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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)

Hello and Happy (almost) Summer, West Virginia! I’ve enjoyed visiting your districts for Spring Conferences and seeing your productive meetings. Congratulations to all the new District Presidents, Vice Presidents, and Chairmen— I’m excited for what you’ll accomplish in 2025-2026!

We still have work to finish this year. Special congratulations to 3rd District for becoming a Goal District—an amazing achievement! 4th District, you’re so close— keep going! Remember, membership for this year is recorded until 30 days before National Convention, so keep processing memberships, recruiting new members, and reaching out to those who may have lost touch. Even a simple check-in can mean a lot.

Thank you to everyone who submitted year-end reports, and a huge thank you to Department Chairmen for sending reports to your Central Division Chairmen by May 15th. Reading your reports makes me proud and excited about all the great work happening in West Virginia to support veterans, their families, and our communities.

I look forward to celebrating with you all at the Department Convention in Huntington, July 10-12, 2025!

For the Heart of the Matter,
Laura Clark
Department President
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Department Officers 2024-2025

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1st Vice President-Kim Mellie
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District Presidents

1st District-Paulette Anderson
3rd District-Margaret Yost
4th District-Patsy Greiner
5th District-Beth Kilgore
6th District-Peggy Swartz
10th District-Diana Teter

District Vice Presidents

1st District-Christy Bland
3rd District-Sandra Harper
4th District-Rebecca Farley
5th District -Lisa Harbour
6th District-Mary Spence
10th District-Jill Davis



“... For some moments in life, there are no words...” – 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

The Department Credential Certification is the Spirit. Please note the date that you base your Unit's delegates and alternates on which is June 10th. If you have question contact this office.

The Department convention is right around the corner. Reminder—Are your Unit's Mandatory Funds paid? You can not be seated if they are not.

Reminder—Remember to bring your 2024/2025 membership card with you. They will be checking at registration.

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.

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 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

Department Headquarters

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Recommended Changes to
Standing Rule are in this Spirit.
Please Read!

Member dues are based on a member age on January 1 of the Membership year. (Example—A Junior member that is 17 on January 1, 2026 will be billed as a junior member for 2026 membership year. If she turns 18 after August 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 she will be changed to a Senior member for the 2026 membership year.

When you receive your new roster make note of any changes to your juniors



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

**Membership Chairman**

Ladies, we are rapidly approaching the end of this membership year, but we must continue to work to achieve goals for your unit, your district, and the department. On the department level we still need 359 members to be a Goal Department. Please do not hold membership but send them in as soon as you receive them.

We now have 13 Units that are 100% or more, Congratulations - How Sweet it is!!!

Wheeling 1, Weirton 10, Point Pleasant 23, Sistersville 67, Williamstown 159, Buckhannon 7, Bridgeport 68, Morgantown 174, Barboursville 177, Martinsburg 14, Berkeley Springs 60, Moorefield 64, and Capon Bridge 137.

We now have 7 Units that have made 95% or more, Congratulations!!  
Moundsville 3, Chester 121, Parkersburg 15, Cowen 62, Hamlin 111, Milton 139, and Petersburg 78.

We have 10 Units that are so close:  
Cameron 18 needs 4, New Martinsburg 28 needs 2, Follansbee 45 needs 1, Wheeling 89 needs 1, New Haven 140 needs 3, Gary 38 needs 3, Shinnston 31 needs 6, Huntington 16 needs 3, Ceredo Kenova 93 needs 6 and Ridgeley 136 needs 2. Let us see if we can find some new members and sign then up for this great organization.

District 3 is now at 100% - Congratulation Sandra Harper

District 4 is now at 99.1% need 8 more - come on Rebecca Farley find them.

The Chocolate Factory needs more worker.

Ann Buchanan, Membership  
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**Chaplain**

**Please send prayers for the President prayer book.**

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

**Romans 15:13**

Peggy Swartz, Chaplain

**Department 1st Vice President**

Congratulations District 3 for reaching 100% !

Bridgeport Unit 68 has an amazing 150%, Morgantown Unit 174 is close begin with 120%, Buchannon Unit 7 is 100% and Come on Shinnston you can do it at 92%

Right now, let's strive to meet the 95% goal by May 23!

District 5 and 10 You can do this!!

Amazing job Barboursville 177, Martinsburg 14, Berkeley Springs 60, Moorefield 64, and Capon Bridge 137. You guys rock! Your leadership has proven to be a strong, kind, fun, and inviting to have met 100% or more! Keep up the great work. We hope to see everyone in July!

God Bless

For God and Country,

Kim Mellie

Department First Vice President

American Legion Auxiliary

Department of WV

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**Department 2nd Vice President**

Hello Fun Dips,

Thank you for all the units in getting their memberships in. I know it can be a challenge in reaching out to everyone to rejoin, renew or to join. Continue working on your membership because it is an never ending gobstopper. Just remember to be positive and to let them know what the auxiliary is all about. Continue to work on membership as we get closer to the end of this membership year. Fin Dips, you got this. Please reach out if you have any questions or need assistance with anything. We are here for you.

Stephanie Handley  
Department 2nd Vice President

**HISTORIAN**

Hello all!!

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to every unit that submitted their year end reports. Your dedication, timeliness, and attention to detail have made my role not only easier, but truly inspiring.

