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"For the Heart of the Matter"

Colors—Purple (Represents Ambition & Determination); Accent Colors Pink, Yellow, Blue (Represents Fun & Energy)

Flower— Daisy (Represents New Beginning & Cheerfulness)

As I sat down to prepare my Spirit article this month, my heart is heavy with the news of the passing of our cherished Past National Commander, Past Department Commander, and Past Department Adjutant, Miles Epling. In moments like these, I am reminded of what truly matters most—our Legion Family.

We dedicate ourselves to membership, programs, and service, but at the heart of it all is the sense of family we share. We are Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons, and Riders—mothers, fathers, sons, sisters, spouses, and most importantly, friends. When one of us grieves, we all feel that loss. When one of us celebrates, we all share in that joy.

Let us honor Miles's remarkable life and legacy by remembering why we joined this family: to stand together, support one another, and serve our veterans and communities. Thank you, Miles, for your unwavering dedication and love for us all. You have earned your eternal rest, and we will continue striving to make you proud in all we say and do for our veterans and their families!

For the Heart of the Matter,

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4th District-Rebecca Farley
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10th District-Jill Davis



"Don't forget what happened to the man who suddenly got everything he always wanted... He lived happily ever after." – Willy Wonka



Department Headquarters



Mandatory Funds: (*Unit's General Fund*)- *Bonding (\$5.00), Education (Scholarship), & Girls State Project (any amount the unit can afford or wish to donate)*;

Unit's Welfare Fund - Veterans' Welfare Fund (any amount the unit can afford or wish to donate), & 10% of Poppy Proceeds. If your unit has a little extra money please consider donating to the Cheer Parties and Gift Shops.

THE UNIT'S MANDATORY FUNDS HAVE TO BE PAID TO KEEP THE UNIT IN GOOD STANDING WITH DEPARTMENT. IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF YOUR UNIT'S STATUS CALL THE OFFICE—Thank you

If your Unit's 2026 Unit Membership Data form did not make to the office by April 22nd. The Unit dues will be the same as last year. If the unit want to raise the dues, and its after it will cost the unit \$30 to do some.

Full access users—double check your HLM to make sure you have paid their dues for the 2025 year. If not paid, please do so ASAP—thank you

ALA MIS system—it is not mandated by National nor Department that a Unit **MUST** use the system. A Unit needs to make a request to Department for usage. The Department will take it under consideration whether the Unit will be give permission.

The Department convention is right around the corner. This year when you register, they will be check your membership card to make sure you are paid for the 2024/2025 year. Remember to bring yours!!!

American Legion Auxiliary's Salute to Service members Award is now open. A simple narrative (no more than 1000 words), a picture of the person, and the endorsement from their command group are the only requirements. The goal is to have at least one submission per Department. Website for submitting is: <https://www.legion-aux.org/Salute-to-Servicewomen-Award>. For further information contact Lisa D Williamson @ williamsonlisad@gmail.com.

New members—when sending in a new application please make sure they are completed. If you are unable to read the new application, how am I suppose to read it. Please clarify illegible writing. **The ONLY time that the unit secretary can sign an application is when a female veteran is joining under herself—No Exceptions! Applications will be returned.**

Reminder—Constitution Article VIII, section 4—All Department officers, Department Executive Committee and Chairmen of Standing Committees must be in good standing in their Units. Dues shall be paid to Department by November 1st.

Just a small note; Posts and Units may meet on the same day. They just do not hold their business sessions together.

The Department phone is not a cell-phone, it is a landline. You can not text a landline. Please do not text, because if you do it will not go anywhere —Thanks

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Recommended Changes to Policies & Procedures are included in this Spirit. Please Read!

The office will be closed
May 5th—7th for DLNC
Conference in Indianapolis





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RE: Endorsement for Department Historian
March 17, 2025

At a regular business meeting held March 17, 2025, Morgantown WV, the members of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 174 unanimously endorsed Sandra (Sandy) Harper for the office of Department Historian for the administrative year of 2025-2026.

Sandy joined the Unit in 2019 through the eligibility of both her husband Steve Harper and her son Zachary Jones, both of whom selected the Navy as their branch of service.

Sandy has held many positions within the Unit including Secretary, Treasurer, 1st Vice President and President. Sandy has been the Unit President for the past three years. In addition to her elected positions Sandy has served on various committees of the Unit. Sandy is the 3rd District 1st Vice President, being elected to a second term at the March 15, 2025 3rd District Spring Convention.

Currently she serves as the Department Americanism Chair. As the Americanism Chair Sandy coordinated the singing of Your A Grand Old Flag at this year's opening joint session of the American Legion mid-winter conference.

In addition to her other Auxiliary duties Sandy has revived our Unit Juniors program. Over the past two years Sandy has worked tirelessly to re-establish and grow the program. Identifying there was no equivalent group for the Sons of the American Legion members Sandy opened the Auxiliary Juniors program to SAL members under the age of 18. This collaboration between the Auxiliary and SAL is teaching our young members the value of the American Legion Family.

Sandy is a 2024 recipient of the WDTV Antero Resources Jefferson Award for her community service, specifically her service to Veterans and Veteran Service Organizations.

Sandy served as an Honor Flight chaperone for Mr. Dalton, a 102-year-old World War II veteran from Morgantown. Sandy has spearheaded many Auxiliary and Legion activities for Mr. Dalton, all of which provided him the opportunity to stay in his home longer than expected. Sandy visits Mr. Dalton on a weekly, sometimes daily basis, to ensure that his needs are being met and that he is getting the best care possible.

In addition to her many volunteer activities Sandy also serves Veterans through her work. Sandy works at the VA Medical Center in Clarksburg WV. Through her employment she spends her days serving Veterans, listening to their stories, and often provides the emotional support and safe space they crave. In the spring Sandy spearheaded a guitar collection program that enabled

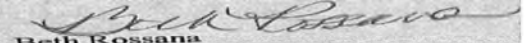
our local Auxiliary to donate guitars and equipment to the Guitars for Veterans Program at the VAMC.

Sandy has fully embraced Be the One and exemplifies this in everything she does. It does not matter how Sandy encounters a Veteran; she is prepared to Be the One for that Veteran.

Mountaineer Unit 174 is honored and privileged to present Sandra Harper as our candidate for Department Historian for the 2025-2026 Administrative Year.

