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The American Legion Family



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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!

Wishing you all a wonderful May!

It is hard to believe that this year is already nearing its end. I sincerely hope you will continue carrying forward our Family for the Mission with the same dedication and spirit. We have reached 92%—an outstanding accomplishment! I have full confidence that we can achieve 100%.

Several units have delivered exceptional results: Charleston 20 has reached an impressive 160%, Paden City 86 is close behind at 155%, Wheeling 1 stands at 135%, Morgantown 174 at 129%, and Logan 19 at 125%. Outstanding work by all of you!

Our 100% contributors continue to grow, including Bridgeport 68 (111%), Buckhannon 7 (106%), Capon Bridge 137 (105%), Bluefield 9 (105%), Shinnston 31 (103%), New Martinsville 28 (101%), and both Keyser 152 and Chester 121 at 100%. In total, 13 units have reached or exceeded 100%. Your commitment truly reflects the strength of our mission.

We hope you will join Commander Crumm and me in celebrating America 250 at the upcoming dinner.

National President Pam Ray will be visiting from the evening of May 11 through the morning of May 14. On May 12, we will spend the day in Martinsburg at the VA picnic, thanks to Debbie Fox. On May 13, we will be in Clarksburg visiting the VA, followed by lunch and a performance by Vets with Guitars. We encourage everyone to attend the picnic to warmly welcome President Pam Ray and show our enthusiasm. She is expected to arrive in Pittsburgh around 5:00 PM for those who would like to greet her. Additional details about her visit will be shared on our Facebook page.

I have had the opportunity to visit several units and hope to continue visiting more. It has truly been a pleasure meeting so many dedicated and inspiring individuals. Thank you for all of the invitations as well! I hope you have celebrated the Month of the Military Child with enthusiasm and grace. "Our children deserve it!"

"The World is changed by your example, not by your opinion" Simon Sinek

For God and Country,



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Colors— Coral, (as a mixture of red and yellow) & tropical colors (red, yellow, blue, green, purple)

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President-Kim Mellie
1st Vice President-Stephanie Handley
2nd Vice President-Peggy Swartz
Secretary/Treasurer-Paulette Anderson
Chaplain- Rebecca Farley
Historian-Holly Adams

District Presidents

1st District-Mary Richards
3rd District-Margaret Yost
4th District-Patsy Greiner
5th District-Lisa Harbour-Adkins
6th District-Peggy Swartz
10th District-Jill Davis

District Vice Presidents

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



Our Mission matters to Navigate Life's Waters

Department 1st Vice President

Hello Starfish,

Way to go on membership!!! You all are rocking it! All your hard work is paying off and it shows. Just remember we aren't done yet. Still time to reach out to get a few more.

I hope everyone has turned in their year end reports so we can see what everyone has been doing this year. If you haven't submitted your reports please send them in as soon as possible.

Thank you for all that you do!

Stephanie Handley



Department 2nd Vice President

Hello San dollars

Hope everyone is doing well and keeping warm. It sure has been cold in McDowell County.

We have an increase in our Membership. But we are still behind the Starfish, but I think we can catch them before the year is over, so San dollars let's work a little harder.

I know we got 6 new members in Unit 8 so they have reached their goal.

Hope everyone had a nice Easter.

So until next time. God Bless

everyone.

Peggy Swartz,

2nd Vice

Star Fish



Chaplain

As we step into the month of May, a season bursting with growth and renewal, I invite you to reflect on something we all carry within us each day, our energy.

Energy is powerful. It is not just what we do, but how we do it. The tone of our voice, the patience in our responses, the kindness in our actions, all of it creates a ripple effect far beyond what we can see.

A simple smile, a word of encouragement, or a moment of understanding may seem small, but these acts hold the power to change someone's entire day, and perhaps even their life.

We live in a world that often feels rushed and heavy. Yet, each of us has the ability to shift that atmosphere. When we intentionally choose to pour positive, compassionate energy into our interactions, we become vessels of light in places that may need it most.

