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Department President



OHANA-means family. Family means nobody gets left behind or forgotten especially the men/ women who fought for our freedom!

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1st District-Michelle Powell
3rd District-Sandra Harper
4th District-Rebecca Farley
5th District-Pat Withrow
6th District-Mary Spence
10th District-Chantel Ricketts

Hello all,

Wishing you all a happy September!

"By now, you may be asking yourself why your membership numbers haven't changed significantly — and that's a great question to explore."

At DLNC, Laura (my membership chair) and I had the option of setting our membership growth goal at 1%, 2%, or 3%. Now, you know me — I always love to aim high! Last year, Ann and Laura chose a 3% increase. While we didn't quite hit that mark, we came very close.

This year, considering all the trials and tribulations of the past six months, we decided to set a more realistic goal of 1%. I'm pleased to say that most of you reached that mark last year.

Looking ahead, let's use this success as momentum. Even a small increase is proof that steady progress is possible, and together we can build on it. Next year, I'd love for us to aim higher and show what we're truly capable of achieving when we work as one team!

I wanted to give everyone a reason to celebrate so let's all strive to meet our goal!

If you have membership questions, I know Laura will be more than happy to answer them.

Just a few bullets of FYI

****I would love to try to visit as many Units as possible so please if you want me to visit - send me a text 304-216-9943!**

****Bear with us as we are working on the Awards Manual, Website and End of year reports! **September is upon us and that means Fall Workshop(Sept12-13) - We have some fun things planned and some business to be conducted. **Paint party 6pm and Juniors can watch Moana **Bring your Juniors please! **The 13th is the meeting, ceremonies, and purse auction and hopefully a nice lunch. **Remember to bring a summer/Ohana inspired centerpiece to be donated to the VA's**

****My homecoming is November 1st at Shinnston Post - come have a luau!**

****September 15th is our first Target of 25%...Happy Birthday SAL!**

Congratulations to Buchannon Unit 7 who has met the first goal! Awesome Job Buchannon Unit 7 under the leadership of April Wallace!

I am sure everyone is on Information overload, please know that my motto as a former coach - There is no I in team, it takes all of us to be successful and we need to remember that we do this for our families, military and Veterans.

Heading to Nationals, please say a prayer for everyone traveling.

For God and Country,

Kim Mellie

Department President

American Legion Auxiliary

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Our Mission matters to Navigate Life's Waters

Department 1st Vice President

Hello to all the Starfish,

Our new membership year has begun and it is going to be a great one. Our new goals have been set and I know all of you are ready to reach those goals.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming leadership workshop to learn more about the new membership year. The workshop is a great place to get all your necessary information.

Hope everyone can make it. I look forward to working with all of you.

Stephanie Handley
Department 1st Vice President



Department 2nd Vice President

It's time to kick off the 2026 membership year with energy and excitement. Your goal will be headed your way as soon as possible, so keep an eye out.

Membership is now open and can be processed by sending your completed transmittal to Dept. HQ.

I will be covering 1st, 4th, and 6th Districts. Do plan on attending either your Fall or Spring Conference, let me know your date as soon as possible.

Mark your calendar for the workshop in Bridgeport.

God Bless Everyone
Peggy Swartz
Department 2nd Vice President
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Chaplain

In Moana's world, mana is the life-giving spiritual energy that flows through the land, the sea, and the people.

As your Department Chaplain, I have been blessed with the honor of radiating mana, to encourage, uplift, and inspire each of you through prayer and connection.

I'm inviting every Unit Chaplain to be the guiding "Wayfinder" for our Department Prayer Chain. Just as Moana followed the stars to navigate the ocean, let us follow the light of prayer to guide one another.

Whether it's a storm you're sailing through or a celebration that feels like calm seas, please share it. Praise is as vital as a prayer request; they fill our sails with joy and remind us of the blessings in our journey.

Any member is welcome to send me prayer concerns or praise reports directly and I will then share with the entire membership through unit chaplains. Together, we will cast our nets wide with words of hope, faith, and encouragement, so no one ever feels adrift.

Let's be a fleet of strong, steadfast canoes, bound together by love, mission, and service.

With mana in our hearts, we will navigate the waves, honor our purpose, and lift each other up in faith, hope, and love.

Rebecca S Farley
Department Chaplain
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HISTORIAN

Hello ladies

Remember our History. Document, record, detail, photograph and report so that our rich history, contributions and achievements live on for years to come.

Hope to see you all at fall workshop in September.

God Bless
Holly Adams
Department Historian
Hollyadams847@gmail.com



Membership Chairman

Let's Launch the New Membership Year!

The new year is here—goals are set, and it's time to grow our American Legion Auxiliary Ohana across West Virginia! Every new member and renewal brings us closer to being 100% Goal Department. Remember, our 1st Target Date of 25% is 9/15/2025 (SAL Birthday)!

Leading the charge in each district:

District 1: New Martinsville #28 at 13.08%

District 3: Buckhannon #7 at 26.67%- **CONGRATS on reaching 1st Target of 25%**

District 4: Williamstown #159 at 2.56%

District 5: Huntington #16 at 14.46%

District 10: Capon Bridge #137 and Paw Paw #128 tied at 6.06%

Let's celebrate every win and make 2026 a record-breaking year for service to our veterans and our communities. Who's going to lead the charge— Team Starfish or Team Sand Dollars?

#MembershipMatters

#MissionDriven

#OhanaMeansFamily

Laura Clark (Maui)
Membership Chairman 2025-2026
Call/Text: 304-939-3607
Email: membership@wvaux.org





Department Headquarters

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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

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.

Reminder: If you wish to receive spirit by email, please send me your email to: department@alawvaux.org
If you wish to receive spirit by mail please fill out form on back, and send \$20.00 to the address listed.

August 1st starts new membership year. New membership theme and target are in this spirit. New transmittal sheet is in this spirit. I received membership cards right before I left for convention, so wasn't able to include in packet

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 changed to a Senior member for the 2026 membership year.