Respectfully,


Sheri Sanders, 1st Vice President
Mountaineer Unit 174


Beth Rossana
Mountaineer Unit 174


~~~~~Membership in the American Legion Family...How Sweet It Is!!!~~~~~

**Membership Chairman**

Ladies, we are approaching the end of our membership year. We still have time to reach our GOAL of 100%, if we continue to work hard.

Congratulations to the units achieving 100% or higher: Bridgeport 68 - 139%, Sistersville 67 - 125%, Morgantown 174 - 120%, Wheeling 1 - 119%, Point Pleasant 23 - 107%, Barboursville 177 - 107%, Capon Bridge 137 - 102%, Weirton 10 - 101%, Martinsburg 14 - 101%, and Buckhannon 7 - 100%.

Additional units getting 95% are Berkeley Springs 60 - 99%, Moorefield 64 - 98%, Moundsville 3 - 97%, Parkersburg 15 - 97%, Chester 121 - 96%, Williamstown 159 - 96%, and Hamlin 111 - 95%.

Keep up the good work and we will increase our department membership. To date: Laffy Taffy (Kim) 95.52% and Fund Dip (Stephanie) 93.9%. They are very close so units will determine the final outcome. We are all winners in any case.

Ann Buchanan  
Membership Chairman  
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**Department 1st Vice President**

Come on District 3! We are at 99%! Amazing job. Let's get 5 more members!

District 5 can you strive to reach 95%? What an awesome job Barboursville with 106.76%. Keep up the great work.

District 5 you need 78 members: Huntington 16, Logan 19, Charleston 20, and Ceredo-Kenova 93...if you all meet the goal you will have 71 of 78!

District 10 you have reached 90% can you get 109 more members to reach 100%? Charles Town 71, Romney 91, and Keyser 152, Petersburg 78, and Paw Paw 128 if you meet goal that's 84 of 109! You got this!

Share your lovely personalities and bring people together!

As District 3, 5, and 10 we need 192 members....If each Unit would get 7 new members, we would meet our 100% goal together as a team! Let's do this! Please let me know if I can help in any way.

Come on.....we have to beat Fun Dip!!!

For God and Country,  
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**Department 2nd Vice President**

Hello to all my Fun Dips, I hope everyone had a great Easter Holiday. Thank you to all the units for working so diligently to get membership in and helping to get closer to the next target, so don't stop now with what you are doing. Keep working your magic on getting the remaining members or recruiting new ones. The work isn't done yet. Let's get everyone to have their golden ticket. Don't forget if you have any questions or need some guidance, please reach out to me or one of the other Department Officers. We are here to assist you.

Happy Spring to everyone!

Stephanie Handley  
Department 2nd Vice  
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**HISTORIAN**

As we wrap up one program year and prepare to step into the next, I've taken time to reflect on what went well, and what we can improve moving forward. Submitting year-end reports reminded me just how vital organization is when it comes to accurately capturing the heart of our service. This year, like many others, our unit had only a few committee chairs, which meant that much of the reporting responsibility ultimately landed on the president. While I am proud of all we accomplished and the reports submitted, I also recognize how easily efforts can be underrepresented if we're not tracking things clearly throughout the year. That's why I'm excited to share that we're putting systems in place, starting now, to make next year's reporting easier and more accurate for everyone. We'll be using simple tools and consistent practices to collect data, document hours, and celebrate our impact as it happens. As a bonus, this will make your unit history a whole lot easier to write! Every volunteer hour matters. Every donation counts. And every act of service tells our story. Let's make sure we tell it well. In His Service,  
Rebecca S Farley



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

Happy Spring 1st District!  
Better weather is coming soon.  
Everyone is doing such a great job with membership! You all deserve a hand.

First District conference will be hosted by Cameron and I'm so excited to welcome all incoming officers! Throw your hat in the ring. Take that leap. It's a great learning experience. Hope to see all Units represented.

Summer convention is right around the corner. Don't forget to register! See you all soon.

Christy Bland

1st District Vice President

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

I hope everyone had a pleasant Easter. It has been a busy month so far, with more activities planned in the upcoming days. The next objective is to achieve a 95% completion rate by May 23rd.

The "Fun Dip" Team has overtaken the "Laffy Taffy" Team; however, there is confidence that the "Laffy Taffy" Team will make a strong comeback. District 5 continues to work diligently towards meeting the 95% goal by May 23rd. Barboursville #177 is currently leading with 106.76%, and Hamlin #111 follows closely at 95%, having reached the goal ahead of schedule. Several other Units are also nearing the 95% target.

It is important to submit memberships on time to ensure they are processed without delay.

The Department stands at 90.90%. With collective effort, the 95% mark can be reached by May 23rd.

Please ensure that all mandatory funds are paid 30 days prior to the opening of the convention. Failure to pay these funds will result in delegates being unable to vote. For any questions, contact the office or reach out directly for guidance.

Wishing everyone a safe Memorial Day.

The convention is approaching, and I look forward to seeing everyone.

Lisa Harbour-Adkins

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

HELLO THIRD DISTRICT!!

YOU GUYS HAVE DONE AN AMAZING JOB!! THANK YOU  
THANK YOU THANK YOU  
ON ALL THE HARD WORK ON  
YOUR MEMBERSHIP!!

There is still time to be able to make your goal.

Laffy Taffy we are still behind Fun Dip a bit, but if we continue to work at the pace we are, I am sure we can overcome this task of being behind.

I know everyone has worked really hard on your Year end reporting,  
THANK YOU !

Next up, Unit nominations and voting, GOOD LUCK to all who are running

for their Unit /District /State position.

I hope you all enjoyed your time at Easter ,with Family and Friends ,  
If I can help with anything please reach out.

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

District 4, I couldn't be prouder of you! As of now, we're leading the Fun Dip in membership with an incredible 97.89%. How amazing is that?! Your hard work, commitment, and love for this organization are showing up in a big way. Sistersville, you are absolutely slaying it at 125% membership, YES, you read that right! What a testament to what's possible when passion meets persistence. I am inspired and energized by each of you. I know the last few weeks have been filled with report writing, final numbers, and program wrap-ups. You've done the work, and you've done it well. But we're not done yet. Let's finish strong in membership. Now's the time to look at your rosters, reach out to those who haven't paid their dues, and make those personal connections. Sometimes all it takes is a call, a text, or a kind reminder to bring someone back into the fold. Let's also look for opportunities to reconnect with past members. Rejoins matter, and every member makes a difference. District 4, you've got this. Let's keep the momentum going all the way to the finish line!

Proudly,

Rebecca S Farley



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

With the Spring weather here now the Units should be able to plan their activities and hold their meetings. Please continue to contact your members and collect dues for this year to meet your unit's goal. Since we only have a small amount of time to finish collecting outstanding dues, we need to do all we can to get all our members paid. Hoorah for Gary #38 with 87.10%, Welch #8 with 86.67%, Richwood #97 with 85.71%, Cowan at 85.00%, Bluefield #9 with 69.57%. and Beckley #32 with 60%. Our June 2025 target is 100%. Now that Spring is here and May flowers are in full bloom, let's continue to plant the seed to make sure that we work hard to meet our membership "GOAL".