Each report reflects the passion, perseverance, and purpose that define our organization. Whether it was a line about a single act of service or a detailed narrative of ongoing commitment, your contributions help me paint a full and vibrant picture of who we are as a Department. Because of you, I am able to craft a beautifully written and accurate history to proudly submit to our National Headquarters.

Your efforts are more than paperwork, they are a record of lives touched, communities uplifted, and veterans honored. You've helped make West Virginia shine, not only through your actions this year but through your commitment to documenting those efforts for the sake of legacy.

Thank you for standing strong in our mission of Service Not Self. Together, we are preserving the proud story of the American Legion Auxiliary in West Virginia, one report, one moment, and one unit at a time.

With appreciation,

Rebecca S Farley

Department Historian

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

Woohoo, look at those 1st District numbers! Everyone is at least in the 80% range! Great job to all Units. It's not over folks. Keep up the good work. We're almost there. Congratulations to Wheeling Unit 1 and Weirton Unit 10 for passing 100%! Summer convention is rapidly approaching, so get your rooms reserved ASAP. I'll see you all there!

God Bless you all! Safe travels

Christy Bland  
1st District Vice President

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

Happy June everyone. I hope everyone had a wonderful Memorial Day. Thank you for all that you do for our veterans. Without you, our veterans would be without.

Congratulations to District 3 for making 100% target. District 5 is stilling working hard to make that 95% goal by May 23. I have faith that we will. Barboursville Unit 177 is still in the lead with 108.78%. Congratulations to Milton Unit #139 and Hamlin Unit #111 for hitting their 95% target. Huntington Unit #16, CK Unit #93 and St. Albans Unit #73 are working hard to hit their goals. We have three units that are still struggling. If I or anyone from the membership team can be of any help, please feel free to contact us. Again, make sure that you are not holding any membership. These need to be process as soon as possible to help with your target goals.

Also don't forget to pay your mandatory funds. If you have questions, please make sure you contact someone. I hate for any units to lose their status. Again Keep up the awesome work that you are doing. See you at State Convention in June.

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

**BIG SHOUT OUT TO DISTRICT 3 FOR MAKING 100% MEMBERSHIP GOAL, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK AT GETTING NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWAL MEMBERS.**

I hope by the time this article comes out, more of our Units and Districts will have meet their 100%. Please continue to wear your Branding out, at events and just to shopping.

Good Luck to all the new Officers voted in, Please make sure all your Mandatory fees are paid before summer Conference.

May has flown by and before we know it July will be here, look forward to seeing everyone at Summer Conference.

If I can help answer any questions for anyone, please reach out.

I look forward moving into next year as District 3 Vice President, I feel I have learned a lot this year and look forward to working with Margaret Yost on how we can make a difference.

**THANK YOU ALL AGAIN FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK.**

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

Hello Rockstars!

To all my amazing District 4 units, let me just say it loud and proud: you are absolutely rocking it in membership! The dedication and momentum you've shown this year are nothing short of inspiring. You've proven what's possible when we work together with purpose and pride. As we enter the final stretch of this membership year, I encourage you to take one more look at your rosters. Reach out to members who haven't yet paid their 2025 dues, a simple phone call or personal note might be all it takes. And if you have the means, consider sponsoring a member's dues. You never know the impact that small act of kindness can have on someone's ability to stay connected. Every renewal, every rejoin, every new member brings us closer to preserving the legacy of the American Legion Auxiliary. Our mission depends on strong, active units and District 4 is proving to be a shining example of just that. You still have time to reach your unit goal. Keep that energy up, stay focused, and let's finish strong. I am so proud of each of you. Keep on keeping on, we are the heartbeat of the legacy!

With pride,  
Rebecca S Farley  
Vice President, District 4

### ***Convention Chairman***

Hello Members,

We're only a few weeks until the Dept. Convention in Huntington, West Virginia. Just a few reminders. I'm still in need of help at the registration table on Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning. To be seated as a delegate to the convention you must be a member in good standing and your unit must have all mandatory funds paid. If you're in good standing and unit not you may still attend as a guest. One last thing be sure to bring your membership cards. We'll be checking for your valid membership.

I'm asking districts, units and individuals to bring door prizes. More the merrier. See everyone July 10,11 and 12. Safe travels.  
Convention Chairman,  
Debbie Fox



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

Hello 10th District!

I hope to see everyone at the convention, I sure hope you have your rooms booked.

Congratulations to the 5 units that not only made the 95% but to those have made over 100%. Great job to: Martinsburg #14 @ 101.47%, as well as Congratulations on your new Home! Moorefield #64 @ 100%, Petersburg #78 @ 98.39%, Capon Bridge #137 @ 106.77%.

Ridgeley #136, you were so close at 92.75%.

Everyone still has time to make the 100% mark, I know we can do it.

There is only 1 unit that is not in the 80%. Please, if you need my help, I am always here. I am just a call or an email away. I will do what I can to help you.

I would like to Congratulate District 3, as a team, you made 100%, All districts can do this!! Let's all try to make 100% as a district.

Don't forget to get those memberships in and not hold them. The longer you hold them, the longer it takes to make goal.

I am very excited to see everyone from 10th District at Convention! I hope everyone has safe travels and stays cool. It sure has cranked in the heat lately. I pray all are safe through these storms and no one is washed away. See you soon.

Jill Davis

10th District Vice President

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

First District held their Spring Conference on Sunday April 27th at Cameron Unit #18. There were six units represented. Department President Laura, and First Vice Kim attended, as well as the Department Secretary/Treasurer Susan and 2nd Vice Stephanie. District and Department Committees reported information to the members. After new business elections were held. Congratulations to the new District President Mary Richards, Moundsville #3 and Michelle Powell, Wheeling #1!. They will take over after the convention in July.