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

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.**

If you see membership in your unit on Target Sheet and you didn't do any, it is online dues. Credits and names will be sent as soon as I get the info from National. PUFL's will be recorded next month.

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.

REMINDER TO ALL DEPARTMENT OFFICERS and COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Spirit articles can not be any longer then 200 words. Single spacing and 10 fonts.

Due into Department by the 15th of each month. Exceptions will be made for Department President, Membership Chairman, Department Vice Presidents, and District Presidents and Vice Presidents. Their articles will be due after receiving the monthly target sheet.

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Articrafts

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American Legion Auxiliary
National Website
ALAforveterans.org

Winner of the PDP Basket:
Jim Davis, Benwood Post #46

Correction for Department Cash Drawing:
Beth Rosanna donated her winnings to the Dept Scholarship Fund. Winner of the Junior Cash drawing was Kim Mellie. She donated her winnings back to the Juniors.

Beth Kilgore is home from the hospital

Cards may be sent to her:
Beth Kilgore
3609 Hughes St. Apt 9
Huntington WV 25704

1st District Vice President

Aloha, District 1,

Fall is right around the corner with school to begin in about a week.

Lets get our membership ramped up and meet our 25% goal by 9/15/25.

One way to meet your goal for your unit is to carry some membership applications with you in your wallet. You never know who you will talk to and they may be interested in joining your unit. Give a 30 second elevator speech why they should join the auxiliary. Mary Richards District 1 President and myself have visited units Weirton #10

and Newell #114. What a great group of members and we enjoyed talking with all of them and helping in any way we can. If you need anything please don't hesitate to email or call Mary or myself.

I hope to see you all at the fall membership workshop in Bridgeport WV on 9/13/25.

"A hui Hou"

Michelle Powell

1st District Vice President
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5th District Vice President

As your District 5 Vice President, I would like to invite you to attend the Department's Fall Membership Workshop on September 12-13th at the Clarksburg Hilton Garden Inn. The meeting will be at 9 am and registration begins at 8 am. I hope to see all our new officers in District 5 there. Our Fall Conference will be held at the American Legion Post in Ceredo-Kenova (Unit 93) on September 20th. Registration will begin at 9am with the meeting commencing at 10 am. Attendance at these meetings is a great networking tool for your Unit.

Remember Department President Kim' vision for the year is "Ohana means family, family means nobody gets left behind or forgotten especially the men/women who fought for our freedom." SO let's continue get behind President Kim and support not only our veterans but also their families on our district and department levels.

Patti Withrow
District 5 Vice President
304-415-4686

3rd District Vice President

Hello Everyone,

We blinked and summer is almost over. I hope everyone enjoyed a great summer.

Now onto working on membership for our Units and Post, why do I say Post because if we get a Post member most likely we will get an Auxiliary member.

Does your Unit have a new member welcoming kit? If not it is not hard to put one together. It is very much appreciated by the new members and makes it easy for them to find out information about your Unit.

Our membership target sheet looks a little bare this time around, I know the Ocean has tons of Star Fish in it, so by next month lets have that sheet going beyond our goal of 25% for our first target date of September 15th which happens to be the Sons of the American Legion birthday.

Third district I know we can make our side of the sheet overflowing with Starfish and make the ocean waves come crashing in on the Sand Dollars. Thank you

Sandra Harper

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6th District Vice President

Time is moving so fast. We need to focus, make plans and put some air in our process and blow the next year wide open.

Let's energize and grow our membership with the wind at our backs.

The summer is here have fun and work on activating old members and bringing in new ones. I

hear the convention was a great success. Let's keep it going.

Prayers for our country and ALA association.

Mary Spence
District 6
Vice President

4th District Vice President

In the spirit of Moana, our District is like the ocean, vast, connected, and full of treasures.

One of the most beautiful treasures the sea offers is the sand dollar. At first glance, it's simple, but inside it holds a story, a legend of faith, hope, and new life. Break one open, and you'll find five delicate pieces, often called "doves," said to represent peace and goodwill.

Our members are just like those sand dollars. Each one is unique, strong, and filled with gifts that carry our mission forward. The "shell" is our shared purpose, protecting and holding the many talents, compassion, and dedication within. Without every single member, our mission loses its full shape. I'm calling on you, reach out to your members. Let them know they are more than just names on a roster, they are the heart of who we are. Encourage them to pay their dues early, so together we can reach our membership goals ahead of schedule. But most importantly we can each carry on the mission through service.

Like the sand dollar's beauty is revealed when it's whole, our strength as a District shines brightest when every member is part of the mission. Let's keep our ocean full and our fleet strong.

Rebecca S Farley

Vice President District 4

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10th District Vice President

🌴 Aloha, ALA — From District 10 🌴 🌴

September 15 marks the birthday of the Sons of The American Legion. Our goal? To reach 25% membership by this special date. Picture coconuts in hand, flip-flops on feet, and a whole new 'ohana of members joining us. Let's keep the momentum flowing like the ocean tide.

Who's rolling in from your unit to Fall Workshop September 12-13th?

At Fall Workshop, we'll focus on expanding our skills with report writing and boosting program engagement — helping us serve our communities even stronger.

Let's keep the momentum flowing like the ocean tide and make a splash at the Fall Conference on September 20th at Charles Town Post 71. A big mahalo to everyone who has already sent in their New Unit Officer forms and New Committee Chair forms, your promptness keeps everything smooth sailing! For those still working on it, please send yours in soon so we stay on course.

🌴 🌴 So, grab your leis, sip on something coco-nutty, and let's party our way to 100% membership success!

🌴 Mahalo for all you do, District 10
Riding the wave to success! 🌴 🌴
Chantel Ricketts

1st District President

Hello.

I'm hearing buzzing and excitement about ways to build up our memberships. Share ideas, communicate, and focus

on your goals.

