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Department President
Cathy D. Post



*“Honoring Our Fallen
Serving all Others”*

Colors—**Red, Purple, & Gold**

Flower—**Poppy**

Greeting my Sisters,

The excitement is building!!! We leave next week for Phoenix, I am so looking forward to this trip, I have never been any further west than Chicago and I can't wait to see the countryside. We are delivering an abundance of items for our hospitality room and all the flags and banners. Please keep us all in your thoughts and prayers as we make this journey.

I will be representing the Department in the Labor Day Parade and will post pictures.

Workshop is up next. We have a very informative meeting planned for everyone. Chairpersons please be prepared with an explanation of each category/program and what you expect of the units for reports. You will be allotted 5-7 minutes each. Don't forget the SHOEBOX AUCTION for my special project., Gold Star Mothers Living Memorial. Plans continue for the tree planting for each of your counties. Your invite will come in the Spirit with an RSVP.

Will close this out, as I am packing as we speak. Please touch base with our veterans, pray for each other, and be kind to all you meet. Also be safe as COVID is rearing it's ugly head again. At this time masks are not required at workshop, however I'm sure I will be wearing one, chose wisely!!

For God and Country,

Cathy D Post

President



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6th District-Peggy Swartz
10th District-Savanna Kauffman

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5th District-Frema Wilson
6th District-Mary Spence
10th District-Jo Beth Delawder



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, and 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. We don't pay 15 cents a member any more.

The Spirit is free by email or website.

All you have to do is email to let me know. The same for mail call. If you only want or the other, that can be done also.

If you wish Spirit by mail, send \$18.00 for the year (Aug-July)

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.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR APPLICATIONS HAVE THE WAR ERA AND ELIGIBILITY OF VETERAN MARKED. I AM GETTING SOME THAT ARE NOT COMPLETE.

Still working on setting up the office, but I do see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Have not received very many responses to the workshop in September. The responses are used to gauge how many packets to put together. If your unit hasn't responded please do.

Working on the New Directory that will be available at workshop to Department officers & chairperson, Past Department Presidents, District Presidents, and Unit Presidents. Those not present the directory will be mailed to them.

Have sent out Unit Chairperson list, please note the deadline for submitting. I included in the email a list of Units that have not sent in their Unit Officers list. If you are one of them, please responded.

Department Chairman—to print your plan of works for you, I will need your plans no later then September 7th.

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd had surgery recently, and is on the mend. If you would like to send her a card. Her address is:

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd
PO Box 1511
Mathews, VA 23109

Some people might wonder why the strange hours for the office. Being able to open at 9:30 allows me to make doctor appointments for early morning. Just wanted to let everyone know.

PLEASE look at the length of your Spirit article and your spacing if you are sending it in Words. Please use no spacing and 10 fonts. I had to modify some of the articles sent in to fit. Sorry, but they were just too long.

Reminder—Department is not called State. All States are referred as Departments by National. We are in Central Division, and our Department is divide into Districts.

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“There’s No Place Like Home Of The Brave, Because Of Their Courage, We Shall Never Forget”

Membership Chairman

I would like to apologize for making an error in last months spirit. Our Department 2nd Vice President, Debbie Michael, will have Districts 1, 4, and 6. Our Department 1st Vice President, Savanna Kauffman, will have Districts 3, 5, and 10. We have a great team and I am looking forward to having an awesome Membership year!! We had 27 Goal Units this past year. We had several that were close. Working together we can skip right up the yellow brick road! I will explain the break down of membership numbers at workshop. I hope to see a lot of units there. We plan to have a very informative workshop! Please don't forget your decorated shoe boxes filled with goodies for Madame President Cathy's special project.