Thank you Cameron Unit #18 for hosting the conference! Thank you for my special gift as outgoing President. Looking at the target sheet for May 15th I see there is one Goal District, District #3. Congratulations!

We have two units who are very close to reaching 100%. Our District stands at 913 members 91.67%. Come on We Can Do It!! May 23rd is the next target at 95%; three units are close. Check your roster for unpaid members and see if you can get your membership up. Fall Conference will be hosted at Weirton Unit #10.. Date TBD.

Paulette Anderson

First District President

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

Hello Ladies,

Way to go!! We did it again this year, being the first district to make GOAL in the state. I am very proud of you all. I have to congratulate Buckhannon 7, Bridgeport 68 and Morgantown 174 for being at goal or over. We have a couple of other Units very close, so come on ladies lets get to work.

If any of the Units need help with anything at all, please contact me, Margaret Yost at 304-629-0688 or Sandra Harper at 304-694-2067.

For God and Country

God Bless

Margaret Yost

Third District President

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

Hello All,

Congratulations to all District 4 newly elected unit officers. We look forward to an exciting new year in 2025 – 2026.

Membership for District 4 continues to trickle in. We have time for one final push to get to 100% by June 15th. We need to recruit, reinstate, and renew. Are there any members in your unit that you can help by paying their dues?

Department President Laura has had a fantastic year. There is still time to support her special project, the purchase of new AED machines for the West Virginia Veterans Home.

I just received information about four new traveling plaques for this year.

They are: (1) Savanna Kauffman, "Best Scrapbook", membership up to 150. (2) Debbie Michael, "Best Scrapbook", membership 151 and over. (3) Casey Michael, "Best Junior Scrapbook", membership up to 150. (4) Charli Michael, "Best Junior Scrapbook", membership 151 and over.

Thank you to all of you who continue to serve in this great organization. We appreciate you! For God and Country, we will honor the sacrifices of our veterans, our military, and their families.

Patsy Greiner

4th District President

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

The Department Convention is less than two months away. It seems like this year has flown by. It has been a learning year not only for me but for others in the 5th District. We have also had a very fun year, and I will never look at a Laffy Taffy the same way again.

I would like to congratulate Lisa Harbour (Barboursville Unit 177) and Patti Withrow (St. Albans Unit 73) as the new district officers for the coming year. Lisa will be serving as 5th District President and Patti will be the new 5th District Vice President. Both are very qualified and are anxious to begin their positions and are looking forward to supporting the units in the district. They will be installed at the Department Convention in July. Let's make sure we give these two our wholehearted support as they embark on their new roles.

Beth Kilgore  
Fifth District President

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

Hello Everyone

Guess I slept through a month and didn't get this in and I want to do it now, Sixth District had their spring conference which was hosted by Welch Unit 8, we had members from Gary Unit 38, Bluefield Unit 9, and Welch Unit 8. We were lucky to have the 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and our Department Secretary Sue Brown, who gave us a lot of information thanks Sue. We also had a person in attendance that was running for Historian.

Hope everyone is having good weather here we are having rain. Hope everyone is working on membership. Guess everyone has gotten in their reports and have gotten your girls state forms in. Please keep all our Veterans in your prayers and all members in the ALA.. So until next time I will say a prayer for each of us.

Thank you,  
Peggy Swartz, President  
Sixth District

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

It sure has been a rainy spell. We are so thankful for God's mercy during these times, especially.

Hope all made it through the flooding ok.

Times like these help us to remember the conditions our soldiers have endured during their time of service. Please remember to be kind and thoughtful to all as we do not ever know the struggle of any of our sisters or brothers.

Be thankful you are able to help even when it feels like you are overwhelmed. Think of the blessing you can be to others.

It has been a wonderful year. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Convention.

Strive to be all you can be for those that were all they could be for you.

Diana Teter  
10th District President

### ***Americanism***

THANK YOU TO EVERY UNIT THAT SENT IN THEIR AMERICANISM REPORTS!

I have enjoyed reading each of them and learning how busy and PROUD our state is to show our Americanism.

Flag day is June 14th and will be excited to learn how every Unit celebrates Flag Day.

Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the US flag in 1777. The flag of the United States was first carried into battle September 11, 1777.

1907, celebrations were happening in communities across the nation, yet it would take time before the first Flag Day was officially observed, with a proclamation by President Woodrow Wilson, June 14, 1916. It took another 33 years until President Harry Truman signed legislation proclaiming, June 14 as Flag Day.

Our flag displays unity, team work, and camaraderie, it's the day we should reflect on all those who have sacrificed and brought us together.

Many Americans honor this day by displaying the American Flag at their homes, gathering for community celebrations, parades, or with quiet reflections of those who gave so much to defend our flag.

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

Our pig is hungry and needs to be fed! It's never too late to donate to the Child Well-being Fund (formerly known as the Child Welfare Fund) on behalf of your unit.

The money received and the children it helps are a blessing to each of us. Please bring your donations to the Department Convention in July. If you bring donations, please do not bring a lot of loose change.

The pig really prefers paper in the form of cash and/or checks made payable to the ALA Department of WV with a note of CWF in the memo section.

Thank you!

Beth Kilgore  
Chairman

### ***Education***

It has been my pleasure for being Education co chairman for this Past year.