Due to conflicting schedules, the Fall Conference at Weirton #10 is rescheduled for **Saturday, October 25, 2025**. Registration info will be in the next "Spirit" and emailed to unit Presidents.

Michelle Powell and I visited Weirton #10 and Newell #114. It was wonderful to address their concerns, provide printed information and listen to their ideas.

Let us know if there is anything we can provide for your unit prior to our visit in the near future.

Mary Richards

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6th District President

Hi Everyone

Hope everyone is doing ok and enjoying this nice weather,

To start off with Bluefield Unit 9 will be hosting our Fall Conference, it will be held on Saturday, September 27th. Registration will be from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. The luncheon cost will be \$10.00 per person. Hope to see a lot of members present I will have a lot of information for you.

Our Fall workshop will be held in Bridgeport, WV on September 12-13th, hope to see a lot of people from 6th District. We will have lots of fun so please come join us.

It is time to be working on membership and working on new members also. This is not a lot of information I just needed to get information out about 6th District Fall conference.

So God, bless each Auxiliary Member and Veterans.

I have a new e-mail address it is
peggyswartz29@gmail.com

Thank You

Peggy Swartz,

6th District President

3rd District President

Hello Ladies of Third District

I wish to thank President Laura for a great year and I wish to tell President Kim we are going to have a great year also.

Ok, ladies now down to business. Third District will be having their fall conference on Saturday, October 11, 2025 at Post/Unit 13 in Clarksburg, so mark your calendars with that date and hope to see you there. I will be getting the registration forms out within the next few weeks. Please make sure I have a list of your 2025-2026 Officers and committee people. Also be sure to send it to Paulette at the Department Headquarters.

I wish to congratulate all the units who reached their goal by the conference or just after. You should have received from the department your projected goal for 2025-2026. So ladies, let's get business, so we can be the first goal district again this year, we can do it. We need to have 25% of membership in by September 15, 2025.

Don't forget that the Department Workshop is September 12-13th at the Hilton Garden on Bridgeport Hill.

If you have any questions or need help please contact me at the address or phone number below.

For God and Country

Margaret Yost

Third District President

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4th District President

Greetings to all District 4 members.

Are you ready for a brand-new year? President Kim Mellie is planning an amazing year full of OHANA (family) activities and programs. She has chosen a beach/luau theme.

Her membership theme is "Our Mission Matters to Navigate Life's Waters."

Point Pleasant Post #23 is hosting our District 4 Fall Conference meeting at their post home on October 4, 2025. Registration: 8 – 9 a.m. Registration fee is: \$15.00. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will follow.

District meetings are structured, informative and fun. They are a mini-school of instruction. District meetings are a time to share ideas. I

If you have any questions about American Legion Auxiliary programs and projects, please do not hesitate to ask.

Patsy Greiner

4th District President

5th District President

Hello everyone,

I hope everything is going well. I first want to thank you for electing me 5th District President and having faith in me to do this job.

Membership meeting is September 12-13th. in Bridgeport. I encourage you to attend. We have a lot of fun but it is very informative as well. You will learn about different committees as well as membership. There is also a purse auction to raise money for Kim's special project. This workshop is great for new officers and members.

District meeting is September 20th at Ceredo-Kenova Post 93. Registration starts at 9 am and the meeting at 10 am. Please come to learn more what is happening in our awesome district and our department. You will have a chance to get information and ask any questions you might have.

I really encourage you to attend both membership training and district meeting.

As always, I am here to help you. If you have any questions, please ask because that is how we learn.

I hope to see you soon.

Lisa Harbour-Adkins

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10th District President

Do you remember being a child or a parent and always learning or teaching to share? If the answer is YES, let us take a minute and think about this and think about this organization that we are in. We need to share the information that we all learn! All the meetings that we go to are about sharing the information about our organization that most of us are unaware of.

You ask, why other than a unit meeting other meetings are important? There are so many changes that happen all the time in this organization. We need to know these changes so we can pass it on to the unit and help others learn. Once we are gone, if we do not share the information, our organization will DIE!

Workshop is September 12-13th, I hope you consider coming and learning. These meetings are not only learning but they are also a lot of fun. You get to interact with other units and learn what they are doing.

District 10 Conference is September 20th, please get your credentials and checks in. The checks are to be sent to Charles Town 71 and the Credential forms are to be sent to me:

100 Timber Ridge Road
Capon Bridge, WV 26711.

These forms and checks are very important for us to know how many are coming. At our district meeting we have our raffle tickets and will be signing them out at that time. Please be sure to get yours. I hope to see everyone at both the workshop and the district 10 meeting.

Jill Davis
President

NEC

National is always making changes and this past year was no exception. As we close the 2024-2025 year out, National had opened the doors for Units to submit their own reports to Division Chairmen. In the past the Department Chairmen were allowed to submit one Unit's report from the whole Department. This year, because Unit's submitted their own reports to Division Chairmen, 10, 20 or even 50 Unit's from one Department could submit their Unit's report. The other change National did this year was they had a different Division select winners. We are in the Central Division. Central Division reports for Unit's and for Department's were judged by another Division. Makes sense, that way the Central Division chairmen is not selecting a winner from the group that their Department and their Unit are a part of.

Currently the pre-convention sessions that once took place at National convention are in progress via zoom. Anyone can register as a guest to view any or all of these. This is where we learn the Division winners for Units and Department's.

A huge shout out to Point Pleasant Unit #23, who obviously submitted their Unit reports to each program Central Division chairmen. They have won several. Congratulations! Also during these pre-convention zooms they highlight something from each Department. Congratulations to Morgantown Mountaineers Unit #174 who has been mentioned a few times. Congratulations to Dortha Parsons, was mentioned for her continued effort in recruitment and retention as a VA volunteer.