Please pray for our troops

God Bless American

Susan Wade

Membership Chairman

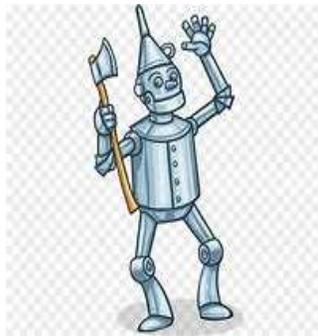


Department 1st Vice President

Hello to all,
Happy September!! I'm looking forward to working with you all.
Target goals are a little different this year. Target #1 at 25% is due on October 1st, 2021.
We all need to dig in, as best as we can, and start getting our membership in. If your unit is starting to get membership in please do not hold them. Please send them in as soon as possible so department Secretary can process them.
Hopefully to see everyone at Workshop the 2nd week in September. Hopefully by now everyone has there room booked! Still with this virus going around and them asking for the 3rd shot still be safe out there it could be anywhere.
Reminder: Vice Presidents for 3, 5, 10 every month, please send me a report of your district so I can update department. Unit next month, prayers for all that need it and Thank you so much for all you do for the Veterans.

Be you - Do you - Love you
For God and Country

Savanna Kauffman
Department 1st Vice President
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Department 2nd Vice President

Hello to all!
I hope you all are making plans to come to Fall Board and are excited about membership. Please work on getting in those renewals and new members. Reach out to those eligible friends or family members. There are probably many potential members that we have never been asked. We want to make "Dorothy" proud.

I have a feeling that my "Cowardly Lions" from 1st, 4th and 6th Districts are well on their way with membership this year. Our roar isn't very loud yet, but I'm sure it will be getting louder as time passes. At the end of the year, we will have a "big roar"

I am excited to see everyone in Clarksburg. Please try to attend. You learn so much and they are always fun!

If I can help you with anything, please contact me

Hugs!.

"Cowardly Lion"
Department 2nd Vice
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3rd District Vice President

Hello again! Hope all are well. In these trying times its better to reach out to your members and check on them. Offer them a discount for early bird membership renewal. Plan to attend the District Conference in your area!

Let me know if you need anything!

Kim Mellie
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Third District VP



5th District Vice President

I hope everyone has had a good summer and looking forward to the beautiful autumn colors. West Virginia really is Almost Heaven!

It is time to start collecting dues, or most have already started. May we all reach our goals and have a great year. I am looking forward to working with Fifth District and will make myself available as much as possible, if you need my assistance.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at Membership Workshop next month.

Prayers to all.

Frema Wilson

Fifth District Vice President

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6th District Vice President

Hoping everyone is still safe and healthy. Glad to see that we are finally getting some rain. August 1, 2021 started our new membership building year. All members should have received their Membership booklets with the 2021-2022 cards by now. You should have started processing membership renewals for 2022 on August 1 but, remember adding new members' starts on September 1, 2021. Our new membership goal for collecting Post membership dues started August 1, 2021.

The following is a list of membership target dates:

Target 1 25% October 1, 2021

Target 2 50% January 1, 2022

Target 3 75% April 1, 2022

Target 4 100% July 1, 2022

Unfortunately, I cannot make it to the Membership workshop on September 11, 2021 at Hilton Garden Inn, Clarksburg, WV, but I will miss everyone and keep all of you in my thoughts. Our District 6 Fall workshop will be in Beckley on September 18, 2021 at Post 32. Due to the spikes of the Delta virus throughout our state, remember to be vigilant and wear your mask if appropriate when in public, keep your distance, disinfect, and continue to wash your hands.

Prayers for all to be safe.

I am hoping to be able to make contact with my District units within the next few weeks. Looking forward in working with my units this coming year. Labor Day is coming upon us, hope that all you celebrate with family and friends.

Mary Spence, Vice President
District 6



1st District President

Hello 1st District,
I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. It is hard to believe that it is almost over and school is starting. I hope we have a good turnout of 1st District at Fall workshop. Fall workshop is Saturday, September 11th in Bridgeport/Clarksburg, WV. This is the time when we get to see what President Kathy Post has planned for her coming year and what National has planned for our committees. This is also the time when we can further ourselves by learning more leadership skills to make our organization better. So if you are able, I hope you can attend. Looking forward to the start of the new membership year and what it has in store.

For Service, Not Self
Stephanie Handley
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3rd District President

I hope everyone is enjoying their Summer, because fall is just around the corner.

