happy to say we have 43 units meeting the 75% target. Not bad for having 58 total units, but I know we can do better! We have some that are so close. Thank you to the units that have sent dues in. All members are essential to the mission of our auxiliary. The "Lions" are ahead of the "Tin Men" by 85.30% to 79.03%. Let's go and tighten up this race!! You can do it!!

We are in 5th place in Central Division, only by a small margin. I would love to see us move up. I know we can!!

Remember: you have a few days left to meet the 3rd Target date. Our final target date is July 1st at 100%. Let's celebrate by All units meeting Goal for Dorothy (Dept. President Cathy) and the great Oz (Membership Chairman Susan).

I have really enjoyed this years Membership Theme. But, we are not done yet!!

All ribbons (75% and 100%) will be given out at our Department Convention.

God Bless You All

Susan Wade



***Department 1st Vice President***

Hello to all,  
Happy April!!! Wishing you all a Happy Easter!

Its that time where I'm honored to travel to see the districts spring conferences. Thank you to 3rd District for inviting to be apart of your conference and birthday dinner, sorry I was not able to attend due to the weather. I'm so proud to be apart of this family!

On the membership side your doing great! Please keep up the good work that you all have been doing!!!! Congratulations to the units with 75% and over 3rd district has 5, 5th district has 5, 10th district has 10.

Don't forget your end of year reports due in April! Make sure you include a narrative or it doesn't count. They are very important.

Remember: Be you - Do you - Love you  
For God and Country  
Savanna Kauffman  
Department 1st Vice President  
# (304)582-2976

***Department 2nd Vice President***

Hello to all

I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful spring weather. Great job to my "Lion" districts (1-4-6). We are still ahead and our "roar" is getting louder.

Congratulations to Hundred Unit 120 for exceeding goal. There are many units that are so close to reaching goal. Keep getting those dues and recruiting new members. Maybe you can attract new members while you are having your spring events.

If I can help you, please contact me. Hugs to all!

Happy Easter!

Dept. 2nd Vice  
Debbie Michael  
katndebbie@gmail.com  
304-258-2705



***Chaplain***

Spring is a beautiful time to reflect on all of the blessings that our Creator has given us. We also need to take this time to keep our men and women in the military in our constant thoughts and prayers. Please remember the children and families of Ukraine in your prayers during tumultuous times.

Please submit your prayers, devotions, or favorite bible verses for President Cathy's prayer book to the presented at the Department convention in July. You can email them to laurakclark716@gmail.com you can also send them via text to 304-972-8944. God Bless each of you and God Bless the USA!

Laura Clark  
Department Chaplain

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

Hello ladies!  
Keep working to increase membership. We have a few goal Units and some who have not quite made it yet. Congratulations to all that have achieved their goal. Remember that the State Conference is in Huntington July 7-9th. What a great time to meet with the wonderful members of the State Legion Family! Third District just held their conference and a birthday brunch for the American Legion. What a wonderful Post and Unit in Shinnston!  
Let me know if you need anything  
Kim Mellie  
304-216-9943  
Kmellie@comcast.net



### **3rd District President**

The District meeting was held this past weekend. Yes we held it, 7 inches of snow. Did not stop us. When you have Department officers already here the show must go on.  
Thank you Department President Cathy for coming, Department Secretary/Treasure Susan thank you for coming, we missed you on Sunday. Past Dept. Presidents, Susan Wade, Paulette Anderson, Ann Buchanan, Susan Brown, Rosie Nicholson, and Dortha Parsons were all there.  
New Officers for the next year were elected. Kim Mellie for District president, and Lois Layman for Vice President. Congratulations ladies!  
It will be a privilege working with you next year.  
Ladies we still have a few Units that are dragging their feet on Membership. Come on Ladies you can do it.  
If you need my help just call 304-592-0247, or email  
me: carlajwilfong@gmail.com