As the year is ending soon I would like to congratulate, Tiffany Orlando For receiving a National non-traditional Scholarship.

We had a total of seven (7) applications for National Scholarships and Only two (2) for State Scholarships.

If you need my help, please call me at 304-592-0247, it email me at carlajwilfong@gmail.com.  
God Bless Our Veterans  
Carla Wilfong  
Education Co-chairman

### ***Past President Parley***

Happy Spring to all!

Thank you to the unit chairmen who sent me their PPP reports. It was nice to hear that your past presidents are playing an important role in your unit.

There isn't much else to be said this year as our reports are in and we are getting ready for Department Convention. Hope you are already making plans to be there.

As a PDP, if I can ever help you in any way, please ask and I will try.

Love & hugs to all!

PPP Chairman  
Debbie Michael  
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### ***Junior Activities***

What an exciting year! Department reports have been submitted. National reports have been sent. Special thanks to all unit chairmen who submitted Junior Activities year-end reports. The Department of West Virginia has 42 Junior Girl units. There are 269 paid junior members in the department. There were twenty-one new junior members reported. Two new junior units were reported this year. Ten units submitted year-end reports. Seven units included a narrative with their reports. Units reported a total of 1,688 hours of activity. The activities reported were full of projects involving Veterans, active military, and our communities. I cannot list all the junior activities reported in this article; however, if you would like to receive a copy of my year-end report, please do not hesitate to contact me. I would love to share all the ideas and information I received.

Two new traveling plaques for this year are as follows: (1) Casey Michael, "Best Junior Scrapbook," Membership up to 150. (2) Charli Michael, "Best Junior Scrapbook" Membership 151 and over.

For God and Country  
Patsy Greiner  
Junior Activities Chairman  
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### ***Legislative***

Please don't give up now! Keep sending those emails through <https://www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/home>

There is a new additional question you have to click before sending:

You have to scroll through a huge drop-down list and choose a subject for your message. Veteran is at the very bottom.

Please keep reporting our Voice is crucial.

I have had an amazing time as this Legislative Chair. Thank you, President Laura, for this appointment!

Keep reporting.....our Veterans depend on us!

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HAPPY  
FATHER'S  
Day!

## Poppy

The most visible program of the American Legion Auxiliary is the poppy. The purpose of the Poppy program is to connect the visual image of the poppy with the many men and women who sacrificed their lives for our freedoms. Although this flower is small — it is powerful! The poppy is a symbol to honor the fallen and support the living. The money collected is used to directly support veterans, active-duty servicemembers, and their families. Celebrate National Poppy Day—May 23, 2025

Wear a red poppy all day and tell everyone why. Give poppies to friends, co-workers and family and tell everyone why. Accept a poppy and donate if you see a member of The American Legion Family distributing poppies.

Remember that poppies are free and we take donations to support our veterans and veterans' programs. Distributing poppies brings awareness to the significance of the poppy and it helps membership.

Project a positive image when in public.

Shirley Davis  
Poppy Chairman

## VA&R

Caregivers to a family member, a few years ago National added an amount of hours that could be claimed or caring for a veteran that is a family member. Number of hours claimed are based on if the family member care giver lives in the same household or not. That part I think many understand. Now, what constitutes as a care giver is where confusion sets in. Care givers are someone providing direct, personal care, often with a focus on the well-being and quality of life of the veteran in need. Not to be confused with care takers who maintain property, objects, or animals, rather than providing personal care. Bathing or feeding a veteran falls under care giver. Cutting the grass does not. I truly hope this helps. Questions, please feel free to reach out.

Lisa Cadwallader  
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## Public Relations

Hello everyone!

Telling our story matters, and thanks to your thoughtful and timely narrative submissions, West Virginia's story is shining bright. As your Department Public Relations Chair, I am incredibly proud of the way our units have captured the heart of their work this year. Your voices, your photos, your words, they're the heartbeat of our message.

Each narrative submitted helped elevate the visibility of the American Legion Auxiliary, not just within your communities, but across our state and beyond.

You've helped us communicate who we are, what we stand for, and why we serve, with clarity, pride, and consistency.

Strong branding relies on consistent messaging. By aligning our communications with the ALA's national identity, we reinforce the strength of our mission and ensure that our outreach is easily recognized and respected. Please remember to include the official American Legion Auxiliary name and logo on all publications, whether it's a flyer, social media post, or newsletter.

Thank you for being such an important part of our shared success. Because of your efforts, West Virginia continues to stand out as a leader in visibility and service.

With appreciation,  
Rebecca S Farley  
Public Relations Chair

## Scrapbook

Hello Ladies,

**EXCITING NEWS!!** There will be four (4) NEW **PLAQUES** starting this year at convention. They areas follows:

Savanna Kauffman  
Best Senior Scrapbook  
Membership 10 to 150  
Debbie Michael  
Best Senior Scrapbook  
Membership 151 & Over

Casey Michael  
Best Junior Scrapbook  
Membership 10 to 150  
Charli Michael  
Best Junior Scrapbook  
Membership 151 & Over

The rules and criteria for the Juniors are the same as the Seniors.

If you need any help, I am happy to help and just a phone call away.