Soon some of us head to National Convention. At that time, West Virginia could receive more Recognition and we will learn who the winners of the National Presidents Excellence Awards are, for those who submitted reports for these.

NEC
Lisa Cadwallader
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Americanism

I hope everyone had a GREAT summer it did truly go by too fast; I have been busy watching videos and reading up on other states of some of the things that they do.

I will share a list with you of items I have compiled to help you with knowing which programs cover Americanism. There will be some that cross over into other Committees, it is perfectly fine to mention in both, BUT YOU CAN ONLY COUNT VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR ONE.

I have watched the Pre Convention webinars and am really excited to share with you what I learned at National Convention.

Here is the list of programs:
Citizens Flag Alliance
Citizenship & Naturalization Programs
Donations to School/Org. for Flags
Eagle Scout Activities
Essay Contest
Flag Advocacy/Education/Etiquette
Flag Day
Flag Disposal Ceremony
Get out the Vote Activities Members Fly Flags
Patriotic Holidays
Placing Flags on Veterans Graves
Pocket Flag Program
Star Spangled Kids
Scouting Activities (Boys & Girls)
Patriotic Youth programs
Community Involvement

Thank you,
Sandra Harper
Americanism Chair
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Public Relations

As your Public Relations Chairman for this year, I am so excited to see what is happening in your posts! Every event you host, every service you participate in, and every veteran organization we support should be documented and shared with the Department. Please send me your Unit activity photos and the stories behind them. A new email address will be established in August for your submissions. When you email, please list the names of the participants in photos, why you are having the event/service, and whether it was a success. If you are posting to social media, please tag me or the Department Facebook page. Please make sure everyone gives you permission to use their photos online! Members of the American Legion Auxiliary work hard and we want the world to know how successful we truly are. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Patti Withrow
Public Relations Chairman
304-415-4686

Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Fellow Auxiliary Members,

In the spirit of Service not Self, Auxiliary members have made it their mission to provide a helping hand to our veterans, military, and their families. That's where the

Auxiliary Emergency Fund comes into play. For over 50 years now, the AEF has provided relief to our fellow members faced with hardships and disasters.

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

I hope that each Unit has by now appointed a Chairman to be in charge of educating your members about the Auxiliary Emergency Fund and the wonderful program that it is and assisting them to get any help that they may need and qualify for.

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

Blessings,
Melanie Shambaugh
AEF Chairman
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Child and Well-Being Fund

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation has been making a difference in kids' lives since 1954. Through its Child Well-Being Program, the foundation supports projects that help children facing physical, mental, or emotional challenges. Whether it's funding educational materials or backing community efforts, the goal is simple: give every child a better shot at a healthy, happy future.

Want to be part of something meaningful? You can help by donating, volunteering, or even just spreading the word. Visit www.cwf-inc.org to learn how you can get involved and support the well-being of children across the country.
Beth Kilgore
304-654-7750
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Community Service

Good Evening family

Hoping everyone is enjoying the fairs and all the summer fun. Make sure we remember to wear our American Legion Auxiliary branding when we're out in the community.

Please keep track of your hours and activities, make sure that we take pictures of everything we're doing .

Hope to see everyone at Fall Boards and be safe in everyone's travels.

Congratulations to each unit that was highlighted in the pre con meeting at National.

God Bless,
Kelli A Immel
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Children & Youth

If there's one thing I've learned over the years, it's that our young people need strong roots and steady guidance—and that's exactly what the American Legion Auxiliary's Children & Youth Program provides.

This wonderful program supports children in military and veteran families, helping them grow into confident, compassionate leaders. From hands-on service projects to leadership training for our ALA Juniors, it's all about giving kids the tools they need to thrive. There's even an online course that teaches public speaking and leadership—skills that will serve them for a lifetime.

Families benefit too, with resources and support to help them navigate the unique challenges of military life. It's a program that truly makes a difference.

Now here's where you come in: if you're looking for a meaningful way to give back, this is it. Visit ALAforVeterans.org to learn more and find out how you can get involved.

Let's keep lifting up the next generation—together.

Beth Kilgore
Children & Youth Chairman
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Education

Happy September

School has started and supplies are needed. Let's help them get off to a great start. If you go to legion-aux.org then click committees, scroll to education, and you will see information for scholarships and what is called "Give 10 to Education Suggested Donation Items Tracking Sheet". This gives you a guide to follow so your Unit can collect or buy these items to donate to area schools. Note: Now is the time to buy school supplies while they are on sale because close to October prices will go back up. Use this sheet for keeping track of what is collected or bought. If you know some teachers ask them what they need or sponsor a classroom not just to buy supplies but to do some volunteering. Schools always need volunteers. Talk to the principal letting them know that veterans and unit members are available to come into the schools to talk to the students and do a flag etiquette program.

Keep up the great work that you are doing with our youth. Remember the youth are our future and if we don't teach them then who will.

If you need anything, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Lisa Harbour-Adkins
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Junior Activities

Congratulations to all Juniors and the Senior members who support them. You all had a marvelous year! I am so proud of all of you!

September is here! We will have a Junior Fall Conference on Saturday, September 13, 2025, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Bridgeport, WV. Registration will be from 8 to 9 a.m. Registration is \$10.00. Juniors MUST provide completed registration forms when they register. (Forms are included in this Spirit.)

I look forward to seeing all junior members for a great weekend!!

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Leadership

In Moana's world, wayfinders are leaders, navigating the seas with skill, courage, and vision.

In the American Legion Auxiliary, leadership is our wayfinding. It exists at every level of our organization, from the newest member taking on a committee role to the officers steering our Units, Districts, and Department.

When leaders lead with the mission as their North Star, great things happen. We inspire others, strengthen our programs, and keep our ships steady through calm waters and storms alike.

That's why I'm encouraging each of you to take advantage of the online leadership webinars created specifically for our department that will begin in October.