Kindness is not complicated, but it is powerful. It is a choice we make moment by moment.

This May, I **challenge each of us** to be mindful of the energy we bring into every room, every conversation, and every act of service.

Because when we lead with kindness, we don't just impact individuals, we create an unstoppable wave of goodness that reaches far beyond ourselves.

Rebecca S Farley
Department Chaplain
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Membership Chairman

We continue to make strong progress toward our 2026 membership goals, reaching 92.14% overall to date. This is an exciting position to be in as we move closer to the finish line—thank you to every district and unit for your continued dedication and hard work!

A HUGE shoutout goes to **Charleston #20**, which continues to lead the entire department for the **second month in a row**, now at an incredible **160.00%** of their goal!

Leading the Way A special congratulations also goes to **District 3**, which has surpassed its goal at an impressive **104.30%**! This achievement reflects strong teamwork and commitment across the district and continues to inspire others.

Strong Progress Across Districts Several districts are closing in on their goals:

- **District 1** is at **96.75%**, with multiple units exceeding 100%.
- **District 5** continues steady progress at **92.80%**, supported by strong performances across the district.
- **District 10** is close behind at **92.27%**, showing balanced effort throughout its units.

As we continue this strong momentum, our next key target is reaching **95% by Female Veterans Day (6/12)**. Every renewal and every new member brings us one step closer.

Let's keep the energy high and finish strong—together we will get there!

Laura Clark (aka Maui)
Membership Chairman
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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. Updated Mandatory Funds Form has been updated and will be given out at Conferences.

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

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.

Please use the department email address and phone number for all correspondence, as my personal email and phone number is no longer used for department.

Remember Form Stacks are on the **National Website** for Units to fill out their Narrative Reports to National if applying for a National Award.

Unit Reports: Due to Chairmen by April 15th. You can download from the Department website.

REMINDER TO ALL DEPARTMENT DISTRICT OFFICERS AND CHAIRMAN

YOUR ARTICLES END IN THE JULY SPIRIT.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SEND IN AN ARTICLE AS YOU ARE IN THIS POSITION UNTIL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION.

THANKS!

Endorsements for Department Officers For 2026-2027

*President: Stephanie Handley
Chester Unit #121*

*First Vice President: Peggy Swartz
Welch Unit #8*

*Second Vice President: Rebecca Farley
Pt Pleasant Unit #23*

*Secretary/Treasurer: Paulette Anderson
New Martinsville Unit #28 (3 year term)*

*Chaplain: Holly Adams
Chester Unit #121*

*Historian: Andrea Snyder
Pt Pleasant Unit #23*

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Articrafts

Endorsements for National Committee

*Lisa Cadwallader
Charles Town Unit #71*

*Laura Clark
Huntington Unit #16*

1st District Vice President

Hello 1st District,

I hope everyone had a good Easter!

The 1st District has several units very close to reaching the goal for membership. There are several others not too far behind.

Keep promoting membership and submitting those membership dues. We still have time to get our 100% goal.

Have a great spring!
Michelle Powell
1st District Vice President

3rd District Vice President

I cannot express enough how exciting it is to see membership still growing.

If you have not made your reservations for Summer Conference in Huntington, it is a good time to get that done.

GOOD LUCK to all the Units on your upcoming Elections.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY TO ALL OF THE AMAZING AUXILIARY MOTHERS.

Thank you to all who sent in your End of Year Reports, I know it is a stressful time.

Keep welcoming new members and listening to their ideas. It does not have to always be done the same way it was always done, there is room for improvement and change. That is what makes our Units and the Auxiliary grow stronger to represent our Veterans and Military.

Wear your Branding out and about, you will be asked what it is all about. Still believe the best way to spread information by word of mouth in a great conversation, learning of that person's Military connection or helping them figure out how they can make a connection to become a member.

Thank you
Sandra Harper
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6th District Vice President

With the Spring weather finally here, the Units should be able to plan their activities and hold their meetings. Please continue to contact your members and collect dues for this year to meet your unit's goal. Since we only have a small amount of time to finish collecting outstanding dues, we need to do all we can to get all our members paid.