Carla Willing  
Third District President

### **6th District Vice President**

Hoping to find everyone staying safe and healthy. Now that our country is opening up for business I hope we can get some relief. Our April 1st goal is 75% of dues collected. Since Easter is in April this year and spring is here, let's spring into action to make sure that we work hard to increase and meet our membership "GOAL".  
As I spoke to several unit representative, I understand that several units are close to meeting their membership goal. Also units are back meeting and are planning special projects such as Birthday Dinners, Bike and Car Shows, and pancake breakfasts. I hope everyone will be able to enjoy the Easter Holiday season and hope that our gas prices don't keep you from traveling to be with your family. Continue to pray for our State and Nation during this difficult time. Dates to remember:  
District 6 meeting: April 23, 2022 Bluefield will be Hostess  
Girls State: June 12-17 Davis Elkins College  
State Convention July 6-9 Huntington Hilton  
Prayers for all to be safe.  
Mary E. Spence  
Vice President  
District 6



### **6th District President**

Hello from Sixth District  
Hope this finds everyone well and you have stayed away from the Virus.  
Mid Winter Conference has come and gone I think we had a good turn out for the Conference and had a nice meeting. We had nice weather but it was cold. It snowed a little on Saturday Night before we departed on Sunday, but everything still went well. Hope everyone made it home safe.  
Sixth District Spring Conference will be hosted by Bluefield Unit 9, on Saturday, April 23, 2022. Registration will begin at 9:00 AM till 10:00 AM, will let you know the price of the meal as soon as they let me know. Your Mandatory Funds are due so if you have not payed them please do it as soon. Hope everyone is still working hard on membership.  
In March we will have St Patrick Day if you celebrate please be careful. So until next time please keep us all in your prayers and say a special prayer for our Veterans.

Thank You  
Peggy Swartz, President  
Sixth District

### **4th District President**

#### **4th District President**

Greetings Members of the 4th District:

The District 4 Spring Conference will be held in Parkersburg at Post 15 on Saturday, April 23, 2022. Registration is at 9:00 a.m. Meeting immediately following. Lunch will be served. There will be a memorial service for deceased members.

The Department of West Virginia is meeting and surpassing membership goals. Keep up the great work! Annual reports are due by April 30, 2022. Units have completed projects helping our Veterans, their families, community, and youth. Please submit the annual reports so our efforts can receive well-deserved recognition.

God Bless our Veterans, families and military.

If you love your Freedom, Thank a Veteran!

Patsy Young-Greiner

4th District President

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Patsygirl2@suddenlink.net

### **10th District President**

Hello to all,  
Happy April!! Wishing you all a Happy Easter!  
I hope everyone is doing well.  
On the membership side - Congratulations to the units with 75% and over, 10th district has 10 they are #60, 64, 78, 91, 102, 128, 124, 136, 137, and 152.  
Heads up: 10th District Spring Conference is on Saturday, March 26, 2022 held at Petersburg.  
Until next month,  
\*always spread kindness\*  
For God and Country  
Savanna Kauffman  
10th District President  
#(304)582-2976



1st District Chaplain

1st District:

Please send me a list of your deceased members by April 20th to have for memorial services in May.

Paulette Anderson

1st District Chaplain

pauletteanderson2848@gmail.com

PURPLE UP for Military Kids

FIFTH DISTRICT CONFERENCE

At the joint Fifth District Conference on April 9, 2022 Ceredo-Kenova Unit 93 is celebrating PURPLE UP day. American Legion Auxiliary members and guests are encouraged to wear purple; it may be a shirt, sweater, dress, skirt, pants, etc. Those wearing purple will receive a door prize ticket. Prizes are something purple.

Shirley Davis, Unit 93 Secretary



*Historian*

Calling all Units to send me their Unit History so that I can include it in President Cathy Posts history book. Hopefully, each Unit is busy compiling your history for year end. Start now and it will make reporting much easier come deadline time. Please, please, please email me info to include in the State History Book. I am so sorry I missed the Mid-Winter Conference. After being exposed to Covid, I thought it was best for everyone that I stay home and quarantine. I hear I missed an awesome conference. I'm sure you missed my Toto Costume!