I would like to thank all of you who attended our Spring Convention held at Welch in April. Everyone had a great time and a delicious lunch. It's that time of the year when we should be getting out and start doing some things with your family. Continue to pray for our State and Nation.

Prayers for all to be safe.

Mary E. Spence  
Vice President  
District 6

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

I hope everyone was able to submit year-end reports for the different programs offered by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Membership is on the rise and great to see new faces in the auxiliary. When you sign up a new member, just don't welcome them to the American Legion auxiliary but invite them to a meeting. Call them if you need to pick them up if you need to anything to let them know that we are glad they're here and have become a member of our wonderful organization. Remember how we felt when we joined and was asked to come to the meeting and participate in the projects. It made you feel wanted. Don't just let these new members think that we asked them to join just to get our membership up. At a time when membership is falling, not only in our organizations but all service organizations, let us be the one that sets the bar by increasing our membership don't make me don't make don't make me. I believe in each and everyone of you.

Beth Kilgore  
President

### ***10th District Vice President***

Thank you all for such a wonderful 10th District Conference. Now is the time to get your rooms for Convention in July. Remember these meetings are not mandatory, but they are worth learning from. These meetings are what helps to make a successful unit. I would like to congratulate unit 14 Martinsburg and unit 137 Capon Bridge for not only making 100 percent but going above. Congratulations! Unit 60 Berkeley Springs, 64 Moorefield, and Unit 78 Petersburg, you are getting close, you are at 90% or above. Those at 80% and above are Unit 52- Peidmont, 63 Charles Town, 71 Charles TOWN, 91 Romney, and 136 Ridgeley. Keep up the good work that you are doing. 70% and above are Unit #128- Paw Paw and 134 Kirby. You are also doing a lot of good work. If anyone at any time needs help, please reach out to me. Be sure not to hold membership. We are vastly approaching the end of the year, so please do not hold memberships. To contact me, my email is pits\_me1@yahoo.com My phone number is 540-303-6907

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

Good day to all of First District Time is flying by for the First District Conference. If you haven't sent in your registration and credentials yet, please do so ASAP. Our Department President and Department 1st Vice will be there along with our very own Stephanie and Susan Brown. Hope the weather will cooperate. Remember April 27th at Cameron Annex Building. Registration will be 9-10 and the meeting starts at 10:00. Don't forget your Unit Reports! District Chairmen, I will need you to give a short report to round up the year. Hope to see you there.

We have two units who have reached the 95% and above: Moundsville #3 (97.36%) and Chester (96%). Congratulations to Weirton #10 for reaching Goal! They stand at 101.47%!

Until next month!

Paulette Anderson

### ***10th District President***

Well the flowers are in bloom and spring is in the air.

Fresh and new is the mindset.

The District 10 Conference was great. It was wonderful to see everyone there. Those that were unable to attend we missed you.

Congratulations to our newly elected President Jill Davis, Vice President Chantel Ricketts.

As they assume office at the Convention in July please remember this is a big responsibility so stand by them and be helpful in any way you can.

I look forward to a new year with new ideas and positive thoughts.

I want to thank everyone during my tenure that was so helpful and stood by me to guide and direct.

As we enter this new year whether it be in your Unit or District please remember that we all need to work together for the common good.

Diana Teter  
District 10 President



### ***Child Welfare Foundations***

We are still collecting for the child well-being fund. Now is the time to send in your donation either to me or Dept. Office. If you send it to the office, make sure that you donate what it is for so Sue Brown will not have to stop her work and determine where to apply the money. Sue is very busy this time of the year in any help we can give her. (such as noting on a check that it is for the CWF.) I'm sure will be appreciated by her.

Beth Kilgore  
Chairman

### ***Children & Youth***

AS I write this article I am encouraged by a number of units and individuals that will be wearing purple today to honor the military child. By doing so you are letting them know that you're there for them to support them love them and. make sure that they are never forgotten. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for showing this support to these kids. Unless we have been a military child ourselves, we can only imagine the hurt and confusion. They must feel when one or both parents are deployed or just as they're getting settled they have to move to a new location and make new friends in a new school.

Beth Kilgore  
Chairman

### ***Community Service***

Hope everyone had a great Easter looking forward to reading all the great thing everyone's has been doing for our community and American Legion Family. April 26th is American Legion Community Service day please remember to wear your American Legion Auxiliary shirts name tags . Prayers sent to the American Legion Family as we lost an anchor of our family R.I.P Mr. Epling .

Blessing  
Kelli A Immel

### ***Education***

Today is a beautiful day wish I was outside.

Just a little information to pass on to everyone. There was only seven Scholarship applications sent to National. I only received two application for Department Scholarship. I am waiting to receive reports from Susan. If you are running a little late you can send directly to be at 130 Wilfong Hollow Road, Enterprise, WV 26568

If you need my help just call me at 304-592-0247, or email me at: carlajwilfong@email.com.

Carla Wilfong  
Education Chairman

### ***Legislative***

Thanks to those who have sent a legislative report. To date I only have a few so please send them in! I would rather have 100% reporting than a few. Of course, those that I have now are going to be judged. Please know that our Government uses our numbers to make things happen. Feel free to email them to me. On April 7th several bills passed in the House and are now moving to the Senate.

HR 1039 Clear Communication for Veterans Claims Act

HR 983 Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserves Tuition Fairness Act of 2025

HR 970 Fairness for Servicemembers and their Families Act of 2025

HR 877 Deliver for Veterans

HR 586 Vietnam Veterans Liver Fluke Cancer Study Act.

Keep on visiting the Grassroots action center and sending emails!

Hope you May is full of flowers and sunshine. Keep up the Awesome work and THANK YOU ALL.

Kim Mellie  
Legislative Chair  
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### ***Music***

I am looking forward to reading what your units have been doing this year in music.

Remember if you plan to do a video of the "Membership Song" please send to me at my phone #304-771-0984 before the convention.

Paulette Anderson  
Music Chairman



## *National Security*

If you know of a Service member (active duty or reservist) consider submitting them for the “Salute to Service Members”.

**Salute to Service Members:** Award Nomination Form may be found on the National website: [www.legion-aux.org](http://www.legion-aux.org).

When it comes to End of Year reports remember to include a narrative and pictures (scanned as JPEGs) as part of your report.