These webinars are your navigational charts, packed with tools, ideas, and inspiration to help you grow your leadership skills. If you can't attend the live session, don't worry, the recordings will be available for you to view anytime.

Moana teaches us that leaders are not born from titles alone, they rise from a willingness to serve, to learn, and to guide others. Whether you're captaining the canoe or simply helping set the sail, your leadership matters.

Let's chart this journey together. Sign up for the webinars, share them with your members, and let's sail toward our goals with confidence and purpose.

Rebecca S Farley
Department Leadership Chair
decoachrebecca@gmail.com

Music

One of the festivities is a luau this year. With that being said you can use Hawaiian music at your luau. It is relaxing, fun, and sometimes funny. Take a video of your luau, whether is at a unit meeting, or just getting together to try something new. Send your short video to me at 304-771-0984.

Remember to used patriotic music at your meetings, and functions.

Paulette Anderson
Music Chairman



Legislative

From the August 1 st American Legion Legislative Weekly: Weekly Grassroots Newsletter: "This week, we are asking Legionnaires to contact Congress to request support for the Major Richard Star Act! This reform would ensure that combat-injured retirees can receive both their Department of Defense retirement pay and the disability compensation earned through their sacrifices.

On July 22, a critical step was taken when Senators Richard Blumenthal, Mike Crapo, and Elizabeth Warren announced their intent to file the text of the bill as an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2026 National Defense Authorization Act. The American Legion supports this legislation, and we appreciate all the emails you have sent so far."

Although the above message only mentions Legionnaires, it is important that all members of the Legion Family email their representatives in support of the Grassroot Action Center. Continue to send your emails and continue to encourage other members of the Legion Family to send emails.

If you are not already sending emails or registered with the Grassroots Action Center, you can register by clicking American Legion Grassroots Action Center from www.vvlegion.org

Everyone's voice matters! Keep sending emails and connecting with your representatives.

Elaine Sampson
Legislative Chair
sampsonem@yahoo.com

Scrapbook

Hello Ladies,

I want to thank President Kim for appointing me her 2025-2026 Scrapbook Chairman.

I was very pleased with the number of scrapbooks we had turned in at this year's convention in both the Senior Division and Junior Division.

I hope to have some new guidelines on the scrapbooks out to you in the near future.

For God and Country
Margaret Yost
Scrapbook Chairman
811 Barbara Heights Dr. Apt 103
Shinnston WV 26431
304-629-0688
mdyost2010@gmail.com

Poppy

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE POPPY PROGRAM?

The purpose of the poppy program is (1) to honor veterans for their service; (2) educate all people about the history of the poppy; and (3) the financial benefit to veterans as the result of poppy distribution.

Looking ahead to the 2025-2026 year, it is important to share information on what unit members are doing for the poppy program. Share what you do each month.

In this Auxiliary Spirit is a form for you to briefly record your activities. Duplicate this form and distribute to unit members. Do something each month. It doesn't have to be a large activity; it can be something as simple as displaying the poppy at each meeting. Promote the poppy by making a centerpiece and displaying it at your American Legion Post. Promote the poppy by making others aware of how it honors our veterans and their service.

Department President Kim will be holding a centerpiece contest at the fall Membership Workshop and I suggest the ONE flower that should be in the centerpiece is a poppy! It's a way to honor veterans and their service.

Shirley Davis, Chairman
psdavis1524@msn.com
(304) 544-1838

VA&R

As we start our new year, let me remind you of caregivers hours.

Caregivers be awarded Service to Veterans hours which may accumulate for hour bars for time spent providing care and assistance to veterans within their families if they do not receive PROFESSIONAL compensation for doing so. If the caregiver lives with the veteran, they may be awarded 10 hours a week. If they do NOT live with the veteran, then they may be awarded 5 hour a week. This does not include things like cutting you and your spouses lawn, or cleaning your house. That is part of your responsibility. Now, if your veteran spouse or parent requires help bathing, and feeding, then yes you may count the above number of hours.

We are still in warm weather, before it gets cold, consider outside activities with veterans, things like honor flights, a small fishing trip, or just a quite talk in the shade. However, as we move towards cooler temperatures, start planning on supporting homeless veterans with blankets, mats, canned food, costs, gloves, and hats. Don't wait till it's bitter cold!

Bless our Veterans,
Lisa Cadwallader
Lisac.ala71@gmail.com



American Legion Auxiliary WV Rhododendron Girls State

Rhododendron Girls State

You know it's not too early to start planning for Girls State!
Please start to solicit local businesses and secure funding from organizations as they are preparing next year's budgets. We want to make sure you have the funding necessary to provide this once in a life - time opportunity for a well deserving young lady.

Also, please use your past Girls State citizens for your Veterans Day, Poppy Day, Christmas Parade, Wreaths Across America or to help out with a Unit function!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact your district representative or myself.

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd
Girls State Chairman



District Representatives

1st Dist. — Susan Brown
2172 Grandview Rd.
Moundsville WV 26041
304-845-5122

3rd Dist. — Mary Jo Thomas
279 Rock Lake Road
Fairmont WV 26554
304-366-2912

4th Dist. — Cathy Post
308 Main Street
Middlebourne, WV 26149
304-758-5114

5th Dist.— Ann Buchanan
105 Cheyenne Trail
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

Ways and Means

Congratulations to the winners for July!
There will be 2025-2026 tickets available at Department workshop September 13th for units.

If you have specific numbers you would like, please email me before workshop so I can save them for you.

FYI: The old Ways & Means account was closed first part of July and a new acct. was opened the last of July. Funds was set aside in old account to cover the checks written May and June. If you have any checks out or know someone who does, please cash them ASAP. If they have been returned to them and they contacted you, have them send check to Dept. and I will resend under new account.
The old account will be closed soon, so don't wait.