Speaking is Fall, Third District Fall Conference will be Saturday, September 25th,

Place Shinnston Post 31. Working with Third District Commander Joe Loureiro, All Posts in this District was contacted and each one for various reasons could Not hold it so we came back to 31. Information will be going out in the mail. Please remember Fall Workshop is coming up on Saturday, September 11th,

Please try to attend as our plan of Action (works) will be handed out at that time.

Remember 2021-022 dues are now due, so contact those members and send in Your dues.

If you need my help please call me at 304-592-0247, or email me at carlajwilfong@gmail.com. please remember September 11th and September 24th.

God Bless America and all Veterans.
Carla Wilfong

4th District President

Greetings from the Members of the 4th District:

Congratulations to Department Cathy Post, and all officers and program chairmen for the 2021 – 2022 administration. We look forward to a great year!

The Department theme is, "Honoring Our Fallen, Serving All Others." We look forward to participating with Department President Cathy and her special project the Gold Star Mothers Living Memorial.

The Department Membership theme is, "Honoring our Legacy, Celebrating our Tomorrows." There are so many projects auxiliary units can work on using these themes.

Membership is our top priority! We must retain our current members, recruit new members, and reinstate members who have not renewed their membership.

It appears to be another difficult year as the COVID pandemic continues to rage on. Please, please encourage everyone in your circle of friends and family to get vaccinated and stay safe!

Let's work on our programs, continue to recruit, and maintain membership and have Fun!!

God Bless the United States of America!

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10th District President

Hello to all,

Reminder again: our conference is right around the corner.. The 10th District Fall Conference is scheduled for Saturday, September 25, 2021 at Keyser #152. Hope you make plans to attend.

Hopefully everyone is going to Fall Workshop the 2nd week in September, if so I will see you all there. Let's hope that we leave from our workshop knowing more than we walked in there with.

always spread kindness
For God and Country
Savanna Kauffman
10th District President
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5th District President

Hello District Five!!

I'm so sorry I missed you last month – new computers are not my friend!

This year President Cathy is taking us back to the Land of Oz with her Wizard of Oz theme! By the time you are reading this, we will be getting ready to leave for our Leadership Conference. I can't wait to learn all about our new year ahead! One thing I know for sure, we are never too early to work on getting our 100% membership in as soon as possible!!

I know it's been hard to get out and have your meetings. I hope you ALL have had at least some kind of meeting whether it be virtual or in person. And I hope we can all meet together soon!! I look forward to visiting all your Auxiliaries – I've never been to most of your meeting places!!

Vice President Frema and I look forward to meeting you all soon!! I pray you and yours can stay healthy, and busy until we can meet. I'm not sure yet when our Fall Conference will be, but I will let you know just as soon as I do! Please try to at least send one or two representatives from your Unit. They are so informative and FUN!!

If I can help you in any way, I am just a phone call or text away. I do not answer unfamiliar numbers so PLEASE leave your name and then you will be a familiar number!! (I get SO much spam...) My home phone is 304-525-4242 and my cell phone is 304-412-3649. See you soon!!

Kitty Kelly-Smoot

District 5 President



6th District President

Hello To Everyone

Hope everyone is liking this hot humid weather that we have been having. I'm sure a lot of us has been in the AC.

I have been trying to call the Secretary's in the Sixth District to let them know about our Fall District meeting. So far no luck. Want to remind everyone about our Fall Workshop that will be in Bridgeport on the 10th and 11th of September 2021, hope to see a lot of people at this meeting.

Would like to say congratulations to our new Department Secretary Susan Brown, best of luck to you my friend.

I would like to let everyone in Sixth District and also any one in the other district that would like to come to our Fall District meeting which will be hosted by Beckley Unit 32, the meeting will be at the post home located at 1708 South Kanawha Street, Beckley, WV. Registration is from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. The Price of the luncheon will be \$9.00 per person. Registration will still be \$1.00. Hope to see everyone at this meeting if not before.

Secretary or Presidents please send me something to put into the Spirit each month I am sure you do a few things that all of our members would like to know about.

From Welch Unit 8 our member Angela Cooley has had a knee replacement and is in the Nursing Home for therapy and lets all keep her in our prayers. So ladies if anyone in your Unit is sick please let me know.

National Convention if coming up soon so lets keep the ones that are going a SAFE trip.

Hope everyone is working or beginning to work on membership.