I want to Thank President Laura for allowing me to serve as her National Security Chair this year. Don't forget to get your reports in.

For God and Country!

April D. Wallace

National Security Chairman

## *Public Relations*

Public Relations isn't just about writing a press release, it's about building relationships that elevate the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary and ensure your unit's efforts are seen, heard, and celebrated. Every event, big or small, is an opportunity to tell your story. Whether it's a wreath-laying, a scholarship presentation, or a poppy distribution, a well-timed press release can extend your reach far beyond the room. But it starts with connection. Build relationships with your local media outlets. Get in the room where they are. Show up at chamber events, community roundtables, or local news gatherings. Let them know who you are and what your unit is doing. When you become a trusted voice, they'll know who to call when they need insight on veterans, military families, or civic service in your community. You want your unit to be the go-to. The call point. The expert. That only happens when you show up, speak out, and lead with clarity and heart. So write the release. Make the call. Shake the hands. And never stop telling the powerful story of who we are and why we serve.

Because your voice matters and it deserves to be heard.

Rebecca S Farley

## *NEC*

Planning A Perfect Vacation Using Your Member Benefits and/or Leading an Effective Meeting. Sign up for one or both webinars offered this month from National ALA.

1) Planning A Perfect Vacation Using Your Member Benefits ALA Academy Live Webinar is on April 23 @ Noon ET —Sign up link: <https://bit.ly/4lsiGpY>

2) ALA Leadership Series: Elements of Leading an Effective Meeting Webinar April 24 @ 7 p.m. ET - basic guidelines for running a successful meeting using the tools and resources available on the national website, [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org).

Objectives:

- Familiarize attendees with the suggested order of business and tips for a successful meeting.

- Review basic parliamentary rules that occur during most meetings.

- Revisit ALA customs and protocols as they relate to meetings.

Sign up link: <https://bit.ly/3RSK032>

Lisa Cadwallader

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## *Poppy*

**EVERY DAY IS POPPY DAY!**

There are two very important things to do in May. First, educate your communities on the meaning and history of the poppy. Second, hold a Poppy Day in your community. To make your day more interesting and enjoyable, use the Poppy Fundraising Song included in this Auxiliary Spirit.

The American Legion Auxiliary celebrates National Poppy Day the Friday before Memorial Day (May 23, 2025). However, everyday is Poppy Day! Units may choose the date they want to have poppy day. Things to do before and during your Poppy Day in May 2025:

1) Wear a poppy to promote conversation and interest.

2) Tell everyone why you wear a poppy.

3) Give poppies to friends, co-workers and family and tell everyone why.

4) Educate everyone about how funds collected help veterans, service members, and their families.

5) Teach young and old persons how to make poppies. Teach Junior members how to make poppies. Let them make two poppies— they keep one and give one to someone else.

National is stressing that Units involve young SAL by making them Poppy Ambassadors. Let them work with the Junior Auxiliary.

Remember, every day is Poppy Day!

Shirley Davis, Chairman

## *VA&R*

By the time you read this, your reports have already been turned into the Department. However, Units may also put in a submission for a chance at a National Award. These are due by 5pm eastern time on June 1 and submitted by the Unit using the on-line form and following directions here: <https://www.legion-aux.org/national-awards-form> This is different from previous years where the Department Chairman sent one Unit report in to National.

Include photos with your National submission! Photos MUST be original photos taken with your phone, tablet or camera and uploaded. Do NOT send Facebook downloaded pictures, the quality is not good for the screen display during National and can not be used. Need help or have questions, about submitting a Unit award to National, please feel free to reach out to me.

Lisa Cadwallader, Chair

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### *4th District President*

On March 29, 2025, District 4 held a Spring Conference at Point Pleasant Post #23. District Auxiliary officers were elected and appointed. District President is Patsy Greiner, 1st Vice President is Rebecca Farley, District Chaplain is Melinda Paxton, and District Secretary/Treasurer is Cindy Barker. District Chaplain, Melinda Paxton presented a beautiful Memorial Ceremony.

Department President Laura Clark, Sec/Treas. Susan Brown, 1st VP Kim Mellie and Past Department President Beth Kilgore were special guests. Department Historian Rebecca Farley and Auxiliary Unit 23 did a beautiful job hosting the meeting. We were served an amazing lunch in beautifully decorated sand buckets. Thanks to the auxiliary Junior girls for their part in decorations.

Year-end reports have been submitted. Auxiliaries do so much to help our veterans, active-duty military, and their families. Thank you for all you do for our Veterans. We need to let our voices be heard. Membership is still coming in. Several auxiliary units are very close to being 100%. Come on folks, we can do it!

For God and Country  
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4th District President  
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### *Junior Activities*

A virtual "zoom" meeting was held on April 16, Central District Department Junior Activities Chairmen presented activity reports. The meeting was informative and many program ideas were shared. Large or small Junior units are participating in programs, assisting Veterans and families of Veterans, and earning patches. Juniors are getting out in the community and are visible to the public sharing information and skills they have acquired by being active in the Junior Auxiliary.

Seniors continue to collaborate with Junior girls. We all learn best by actively participating. Memorial Day, Flag Day and Independence Day are coming up. Allow your Juniors to be a part of your activities. The school year is ending but our work with the Juniors continues all year long. Do not be afraid to "Be the One" to teach our youth and lead by example. As always recruit, recruit, recruit!

For God and Country  
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# American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

## *Rhododendron Girls State*

Time is fast approaching to submit your applications. This year's Girls State Session will be held June 8-14, 2025 at Davis & Elkins in Elkins, WV. The cost once again is \$300 which includes the parade t-shirt.

I hope you have contacted the schools whether through a guidance counselor, principal or government teacher. Each Unit works Girls State a little different. However, you choose what works for you – that is great! Please remember the deadlines.

I know our Rhododendron Girls State Director Dr. Rosemary Thomas, Assistant Director Kate Garlick, Registrar Ann Buchanan, Department Secretary Susan Brown have been very busy throughout the year working together to make this the best year yet! But we need your help in selecting deserving young ladies this once in a life-time opportunity. They will remember this for the rest of their lives.

Please remember to present your sponsors and contributors a thank you note and/or present them with a Certificate of Appreciation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your district representative or myself. Thank you for all that you do!