Remember that April is the Month of the Military Child wear purple on April 15th in support of Military Children. Please feel free to send me pictures of the Purple Up!

Remember to support our Rhododendron Girls State Program by sponsoring a girl or two.

Finally, please have a wonderful Easter. Celebrate and enjoy quality family time. Please remember our Veterans in nursing homes. Bring a little Spring to them!

Please, please, please email histories to me at kmellie@comcast.net.

Kim Mellie  
Historian

NEC

*Hello Auxiliary Members,*

*I hope you all are as excited for Spring to be around the corner as I am. It is a very busy time of year with "Year-End" Reports as well as upcoming events. I want to give each of you feedback on our recent NEC Mid-Year Conference. We voted on the following measures: 1. To accept the external auditor's report as presented. 2. To consent to be listed as co-sponsor with the National Finance Committee on the dues increase proposal which will be presented and debated at 2022 National Convention. 3. To approve changes to the National Contract and Signature Authority Policy: allows the National Secretary and the Executive Director to enter into Multi-year agreements if it results in a cost-savings, is within the approved budget, the amount is no greater than \$150,000, and there is a no-penalty termination clause. 4. To approve changes to the national Prepaid Expenses Policy: changed the specific example "ALA Girls Nation pin/charms" to the more general "program expenses"; and expenses shall be expensed when paid or when the program, service, or event occurs. 5. To approve the title change of the Solicitation and Acceptance of Donations, Gifts, or Grants Policy to Solicitation and Acceptance of Funds Policy; to include sponsorship as a solicited and acceptable defined fund, and add specifications of acceptable sponsorships. 6. To approve the reviewed Reserve Policy without changes. The policy changes are now updated in the online C&B on MyAuxiliary member portal of the National Website. Flag & Emblem Sales is out of stock of the C&B and will not have more reprints with amended policies until after National Convention. Until next month be safe and God Bless.*

### *Americanism*

Hello Fellow Auxiliary Members,

I hope everyone is safe and healthy. It is exciting to hear the sound of spring in the air. I am sure this gives each unit a new kind of busy with fundraisers, community events, etc. I want to take this time and pass on some encouragements from our Division Chairman Georgia Downs. She would like for units to decorate and send out cards to our shut-ins at nursing homes and to our Veterans. Also email her and our National Americanism Chair Norma Tramm and her any pictures taken during an Americanism Event (Star Spangled Kids, Flag Disposal Ceremonies, etc.) with an explanation. Georgia is forwarding on a request from Our National American Legion for volunteers to help with the Oratorical Contest, April 23rd & 24th, 2022. If you are interested in participating you can register at <http://www.legion.org/oratorical/volunteer>. Fly the Flag Dates for March: March 29- National Vietnam War Veterans' Day. Historic Dates to Remember: 3/4/1789- The First Congress Under the Constitution convenes in New York City, 3/4/1791- Vermont becomes part of the Union as the 14th State, 3/10/1785- Congress appoints Thomas Jefferson to be the United States Ambassador to France, 3/28/1785- Delegates from Maryland and Virginia meet at Mt. Vernon to discuss navigation conflicts on the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay. George Washington serves as host and it becomes known as the Mount Vernon Conference.

Until Next Month be safe and God Bless.

Rhonda Best

Americanism Chairman



### *Auxiliary Emergency Fund*

The Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) provides temporary assistance to eligible members, who have current and two previous years dues paid, during time of financial crises or weather-related emergencies and natural disasters and promotes awareness and knowledge of the program.

Fundraising for the AEF is key to the successful program, but it is also important to inform and educate Auxiliary members of the financial assistance that is available to members. The AEF applications are on the National website at:

[www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org)

Since January 2021, AEF grants have been awarded to members of the Central Division as follows--Illinois-2, Indiana-5, Michigan-4, Missouri-1 and Wisconsin-1.

Remember, ladies if you donate \$50, as an individual, you will receive one of the newly redesigned AEF pins, when they become available.