Hoorah for Bluefield #9 at 105.56%, Welch #8 at 90.00%, and Richwood #97 at 76.92%.

Our June 2026 target is 95%. Now that Spring is here and May flowers are in full bloom, let's continue to plant the seed to make sure that we work hard to meet our membership "GOAL".

It's that time of the year when we should be getting out and start doing some things with your family.

Continue to pray for our State and Nation.

Prayers for all to be safe.

Mary E. Spence
6th District Vice President

10th District Vice President

District 10 membership total is currently at 92.27%.

Congratulations to the Units who have successfully reached 100%, and to those Units who have met their goals. All Units continue to show great strides in both recruiting and retention—your hard work and dedication do not go unnoticed.

As we move into May, we find ourselves busy with Memorial Day events, parades, and opportunities to honor our fallen heroes.

During this time, please take a moment to reflect on the true meaning of their sacrifice. It is because of their courage and selflessness that we are able to serve our communities and support one another today.

Let us continue to move forward with purpose, pride, and commitment as we finish the membership year strong.

District 10 Vice President
Chantel Ricketts

4th District Vice President

As your District 4 Vice President, I'll keep this simple, because the numbers already tell a powerful story.

First, kudos to each unit for pushing forward with determination. I just know you are!! That kind of commitment sets the tone for meeting goals!!

District 4 currently stands at 83.87% of our membership goal. That means we are within reach, but not across the finish line just yet. With a goal of 905 and 759 members to date, we have work to do and I know we are capable of getting there.

So here is **my challenge to each of you:** take action. Print your rosters. Look at your expired members. Make the calls. Check in, not just to collect dues, but to connect. Ask how they are. Let them know they matter and that there is still a place for them in our Auxiliary family.

You don't have to do it alone. Share the list with your leadership team. Find that "social butterfly" in your unit who loves to talk and invite them to help. Membership is not one person's job, it is all of ours.

Let's finish strong, District 4. Let's reach 100% and show what we are made of.

Rebecca S Farley
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1st District President

Another month in 2026 is 2/3 past, with warmer weather and cool nights, manicured lawns, and patio furniture cleaned and on freshly decorated porches.

Now is the time to put together your registration and credential sheets for District #1 Spring Conference at Unit 121 Chester, WV on April 25, 2026. Registration is at 9:00 am, and will begin the session at 10:00 am.

Remember to be prepared with your list of unit activities, with a copy to turn in to District Secretary Christy Bland. A copy of deceased members, to District Chaplain Cindy Gadd.

We will be holding election's at this meeting and presenting membership goal certificates from midwinter to those that were not in attendance. We look forward to seeing everyone there, and if not, hopefully in July at Department Convention.

Enjoy your beautiful days and relaxing evenings.

Mary Richards
District 1 President

4th District President

Hello All,

District 4 continues to struggle to meet membership target requirements. This world is certainly changing. People are busy and do not have time to volunteer like they once did.

Please keep in mind that our Veterans fought for the many freedoms we enjoy in our daily lives. Our responsibility is to support our Veterans and active-duty military and their families by remembering the sacrifices they continue to make for each of us.

Folks, there is a war going on. The United States has sent troops to foreign war zones. Our military is in harm's way. Special thanks to all members of the American Legion family.

We can write letters and send cards to deployed military soldiers. We can continue to support the family members here at home whose loved ones are serving in the military.

We can pray for our Veterans, our military, and their families. We must remember that Freedom is NOT Free. For God and Country!

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5th District President

Hello everyone.

Spring is in the here finally. Elections are coming up. Please make sure you send in all the forms to Paulette as soon as possible. I would like a copy of the officer's form so I know who I should contact.

I hope everyone is still working on their membership. A big shout out to **Charleston #20 at 160% and Logan #19 at 125%**. Way to go!

I'm so proud of this district on how hard they are working.