For God and Country,  
Margaret Yost  
Scrapbook Chairman  
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### Attention PDP's who requested a new Award plaque in their name:

**Please if you requested a new award in your name, have your picture, theme, special project and any memorable information to me no later than mid-June. That allows time for me to get the file ready and bring with me to Department Convention to apply.**

**Thank You,**

**Lisa Cadwallader**

**PDP 2017-2018**

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# American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

## *Rhododendron Girls State*

Time is fast approaching for this year's Girls State Session will be held June 8 -14, 2025 at Davis & Elkins in Elkins, WV.

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 the most deserving young ladies this once in a life -time opportunity.

I encourage you to please stay in contact with your citizens, their parents up until it's time to walk out the door for Elkins. Encourage them to get involved in the program. What they make of this is up to them. Many opportunities will afford these young ladies with learning, sharing and participating in the program. Please remember to thank your sponsors, 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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## **STANDING RULES PROPOSALS**

### **PROPOSAL 1:**

#### **UNDER-DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER**

##### **CURRENT READING:**

Salary- \$12,000 per year, payable monthly

##### **PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

Salary- \$8.75 an hour for a total of 30 hours per week, payable monthly.

##### **RATIONALE:**

The salary information is not correct. We need to have the current and correct salary information in our standing rules.

### **PROPOSAL 2:**

#### **UNDER – STANDING RULE 20:**

##### **CURRENT READING:**

The Department Secretary/Treasurer be given authority to purchase flowers or make a memorial donation for deceased Past Department Presidents, Department Officers, or spouses, and any active Department Chairman, not to exceed \$55.00.

##### **PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

The Department Secretary/Treasurer will be given authority to purchase the planting of a tree in their name or make a memorial donation for deceased Past Department Presidents, Department Officers, or spouses, and any active Department Chairman, not to exceed \$75.00.

##### **RATIONALE:**

The availability of flower shops and delivery of flowers is limited in a lot of areas, and the planting of a tree is more accessible. Raising the amount will cover the increase in cost over the last several years.

### **PROPOSAL 3:**

#### **UNDER – STANDING RULE 22:**

##### **CURRENT READING:**

The Convention Chairman, Department Secretary/Treasurer, and the Department President are allowed one day per diem plus mileage for the purpose of planning the convention in the Convention city. If not staying overnight, each will be allowed twenty dollars (\$20.00) for two meals.

##### **PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

The Convention Chairman, Department Secretary/Treasurer, and the Department President are allowed one day per diem plus mileage for the purpose of planning the convention in the

Convention city. If not staying overnight, each will be allowed twenty dollars (\$20.00) for one meal.

**RATIONALE:**

There is not an allotted amount of time to meet, eat 2 meals, and go back home. Also, the cost of each meal has increased drastically.

**PROPOSAL 4:**

**UNDER – STANDING RULE 23:**

**CURRENT READING:**

The Department shall hold a Department Fundraiser with 75% earmarked for the Welfare Fund and 25% earmarked for the General Fund. Tickets for the Department Fundraiser shall be ordered by the Department Secretary/Treasurer and mailed or distributed to the units.

The Department shall hold a 50/50 Drawing at the Department Convention, with the winner awarded half and the Department receiving the other half.

The Past Department Presidents Club may hold a raffle for a basket, with the winner receiving the basket at the Department Convention. The PDP Club will receive all monies raised.

The Department Juniors may hold a fund-raising project at the annual Department Convention. Proceeds from the project will be submitted to the Department Secretary/Treasurer. The Junior's Chairman will submit expense receipts for payment. An adult, over the age of 18 years, must handle money for Junior membership fundraisers. (National)

All Mid-Winter Conference fund-raising is designated for the Department Welfare Fund. A Silent Auction shall be held.

The Past Department Presidents Club shall hold a 50/50 Drawing at the Mid-Winter Conference, with the winner awarded half and the Welfare Fund receiving the other half.

A Poppy Usage Contest may be held at the Mid-Winter with proceeds designated for the Welfare Fund.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

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e) All Mid-Winter Conference fund-raising is designated for the Department Welfare Fund. A Silent Auction shall be held, and the current Department President shall appoint 2 members to work the auction prior to the Mid-Winter Conference.

f) The Past Department Presidents Club shall hold a 50/50 Drawing at the Mid-Winter Conference, with the winner awarded half and the Welfare Fund receiving the other half.

A Poppy Usage Contest may be held at the Mid-Winter, with proceeds designated for Welfare Fund.

**RATIONALE:**

A person was never appointed to take care of this event. The Department President asked a volunteer and recently The Secretary/Treasurer asked for a volunteer. This will eliminate added stressors for the Department President and Department Officers during the Mid-Winter Conference.

**Recommendations Submitted By:**

**Rhonda Best and Susan Brown, Unit 3 Auxiliary Members**



### ***Ways and Means***

There were twenty-one \$25.00 winners in April 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.