Winner of Unit who sold most 2025 tickets: Welch #8
Winner of Individual who sold most 2025 tickets: Bonnie Wilcox, Romney. They will receive a cash donation from me,

Thanks
Paulette Anderson
Christy Bland

June 2025 Ways and Means Winners

Name	#'s	City	State	Date	\$\$\$
Jeff Wisley	210	Lavalette	WV	7/1/25	\$25.00
Jimmy Robinson	203	Bluefield	VA	7/2/25	\$25.00
	655			7/3/25	
Tonda Anderson	711	Cameron	WV	7/4/25	\$25.00
Becky Largent	803	Romney	WV	7/5/25	\$25.00
Jan Hammers	822	Cameron	WV	7/7/25	\$25.00
Bill Upshaw	975	St. Albans	WV	7/8/25	\$25.00
Pam Campbell	454	Colliers	WV	7/9/25	\$25.00
Linda Crumm	472	Moundsville	WV	7/10/25	\$25.00
Julie Durrence	392	La Vale	MD	7/11/25	\$25.00
	396			7/12/25	
Carla English	000	Bluefield	WV	7/14/25	\$25.00
Harry Johnson	040	Charles Town	WV	7/15/25	\$25.00
Frank Cooley (Leonard)	729	Welch	WV	7/16/25	\$200.00
Jim Dotson	622	Bluefield	VA	7/17/25	\$200.00
Sue Briggs	464	Cameron	WV	7/18/25	\$25.00
Gloria High	467	Romney	WV	7/19/25	\$25.00
Matthew Delawder	052	Old Fields	WV	7/21/25	\$25.00
ALA Spemcer #21	233	Spencer	WV	7/22/25	\$25.00
Goldie Jenkins	132	Berkeley Springs	WV	7/23/25	\$25.00
Sabrina Fowler	924	Thorpe	WV	7/24/25	\$25.00
Yvonne Sentner	302	Pittsburgh	PA	7/25/25	\$25.00
Emma Charlton	635	Mechanicsville	VA	7/26/25	\$25.00
Teri Blanchard	489	Kearneysville	WV	7/28/25	\$25.00
Dale Thayer	073	Sutton	WV	7/29/25	\$25.00
Matthew Delawder	052	Old Fields	WV	7/30/25	\$25.00
Betty Delawder	537	Old Fields	WV	7/31/25	\$25.00





OUR MISSION MATTERS to NAVIGATE LIFE's WATERS



First Target Date 09/15/2025
Department Goal 4672— Membership to Date— 151 3.23%
Department Unit 200 Goal 149— Membership to Date— 14



Peggy



Stephanie

District 1			
Unit	2026 Goal	2026	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	28	7	25.00%
Moundsville #3	260	28	10.93%
McMechen #5	12		
Weirton #10	71		
Cameron #18	118	1	0.85%
New Martinsville #28	107	14	13.08%
Wellsburg #34	21		
Follansbee #45	59		
Pine Grove #81	60	1	.17%
Paden City #86	67	1	.15%
Wheeling #89	10		
Newell #114	19		
Chester #121	122	1	0.82%
TOTALS	954	53	5.56%



**Starfish
Goal— 2460
To Date—71
2.29%**

**Membership
Chairman
Maui**



Sand Dollars

**Goal 2063
To Date 66
3.20%**



District 3			
Unit	2026 Goal	2026	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	45	12	26.67%
Clarksburg #13	41		
Elkins #29	98		
Shinnston #31	253	4	1.58%
Braxton County #33	30		
Bridgeport #68	93	3	3.23%
Belington #96	11		
Pickens #122	18		
Morgantown #174	132	1	0.76%
TOTALS	721	20	2.77%

District 5			
Unit	2026 Goal	2026	% of Goal
Huntington #16	127	19	14.46%
Logan #19	12		
Charleston #20	15	1	6.67%
St. Albans #73	31		
Ceredo-Kenova #93	199	1	0.50%
So. Charleston #94	10		
Hamlin #111	40		
Milton #139	67		
Barboursville #177	152	5	3.29%
TOTALS	653	26	3.98%

District 10			
Unit	2026 Goal	2026	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	67		
Piedmont #52	20		
Berkeley Springs #60	199	3	1.51%
Charles Town #63	34		
Moorefield #64	86		
Charles Town #71	127	2	1.57%
Petersburg #78	63	3	4.76%
Romney #91	137	2	1.46%
Paw Paw #128	33	2	6.06%
Kirby #134	28	1	3.57%
Ridgeley #136	66		
Capon Bridge #137	198	12	6.06%
Keyser #152	28		
Totals	1086	25	2.30%

District 4			
Unit	2026 Goal	2026	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	380	8	2.11%
Spencer #21	22		
Pt. Pleasant #23	236	2	0.85%
Tyler County #48	37		
Sistersville #67	42		
New Haven #140	110	1	0.91%
Williamstown #159	78	2	2.56%
TOTALS	905	13	1.44%

District 6			
Unit	2026 Goal	2026	% of Goal
Welch #8	40		
Bluefield #9	18		
Beckley #32	12		
Gary #38	87		
Cowen #62	21		
Richwood #97	26		
TOTALS	204		

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

FINAL

Date 7/31/2025

Department Goal 4923 — Membership to Date— 4703

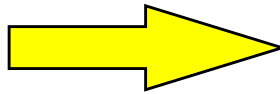
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Stephanie

District 1			
Unit	2025 Goal	2025	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	26	34	130.76%
Moundsville #3	265	258	97.36%
McMechen #5	15	8	53.33%
Weirton #10	68	74	108.32%
Cameron #18	125	116	92.80%
New Martinsville #28	113	113	100%
Wellsburg #34	23	20	86.96%
Follansbee #45	61	58	95.08%
Pine Grove #81	68	60	88.24%
Paden City #86	77	66	85.71%
Wheeling #89	10	9	90%
Newell #114	20	18	90.00%
Chester #121	125	120	96%
TOTALS	996	954	95.78%