Make sure that all fees have been paid. I would hate for a unit to show up to Dept. Convention and find out they cannot vote because they didn't pay their fees.

Dept. Convention is July 10-11 in Huntington. I hope to see our awesome district well represented.

Thank you for everything you do. Please feel free to contact me for any reason.

Lisa Harbour-Adkins
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6th District President

Hello Everyone

Hope everyone is enjoying this cold weather we are having now old man winter can't make up his mind that he wants to stay or leave.

Sixth District meeting will be hosted by Beckley Unit 32 on Saturday, April 25, 2016. Hope to see you at this meeting.

Sorry to year that a few in Gary Unit 38, is a little under the weather. The Vice President in Cowan Unit 62, has lost their 1st Vice President, Sending prayers to the members and to her family.

Ladies if you have any kind of news please send to me so I can let everyone know.

This is a little short but I wanted to get something in here about our meeting so until next time God Bless everyone.

Peggy Swartz
6th Dist. President



10th District President

10th District, are we rising all members up? If we aren't, we are allowing them to fall.

This time of year is hard because of the elections. I want to remind you that holding a position is a responsibility, you are learning and teaching as you go. You are the example, if you are unable to live up to that, then don't run for the elections that are going on. Just as I said, only you can determine who is fit for the unit that you are in. As leaders, it is ok to allow someone else the position. Some of us have had it for many years, it is time to allow someone else to do it while you can coach them.

Membership, everyone is doing pretty well. You have until June 12th to reach 95%. I know each of you can. Until next time, keep RISING your members, your veterans (this is why you are here), your post (this is their home) UP! Being encouraged helps get things done.

Don't forget the picnic at the VA on May 12th this year. All help is needed and encouraged.

Jill Davis

Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Fellow Auxiliary Members,
Thunderstorm Safety
Don't be outdoors when storms arrive. When you hear thunder, go indoors to a sturdy building or structure. Be aware of nearby large trees that could be toppled onto the building you are in.

While seeking shelter indoors, go to the lowest floor to an interior room. Stay away from windows.

Those in mobile homes or weaker structures should plan ahead of time to shelter in a stronger structure.

Be prepared for extended power outages, and the potential for some roads to be blocked by fallen trees.

For after event cleanup, don't go outside until 30 minutes after you hear the last thunder; otherwise you are still susceptible lightning.

Be aware of downed power lines and unstable branches/trees.

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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Americanism



Thank you for sending in your Americanism Essay's, I will be getting the plaques ordered and announcing the Winners.

Thank you for sending in your End of Year reports, I received 10 Unit reports. The following Units: 14/ 23 / 60/ 64 / 71 / 73/ 137 / 159 / 174 / 177

I have also posted on the Department Facebook page of the Units received. As of April 17,2026, I have not received any messages from any other Units of reports being sent that I did not receive.

FUN FACTS: The Constitution provides for two senators from each state, but it does not set the size of the House. That is set by law. It has been 435 since 1912. The original first amendment to the Constitution sought to deal with the issue, but it was never ratified by enough states to become part of the Constitution,

Spring is here and a perfect time to replace torn and tattered flags, if you have an American Flag flying that is in bad shape, practice your proper disposal ceremony, then you can have a Flag raising ceremony to raise your new flag.

Americanism Chairman
Sandy Harper
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Constitution & Bylaws

Hello Units,

Just a reminder if you are changing your Constitution and Bylaws, please send them to me so the committee has time to read and get back to you for any changes.

Thank you,
Michelle Powell
C/B Dept Chairman
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Community Service

Hope everyone has been enjoying this beautiful spring weather.

Thank you to the units that sent in their reports I'll be working on the department Community Service for national for our great state.