Be thinking about your year end reports and please don't forget the narrative to be considered for a plaque or award.

For God and country

Margaret Yost  
AEF Chairman  
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[mdyost2010@frontier.com](mailto:mdyost2010@frontier.com)

### *Community Service*

Have you ever looked up the definition for community service? It is helping people who are down on their luck due to the economy and with the various diseases coming into the United States cannot be treated as fast as it should be. Some people have different illness' and then there are those that refuse to be vaccinated. We have taken clothes, pocketbooks, shoes and other items, such as dishes and household items and was told if it was not used here (in the United States) it would be sent to third world countries.

It is almost time to start mowing our grass. Please try to help your neighbors with their grass and/or any yard work they cannot do.

Anything you do to help others, especially our veterans, please keep track of your time so you can write a report and turn in your hours for your unit or post.

You could possibly win an award at the unit level, state level or at the national level.

Contact me @304-673-1997 for any questions. If I do not know the answer, we will find them,

God bless you all.  
Mary Jennings  
Chairman



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### ***Junior Activities***

ALA Junior members volunteer with other girls in their age group in many engaging activities:  
Learning about patriotism and how to show respect for the American flag  
Helping military families in practical ways such as mowing yards and helping military kids become acclimated at a new school  
Distributing poppies and raising awareness, especially on Memorial Day and Veterans Day, so our veterans know we care about them  
Practicing leadership by organizing service projects  
Earning service patches while learning about ALA programs  
Demonstrating responsibility for future scholarship, college, or military service applications  
If you are a female ALA member 17 years of age or younger and love our country, imagine attending a regional or national meeting focused on Junior Activities with a hundred girls who could become your lifelong friends!  
The American Legion Auxiliary encourages young women to lead the way in continuing its legacy of serving veterans, the military, and their families.  
Found this information on the national site .  
Remember year-end report are due into Department by April 30th.  
God Bless  
Kelli A Immel

### ***National Security***

Well the weather is changing nice for a few days.  
End of the year reports have been sent out. Please take a few minutes and look at the report, you might be surprised at what you done.  
Purchase and deliver your comfort items, help a homeless Veteran if you can.  
Have a blood drive. Check with your post about having a meet your delegates running for office.  
If you need my help just call 304-592-0247, or email me at:  
carlajwilfong@gmail.com

Carla Wilfong  
National Security Chairperson

### ***Legislative***

As we start to think about gearing up for the Girls State process and what the girls learn and experience while there, have you given any thought to the younger children, maybe juniors, sons of The American Legion, or school children? Legislation plays a huge role in this organization, veterans, community and our lives. Have you worked with children teaching them about Legislation? Check out this 40 page book for ages 5 to 8 called "House Mouse, Senate Mouse". Websites [storyjumper.com](http://storyjumper.com) or [kids-clerk.house.gov](http://kids-clerk.house.gov) are great resources for children of all ages to learn about Bill's and the Legislative processes.

The comprehensive Honoring our PACT Act, promise to toxic-exposed veterans, has passed the House and now on to the Senate. The promise to make sure these veterans can get the care and benefits they've earned.

Lisa Cadwallader  
Legislative Chair  
[Lisac.ala71@gmail.com](mailto:Lisac.ala71@gmail.com)

### ***Leadership***

**Leadership Springs Forward**  
By now most of you have adjusted to the recent time change. Time and Change... two key words along the yellow brick road of LEADERSHIP... wouldn't you say?

Thank you for taking the time to be a leader. Thank you for taking part in the recent midwinter workshop about Leadership. Thank you for taking time to mentor others. Time is one of those rare things that we just cannot seem to get enough of nor can we make more. Making the most of our time and using it wisely is a constant battle... especially for leaders. We feel pulled and sometimes even unappreciated when we know we are taking time away from our families to lead our units or other clubs... but we try.