Thanks!  
Susan Brown  
Linda Crumm

### ***April 2025 Ways and Means Winners***

| <b>Name</b>    | <b>#'s</b> | <b>City</b>   | <b>Stat</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>\$\$\$</b> |
|----------------|------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Bonnie Wilcox  | 083        | Romney        | WV          | 4/01/25     | 25.00         |
| Erica Smith    | 256        | Paw Paw       | WV          | 4/02/25     | 25.00         |
| Chuck Pearce   | 257        | Gore          | VA          | 4/03/25     | 25.00         |
| Kevin Addair   | 005        | Glade Springs | VA          | 4/04/25     | 25.00         |
| Kris Jenkins   | 792        | Moorefield    | WV          | 4/05/25     | 25.00         |
| Bonnie Wilcox  | 083        | Romney        | WV          | 4/07/25     | 25.00         |
| Sonja Adkins   | 664        | Hurricane     | WV          | 4/08/25     | 25.00         |
| Sharon E Swick | 470        | Petersburg    | WV          | 4/09/25     | 25.00         |
| Jill Robbins   | 885        | Wheeling      | WV          | 4/10/25     | 25.00         |
| No winner      | 340        |               |             | 4/11/25     |               |
| Kathleen Kirk  | 413        | Bluefield     | WV          | 4/12/25     | 25.00         |
| ALA—Unit 91    | 755        | Romney        | WV          | 4/14/25     | 25.00         |
| Kelly Miller   | 525        | Wheeling      | WV          | 4/15/25     | 25.00         |
| Jimmy Robinson | 203        | Bluefield     | VA          | 4/16/25     | 2             |
| Darlene Evans  | 906        | Dry Fork      | WV          | 4/17/25     | 25.00         |
| Matt Chambers  | 731        | Wheeling      | WV          | 4/18/25     | 25.00         |
| Lisa Haines    | 474        | Romney        | WV          | 4/19/25     | 25.00         |
| No winner      | 997        |               |             | 4/20/25     | 25.00         |
| Linda Navarre  | 840        | Buckhannon    | WV          | 4/22/25     | 25.00         |
| No winner      | 964        |               |             | 4/23/25     | 25.00         |
| No Winner      | 236        |               |             | 4/24/25     |               |
| Larry Ferguson | 373        | Elkins        | WV          | 4/25/25     | 25.00         |
| Kenneth Harmon | 791        | Charles Town  | WV          | 4/26/25     | 25.00         |
| Nancy Clark    | 431        | Rio           | WV          | 4/28/25     | 25.00         |
| JoAnna Camp    | 513        | Spencer       | WV          | 4/29/25     | 25.00         |
| Mike Durr      | 153        | Keyser        | WV          | 4/30/25     | 25.00         |
|                |            |               |             |             |               |
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| 8<br>RGS Opening<br>Session                                                               | 9                                    | 10 | 11                                                                           | 12<br> | 13                                                     | 14<br>FLAG<br>DAY<br> |
| 15<br> | 16                                   | 17 | 18                                                                           | 19<br>Office<br>closed<br>Juneteenth                                                     | 20                                                     | 21                                                                                                       |
| 22                                                                                        | 23                                   | 24 | 25                                                                           | 26                                                                                       | 27                                                     | 28                                                                                                       |
| 29                                                                                        | 30                                   |    |                                                                              |                                                                                          |                                                        |                                                                                                          |
|                                                                                           | Red Shirt<br>Friday—<br>Every Friday |    | <div> <b><i>Program of Month<br/>Rhododendron Girls<br/>State</i></b> </div> |                                                                                          |                                                        |                                                                                                          |

# ***“Membership in the American Legion Family...How Sweet It Is!”***

**Date 5/16/2025**

**Department Goal 4923 — Membership to Date— 4564**  
**Department Unit 200 Goal 232 — Membership to Date— 105**  
**Target 95% - May 23, 2025**

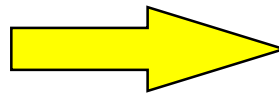
**Stephanie**

**Kim**

| <b>District 1</b>    |            |            |               |
|----------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit                 | 2025 Goal  | 2025       | % of Goal     |
| Wheeling #1          | 26         | 32         | 123.08%       |
| Moundsville #3       | 265        | 258        | 97.36%        |
| McMechen #5          | 15         | 8          | 53.33%        |
| Weirton #10          | 68         | 69         | 101.47%       |
| Cameron #18          | 125        | 115        | 92%           |
| New Martinsville #28 | 113        | 105        | 92.92%        |
| Wellsburg #34        | 23         | 20         | 86.96%        |
| Follansbee #45       | 61         | 57         | 93.44%        |
| Pine Grove #81       | 68         | 58         | 85.29%        |
| Paden City #86       | 77         | 65         | 84.42%        |
| Wheeling #89         | 10         | 9          | 90%           |
| Newell #114          | 20         | 17         | 85%           |
| Chester #121         | 125        | 120        | 96%           |
| <b>TOTALS</b>        | <b>996</b> | <b>933</b> | <b>93.67%</b> |

| <b>District 4</b> |            |            |               |
|-------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit              | 2025 Goal  | 2025       | % of Goal     |
| Parkersburg #15   | 381        | 373        | 97.90%        |
| Spencer #21       | 30         | 21         | 70%           |
| Pt. Pleasant #23  | 215        | 232        | 107.91%       |
| Tyler County #48  | 45         | 35         | 77.78%        |
| Sistersville #67  | 32         | 41         | 128.13%       |
| New Haven #140    | 124        | 115        | 92.74%        |
| Williamstown #159 | 74         | 76         | 102.70%       |
| <b>TOTALS</b>     | <b>901</b> | <b>893</b> | <b>99.11%</b> |

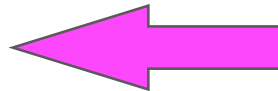
| <b>District 6</b> |            |            |               |
|-------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit              | 2025 Goal  | 2025       | % of Goal     |
| Welch #8          | 45         | 39         | 86.67%        |
| Bluefield #9      | 23         | 16         | 69.57%        |
| Beckley #32       | 20         | 12         | 60%           |
| Gary #38          | 93         | 85         | 91.40%        |
| Cowen #62         | 20         | 19         | 95%           |
| Richwood #97      | 28         | 24         | 85.71%        |
| <b>TOTALS</b>     | <b>229</b> | <b>195</b> | <b>85.15%</b> |