Blessing
Kelli A Immel

Child Well-Being Fund

DON'T FORGET TO SEND YOUR DONATIONS TO DEPARTMENT CONVENTION OR IF YOU WISH SEND A CHECK TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AND EARMARK CHILD WELL-BEING FUND



Education

Greetings,

I am pleased to share the scholarship information I have received for this season:

- Spirit of Youth: 0
- Member Loyalty: 0
- Non-traditional: 1
- Children of Warriors: 10 (Homeschool/Virtual: 1; Private: 1; Public: 8)
- District Breakdown: District 1 – 0, District 3 – 1, District 4 – 0, District 5 – 5, District 6 – 1, District 10 – 3

It is regrettable that none of our juniors submitted applications for these scholarships.

From the education newsletter: **Teacher Appreciation Week will be observed May 4–8, 2026.** Originally established as a single day in 1953, thanks to Eleanor Roosevelt, it was expanded to a week by the Parent Teachers Association (PTA) in 1984. This presents an excellent opportunity for the American Legion Auxiliary to recognize educators nationally for their contributions and lasting influence on students and society.

Advance planning is encouraged, whether activities are organized throughout the week or **focused on Teacher Appreciation Day (May 5, 2026)**. Early preparation will ensure readiness. Additionally, involving juniors in creating thank-you cards, writing letters, or assembling collages of memorable school events is recommended. Posting messages of gratitude on **social media and tagging schools** with [#Thankateacher](#) or [#Teacherappreciation](#) can further amplify recognition.

Thank you for your continued dedication.

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Junior Activities

Special thanks to all auxiliary units who sent year end Junior Activities reports. I appreciate you. The photographs were a special bonus.

Junior units are participating in programs. They are helping Veterans and families of Veterans. They are working on earning patches. Junior units are out working in the community and are visible to the public. They are participating in flag programs. Patriotic ceremonies. They are assisting with dinners and events for Veterans and their families.

Senior members reported they are working with Junior girls on a regular basis. Seniors are teaching Juniors how to be leaders. They are including Junior members in all Auxiliary community activities.

Thank you for doing all you do to support our Junior girls and SAL members. We appreciate you.
For God and Country

Patsy Greiner
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Leadership

As we enter the month of May, we also enter a pivotal season within our organization, unit elections and leadership transitions. This is where the future of our mission takes shape.

You may be reading this and thinking, “Could I do more?” If that thought has crossed your mind, consider this your sign. Now is the time to step forward. Let someone know you are willing to serve.

Leadership does not begin and end with elected officers. Every unit is built on the strength of its chairmen, those who lead programs, carry out initiatives, and report the incredible work being done. Our programs are too important to rest on one set of shoulders. It should never be the responsibility of the president alone to carry the full weight of reporting and service. That is why each program exists, and why each one deserves a dedicated leader.

Whether you feel called to serve as an officer or as a chairman, your role matters. Your voice matters. Your willingness to step up creates space for growth, support, and sustainability.

This is your call to get involved. When you strengthen your unit, you strengthen our department, and together, we make an impact that reaches across our nation.

Rebecca Farley
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Public Relations

As the school year wraps up, many of our American Legion Auxiliary Units will be celebrating graduating seniors through scholarship presentations and recognizing students who are signing on to serve in the military. Units may also want to consider putting together small receptions to honor these students signing to serve, if allowed by the school, to celebrate their hard work and dedication as they take their next big steps!

We’re also excited for the upcoming Girls State program, where young women will have the opportunity to build leadership skills and learn more about how government works. Thank you to all our Units for continuing to support these youth programs and for helping encourage the next generation of leaders.

Be sure to get photos and a short write up over to us via email!!

Katie Simpkins
Co-Chairman

Poppy

The American Legion Family celebrates National Poppy Day on May 22, 2026, the Friday before Memorial Day. Prepare now for that day by planning a special event at your post home or in the community. Wear a red poppy to honor the fallen and support living veterans.

Judging the poppy posters is both delightful and daunting. The children put so much love and care into these posters that judging them is quite difficult. What is most difficult is having a great poster that has missing information. National will automatically disqualify them. **In the future, please always check your submissions for missing information.**

I will be sending the winning posters to the Central Division National Poppy Chairman soon.

West Virginia will be submitting posters from the following individuals and units.