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd  
Rhododendron Girls State Chairman  
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## *District Representatives*

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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  
Ona 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 25411  
304-258-5804



## ALA POPPY FUNDRAISING SONG

(Sung to the tune of Happy Days Are Here Again!)

Poppy days are here again! You know we're gonna care again!  
Let us sing a song of cheer again, Poppy days are here again!

Poppy days will help our vets, You know we're gonna not forget,  
We'll raise awareness don't you fret, Poppy Days will help our vets!

We'll have fun while raising funds, You know we're gonna raise a ton,  
We'll bring a can and make a plan, We'll have fun while raising funds!

Poppy days are here again! You know we're gonna care again!  
Let us sing a song of cheer again, Poppy days are here again!

By Margo Forrester—ALA, Dept. of Michigan, Unit 459



## POPPY POSTERS WINNERS

The following is high school student and Junior Member of St. Albans Unit 73

1. Addison E. Wilson, 2301 Charleston Road, Spencer, WV 25276—St. Albans Unit 73, Department of West Virginia

The following are Fifth Grade Class, age 10

2. Frank E. Mitzen, III 288 Lower Hildebrand Rd., Morgantown, WV 26501—Mountaineer Unit 174, Department of West Virginia \*\*\* (special needs)
3. Cheyanne Roby, 22 National Lane, Morgantown, WV 26501—Morgantown Unit 174, Department of West Virginia

The following are all High School Art Class students from Huntington High School

4. Braxtyn Winkfield, 447 Division Street, Huntington, WV 25702 —Huntington Unit 16, Department of West Virginia
5. Lauryn Coffman, 151 Paddy Hollow Road, Lavalette, WV 25535—Huntington Unit 16, Department of West Virginia
6. Lillian Sadler, 3432 Monel Avenue, Huntington, WV 25705—Huntington Unit 16, Department of West Virginia

## Recommended Changes to Policies & Procedures

1. A change throughout the document was made to "add" the word Logo anytime that the word Emblem appears.

**RATIONALE:** The American Legion Auxiliary now recognizes the logo as an official symbol

2. Units Shall Pay Mandatory Funds (pg. 10)
  - a. Change the number 10 to 8 under section 2: "Maintain at least 10 senior members per year."
  - b. To then read: Maintain at least 8 senior members each year.

**RATIONALE:** It was voted at the 2024 Fall Board to set 8 as the amount needed to maintain a Unit's Charter.

3. Units Shall Pay Mandatory Funds (pg.10)
  - a. Mandatory Funds-
    - i. **Bonding- \$5.00**
    - ii. **10% Poppy Proceeds**
    - iii. Department Scholarship Fund- discretion of unit
    - iv. Girls State Project- discretion of unit
    - v. Veterans First Fund – discretion of unit

**RATIONALE:** As it is currently reads, there is no set amount of money units are to send to the Department and this provides clarity and direction to the units.

4. Candidates for Department Office (pg. 10)- 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph
  - a. Currently reads:

The courtesy of mailing/emailing the first announcement/endorsement shall be that of the candidate of Department President. After the announcement, the mailing of endorsements of other candidates for Department offices and District offices shall be allowed. However, other candidates should withhold the mailing/emailing until after the publication of the January "Spirit."
  - b. Proposed Change:

The courtesy of mailing/emailing the first announcement/endorsement shall be that of the candidate of Department President. After the announcement, the mailing of endorsements of other candidates for Department offices and District offices shall be allowed. However, other candidates should withhold the mailing/emailing until after the publication of the **December** "Spirit."

**RATIONALE:** No other Department candidate can submit their endorsement prior to the Department President

5. Candidates for Department Office (pg. 10)- 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph

a. Currently reads:

Any member aspiring for the office of Department President shall have the endorsement of the local unit, given at a regular unit meeting, signed by the President and Secretary and submitted to the Department Secretary/Treasurer no later than December 15<sup>th</sup> prior to the election year.

b. Proposed Change:

Any member aspiring for the office of Department President shall have the endorsement of the local unit, given at a regular unit meeting, signed by the President and Secretary and submitted to the Department Secretary/Treasurer no later than **November 15<sup>th</sup>** prior to the election year.

**RATIONALE:** No other Department candidate can submit their endorsement prior to the Department President

6. Incoming Department President (pg. 12)- 2<sup>nd</sup> section (Incoming President shall be the first to send announcements)

a. Currently Reads:

No endorsements should be mailed or emailed until the incoming president has mailed or emailed them. This is done in December and announced in the January "Spirit." The candidates for Department office shall mail or email their endorsements to each Unit, each district, and all Past Department Presidents, and to Department Headquarters.

b. Proposed Change:

No endorsements should be mailed or emailed until the incoming president has mailed or emailed theirs. ***Endorsements should be sent to the Department Secretary/Treasurer no later than November 15<sup>th</sup> to be announced and published in the December "Auxiliary Spirit."*** The candidates for Department office shall mail or email their endorsements to each Unit, each district, and all Past Department Presidents, and to Department Headquarters.

**RATIONALE:** No other Department candidate can submit their endorsement prior to the Department President

7. Department Secretary/Treasurer (pg. 13)- 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph

a. Currently Reads:

*The Unit Awards Manual* shall be mailed to the Units in November. The *Unit Awards Manual* shall contain a list of all Department and National Awards with explanation on



requirements. National and Department mandates on requirements. National and Department mandates on requirements for citations and dates when they are due shall be sent to each Unit in this mailing.

b. Proposed Change:

**The Unit Awards Manual will be posted to the Department website ([www.wvvaux.org](http://www.wvvaux.org)) or mailed to the Units by request only.** The Unit Awards Manual shall contain a list of all Department and National Awards with explanation on requirements. National and Department mandates on requirements. National and Department mandates on requirements for citations and dates when they are due shall be sent to each Unit in this mailing.

**RATIONALE:** The website also currently lists the awards manual and it is available for download for those who have computer and internet access.

8. Department Secretary/Treasurer (pg. 14)- Department shall make Inventory.

a. Proposed Change:

The Department will make inventory of all equipment and furniture.

**RATIONALE:** Inventory will be done yearly to provide consistency.

9. Department Chairman (pg. 20)- Chairmen shall submit requirements for awards

a. Currently Reads:

Each Department Chairmen shall submit to the Department Secretary/Treasurer the requirements for the award by October 15 so that it may be in the *Unit Awards Manual* which goes out with the November mailing.

Proposed Change:

Each Department Chairmen shall submit to the Department Secretary/Treasurer the requirements for the award by October 15 so that it may be in the *Unit Awards Manual*, which will be posted on the Department website ([www.wvvaux.org](http://www.wvvaux.org)).

**RATIONALE:** Now that the awards manual is posted to the Department website, there is no need to mail it

## ***Ways and Means***

There were twenty-two \$25.00 winners in March and a \$200 drawing winner. Congratulation to all the winners.