**“Laffy Taffy”  
Team  
Goal—2565  
To Date— 2438  
95.05%**

**SLUGWORTH**

**Membership  
Chairman**



**“Fun Dip”  
Team  
Goal—2126  
To Date 2021  
95.06%**



| <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         | 99         | 150%           |
| Belington #96      | 16         | 10         | 62.50%         |
| Pickens #122       | 20         | 14         | 70%            |
| Morgantown #174    | 120        | 144        | 120%           |
| <b>TOTALS</b>      | <b>723</b> | <b>725</b> | <b>100.28%</b> |

| <b>District 5</b>  |            |            |               |
|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Unit               | 2025 Goal  | 2025       | % of Goal     |
| Huntington #16     | 134        | 124        | 92.54%        |
| Logan #19          | 20         | 11         | 55%           |
| Charleston #20     | 28         | 14         | 50%           |
| St. Albans #73     | 33         | 29         | 87.88%        |
| Ceredo-Kenova #93  | 212        | 195        | 91.98%        |
| So. Charleston #94 | 10         | 5          | 50%           |
| Hamlin #111        | 40         | 38         | 95%           |
| Milton #139        | 68         | 65         | 95.59%        |
| Barboursville #177 | 148        | 161        | 108.78%       |
| <b>TOTALS</b>      | <b>693</b> | <b>642</b> | <b>92.64%</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         | 199         | 101.02%       |
| Charles Town #63     | 38          | 32          | 84.21%        |
| Moorefield #64       | 84          | 84          | 100%          |
| Charles Town #71     | 151         | 123         | 81.46%        |
| Petersburg #78       | 62          | 61          | 98.39%        |
| Romney #91           | 155         | 133         | 85.81%        |
| Paw Paw #128         | 43          | 31          | 72.09%        |
| Kirby #134           | 32          | 26          | 81.25%        |
| Ridgeley #136        | 69          | 64          | 92.75%        |
| Capon Bridge #137    | 192         | 205         | 106.77%       |
| Keyser #152          | 36          | 26          | 72.22%        |
| <b>TOTALS</b>        | <b>1149</b> | <b>1071</b> | <b>93.21%</b> |

# Credential Certification

The following members of our Unit have been duly elected delegates and alternates to the 103rd Annual Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of West Virginia to be held in Huntington, WV

**(DUE INTO DEPARTMENT ON OR BEFORE JUNE 26, 2025)**

## DELEGATES

## ALTERNATES

|           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| 1. _____  | 1. _____  |
| 2. _____  | 2. _____  |
| 3. _____  | 3. _____  |
| 4. _____  | 4. _____  |
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| 10. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 11. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 12. _____ | 12. _____ |

**REGISTRATION FEE IS \$20.00 PER PERSON** \_\_\_\_\_

( Please pre-register)

Unit Name and Number

**(Registration at door will be \$25.00)**

## **MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:**

Department Treasurer, ALA

## **MAIL TO:**

Department Headquarters, ALA  
2172 Grandview Road  
Moundsville WV 26041

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit President 2024-2025

**OR** BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Unit Secretary 2024-2025

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**EXTRA VOTES -- Delegates-At-Large** to be given for paid  
Past Department Presidents, all current Department Officers,  
Current District Presidents.

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NUMBER OF MEMBERS PAID INTO DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTER BY **JUNE 10, 2025** \_\_\_\_\_

**(VOTING STRENGTH** - each Unit is  
entitled to 2 plus one for each 50 members or frac-  
tion thereof, whose 2025 dues have been paid one  
month prior to Convention.

VOTING STRENGTH ENTITLED \_\_\_\_\_



**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  
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   | 32         |
| #3 Moundsville       | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 258        |
| #5 McMechen          |         |             |               |             |     | 8          |
| #10 Weirton          |         |             |               |             |     | 69         |
| #18 Cameron          |         |             |               |             |     | 115        |
| #28 New Martinsville | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 105        |
| #34 Wellsburg        |         |             |               |             |     | 20         |
| #45 Follansbee       | X       | X           | X             | X           |     | 57         |
| #81 Pine Grove       |         |             |               |             |     | 58         |
| #86 Paden City       | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 65         |
| #89 Wheeling         |         |             |               |             |     | 9          |
| #114 Newell          |         |             |               |             |     | 17         |
| #121 Chester         | X       | 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     | X       |             | x             | X           |     | 99         |
| #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   | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 373        |
| #21 Spencer       | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 21         |
| #23 Mason County  |         |             |               |             |     | 232        |
| #48 Tyler County  | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 35         |
| #67 Sistersville  |         |             |               |             |     | 41         |
| #140 New Haven    |         |             |               |             |     | 115        |
| #159 Williamstown | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 76         |



**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   | 124        |
| #19 Logan            |         |             |               |             |     | 11         |
| #20 Charleston       | X       |             |               |             |     | 14         |
| #73 St. Albans       | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 29         |
| #93 Ceredo-Kenova    | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 195        |
| #94 South Charleston |         |             |               |             |     | 5          |
| #111 Hamlin          | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 38         |
| #139 Milton          |         |             |               |             |     | 65         |
| #177 Barboursville   | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 161        |