District 4			
Unit	2025 Goal	2025	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	381	382	100.26%
Spencer #21	30	21	70%
Pt. Pleasant #23	215	245	113.95%
Tyler County #48	45	35	77.78%
Sistersville #67	32	45	140.63%
New Haven #140	124	115	92.74%
Williamstown #159	74	76	102.70%
TOTALS	901	919	102.00%

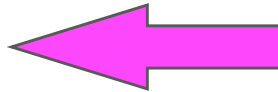
District 6			
Unit	2025 Goal	2025	% of Goal
Welch #8	45	39	86.67%
Bluefield #9	23	16	69.57%
Beckley #32	20	12	60%
Gary #38	93	90	96.77%
Cowen #62	20	19	95%
Richwood #97	28	24	85.71%
TOTALS	229	200	87.34%



**“Laffy Taffy”
Team
Goal—2565
To Date— 2523
98.36%%**

SLUENORTH

**Membership
Chairman**



**“Fun Dip”
Team
Goal—2126
To Date 2073
97.51%**



Kim

District 3			
Unit	2025 Goal	2025	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	44	45	102.27%
Clarksburg #13	46	39	84.78%
Elkins #29	108	100	92.58%
Shinnston #31	271	271	100.00%
Braxton County #33	32	28	87.50%
Bridgeport #68	66	100	151.52%
Belington #96	16	10	62.50%
Pickens #122	20	14	70%
Morgantown #174	120	144	120%
TOTALS	723	754	104.29%

District 5			
Unit	2025 Goal	2025	% of Goal
Huntington #16	134	135	100.75%
Logan #19	20	11	55%
Charleston #20	28	14	50%
St. Albans #73	33	29	87.88%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	212	196	92.45%
So. Charleston #94	10	5	50%
Hamlin #111	40	40	100%
Milton #139	68	66	97.06%
Barboursville #177	148	163	110.14%
TOTALS	693	659	95.09%

District 10			
Unit	2025 Goal	2025	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	68	81	119.11%
Piedmont #52	22	18	81.82%
Berkeley Springs #60	197	200	101.52%
Charles Town #63	38	32	84.21%
Moorefield #64	84	84	100%
Charles Town #71	151	132	87.42%
Petersburg #78	62	61	98.39%
Romney #91	155	143	92.26%
Paw Paw #128	43	36	83.72%
Kirby #134	32	26	81.25%
Ridgeley #136	69	64	92.75%
Capon Bridge #137	192	207	107.81%
Keyser #152	36	26	72.22%
TOTALS	1149	1110	96.61%

September 2025

Sun

Mon


Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p><i>Wear Red Fridays</i></p> <p><i>Every Friday</i></p>	<p>1</p> <p><i>Labor Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>Office Open</i></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p><i>Grandparents Day</i></p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p><i>9/11—</i> <i>24 years anniversary</i></p> <p><i>Leave For Workshop</i></p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p><i>Target #1-25% SAL's Birthday</i></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>  <p><i>Spirit Articles Due</i></p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p><i>5th Dist. Conf. Ceredo-Kenova #93</i> <i>10th Dist. Conf Charles Town #71</i></p>
<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p><i>Spirit Out</i> <i>Cheer Parties</i> <i>Checks Mailed</i></p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p><i>6th District Conference Bluefield</i></p>
<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>		<div> <p><i>Program of Month</i></p> <p><i>Junior Activities</i></p> <p><i>Music</i></p> </div>		



Fall Membership Workshop
2025 Agenda
Hilton Garden Inn, Bridgeport
Meeting Room 1 and 2
Tentative Schedule

Friday: Paint Party @ 6
Kids watch Moana 1 and 2 at 6

Saturday

8:00-9:00 Registration

Lobby

9:00 Junior Meeting

Welcome

Kim Mellie- President

Prayer

Rebecca Farley – Chaplain

Moment of Silence

Kim Mellie – President

Pledge

Sandra Harper – Americanism Chair

National Anthem

Paulette Anderson- Music Chair

Preamble/Mission

Michelle Powell – C&B Chair

9:20 Children's Table Ceremony

Patsy Greiner and Juniors

9:35 POW/MIA Ceremony

Rebecca Farley – Chaplain

9:45 Membership Team

Laura Clark – Membership Chair

Stephanie Handley – First Vice

Peggy Swartz – Second Vice

District Vice Presidents

10:45 Program Engagement Plans

Department Chairmen

11:30 Writing Reports Education

Leadership Team

Noon Luau Luncheon (if you want or lunch on your own)

1:30 Special Project speaker

2:00 Secretary Remarks

2:15 Purse Auction/ Centerpiece Voting

3:30 Fall Executive Board



“Ohana Means Family” Centerpiece Contest & Fundraiser

Get ready to bring the spirit of aloha to life with our Ohana-Themed Centerpiece Contest! Channel your inner island vibes, think luau, palm trees, pineapples, and tropical flair, and create a festive table centerpiece that celebrates the meaning of Ohana... because family means no one gets left behind.

Here's how it works:

- Create a vibrant, themed Ohana/Luau-style centerpiece and bring it to the Fall Workshop. Let your creativity shine!
- During the workshop, centerpieces will be displayed and open for \$1 per vote. **All funds will go into the department welfare account.**
- The centerpiece with the most votes wins a beautiful prize.

But this isn't just a contest, it's a service project from the heart
At the close of the workshop, all centerpieces will be donated to brighten the dining rooms at our local Veterans Home. Each one will be delivered with a handwritten card of encouragement, signed by our members, spreading cheer and gratitude to those who served.

*Let's come together in fun, fellowship, and purpose.
After all, that's what Ohana is all about.*

Get crafting and let's make a difference together!



BETTY REA'S

Purse Auction

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH,
2025

**PLEASE DONATE A NEW OR GENTLY USED
PURSE FILLED WITH SURPRISES!
PROCEEDS BENEFIT
WARRIOR PROJECT PEARL AND HONOR FLIGHT**



BRING FRIDAY NIGHT OR SATURDAY MORNING



Please come share in the fun!