Once again this year the committee will be offering a cash prize for the individual and unit that sells the most Ways & Means tickets.

Please cash your checks! We still have outstanding check from 2024 that have not be cashed. Reminders will be sent out to those that have not cashed their check to please cash them.

I had a phone call at Midwinter asking how someone could see who has won. I lost that voice mail, if you know who that might be ask them to call the office—thank you

NOTICE—Please mail check and stubs to:

Susan Brown  
2172 Grandview Rd  
Moundsville WV 26041

Check Payable to:  
ALA Ways & Means

Thanks!  
Susan Brown  
Linda Crumm

## ***February 2025 Ways and Means Winners***

| <b>Name</b>         | <b>#'s</b> | <b>City</b>      | <b>State</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>\$\$\$</b> |
|---------------------|------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| Diana Teter         | 733        | Capon Bridge     | WV           | 3/1/2025    | 25.00         |
|                     | 889        |                  |              | 3/3/2025    |               |
| Eli Coffinberger    | 062        | Yellow Springs   | WV           | 3/4/2025    | 25.00         |
| Judy Frye           | 827        | Cameron          | WV           | 3/5/2025    | 25.00         |
| Alex Broadwater     | 581        | Romney           | WV           | 3/6/2025    | 25.00         |
|                     | 611        |                  |              | 3/7/2025    |               |
| Pamela Gushnes      | 331        | Charles Town     | WV           | 3/8/2025    | 25.00         |
| Sheila Dyche        | 695        | Keyser           | WV           | 3/10/2025   | 25.00         |
| Kandilyn Veach      | 557        | Shanks           | WV           | 3/11/2025   | 25.00         |
| Carla Wilfong       | 306        | Enterprise       | WV           | 3/12/2025   | 25.00         |
|                     | 668        |                  |              | 3/13/2025   |               |
| Briona Coffinberger | 545        | Yellow Springs   | WV           | 3/14/2025   | 25.00         |
| Jaclyn Dallison     | 389        | Pine Grove       | WV           | 3/15/2025   | 25.00         |
| TAL—Post #60        | 961        | Berkeley Springs | WV           | 3/17/2025   | 25.00         |
| Keinah Bollinger    | 051        | Highview         | WV           | 3/18/2025   | 25.00         |
| Lori Dawson         | 265        | Romney           | WV           | 3/19/2025   | 200.00        |
| Goldie Jenkins      | 132        | Berkeley Springs | WV           | 3/20/2025   | 25.00         |
|                     | 767        |                  |              | 3/21/2025   |               |
| Maxie Ruddle        | 624        | Charleston       | WV           | 3/22/2025   | 25.00         |
| Regina Farmer       | 493        | Wheeling         | WV           | 3/24/2025   | 25.00         |
| Vicki Gonzalez      | 098        | Kearneysville    | WV           | 3/25/2025   | 25.00         |
| Betty Delawder      | 537        | Old Fields       | WV           | 3/26/2025   | 25.00         |
| Helen Sirk-Bell     | 643        | Romney           | WV           | 3/27/2025   | 25.00         |
| Rick Crumm          | 074        | Moundsville      | WV           | 3/28/2025   | 25.00         |
| Michael Correll     | 483        | Buckhannon       | WV           | 3/29/2025   | 25.00         |
| Dena Kline          | 128        | Augusta          | WV           | 3/31/2025   | 25.00         |
|                     |            |                  |              |             |               |
|                     |            |                  |              |             |               |



# May 2025

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| <b>Red Shirt Friday—<br/>Every Friday</b>                                                 |                            |                            |                                                                                   | 1<br> | 2<br> | 3                                                                                           |
| 4                                                                                         | 5<br>DLNC<br>Office Closed | 6<br>DLNC<br>Office Closed | 7<br>Office Closed                                                                | 8<br> | 9                                                                                        | 10                                                                                          |
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# ***“Membership in the American Legion Family...How Sweet It Is!”***

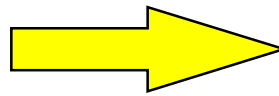
**Date 4/15/2025**  
**Department Goal 4923 — Membership to Date— 4475**  
**Department Unit 200 Goal 232 — Membership to Date— 104**  
**Target 95% - May 23, 2025**

**Stephanie**

| <b>District 1</b>    |            |            |               |
|----------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit                 | 2025 Goal  | 2025       | % of Goal     |
| Wheeling #1          | 26         | 31         | 119.23%       |
| Moundsville #3       | 265        | 258        | 97.36%        |
| McMechen #5          | 15         | 8          | 53.33%        |
| Weirton #10          | 68         | 69         | 101.47%       |
| Cameron #18          | 125        | 113        | 90.40%        |
| New Martinsville #28 | 113        | 104        | 92.04%        |
| Wellsburg #34        | 23         | 20         | 86.96%        |
| Follansbee #45       | 61         | 56         | 91.80%        |
| Pine Grove #81       | 68         | 58         | 85.29%        |
| Paden City #86       | 77         | 60         | 77.92%        |
| Wheeling #89         | 10         | 9          | 90%           |
| Newell #114          | 20         | 17         | 85%           |
| Chester #121         | 125        | 120        | 96%           |
| <b>TOTALS</b>        | <b>996</b> | <b>927</b> | <b>93.07%</b> |

| <b>District 4</b> |            |            |               |
|-------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit              | 2025 Goal  | 2025       | % of Goal     |
| Parkersburg #15   | 381        | 370        | 97.11%        |
| Spencer #21       | 30         | 21         | 70%           |
| Pt. Pleasant #23  | 215        | 230        | 106.98%       |
| Tyler County #48  | 45         | 35         | 77.78%        |
| Sistersville #67  | 32         | 40         | 125%          |
| New Haven #140    | 124        | 115        | 92.74%        |
| Williamstown #159 | 74         | 71         | 95.95%        |
| <b>TOTALS</b>     | <b>901</b> | <b>882</b> | <b>97.89%</b> |

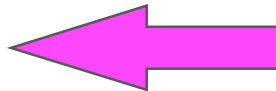
| <b>District 6</b> |            |            |               |
|-------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit              | 2025 Goal  | 2025       | % of Goal     |
| Welch #8          | 45         | 39         | 86.67%        |
| Bluefield #9      | 23         | 16         | 69.57%        |
| Beckley #32       | 20         | 12         | 60%           |
| Gary #38          | 93         | 81         | 87.10%        |
| Cowen #62         | 20         | 17         | 85%           |
| Richwood #97      | 28         | 24         | 85.71%        |
| <b>TOTALS</b>     | <b>229</b> | <b>189</b> | <b>82.53%</b> |



**“Laffy Taffy”  
Team  
Goal—2565  
To Date— 2373  
92.52%**

**SLU & WORTH**

**Membership  
Chairman**



**“Fun Dip”  
Team  
Goal—2126  
To Date 1998  
93.98%**



**Kim**

| <b>District 3</b>  |            |            |               |
|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit               | 2025 Goal  | 2025       | % of Goal     |
| Buckhannon #7      | 44         | 44         | 100%          |
| Clarksburg #13     | 46         | 39         | 84.78%        |
| Elkins #29         | 108        | 96         | 88.89%        |