Class I—Grade 2 & 3—Mason County

Unit 23—Arianna Oshel

Class II—Grade 4 & 5—Williamstown

Unit 159—Aubery Newlon

Class III—Grade 6&7—No entry

Class IV—Grade 8 & 9—Huntington

Unit 16—Anna Bowen

Class V—Grade 10 & 11—Charles Town

Unit 63—Brinley Tamblen

Class VI—Grade 12—Huntington

Unit 16—Kadence Maynard

Class VII—Special Needs student—

No entry

Shirley Davis
Poppy Chairman



VA&R

Thank you to those Units that reported. I look forward to reading all the wonderful things our Units have done for Veterans. Reminder, it's up to Units to submit their own reports to National if applying for an award.

For VA Hospital hours to count, you must have taken the VA orientation. Also, please be aware if you do not stay active reporting hours to the VA, you fall out of their system and start over. I myself was not aware of this. I am going to check with national and hopefully have more to share later.

Gift Shop chairman, please send me number of gifts, number of veterans served and value. I have only heard from Clarksburg so far.

Suicide is still the highest death among Veterans. 65% of those committing suicide are never treated at a VA. Those in the 18-34 age range are high risk as well as those who are homeless or in severe pain. They encourage members to take free training to recognize the signs and hopefully get them help. Be the one is also encouraging bartenders to take the trainings, since alcohol often plays a role.

Lisa Cadwallader
VA&R Chair
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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY WV RODODENDRON GIRLS STATE

Rhododendron Girls State

Before you know it Girls State will be here. I know our Director Dr. Rosemary Thomas, Assistant Director Kate Garlick and staff have been busy planning a successful year but we need you to get your applications in.

All along, I have talked about getting your sponsors lined up and the time has come. Remember to honor and thank your sponsors.

As a reminder this year girls state session will be held June 7-13, 2026 at Davis & Elkins College in Elkins, WV. Once again, the registration fee is \$300 per citizen.

You are providing an amazing once in a lifetime opportunity for your citizen (s) to become a more engaged citizen (s) as they learn and experience hands-on about leadership, patriotism, and more of our democracy, both local, county and state.

We look forward to providing another great and successful year but we need your help in providing the citizens. It's not too early to contact your school principals and guidance counselors. Introduce yourself and let them know about our extraordinary program that is available.

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

Lynda Lancaster-Loyd
Girls State Chairman



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Ways and Means

Congratulations to the March winners! We had a \$200.00 winner.

If you have won any money from the ticket sales, especially in **2025**, please cash your check! There are 5 out standing checks and will be cancelled in May or June.

We are sending checks out 2 times a month to keep up with the winner.

You will notice the month will be a different color. The winner of the \$200.00 will be in bold.

If you have any questions please email me or call Department Headquarters.

Thanks!
Paulette Anderson
Christy Bland



March Ways and Means Winners

Name	#'s	City	State	Date	\$\$\$
Jeff Wisley	748	Lavalette	WV	3/2/26	25.00
Debra Arnold	582	Augusta	WV	3/3/26	25.00
ALA Unit #3	387	Moundsville	WV	3/4/26	25.00
	566			3/5/26	
Kevin Pratt	996	Rio	WV	3/6/26	25.00
Shirley Baker	864	Moorefield	WV	3/7/26	25.00
Bryson Stackpole	423	New Martinsville	WV	3/9/26	25.00
Tammy Campbell	740	Romney	WV	3/10/26	25.00
Kathy Sanders	134	Surf Side Beach	SC	3/11/26	25.00
Kim McCormick	587	Gary	WV	3/12/26	25.00
Larry Bratton	372	Cameron	WV	3/13/26	25.00
Robin Marley	455	Romney	WV	3/14/26	25.00
Jamie Iams	041	Cameron	WV	3/16/26	25.00
Nancy Frost	403	Cumberland	MD	3/17/26	25.00
Megan Lampson	963	Berkeley Springs	WV	3/18/26	200.00
Gary L Smith	664	Greer	SC	3/19/26	25.00
Dawn Lewis	139	Romney	WV	3/20/26	25.00
James Balzer	452	Great Cacapon	WV	3/21/26	25.00
Mary Ann Robbins	184	Wheeling	WV	3/23/26	25.00
Tiffany Orlando	249	Martinsburg	WV	3/24/26	25.00
Kaleigh Hause	713	Morgantown	WV	3/25/26	25.00
Lynette Buckley	155	Romney	WV	3/26/26	25.00
Marjory Toler	306	Moundsville	WV	3/27/26	25.00
Cindy Buttrun	071	Augusta	WV	3/28/26	25.00
Rick Hines	575	Stephens City	VA	3/30/26	25.00
ALA Unit #71	923	Ranson	WV	3/31/26	25.00