**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 | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 16         |
| #32 Beckley  |         |             |               |             |     | 12         |
| #38 Gary     | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 85         |
| #62 Cowen    | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 19         |
| #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   | 199        |
| #63 Charles Town     |         |             |               |             |     | 32         |
| #64 Moorefield       | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 84         |
| #71 Charles Town     | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 123        |
| #78 Petersburg       | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 56         |
| #91 Romney           | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 133        |
| #128 Paw Paw         |         |             |               |             |     | 31         |
| #134 Kirby           | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 26         |
| #136 Ridgeley        | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 64         |
| #137 Capon Bridge    | X       | X           | X             | X           | X   | 205        |
| #152 Keyser          | X       | X           | X             | X           |     | 26         |
|                      |         |             |               |             |     |            |



The American Legion  
Department of West Virginia  
First District

May 21, 2025

All Posts in the First District:

The American Legion First District, in conjunction with the Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion, announce the **1st District Picnic on Sunday, 27 July 2025**. The Picnic will be at the Benwood City Park and Pool. The Picnic hours are from 12:00 until 4:30 PM. Armbands for the swimming pool will be available for Children 12 and under. **As usual, the District is asking for a donation of \$1.00 per member from each post up to a total of \$60.00.** Please mail checks to Finance Officer Rich Crumm at 10 Cherokee Dr, Moundsville, WV 26041

There will be a Planning Meeting to discuss the Picnic, Scramble, and any other programs that the 1st District may want to pursue. The meeting will be held at Moundsville Post #3 at 18:30 on 19 June, 2025.

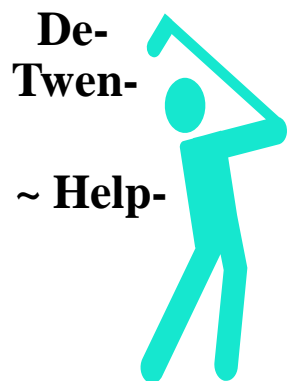
This year's golf scramble will be held **August 16<sup>th</sup>** at Moundsville Country Club, 128 Country Club Road, Moundsville WV 26041. The Scramble is open to anyone who wants to help a Veteran. There is an entry Fee of \$360.00 for each 4 person team. Entry is limited to the first 22 teams paid in full. We're looking for sponsors for the golf scramble. For the cost of \$100.00 you can sponsor a hole.

We are also asking each Post to donate two bottles of liquor to be used as a raffle basket at the Scramble. Please make checks payable to The American Legion First District.

Please mail sponsorship and Entry forms to: The American Legion, First District  
Rich Crumm  
10 Cherokee Drive  
Moundsville WV 26041

For further information on the Golf Scramble contact Rich Crumm at 304-281-8200 or Tony Stock-lask at 304-639-3372.

Sincerely,  
Rich Crumm  
1st District Finance Officer



**The American Legion  
Department/First District  
Twenty-Fifth Annual Golf Scramble**

**Helping Veterans to Help Veterans ~**

**Limit: First 22 Teams Paid in Full**

Teams after 22 received will be placed on a waiting list.

When: Saturday, August 16, 2025

Where: Moundsville Country Club  
128 Country Club Road  
Moundsville WV 26041

Entry Fee: \$90.00 per person. Includes Team Putting Contest, Cart, Green Fees, Food and Drinks.

The "BIG BOONE" BREAKFAST  
SANDWICH WILL BE BACK THIS YEAR!

Scramble pays 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Places in "A" and "B" Flights.

Check in at Clubhouse at 8:00 AM

Format: 4 Person Scramble Shotgun Start at 9:00 AM

Eligibility: Anyone who wants to Help Veterans Helping Veterans.

Team Captain \_\_\_\_\_ Player \_\_\_\_\_

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

Player \_\_\_\_\_ Player \_\_\_\_\_

Registration: Please send form with fee to Tournament  
[Committee no later than July 31, 2025.](#)

Make checks payable to "The American Legion First District"

Drop off at: Earl Francis Post 3, 800 First Street Moundsville WV 26041, Attn: Rich Crumm

Send to: Rich Crumm  
10 Cherokee Drive  
Moundsville WV 26041  
304-281-8200



The American Legion  
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First District

May 1, 2025

Dear Local Merchant/Hole Sponsors:

The American Legion First District, in conjunction with the Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion, are in the process of planning our Twenty-Fourth Annual Golf Scramble. The purpose of the golf scramble is to help Veterans and their families that are in need of assistance.

This year's golf scramble will be held August 16<sup>th</sup> at Moundsville Country Club, 128 Country Club Road, Moundsville, WV 26041. The Scramble is open to anyone who wants to help a Veteran.

We're looking for sponsors for the golf scramble. For the cost of \$100.00 you can sponsor a hole. Gold Sponsorship: \$1,000.00(Includes Team Entry Fee); Silver Sponsorship: \$500.00(Includes 1/2 of Team Entry Fee); Bronze Sponsorship: \$250.00(Includes 1 Team Member Fee). Please make checks payable to The American Legion First District. We are also looking for donations to help with the cost of the event.

Please mail sponsorship check with how you want your sign to read to:

The American Legion, First District  
Rich Crumm  
10 Cherokee Drive  
Moundsville WV 26041

For further information, contact Rich Crumm at 304-281-8200

Sincerely,

Rich Crumm  
1st District Finance Officer



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

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

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

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

**MAIL TO:**

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

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

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

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

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