Thanks to Sharon Kauffman for serving two years as our President thanks for a good job., and our new Department Cathy Post will do a fine job.

So until next time lets keep everyone in our prayers and thoughts. And pray that Covid will slow down again

Thanks

Peggy Swartz, President

Sixth District



Chaplain

This year we mark the 20th anniversary of the vicious attacks on our great country. Patriot Day (9/11) is recognized as the official day of remembrance for this tragic event although everyday should be a day to remember. So when we ask ourselves, even today: What is happening to our country? Are we safe? Is it going to be ok? Here's what I know: God was there in the chaos, and He is with us in this moment. His heart may break for His precious children, but He is never surprised by our struggles. He goes before us; He can be trusted with every detail; and He is our safe place today, and forever.

We pause to remember the great losses and courageous acts of September 11th. We lift up those who are still affected -- Families of the victims, police officers, firemen, first responders and all who have served to keep our borders safe from those who may come against us. We pray for the light of Christ to flood the hearts of people everywhere. We believe you desire to redeem all your creation, and we trust that beauty will continue to come from the ashes of our darkest days. Surround us with your mighty angels of protection, give us compassion for one another in all life's circumstances, and the courage to answer your call.
Amen.

Be kind to one another and be intentional as you never know what someone else may be going through.

May God continue to bless our troops, our veterans, and God Bless America!

Laura Clark
Department Chaplain
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Laura-



Historian

Here are a few dates to remember in September!

National Suicide Prevention Month

National Service Dog Month

9/6 Labor Day

9/11 Patriot Day also 20th Anniversary

9/17-9/23 Constitution Week

9/17 POW/MIA Recognition Day

9/18 Air Force Birthday

9/26 Gold Star Mother's Day

9/29 VFW Day

Remember history does repeat its self

So it's an amazing tool for teaching about our Veterans and Military.

For God and Country

Kim Mellie

Historian

Have a wonderful day!

Kim Mellie



Auxiliary Emergency Fund

HI Ladies,

At this time I don't have to much for you, I need to get with National to see what they are suggesting for the year, so the only thing I can do for this month is to paraphrase an e-mail I received from National:

Disaster can strike at any time. No matter if it's a hurricane, house fire, loss of a job, an unexpected medical emergency and so many other possibilities, the results are devastating. That is why the Auxiliary Emergency Fund has become so important to the American Legion Auxiliary. Whenever Auxiliary members need assistance, the AEF is ready to help.

Whether it's assistance with paying overdue bill or helping to rebuild a house that has collapsed from a tornado or flood, the AEF is there to help the Auxiliary member.

See next month at the Auxiliary Workshop in Bridgeport WV, with more information.

God bless the USA

Margaret Yost

AEF, Chairperson

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NEC

Hello Fellow Auxiliary Members

Several of us are attending the National Convention in Phoenix, AZ. However, you can watch from the convenience of your home. Starting Monday August 30th, you can view the livestream at www.ALAforVeterans.org. Video can be viewed on mobile devices, tablets, or your desktop computer. Archived video will be available on the National Website to view at a later time as well. The ALA Foundation will be hosting an online silent auction for everyone to participate whether you are at home, at work, or on the convention floor.

I will have updates to share at the Upcoming Workshop this month. And for members that cannot attend, I will put in October's Spirit.

Please continue your service for our Veterans and their families as well as our Communities. Until next month Be Safe and God Bless!!

Thank you,
Rhonda Best

Americanism

Hello Auxiliary Members

I am excited to begin Our Americanism journey of learning, participating, and sharing for the Year 2021-2022.

We will be concentrating on the following items:

Become knowledgeable on the flag history, etiquette, and proper disposal methods, and promote the observation of patriotic holidays.

Increase participation in the Americanism Essay Contest.

Participate in the Promotion of The American Legion Americanism programs such as American Legion Baseball, the Oratorical Contest, and the Junior Shooting Sports.

Participate in Mid-Year and Annual Reporting including a narrative with the Annual Report. Deadlines will be available soon.