Female Veterans Day— 95%
Department Goal 4672— Membership to Date— 4,237 90.60%
Department Unit 200 Goal 149— Membership to Date— 99
Updated April 1, 2026



Peggy



Stephanie

District 1			
Unit	2026 Goal	2026	% of Goal
Wheeling #1	28	38	135.71%
Moundsville #3	260	234	90.00%
McMechen #5	12	9	75.00%
Weirton #10	71	69	97.18%
Cameron #18	118	115	97.46%
New Martinsville #28	107	109	101.87%
Wellsburg #34	21	19	90.48%
Follansbee #45	59	32	54.24%
Pine Grove #81	60	49	81.67%
Paden City #86	67	101	150.75%
Wheeling #89	10	2	20.00%
Newell #114	19	17	89.47%
Chester #121	122	122	100.00%
TOTALS	954	916	96.02%



Starfish
Goal— 2460
To Date—2309
93.86 %

Membership
Chairman
Maui



Sand Dollars

Goal 2063
To Date 1829
88.67 %



District 3			
Unit	2026 Goal	2026	% of Goal
Buckhannon #7	45	47	104.44%
Clarksburg #13	41	32	78.05%
Elkins #29	98	88	89.80%
Shinnston #31	253	259	102.37%
Braxton County #33	30	15	50.00%
Bridgeport #68	93	104	111.83%
Belington #96	11	10	91.91%
Pickens #122	18	17	94.44%
Morgantown #174	132	170	128.79%
TOTALS	721	742	102.91%

District 5			
Unit	2026 Goal	2026	% of Goal
Huntington #16	127	122	96.06%
Logan #19	12	14	116.67%
Charleston #20	15	24	160.00%
St. Albans #73	31	27	87.10%
Ceredo-Kenova #93	199	177	88.94%
So. Charleston #94	10	1	10.00%
Hamlin #111	40	29	72.50%
Milton #139	67	52	77.61%
Barboursville #177	152	138	90.79%
TOTALS	653	584	89.43%
Charleston 94	In 200		


District 10			
Unit	2026 Goal	2026	% of Goal
Martinsburg #14	67	61	91.04%
Piedmont #52	20	19	95.00%
Berkeley Springs #60	199	186	93.47%
Charles Town #63	34	28	82.35%
Moorefield #64	86	76	88.37%
Charles Town #71	127	109	85.83%
Petersburg #78	63	53	84.13%
Romney #91	137	106	77.37%
Paw Paw #128	33	28	84.85%
Kirby #134	28	25	89.29%
Ridgeley #136	66	55	83.33%
Capon Bridge #137	198	209	105.56%
Keyser #152	28	28	100.00%
Totals	1086	983	90.52%

District 4			
Unit	2026 Goal	2026	% of Goal
Parkersburg #15	380	316	83.16%
Spencer #21	22	8	36.36%
Pt. Pleasant #23	236	207	87.71%
Tyler County #48	37	29	78.38%
Sistersville #67	42	30	71.43%
New Haven #140	110	95	86.36%
Williamstown #159	78	64	82.05%
TOTALS	905	749	82.76%

