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2018-2019 DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

August 15, 2018

The following officers for 2018-2019 were elected and installed at the 100th Annual Department Convention held at the Pullman Plaza Hotel in Huntington, West Virginia on July 14, 2018. Congratulations!

Bill Combs, Department Commander
Tom Hicks, Department Vice-Commander
Dan Chandler, Department Vice-Commander
Mike Immel, Department Vice-Commander
Richard Davison, Department Judge Advocate
Robin Shingleton, Department Historian
Cliff Shingleton, Department Sgt.-at-Arms
Delbert Brannon, Department Assistant Sgt.-at-Arms
Dave Yeater, Department Assistant Sgt.-at-Arms
Robbie Robinson, Department Assistant Sgt.-at-Arms
Barbara Burdette, Department Membership Chairman
Brian Krabbe, Department Membership Vice-Chairman
William Haight, Dept. Membership Vice-Chairperson
Bill Kile, NEC
Bill Burkett, Alternate NEC
Robbie Robinson, Department Service Officer
Doug Robinson, Department Assistant Service Officer
David A. Bush, Department Chaplain
Miles S. Epling, Department Adjutant

2018-2019 District Commanders

1st District – Robert Pope
2nd District – Kenneth Satterfield
3rd District – Charlie Straley
4th District – Robert Schoolcraft
5th District – Shannon Harshbarger
6th District – Brian Krabbe
8th District – Kenneth Bright
9th District – Barbara Burdette
10th District – Robert “Bob” Speaks

PAY YOUR 2019 DUES EARLY

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER COMBS' HOMECOMING

Department Commander Bill Combs' Homecoming will be held on Saturday November 3, 2018 at American Legion Post 31 Shinnston, West Virginia. Social 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Dinner 8:00 p.m. Chicken & Pork Lion. Tickets will be \$20 per person. Send reservations requests to: Bill Combs, 462 Dixie Drive, Point Pleasant, West Virginia 25550. Phone: 304-674-5085, or Roxie, 304-657-5740. Hotels- Best Western 304-842-5411 with \$82 rate, Days Inn 304-842-7371 and Sleep Inn 304-842-1919 with \$84 rates. Thank you.

DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S HOMECOMING

Department President's Homecoming will be held October 27, 2018 at Old OES Building Marshall County Fairgrounds. Social Hour: 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Dinner from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Lasagna (Meat & Veggie) Program at 7:00 p.m. and Entertainment 8:00 p.m. to?? Contact Rhonda Best at 304-281-8152, or American Legion Post 3 Moundsville 304-845-5220. Tickets are \$20 each.

SOME IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER AT THE BEGINNING OF THE AMERICAN LEGION YEAR

1. Be sure that the names and addresses of your newly elected and installed Officers have been reported to Department Headquarters, along with their phone numbers; as soon as possible.
2. NEW POST COMMANDERS – It is helpful to have a meeting with your Post Officers to go over their duties. You also need to plan your programs for the 2018-2019 year.
3. Plan early for a membership drive to reach your goal early, which will leave the remainder of the year for other American Legion Programs.
4. POST ADJUTANTS-The first thing you should do when you receive your cards are the following:
 - a. READ THE NEW OFFICER'S GUIDE
 - b. Return immediately all the cards of deceased members who you have a pre-printed card for. Make sure that you mark them "Deceased" with a member data form. Remember to keep a count for your 2018 audit.
 - c. Return all 2018 membership cards to Headquarters of those members you know have transferred from your post, during the 2018-year. Remember to keep a count for your 2018 audit.
 - d. Remember: The Paid-Up-For-Life members' cards will not be with your cards. New members can enroll for AD&D Insurance on-line at www.theLIT.com, or contact department headquarters to enroll (1-888-534-4667) Department Bulletins and forms are sent to all Post Adjutants, District and Department Officers. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the Post Adjutant to see that the Department Bulletins are read at the Post's meetings and all necessary forms be completed and returned to Headquarters by the Adjutant. It is the responsibility of the Post Adjutant to see that the forms for the Committee Chairman get into the hands of the respective Chairmen. It is also the Adjutant's responsibility to follow up on seeing that those forms are completed and returned to Department Headquarters. Our organization cannot function properly, without the cooperation of all Posts.