For those attending our Upcoming Workshop, I will have Unit Action Plans to give out and for Units not attending yours will be emailed/mailed to your President. Please promote the "Pledge of Allegiance" when an opportunity arises explain to others what the meaning of the words are. An explanation will be included in October's Spirit for members that are not sure.

Unit Next Month Be Safe and God Bless!!!

Thank you,
Rhonda Best
Americanism Chairman

Constitution & Bylaws

Mentoring Our Youth

“Our Greatest Natural Resource is in the Minds of Our Children”

-Walter Elias Disney

Learning parliamentary procedure, understanding the importance of governing documents and rules, and teaching our junior members about our Constitution & Bylaws program is a wonderful way to get them started off on a road to civility and meeting protocol. There is a great book that will help members of all ages become better and stronger regarding Roberts Rules of Order. Check out “Robert’s Rules for Kids and Big Kids: A Guide to Teaching Children of All Ages the Basics of Parliamentary Procedure” by Martha J. Haun and Ted Weisgal.

It is a proven fact that group decision-making in the United States, including voting, is lower than in most developed countries. A big part of the problem is that people don’t know the rules. This book while addressing basic skills like reading and writing and advanced concepts like critical thinking, addresses that lack of training and participation. Designed for teachers and leaders of students in grades kindergarten through 12, the book content takes a progressive approach to mastering the cornerstone of democracy: Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR). Through the mastery of the many components of RONR, it prepares students everywhere for meetings of almost all types, large and small.

Be a mentor to your junior team. Constitution and Bylaws is not just for senior members. Our juniors will benefit from your knowledge and training. Take the lead with your team and offer to get involved with all members of your department...not just those in leadership! The book is available on Amazon and/or sometimes you can find it a little cheaper on eBay!

-shared from the August 2021 National Constitution & Bylaws Committee Bulletin

Dede Kelly
Constitution & Bylaws Chairman
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Education

The 2021-22 Education Action Plans will be available for all Units at the Membership Meeting in Bridgeport, September 12. If your Unit does not attend the workshop, they will be mailed to you. Scholarships can be accessed on the National website <https://www.legion-aux.org> To conduct a successful year for Education, start early and plan ahead.

Thought this Facebook posting was quite appropriate for the school openings:

50 Questions To Ask Your Kids After School Instead of “How Was Your Day?”
What made you smile today?

Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?

What did you do that was creative?

Did you like your lunch?

Who did you sit with at lunch?

Was anyone in your class gone today?

Tell me something you know today that you didn’t know yesterday.

What was the hardest rule to follow today?

If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?

What made your teacher smile?

What made her frown?

What kind of person were you today?

Another posting: “Tonight, a teacher somewhere in your neighborhood is getting ready for your child’s new school year, writing lesson plans or writing your child’s name in their grade book, while you are watching television. In the minute it takes you to read this, teachers all over the country are using their “free time” and often investing their own time and money for your child’s literacy, prosperity and future.” We love and appreciate our teachers!!

Dianne McClung
Department Education Chairman

Junior Activities

First let remember our Juniors in our prayers they will be heading back to school in a couple days for a safe and happy school year.

I’m looking forward to seeing everyone in a couple weeks at fall boards I have some hopefully great ideas for our juniors to take back to their units. We will also need unit to start getting Christmas Cards for our Juniors members to work on in the unit for the up coming and Fall idea and Christmas holiday . For the local VA hospitals and nursing home and maybe a neighbor’s also.

We Will never make the next years if we don’t put our Juniors on our TEAM!

T = Together

E = Everyone

A = Achieves

M = More

T+ Team

E+ Encourage

A+ Accept and

M+ Mentor our

Juniors

God Bless for God and County

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Leadership

Hello Everyone!

Won't you please join me as we travel the Yellow Brick Road of Leadership! Along the way we will encounter challenges and opportunities to be the best we can be... to display thoughtfulness, courage, strength and compassion.

We will face obstacles but we will realize it is within each of us to lead and to follow. We must take time to think through situations and ask ourselves what is the best way forward.

Leadership is a privilege as well as a responsibility. Let's take this time to travel this road together, learn from one another, and put into action that which is positive and will help grow more leaders for the future of our organization.

We have it within us to be the leaders others want and need us to be... just like Glinda said... "You've always had the power my dear, you just had to learn it for yourself."