District 6			
Unit	2026 Goal	2026	% of Goal
Welch #8	40	36	90.00%
Bluefield #9	18	19	105.56%
Beckley #32	12	9	75.00%
Gary #38	87	64	73.56%
Cowen #62	21	16	76.19%
Richwood #97	26	20	76.92%
TOTALS	204	164	80.39%

May 2026

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>R.E.D. FRIDAYS Until They All Come Home</p>					<p>1 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>DLNC Indianapolis</i></p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3</p> <hr style="border: 1px solid red; width: 100%;"/>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 <i>Office Open</i></p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 <i>Cheer Party Checks Mailed</i> <i>VE DAY (1945)</i></p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10 </p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 <i>Target Sheet</i></p>	<p>16 </p>
<p>17</p>	<p>18 <i>Articles Due</i></p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 <i>Spirit Out</i></p>	<p>22 <i>National Poppy Day</i> </p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>25 <i>Closed Memorial Day</i> </p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31</p>					<p><i>Program of Month</i> <i>Poppy</i> <i>Past Presidents Parley</i></p>	

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X MEANS PAID UNIT AUDIT OF MANDATORY FUNDS — April 20, 2026

FIRST DISTRICT - Mary Richards President, Michelle Powell Vice President

Unit/Number	Bonding	Scholarship	Veterans Fund	Girls State	10%	Membership
#1 Wheeling	X	X	X	X	X	
#3 Moundsville						
#5 McMechen	X	X	X	X	X	
#10 Weirton	X	X	X	X		
#18 Cameron	X	X	X	X		
#28 New Martinsville	X	X	X	X	X	
#34 Wellsburg						
#45 Follansbee	X	X	X	X	X	
#81 Pine Grove	X	X	X	X	X	
#86 Paden City	X	X	X	X	X	
#89 Wheeling	X	X	X	X	X	
#114 Newell	X	X	X	X	X	
#121 Chester	X	X	X	X	X	

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	
#13 Clarksburg						
#29 Elkins	X	X	X	X	X	
#31 Shinnston						
#33 Braxton County					X	
#68 Bridgeport	X	X	X	X	X	
#96 Belington						
#122 Pickens	X	X	X	X	X	
#174 Morgantown						

FOURTH DISTRICT - Patsy Greiner President, Rebecca Farley Vice President

Unit/Number	Bonding	Scholarship	Veterans Fund	Girls State	10%	Membership
#15 Parkersburg						
#21 Spencer	X	X	X	X	X	
#23 Mason County	X	X	X		X	
#48 Tyler County						
#67 Sistersville						
#140 New Haven						
#159 Williamstown	X	X	X	X	X	

FIFTH DISTRICT: Lisa Harbour-Adkins President, Patti Winthrow Vice President

Unit/Number	Bonding	Scholarship	Veterans Fund	Girls State	10%	Membership
#16 Huntington	X	X	X	X	X	
#19 Logan						
#20 Charleston	X	X	X	X	X	
#73 St. Albans	X	X	X	X	X	
#93 Ceredo-Kenova	X	X	X	X	X	
#111 Hamlin						
#139 Milton	X	X	X	X	X	
#177 Barboursville	X	X	X	X	X	

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	
#9 Bluefield						
#32 Beckley						
#38 Gary						
#62 Cowen						
#97 Richwood						

TENTH DISTRICT- Diana Teter President, Jill Davis Vice President

Unit/Number	Bonding	Scholarship	Veterans Fund	Girls State	10%	Membership
#14 Martinsburg	X	X	X	X	X	
#52 Piedmont	X	X	X	X	X	
#60 Berkeley Springs	X	X	X	X	X	
#63 Charles Town						
#64 Moorefield	X	X	X	X	X	
#71 Charles Town						
#78 Petersburg	X	X	X	X		
\$91 Romney	X	X	X	X	X	
#128 Paw Paw						
#134 Kirby	X	X	X	X	X	
#136 Ridgeley	X	X	X	X	X	
#137 Capon Bridge	X	X	X	X	X	
#152 Keyser	X	X	X	X	X	

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