FALL DISTRICT CONFERENCES

- 1st District – September 30, 2018- Cameron Post 18 (Reg. 9) (Meet 10)**
- 2nd District – September 15, 2018 – Philippi Post 44 (Reg. 9:30) (Meet 10:30)**
- 3rd District – October 27, 2018 – Braxton County Post 33 (Reg. 9) (Meet 10)**
- 4th District – October 21, 2018 – New Haven Post 140 (Reg. 9) (Meet 10)**
- 5th District – October 13, 2018– Barboursville Post 177 (Reg. 9) (Meet 10)**
- 6th District – October 20, 2018 – Bluefield Post 9 (Reg. 10) (Meet 11)**
- 8th District – September 22, 2018 – South Charleston Post 94 (Reg. 9) (Meet 10)**
- 9th District- October 27, 2018 – Durbin Senior Citizen Center (Reg. 9:30) (Meet 10:30)**
- 10th District – September 29, 2018 – Romney Post 91 (Reg. 9) (Meet 10)**

REQUESTS FOR VISITS BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER BILL COMBS FOR 2018-2019

All requests for Department Commander Bill Combs to visit posts in this Department should be sent in writing to Department Headquarters giving plenty of notice. The Department Commander will be advised that he will be the featured speaker.

Congratulations James Dague!

Winner of the 1911 Centennial 100th Year

Anniversary Pistol Drawing.

Ticket number 55.

104% ***2018*** 104%

Membership Bulletin
August 15, 2018



2018 Membership Year

2018 Department Goal - 14,000

#1 IN COUNTRY - 100 % GOAL ACHIEVED

Total Membership Including DMS: 14,566 (104%)

Pure Membership: 13,288

Includes 2018 PUFL Members - 1,586

2018 Post online renewals as of 2018 - 1,787



Headquarters Post 200 - 9

DMS Headquarter Post 200 Renewals - 1,278

First District	2018	Target	2018	2017
Robert Pope	Members	100%	Goal	Members
Wheeling 1	276	103%	267	266
Moundsville 3	426	94%	453	452
McMechen 5	23	82%	28	28
Weirton 10	279	93%	300	300
Cameron 18	172	95%	181	181
New Martinsville 28	200	102%	197	197
Wellsburg 34	75	91%	82	82
Follansbee 45	93	100%	93	93
Benwood 46	145	100%	145	145
Pine Grove 81	67	87%	77	77
Paden City 86	78	91%	86	86
Wheeling 89	20	87%	23	23
Newell 114	69	93%	74	74
Hundred 120	87	94%	93	93
Chester 121	214	95%	226	225
Totals	2,224	96%	2,325	2,322

Third District	2018	Target	2018	2017
Charlie Straley	Members	100%	Goal	Members
Weston 4	68	100%	68	68
Buckhannon 7	221	96%	230	228
Clarksburg 13	185	85%	218	216
West Union 25	54	102%	53	53
Shinnston 31	333	106%	315	313
Sutton 33	69	87%	79	78
Glenville 42	18	120%	15	15
Bridgeport 68	152	92%	165	164
Jane Lew 166	56	117%	48	48
Totals	1,156	97%	1,191	1,183

Second District	2018	Target	2018	2017
Kenneth Satterfield	Members	100%	Goal	Members
Morgantown 2	35	100%	35	34
Grafton 12	58	114%	51	50
Fairmont 17	142	89%	160	158
Mannington 40	52	96%	54	53
Philippi 44	89	91%	98	97
Kingwood 56	35	113%	31	31
Morgantown 174	85	120%	71	69
Totals	496	99%	500	492

Fourth District	2018	Target	2018	2017
Robert Schoolcraft	Members	100%	Goal	Members
Parkersburg 15	911	88%	1037	1024
Spencer 21	86	89%	97	97
Pt. Pleasant 23	375	93%	402	402
Middlebourne 48	33	118%	28	28
Elizabeth 55	13	100%	13	13
Sistersville 67	105	105%	100	100
Saint Marys 79	19	106%	18	18
Pennsboro 83	33	100%	33	33
Ripley 107	105	96%	109	109
Ravenswood 118	11	69%	16	16
New Haven 140	202	96%	210	210
Williamstown 159	180	88%	204	204
Totals	2,073	91%	2,267	2,254