Rosemary M. Thomas
Leadership Chairman

Legislative

Legislative

As we start into a new year, our national leaders will change. As I receive information from them, I will pass it along to you. In the mean time remember any Legislative items pertaining to our nation's veterans is our focus. It is important Units and individuals contact their representatives on these issues. Volume makes a difference.

New plan of actions will be at workshop.

Lisa Cadwallader
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Legislative Chair

National Security

Not to much to report as of yet. Remember September 11th is Fall Workshop all Chairmen will be handing out Plan of Action materials.

As each Unit does something write it down, each Volunteer, their hours, and Money spent. You might be surprised what you do that can be counted. If you know of any Veterans that is Deployed at this time send them a goody Package, include cards that can be given to their comrades.

Plan a blood drive if you have a big enough place to accommodate one. Remember our Veterans Children, they are getting ready to go back to school.

I will try to have more next month. If you need my help call me at 304-592-0247,

Or email me

at: carlajwilfong@gmail.com.

God Bless America and all our Veterans
Carla Wilfong.,

Chairperson, ALA National Security



Past President's Parley

Hello Auxiliary Member

I'm working on the Action Plans that I will be hand out at Fall Workshop. I would like to work closely with everyone. That way I can get information out to you, so I need everyone contact information for Past President's Parley. So if you could get this information out to me, I would greatly appreciate it. If you have any questions please contact me.

For God and Country

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Rhododendron Girls State

Thank you all for all of your hard work and dedication to make Rhododendron Girls State a premier program. Know it is not to early to start working on next years program.

Please start to secure your funding from your outside organizations and businesses. They are preparing their budgets for next fiscal year and make sure your Unit has been allocated some funding.

If I can be of any assistance to you please feel free to contact me or your district representative.

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd
Girls State Chairman

Poppy

Poppy

I hope that many of you are planning on attending the Fall Workshop in September. I will have the Plan of Action for Poppy 2021-2022. You do not have to wait until then to start planning on what you will do to promote the Poppy Program in your Unit. You can start planning how and when you will hold your Poppy Day; the weekend prior to Memorial Day will be the national Poppy Day but you may set your Poppy Day when best suited for your unit and your community. Remember that you have to order your poppies from the Department. The form will be available at the Workshop and Online.

I would like to see more units have a Poppy Club in their unit. It is easy to organize and may help you when getting poppy donations during the year. Some units have given a card to their members that join the Poppy Club by making a donation (you choose the amount). Some units present poppy pins to those that participate in the Poppy Club. The intent is to make more people aware of the meaning of the poppy, the reason for raising funds, and awareness of how poppy funds can be used. These will be covered at the Fall Workshop.

Please try to use the poppy all during the year as part of your decorating, as napkin rings, ring around the candles, floral arrangements, corsages, lapel flower for men, etc. Place cards or flyers around the post and your community with information on the poppy and its meaning. It is up to us to make others aware by sharing correct information.

Ann Buchanan
Poppy Chairman



Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

Does your unit have a V A & R Guide Book? You can purchase one from the Department Secretary, or download from the National Website. This Guide is a great tool for units to use.

Each month I will give you some ideas you can use for your V A & R program. The Department Action Plan will be at the workshop in September for each unit. If you aren't there your District President will have it at your District Conference.

How you can help The American Legion, Department of Veterans Affairs to promote job fairs for veterans and their families:

1. Host an informational table at a local job fair.
2. Support The American Legion by helping host a local job fair at your post home.
3. If a veteran needs a ride to the job fair, take him/her so they can participate.
4. Have snacks and drinks available at the post home job fair.

See you at the workshop!
Paulette Anderson
V A & R Chairman



Ways and Means

New 2022 tickets are available for pick up or purchase at workshop in September. Tickets will be in 5 or 10 in an envelope, and must be signed out.

If you have special number that you would like to have, please email me to let me know.