**My Homecoming will be
November 1st Social at 5 and
Dinner 6-8pm
Post 31 Legion Family
76 Bridge Street
Shinnston, WV 26431**

**Tickets will be on sale for \$20
Veterans are free!**



**Please rsvp by text to
304-216-9943**

**Available Rooms - Hilton Garden Inn
Clarksburg Bridgeport**

The default check-in date is Thursday September 11, 2025. The Edit Stay is at the top of the page for those staying Friday, Saturday, or both.

Guests may also call us at 304-326-9200 and **hold until the end of the recording** to be connected to our front desk reservationist.

The code for your group is
AMELEG .

HILTON GARDEN INN PRE-REGISTRATION FORM
2025 MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP SEPTEMBER 13, 2025
DUE INTO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS SEPT. 6, 2026

UNIT NAME _____ **UNIT #** _____

NAMES OF MEMBERS ATTENDING

REGISTRATION FEE \$15.00

PAY AT THE DOOR

HOW DID I PROMOTE THE POPPY

The Poppy program was designed to promote and educate people about the Poppy and to make people aware of the sacrifices of our veterans.

The idea is to capture the activities you (personally) or your unit is doing to promote the POPPY.

Name: _____ Unit# _____

What did you do to promote the POPPY this month?

How did you share the POPPY with the community?

What did you do to make others aware of our Veterans and their service?

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ALA Junior Meeting
Fall Conference
September 12 – 13, 2025
Hilton Garden Inn, Bridgeport
Tentative Schedule

Friday – September 12

6:00 – All youth to watch Moana 1 and 2 –

Location to be announced

Saturday – September 13

8:00 – 9:00

Registration Lobby

9:00 Junior Meeting

Front Lobby

☐ Call to Order

☐ Prayer

☐ Moment of Silence

☐ Pledge of Allegiance

☐ National Anthem

☐ Preamble/Mission Statement

9:20 Join Senior Fall Membership Workshop

Meeting Room 1 and 2

Juniors Present Children's Table Ceremony

9:35 Return to Lobby for Junior Conference

Front Lobby

☐ Continuing Junior business meeting

☐ Snack

☐ Special Craft Project for Nursing Home Veterans

☐ Poppy Program Project

☐ Junior Activities and Badge Program

12:00 – Noon Adjournment

I, the Legal Guardian _____

Give permission for my daughter _____

American Legion Auxiliary Junior member to be photographed for the use by the Department of West Virginia American Legion Auxiliary Junior Auxiliary. ETC. face book, newspaper, (Local and National, newsletters, and any website for the Auxiliary.

Parents OR Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Unit: _____

CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT AND HOSPITAL SERVICES

This certifies that we (I) or guardian (s) of _____

In Unit _____, in event of our (my) child participates in the American Legion Auxiliary Annual Junior _____ held in _____, West Virginia at _____, hereby consent and grant permission, should the necessity of medical care arise, to the furnishing of medical treatment and hospital service as ordered or recommended by a qualified physician, including the administration of officers, agents, instructor, and employees from any and all claims, demands, damages, suits, actions, or causes of actions an anesthetic, laboratory procedures, medical or surgical treatments, X-ray examination or other hospital services.

We understand the Unit named above has sole responsibility for registration, housing, food, chaperoning, and emergencies of any nature. We further understand that each junior member attending the Annual _____ must be chaperoned by someone 21 years old or older.

The chaperone should accompany the junior to registration to provide information on location and telephone number where she can be reached in case of an emergency.

WAIVER OF CLAIM

This further certifies that we (I) the undersigned in consideration of the benefits to be deprived by our child, in the event that she is a participant of the American Legion Auxiliary Annual Junior _____ held in _____, 202____ (inclusive), do hereby release and discharge the American Legion Auxiliary, its officers, agents, instructor, and employees from any and all claims demands, damages, suits, actions, or causes of actions which we (I), may, can, or shall have by reason of any illness, injury, or accident incurred or suffered by said child while traveling to attendance at or participation in the American Auxiliary Annual Junior _____ held in _____ West Virginia, _____, 202____ from the time of her departure from home until return thereto.

INSURANCE INFORMATION (to be completed only if parent (s) carry a group medical insurance plan)

Name of parent (s) Group Medical Insurance Carrier _____

Policy/ certificate Number _____

Parent to Whom Policy was Issued _____

Employer to Whom Policy was Issued _____

Printed Name of Mother or Guardian _____

Signature of Mother or Guardian _____

Signature of Father or Guardian _____

REGISTRATION/PERMISSION FORM

Please complete the form entirely. Duplicate as needed. Incomplete forms will not be processed.

NO FORMS ACCEPTED VIA FACSIMILE.

Name of Junior _____

Preferred Name on Nametag _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Unit Name & Number _____

Name of Hotel Junior is Staying _____

List any Food Allergies/Dietary Restrictions _____

Date of Birth _____

As a junior member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of West Virginia, I am aware of my responsibility

in attending the _____. I agree to conduct myself in a manner that will positively reflect on my unit, Department, my family and me. I further agree to abide by the rules established by the Junior Meeting. I understand the failure to abide by rules set forth for the Annual Junior Workshop will result in removal from all sessions and activities.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Chaperone During the Department Meeting

Note: Emergency contact person should accompany participating junior member to Registration to provide a telephone and location of contact in case of emergency during the actual time of the meetings.

Chaperone Emergency Contact Number _____

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.wvvaux.org Unit Presidents **with no email contact** will receive a free copy by mail.

***Subscription will Cost \$20.00
Starting with 25-26 Year
Runs August through July Each Year***

MAIL TO:

**American Legion Auxiliary
Department of West Virginia
1251 Doolin Run Rd.
New Martinsville WV 26155**

NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS OR PO BOX: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____