| Shinnston #31      | 271        | 251        | 92.62%        |
| Braxton County #33 | 32         | 28         | 87.50%        |
| Bridgeport #68     | 66         | 92         | 139.39%       |
| Belington #96      | 16         | 10         | 62.50%        |
| Pickens #122       | 20         | 14         | 70%           |
| Morgantown #174    | 120        | 144        | 120%          |
| <b>TOTALS</b>      | <b>723</b> | <b>718</b> | <b>99.31%</b> |

| <b>District 5</b>  |            |            |               |
|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit               | 2025 Goal  | 2025       | % of Goal     |
| Huntington #16     | 134        | 116        | 86.57%        |
| Logan #19          | 20         | 11         | 55%           |
| Charleston #20     | 28         | 14         | 50%           |
| St. Albans #73     | 33         | 29         | 87.88%        |
| Ceredo-Kenova #93  | 212        | 182        | 85.85%        |
| So. Charleston #94 | 10         | 5          | 50%           |
| Hamlin #111        | 40         | 38         | 95%           |
| Milton #139        | 68         | 62         | 91.18%        |
| Barboursville #177 | 148        | 158        | 106.76%       |
| <b>TOTALS</b>      | <b>693</b> | <b>615</b> | <b>88.74%</b> |

| <b>District 10</b>   |             |             |               |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Unit                 | 2025 Goal   | 2025        | % of Goal     |
| Martinsburg #14      | 68          | 69          | 101.47%       |
| Piedmont #52         | 22          | 18          | 81.82%        |
| Berkeley Springs #60 | 197         | 195         | 98.98%        |
| Charles Town #63     | 38          | 32          | 84.21%        |
| Moorefield #64       | 84          | 82          | 97.62%        |
| Charles Town #71     | 151         | 122         | 80.79%        |
| Petersburg #78       | 62          | 56          | 90.32%        |
| Romney #91           | 155         | 128         | 82.58%        |
| Paw Paw #128         | 43          | 31          | 72.09%        |
| Kirby #134           | 32          | 24          | 75%           |
| Ridgeley #136        | 69          | 61          | 88.41%        |
| Capon Bridge #137    | 192         | 196         | 102.08%       |
| Keyser #152          | 36          | 26          | 72.22%        |
| <b>TOTALS</b>        | <b>1149</b> | <b>1040</b> | <b>90.51%</b> |

**CALL FOR  
HUNDRED-THIRD ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION  
OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA, INC.**

The Hundred-THIRD Department Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary is hereby called in conformity with Article IX, Section 1 of the Department Constitution and Bylaws which provides, "That the Department Convention be held annually concurrent with the Convention of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia." The Convention will meet in Huntington, West Virginia on July 10, 11, 12, 2025 at the Doubletree by Hilton.

**PURPOSE**

The Convention is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, amending the Department Constitution, receiving reports of Department Officers and Chairperson, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it.

**REPRESENTATIVES**

Representation at the Convention shall be by Units. Each Unit shall be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for each fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof, whose dues have been paid and received by the Department Headquarters one month prior to the Convention for which they were elected. Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote. **No Unit unrepresented shall have a proxy vote.** The elective officers, all Past Department Presidents, in good standing shall be delegates-at-large to the Department Convention, with vote to be exercised with their Units, provided said officers are present at the Convention.

**ALTERNATES**

Each Unit is entitled to one alternate for each delegate. The alternate will have power to vote **ONLY** in the absence of the regular Delegate.

**CREDENTIALS**

**Membership cards must be presented by delegates and alternates.** Certification of the election of the delegates and alternates **MUST** be mailed to Department Headquarters **no less than two weeks** prior to Convention, and **SHALL BE** accompanied by the Convention fee of \$20.00 for each accredited delegates so certified.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Pre-Convention Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday July 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Doubletree by Hilton in the Virginia-Maryland Room. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Department Elective Officers, NEC, the Eight District Presidents, all Past Department Presidents, and Chairmen of all standing committees. All members of standing committees, exclusive of the chairmen, may attend the Executive Committee Meeting with the privilege of discussion but without vote. Any member in good standing may attend the Executive Committee Meeting with the privilege of discussion but NO vote.

**DEPARTMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE**

This committee will meet on Thursday July 10, 2025 at 1:00 pm in the Virginia Room. Those to attend this meeting are the three (3) members of the Finance Committee and the Department President and Department Secretary/Treasurer who are ex-officio members without vote.

# 107<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention Reservation

For those calling in the code, please reference **90Q**, or can ask for the **group American Legion**. Otherwise, please use the link below to book as well - just change the dates to what dates you need on the top of the top of the page.

Doubletree by Hilton, 1001 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue,  
Huntington, West Virginia 25701.

Rate: \$132.00 + 13% tax + \$149.16 per night.

Reservations for the State Convention will be made by individual attendees directly with reservation at 304-525-1001. All reservations must be received on, or, before 5:00 p.m. June 26, 2025 (the cutoff date)

Thank you!

## Booking

**Link:** <https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=HTSDTDT&groupCode=CDT90Q&arrivaldate=2025-07-09&departuredate=2025-07-13&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

**107<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention  
2025  
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 107<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia, Inc., scheduled for July 11-13, 2025 at Double Tree by Hilton, Huntington, West Virginia.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

\_\_\_\_\_  
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:

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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 20, 2025**  
No Deviation



# 2025 AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION

## RESERVATION INVOICE

AUGUST 22 - AUGUST 28, 2025

EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON TAMPA DOWNTOWN CONVENTION CENTER

513 SOUTH FLORIDA AVENUE

TAMPA, FL 33602

NAME(S) OF ATTENDEE(S)

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

E-MAIL:

King/Doubles (\$149 per night plus 13.5 % hotel tax) tax rate subject to change

**Parking rate per day—Valet Only \$29 per day**

**PLEASE MAIL PAYMENT BY MAY 1, 2025**

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| ARRIVAL DATE TO HOTEL     |  |
| DEPARTURE DATE FROM HOTEL |  |
| KING OR DOUBLE            |  |

| Quantity                                                            |          |  |        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--|--------|
| ONE NIGHT'S ROOM DEPOSIT @                                          | \$169.12 |  | \$0.00 |
| ADDITIONAL OCCUPANT IN ROOM PER DAY - \$20 Per person; Rollaway N/A |          |  | \$0.00 |
| REGISTRATION FEE @                                                  | \$35.00  |  | \$0.00 |