Susan Brown
Amanda Carpenter



July Ways and Means Winners

Name	#'s	City	State	Date	\$\$\$
Josh Loy	425	Levels	WV	7/1/21	\$25.00
	874			7/2/21	\$25.00
Vanetta Hunsicher	443	Highview	WV	7/3/21	\$25.00
Crystal Graham	755	Bluefield	VA	7/5/21	\$25.00
Mary Jo Thomas	581	Fairmont	WV	7/6/21	\$25.00
Bonnie Bates	093	Birch River	WV	7/7/21	\$25.00
	813			7/8/21	
Tracey Steward	150	Keyser	WV	7/9/21	\$25.00
ALA Unit #152	252	Keyser	WV	7/10/21	\$25.00
Gary Thomas	532	Upper Glade	WV	7/12/21	\$25.00
Shannon Harshbarger	417	Huntington	WV	7/13/21	\$25.00
Joslyn Gott	524	Burton	MI	7/14/21	\$25.00
	338			7/15/21	
Mary Jo Thomas	763	Fairmont	WV	7/16/21	\$25.00
Judy Casteel	450	Cedar Bluff	VA	7/17/21	\$25.00
Donna Aker	810	Fredericksburg	WV	7/19/21	\$25.00
JoBeth Delawder	965	Old Fields	WV	7/20/21	\$25.00
Ralph Richardson	218	New Martinsville	WV	7/21/21	\$200.00
	464			7/22/21	
Terry Bruce	564	Keyser	WV	7/23/21	\$25.00
ALA Roane Cty #21	168	Spencer	WV	7/24/21	\$25.00
G A White	903	Belington	WV	7/26/21	\$25.00
Linda Riggelman	948	Augusta	WV	7/27/21	\$25.00
Crystal Graham	394	Bluefield	VA	7/28/21	\$25.00
Larry Mason	782	Rio	WV	7/29/21	\$25.00
Frema Wilson	664	Huntington	WV	7/30/21	\$25.00
ALA 1st District	504	Moundsville	WV	7/31/21	\$25.00

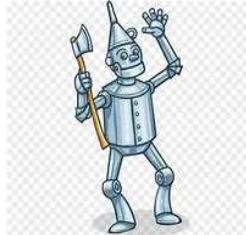
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Because of Their Courage We Shall Never Forget”**

**First Report as of August 19, 2021
Department Goal— 4876 Membership to Date— 515
Department Unit 200 Goal—165 Membership to Date—3**

Debbie

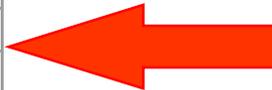
Savanna

District 1			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	28	0	
Moundsville #3	237	25	.1054%
McMechen #5	29	1	.0344%
Weirton #10	58	2	.0134%
Cameron #18	149	0	
New Martinsville #28	117	0	
Wellsburg #34	25	0	
Follansbee #45	47	0	
Pine Grove #81	70	0	
Paden City #86	83	15	.1807%
Wheeling #89	18	0	
Newell #114	23	0	
Hundred #120	27	0	
Chester #121	143	0	
TOTALS	1054	43	.0407%



**“Tin Man”
Team
Goal—2484
To Date—227
.0914%**

**Membership
Chairman
The Great
OZ**



**“Lion”
Team
Goal—2245
To Date 58
.0258%**



District 4			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	410	4	.0002%
Spencer #21	37	10	.2702%9
Pt. Pleasant #23	200	1	.005%
Tyler County #48	41	0	
Sistersville #67	44	0	
New Haven #140	137	0	
Williamstown #159	80	0	
TOTALS	949	15	.0158%

District 3			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	37	0	
Clarksburg #13	61	0	
Elkins #29	111	0	
Shinnston #31	253	0	
Braxton County #33	31	5	.1612%
Bridgeport #68	88	0	
Belington #96	17	0	
Pickens #122	20	0	
Morgantown #174	60	1	.0166%
TOTALS	678	6	.0088%

District 5			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Huntington #16	150	19	.1266%
Logan #19	17	0	
St. Albans #73	30	0	
Ceredo-Kenova #93	276	1	.0036%
South Charleston #94	15	0	
Hamlin #111	41	0	
Milton #139	60	0	
Barboursville #177	106	35	.3301%
TOTALS	695	55	