I want to encourage you to feel good about your own time. Feel good about the time you decide to give away... knowing you will never get it back. Feel good about taking time to plan and to develop projects that help build and grow other leaders along the way. Use your time wisely and feel good about your choices. Now Change... there's another one that so often falls on the shoulders of leaders. Whether we like it or not - change is inevitable. How many changes did COVID-19 force on us? How many changes have we had to face as an organization in order to still be here more than 100 years later. There's the proof... we CAN do it.

I want to encourage to embrace change when you know it makes sense. I challenge you to avoid the notion that "we've always done it this way" means we cannot change in order to improve things without fully abandoning the past. I am asking you to do what you can to make those changes you've been avoiding and own your decision.

March gives us the opportunity to **SPRING FORWARD** on the clocks. Let's make April our month to embrace our choices about Time and Change as the leaders in our own homes, units, churches, organizations and yes... in our own heads and hearts.

Dr. Rosemary Thomas  
Leadership Chairman



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### **Music**

Membership song 2021-2022

Follow the Yellow Brick Road!  
Follow the Yellow Brick Road!  
Follow, follow, follow, follow  
Follow the Yellow Brick Road! .....

\*\*\*\* HEY STOP!!! \*\*\*\*

(This part spoken)

\*\*\* We're gonna do something different!

How about we LEAD on that yellow brick road!!!

After all, we ARE the American Legion Auxiliary, 100+ years strong!! \*\*\*

We're off to help our Susan,  
Our wonderful Wizard of Oz!

(these 2 lines rather hurried)

Dorothy and Toto help our Apple Trees grow

We honor our fallen – there's No Place Like Home!!

With Glenda's prayers as our guide,  
Our Auntie Ems are full of pride!  
Our Tin Man, our Lions, the Scarecrow, too  
With Munchkins around to follow us, too!

We're off to help our Cathy,  
In our victorious Department of OZ!!!!

As in previous years, a little surprise will be presented at Convention to any Unit or District that sends me a video of y'all trying to sing our song! Have fun – I LOVE seeing these!!

Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Music Chair  
Text on cell: 304-412-3649, Email: kittyks2@comcast.net, Facebook: kittykellysmoot

### **Poppy**

Ladies the weather it beginning to show signs of Spring. I hope that each of you are having some sunshine to light your day. As we begin the Spring, we also beginning the closing of 2021-2022 and we need to begin thinking of what we have done this year. We need to complete our year-end reports. I know that you may think that you have done little, but when we put all our efforts together we will find successes and will be able to start and new year with new successes.

National Poppy Challenge – Poppy in the Window of EACH Veterans

“The Poppy in the Window Challenge will allow our veterans to be recognized and acknowledged for their service by community members.” You can make a certificate which shows a poppy and thanking the veteran for their service. Ask them to place it in their window before National Poppy Day (May 27, 2022). Please include this on you Poppy Report as a project future activity.

There is a “poppy” bookmark available on the National Poppy site. You can make copies and distribute them to you local schools. This can be used by any age students. You could also work with the local school librarian as a method of distribution,

Poppy funds are used all during the year to assist our veterans and we need to keep the “POPPY” in the view of our community, schools, and veterans facilities at all times.

Please remember that your year-end report is due by in April. Please your information together and submit to me by the deadline.

Ann Buchanan  
Chairman



### **Public Relations**

How to set up a personal Facebook account

If you do not have an account already

Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

Enter your name.

Enter your e-mail where indicated

Create a password

Enter your birthday and gender

Click on the sign up button

You are on Facebook home page

Click on your name in upper right hand corner. Up date profile

Click on find friends in upper right hand corner. You can import contacts from your email

Address book, or request or request to be friends individually in the search

bar by name or

Email address.

I sure everyone knows how to do this just a little reminder.

Peggy Swartz

Public Relations

### **Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation**

I hope you are enjoying this beautiful weather we are having. A lot different from this past weekend.

Thank you to Shinnston Unit #31 for hosting the Third District Conference, and Post #31 for their Birthday Dinner. Wow! 103 years Young!!

Congratulations to Dortha Parsons for being selected as Volunteer Member of the Year through National! I hope you enjoy your trip in April to accept your award in Colorado!