| NATIONAL COMMANDER'S BANQUET @                                      | \$65.00  |  | \$0.00 |
| SOUTHERN BLOC BREAKFAST @                                           | \$60.00  |  | \$0.00 |
| HOSPITALITY ROOM FEE @                                              | \$25.00  |  | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL                                                               |          |  | \$0.00 |

**FIRST NIGHT'S DEPOSIT REQUIRED.** We will bill you for other charges.

*If arrival date is not provided on form, then arrival date will be August 22th*

*If departure date is not provided on form, then departure date will be August 28th*

**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 \$35.00 registration fee after State Convention.

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**

**X MEANS PAID      UNIT AUDIT OF MEMBERSHIP & MANDATORY FUNDS — June 11, 2025**

**FIRST DISTRICT** - Paulette Anderson President, Christy Bland Vice President

| Unit/Number          | Bonding | Scholarship | Veterans Fund | Girls State | 10% | Membership |
|----------------------|---------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----|------------|
| #1 Wheeling          | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 31         |
| #3 Moundsville       | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 258        |
| #5 McMechen          |         |             |               |             |     | 8          |
| #10 Weirton          |         |             |               |             |     | 69         |
| #18 Cameron          |         |             |               |             |     | 113        |
| #28 New Martinsville | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 104        |
| #34 Wellsburg        |         |             |               |             |     | 20         |
| #45 Follansbee       | X       | X           | X             | X           |     | 56         |
| #81 Pine Grove       |         |             |               |             |     | 58         |
| #86 Paden City       | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 64         |
| #89 Wheeling         |         |             |               |             |     | 9          |
| #114 Newell          |         |             |               |             |     | 17         |
| #121 Chester         | X       | X           | X             | X           |     | 120        |

**THIRD DISTRICT** - Margaret Yost President, Sandra Harper Vice President

| Unit/Number        | Bonding | Scholarship | Veterans Fund | Girls State | 10% | Membership |
|--------------------|---------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----|------------|
| #7 Buckhannon      | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 44         |
| #13 Clarksburg     | X       | X           | X             |             |     | 39         |
| #29 Elkins         |         |             |               |             |     | 96         |
| #31 Shinnston      | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 251        |
| #33 Braxton County |         |             |               |             |     | 28         |
| #68 Bridgeport     |         |             |               |             |     | 92         |
| #96 Belington      | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 10         |
| #122 Pickens       | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 14         |
| #174 Morgantown    | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 144        |

**FOURTH DISTRICT** - Patsy Greiner President, Rebecca Farley Vice President

| Unit/Number       | Bonding | Scholarship | Veterans Fund | Girls State | 10% | Membership |
|-------------------|---------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----|------------|
| #15 Parkersburg   |         |             |               |             |     | 370        |
| #21 Spencer       | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 21         |
| #23 Mason County  |         |             |               |             |     | 230        |
| #48 Tyler County  | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 35         |
| #67 Sistersville  |         |             |               |             |     | 40         |
| #140 New Haven    |         |             |               |             |     | 115        |
| #159 Williamstown | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 71         |

**FIFTH DISTRICT: Beth Kilgore President, Lisa Harbour-Adkins Vice President**

| Unit/Number          | Bonding | Scholarship | Veterans Fund | Girls State | 10% | Membership |
|----------------------|---------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----|------------|
| #16 Huntington       | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 116        |
| #19 Logan            |         |             |               |             |     | 11         |
| #20 Charleston       | X       |             |               |             |     | 14         |
| #73 St. Albans       |         |             |               |             |     | 29         |
| #93 Ceredo-Kenova    | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 182        |
| #94 South Charleston |         |             |               |             |     | 5          |
| #111 Hamlin          | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 38         |
| #139 Milton          |         |             |               |             |     | 62         |
| #177 Barboursville   | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 158        |

**SIXTH DISTRICT - Peggy Swartz President, Mary Spence Vice President**

| Unit/Number  | Bonding | Scholarship | Veterans Fund | Girls State | 10% | Membership |
|--------------|---------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----|------------|
| #8 Welch     | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 39         |
| #9 Bluefield |         |             |               |             |     | 16         |
| #32 Beckley  |         |             |               |             |     | 12         |
| #38 Gary     | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 81         |
| #62 Cowen    | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 17         |
| #97 Richwood | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 24         |

**TENTH DISTRICT- Diana Teter President, Jill Davis Vice President**

| Unit/Number          | Bonding | Scholarship | Veterans Fund | Girls State | 10% | Membership |
|----------------------|---------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----|------------|
| #14 Martinsburg      | X       | X           |               | X           |     | 69         |
| #52 Piedmont         |         |             |               |             |     | 18         |
| #60 Berkeley Springs | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 195        |
| #63 Charles Town     |         |             |               |             |     | 32         |
| #64 Moorefield       |         |             |               |             |     | 82         |
| #71 Charles Town     | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 122        |
| #78 Petersburg       |         |             |               |             |     | 56         |
| #91 Romney           | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 128        |
| #128 Paw Paw         |         |             |               |             |     | 31         |
| #134 Kirby           | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 24         |
| #136 Ridgeley        |         | X           | X             | X           | X   | 61         |
| #137 Capon Bridge    | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 196        |
| #152 Keyser          |         |             |               |             |     | 26         |
|                      |         |             |               |             |     |            |

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