District 10			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	101	0	
Franklin #30	14	0	
Piedmont #52	20	0	
Berkeley Springs #60	175	11	.0628%
Moorefield #64	78	0	
Charles Town #71	147	2	.0136%
Petersburg #78	70	0	
Romney #91	179	35	.1955%
Charles Town #102	28	0	
Paw Paw #128	30	0	
Kirby #134	28	9	.3214%
Ridgeley #136	47	0	
Capon Bridge #137	155	26	.1677%
Keyser #152	39	0	
TOTALS	1111	83	.0747%

District 6			
Unit	2022 Goal	2022	% of Goal
Welch #8	49	0	
Bluefield #9	28	0	
Beckley #32	30	0	
Gary #38	87	0	
Cowen #62	24	0	
Richwood #97	24	0	
TOTALS	242	0	

HILTON GARDEN INN ROOM RESERVATIONS SEPTEMBER 2021 WORKSHOP

LINK TO RESERVE ROOMS COPY AND PASTE IN BROWSER

https://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/C/CKBGIGI-AMERLE-20210909/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

GROUP NAME AMERICAN LEGION

GROUP CODE AMERLE

CHECK IN SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

CHECK OUT SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

HILTON GARDEN INN CLARKSBURG

606 EMILY DRIVE

CLARKSBURG WV 26301

PHONE # 304-326-9200

Booking your \$89 rate.

(NOTE: The page will also allow to adjust check-in and check-out dates)

IF MORE THAN ONE PERSON STAYING IN ROOM, PLEASE PUT A SECOND NAME DOWN FOR CHECK IN

HILTON GARDEN INN PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

2021 MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP SEPTEMBER 11th

DUE INTO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AUGUST 26, 2021

UNIT NAME _____ **UNIT #** _____

NAMES OF MEMBERS ATTENDING

REGISTRATION FEE \$15.00

WILL COLLECT AT WORKSHOP



**Fall Membership Workshop
2021 Agenda
Hilton Garden Inn**

Meeting Room 1 and 2

8:00 –9:00 Registration

9:00 Junior Meeting

Welcome

Prayer

Moment of Silence

Pledge

National Anthem

Preamble

Mission State

Cathy Post, President

Laura Kilgore-Clark, Chaplain

Cathy Post, President

Rhonda Best, Americanism Chairperson

Kitty Kelly-Smoot, Music Chairperson

Dede Kelly—Constitution & Bylaws

9:15 POW/MIA Ceremony

Laura Kilgore-Clark, Chaplain

9:30 Membership Team

Susan Wade, Membership Chairperson

Savana Kauffman, Dept. 1st Vice

Debbie Michael, Dept. 2nd Vice

Six District Vice Presidents

10:30 Department Action Plan

Department Chairpersons

11:30 LUNCH

1:00 Special Project

Cathy Post, President

1:15 Secretary Remarks

Susan Brown, Secretary/Treasurer

1:30 Presentation of Traveling Plaques

1:40 Questions and Answers

2:00 Auction

Survey Sheets

Closing Prayer

Adjournment

5:00 Fall Executive Board

Have a Safe Trip Home

SHOE BOX AUCTION

SATURDAY September 11, 2021

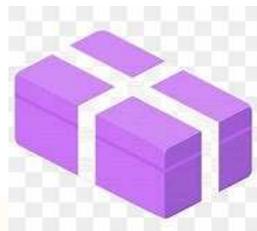
Membership/Leadership Workshop

HILTON GARDEN INN CLARKSBURG WV

AUCTION WILL CONSIST OF ANY GIFT YOU WOULD WANT TO BID ON YOURSELF

Present in a Decorated Shoe Box

BRING FRIDAY EVENING OR SATURDAY BY 8:00AM



All Proceeds to Benefit the Department President's Special Project

Sept. 2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1	2  VJ Day (1945)	3	4
5	6  Labor Day— Closed	7	8	9	10 Workshop Bridgeport 10th & 11th	11 Patriot Day & 9/11 Remem- brance
12	13	14	15	16	17 	18 Fall Conference 6th District Beckley
19	20	21	22 First Day of Autumn	23	24	25 Fall Conference 10th Keyser 3rd Shinnston
26 	27	28	29	30	<i>Program of Month Junior Activities Music</i>	

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