Reminders: please send me your hour bars no later than June 1st; send me the name of "caregiver" for a veteran, so I can give them a certificate at the Department Convention. The names I would like no later than July 1st to do the certificates. Mark these dates on your calendars!

Until next month!

Paulette Anderson

VA&R Chairman

[pauletteanderson2848@gmail.com](mailto:pauletteanderson2848@gmail.com)



# American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

## *Rhododendron Girls State*

Who: Junior Class of 2023

What: Rhododendron Girls State

When: June 12-17, 2022

Where: Davis & Elkins College, Elkins, WV

Cost: \$250 per citizen, not including t-shirt

Deadline: May 1, 2022

Note that there are some vast changes to the Samsung Scholarship criteria so please pay attention to the details.

Contact your schools to let them know you are the contact person and give them your information if they have questions.

Please feel free to contact me or your district representative if you have any questions or if we can be of any assistance to you in any way.

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd,  
Rhododendron Girls State Chairman



## *District Representatives*

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. — Cathy Post  
308 Main Street  
Middlebourne, WV 26149  
304-758-5114

5th Dist.— Ann Buchanan  
105 Cheyenne Trail  
Huntington, WV 25505  
304-654-9932

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

10th Dist.— Debbie Fox  
874 Longview Drive  
Berkeley Springs, WV  
304-258-5804

### *Ways and Means*

We would like to thank those of you that purchased tickets at Midwinter, and took ticket back with you to sell. I will have tickets with me at all the District conference that I attend. Remember they make a great birthday gift!

There were 13 \$25.00 winners in February, and we had a \$200.00 winner. Congratulation to each of you!

Cost for a ticket \$20.00 good for the whole year of 2022!

NOTICE—Please mail check and stubs to:

Susan Brown  
2172 Grandview Rd  
Moundsville WV 26041

Check Payable to: Ways & Means

Susan Brown  
Linda Crumm



### *January Ways and Means Winners*

Name	#'s	City	State	Date	\$\$\$
	327			2/1/2022	
Paulette Anderson	552	New Martinsville	WV	2/2/2022	25.00
ALA Spencer #21	162	Spencer	WV	2/3/2022	25.00
Jim McLaughlin	854	Romney		2/4/2022	25.00
	158			2/5/2022	
	949			2/7/2022	
	154			2/8/2022	
Betty Cutlip	634	Priceton	WV	2/9/2022	25.00
Dryden Roush	624	Spencer	WV	2/10/2022	25.00
Jerry Wilfong	194	Enterprise	WV	2/11/2022	25.00
	643			2/12/2022	
Brenda Keckley	947	Romney	WV	2/14/2022	25.00
Shannon Harshbarger	907	Huntington	WV	2/15/2022	25.00
Jim McLaughlin	854	Romney	WV	2/16/2022	200.00
	153			2/17/2022	
Renee Morris	939	Wind Ridge	PA	2/18/2022	25.00
JoAnn Camp	700	Spencer	WV	2/19/2022	25.00
PDP Club	323	Moundsville	WV	2/21/2022	25.00
Rick Chucci	536	Ridgeley	WV	2/22/2022	25.00
	292			2/23/2022	
	770			2/24/2022	
	697			2/25/2022	
	241			2/26/2022	
Clarence Bell	562	Romney	WV	2/28/2022	25.00

***“There’s No Place Like Home of the Brave;  
Because of Their Courage We Shall Never Forget”***

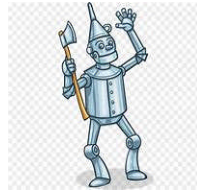
**March 16, 2022**  
**Department Goal— 4894 Membership to Date— 4004**  
**Department Unit 200 Goal—165 Membership to Date—126**

**Debbie**

District 1			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	28	17	60.71%
Moundsville #3	237	213	89.87%
McMechen #5	29	24	82.76%
Weirton #10	58	52	89.66%
Cameron #18	149	115	77.18%
New Martinsville #28	117	93	79.49%
Wellsburg #34	25	22	88%
Follansbee #45	47	28	59.57%
Pine Grove #81	70	53	75.71%
Paden City #86	83	68	81.93%
Wheeling #89	18	8	44.44%
Newell #114	23	12	52.17%
Hundred #120	27	31	114.81%
Chester #121	143	99	69.23%
TOTALS	1054	835	79.22%

District 4			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	410	373	90.98%
Spencer #21	37	30	81.08%
Pt. Pleasant #23	200	188	94%
Tyler County #48	41	32	78.05%
Sistersville #67	44	39	88.64%
New Haven #140	137	126	91.97%
Williamstown #159	80	79	98.75%
TOTALS	949	867	91.36%

District 6			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Welch #8	49	44	89.80%
Bluefield #9	28	26	92.86%
Beckley #32	30	28	93.33%
Gary #38	87	76	87.36%
Cowen #62	24	18	75%
Richwood #97	24	21	87.50%
TOTALS	242	213	88.02%



***“Tin Man”  
Team  
Goal—2484  
To Date—1967  
79.19%***

***Membership  
Chairman  
The Great  
OZ***



***“Lion”  
Team  
Goal—2245  
To Date 1915  
85.30%***



**Savanna**

District 3			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	37	30	81.08%
Clarksburg #13	61	37	60.66%
Elkins #29	111	107	96.40%
Shinnston #31	253	229	90.51%
Braxton County #33	31	26	83.87%
Bridgeport #68	88	27	30.68%
Belington #96	17	14	82.35%
Pickens #122	20	0	0%
Morgantown #174	60	42	70%
TOTALS	678	512	75.52%

District 5			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Huntington #16	150	130	86.67%
Logan #19	17	15	88.24%
St. Albans #73	30	24	80%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	276	183	66.30%
South Charleston #94	15	7	46.67%
Hamlin #111	41	36	87.80%
Milton #139	60	42	70%
Barboursville #177	106	114	107.55%
TOTALS	695	551	79.28%

Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	101	60	59.41%
Franklin #30	14	0	0%
Piedmont #52	20	10	50%
Berkeley Springs #60	175	149	85.14%
Moorefield #64	78	69	88.46%
Charles Town #71	147	80	54.42%
Petersburg #78	70	63	90%
Romney #91	179	153	85.48%
Charles Town #102	28	34	121.43%
Paw Paw #128	30	25	83.33%
Kirby #134	28	26	92.86%
Ridgeley #136	47	60	127.66%
Capon Bridge #137	155	139	89.68%
Keyser #152	39	36	92.31%
TOTALS	1111	904	81.37%

# April 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 April Fool's Day	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 5th District Ceredo-Kenova #93
10 	11	12	13	14	15 Passover; (Begins at Sundown)  Good Friday	16
17 Easter Sunday 	18 Easter Monday (Canada)	19	20	21	22	23 6th District Bluefield; 4th District Parkersburg
24 Orthodox Easter Sunday	25	26	27	28	29	30
					<div> <i>Program of Month</i>  <i>Children &amp; Youth</i> </div>	

The SPIRIT is emailed to all **Unit Contacts** and any **Unit Officers or member** with an email address, and has asked for the Spirit to be emailed to them.

**All Department Officers, Department Chairmen, District Presidents/Vice Presidents, Past Department Presidents** with email addresses. Spirits are posted monthly on the website: [www.wvauux.org](http://www.wvauux.org)  
Unit Presidents **with no email contact** will receive a free copy by mail.

*Subscription will Cost \$18.00*

*Runs August through July Each Year*

**MAIL TO:**

American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of West Virginia  
2172 Grandview Road  
Moundsville, WV 26041

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

STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX: \_\_\_\_\_

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

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_



2022

## 10 New in 2022!

Members who recruit 10 new Junior or senior Auxiliary members for the 2022 membership year.

One entry per recruiter.

Certified forms must be received at ALA National Headquarters by June 3, 2022.

Please send this form to your department headquarters office no later than one week prior to the deadlines.

New members must be paid in ALAMIS by June 1, 2022.

### ENTRY/CERTIFICATION FORM

*Please type or print legibly and fill out the form completely. Incomplete forms may not be processed.*

Recruiter's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of <u>New</u> Members	Member ID#	Names of <u>New</u> Members	Member ID#
1. _____	_____	6. _____	_____
2. _____	_____	7. _____	_____
3. _____	_____	8. _____	_____
4. _____	_____	9. _____	_____
5. _____	_____	10. _____	_____

***Certified by Department Secretary:***

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Department Secretary

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept: \_\_\_\_\_

Dept Secretary Signature (required): \_\_\_\_\_

**\*I certify that all 10 members are new and joined into the 2022 year.**

**\*I've provided or verified member ID numbers and that the form is filled out legibly and completely.**

***DO NOT SEND INCOMPLETE FORMS or more than 1 form per recruiter.***

**Units: Send form to your department secretary.**

#### Departments:

Please either scan and email to:  
[membership@ALAforVeterans.org](mailto:membership@ALAforVeterans.org)  
(Subject line: Recruit 10)

Or

Fax: (317) 569-4502 (Attn: Membership)

**\*Must be received at NHQ by midnight June 3, 2022.**

Each recruiter will receive a special gift selected by the 2022 national Membership Committee chairman.

**One award per recruiter.**

2022 DEPARTMENT STATE CONVENTION  
RESERVATION FORM

July 7-9, 2022  
Double Tree by Hilton  
1001 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave  
Huntington, WV 25701

\$106.00 per night room rate (plus 13% tax)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ AM PM Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

Room Type: (circle one)      Doubles      King (Additional charge of \$10 for a King)

\$20 per person per night for more than two  
persons occupying a room.

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 \$106.00 (plus 13% tax) = \$119.78 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:

Double Tree by Hilton

ATTN: Desiree Besmer

1001 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave

Huntington, West Virginia 25701

**This form must be mailed to reserve a room at Double Tree by Hilton**

**cutoff date is June 22, 2022**

**(No phone calls for rooms will be accepted.)**

**PLEASE PRE-REGISTER EARLY- THANKS!**

**CANCELTION, BEFORE 48 HOURS, PRIOR TO ARRIVAL, OR  
FORFEIT 100% OF THE TOTAL**

**104<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
2022  
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 104<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia, Inc., scheduled July 7-9, 2022, at Double Tree by Hilton, Huntington, West Virginia.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

\_\_\_\_\_  
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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 June 22, 2022**  
No Deviation

**2022 AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION****RESERVATION INVOICE**

AUGUST 26 - SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

POTAWATOMI HOTEL &amp; CASINO

1611 WEST CANAL STREET

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53233

NAME(S) OF ATTENDEE(S)

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-MAIL:

King/Doubles (\$144 per night plus 15.50 % hotel tax) One bedroom suite \$144

**Parking rate per day---Complimentary****PLEASE MAIL PAYMENT BY MAY 3, 2022**

ARRIVAL DATE TO HOTEL	
DEPARTURE DATE FROM HOTEL	
KING OR DOUBLE	

Quantity			
ONE NIGHT'S ROOM DEPOSIT @	\$166.32		
ADDITIONAL OCCUPANT IN ROOM PER DAY - Flat Rate			
REGISTRATION FEE @	\$25.00		
NATIONAL COMMANDER'S BANQUET @	\$53.00		
SOUTHERN BLOC BREAKFAST @	\$52.00		
HOSPITALITY ROOM FEE @	\$25.00		
NATIONAL CONVENTION SHIRT@      Name:                      Size:	\$25.00		
TOTAL			

**FIRST NIGHT'S DEPOSIT REQUIRED.****WE WILL BILL YOU FOR OTHER CHARGES****PLEASE ORDER YOU NATIONAL CONVENTION SHIRT ON THIS FORM****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.**