Fifth District	2018	Target	2018	2017
Shannon Harshbarger	Members	100%	Goal	Members
Huntington 16	345	90%	385	380
Logan 19	89	122%	73	73
Huntington 47	1	13%	8	0
Williamson 49	7	88%	8	8
Whitesville 75	39	134%	29	28
Madison 87	60	85%	71	71
Kenova 93	664	104%	640	633
Chapmanville 103	59	105%	56	54
Hamlin 111	152	102%	149	148
Milton 139	172	89%	194	190
Barboursville 177	296	88%	338	332
Totals	1,884	97%	1,951	1,917

Ninth District	2018	Target	2018	2017
Barbara Burdette	Members	100%	Goal	Members
Thomas 22	14	70%	20	20
Ronceverte 26	39	122%	32	32
Elkins 29	460	93%	495	490
Marlinton 50	26	104%	25	25
Cowen 62	59	102%	58	58
Lewisburg 69	75	101%	74	74
Belington 96	116	107%	108	106
Richwood 97	34	103%	33	33
Durbin 117	78	110%	71	70
Pickens 122	49	107%	46	46
Summersville 131	54	98%	55	54
Totals	1,004	99%	1,017	1,008

Sixth District	2018	Target	2018	2017
Ronald Jennings	Members	100%	Goal	Members
Welch 8	126	108%	117	117
Bluefield 9	238	123%	194	194
Beckley 32	312	102%	305	305
Kimball 36	7	140%	5	5
Gary 38	20	87%	23	23
Princeton 54	8	100%	8	8
Union 100	14	140%	10	10
Mullens 106	62	107%	58	58
Peterstown 145	37	116%	32	32
Fayetteville 149	142	98%	145	145
Bradshaw 175	42	95%	44	44
Totals	1,008	107%	941	941

Tenth District	2018	Target	2018	2017
Ralph Fox	Members	100%	Goal	Members
Martinsburg 14	395	100%	395	394
Franklin 30	72	94%	77	76
Keyser 41	198	98%	202	201
Piedmont 52	88	94%	94	93
Berkeley Springs 60	333	100%	334	333
Moorefield 64	234	104%	225	248
Charles Town 71	450	97%	464	463
Petersburg 78	222	104%	214	214
Romney 91	224	90%	248	247
Charles Town 102	24	83%	29	29
Paw Paw 128	64	105%	61	61
Kirby 134	23	92%	25	25
Ridgely 136	100	87%	115	114
Capon Bridge 137	214	114%	188	187
Keyser 152	10	71%	14	14
Riverton 183	7	47%	15	15
Totals	2,658	98%	2,700	2,714

Eighth District	2018	Target	2018	2017
Andrea Hammock	Members	100%	Goal	Members
Charleston 20	150	84%	179	177
Dunbar 27	18	86%	21	21
Charleston 57	15	83%	18	18
Clendenin 61	81	82%	99	97
Charleston 65	6	75%	8	7
Saint Albans 73	152	97%	156	154
South Charleston 94	61	100%	61	61
All State Police 112	35	90%	39	39
Marmet 130	6	75%	8	5
Winfield 187	252	135%	186	186
Totals	776	100%	775	765



FREE On-Line Access to Post Membership

myLEGION.org is a secure website designed to assist post adjutants with everyday membership duties and to connect members of The American Legion to their Post and Department leadership and other American Legion members. myLegion.org can be accessed from any computer with an internet browser.

- + View members who have renewed on-line.
- + View and Edit Legion and SAL membership.
- + Generate membership roster and reports: Current Paid, Expired, Undeliverable, and Deceased
- + Increase membership using list of expired and DMS members in a selected area.
- + Complete and submit Consolidated Post Report. Copy will be sent to your Department HQs.
- + Communicate with members by posting Newsletters, Announcements, and Calendar.
- + Download Membership Materials and Brochures.
- + Communicate with other officers through MyLegion Officer's Forum

**An authorization form must be submitted to National Headquarters prior to registering a post site. This form is available at www.mylegion.org or on the back of this letter. There is only one site per post and is registered with post adjutant's information.

On-Line Membership Renewal

All Legion members may renew their membership on-line through www.legion.org/renew. Members can renew using a credit card and print a temporary card. Members are instructed to mail or take their receipt to the post to receive their new card at no additional cost.

Posts will continue to have all cards sent with their roster. Notification of on-line renewals can be obtained directly from the [myLegion Post site](http://www.mylegion.org).

To learn more about on-line renewals visit www.legion.org/renew to view a demonstration video.



Automatic Renewal

Members now have the option of setting their online-account for annual automatic renewal. Once a member sets their account, their dues will automatically be charged to their debit/credit card on or about July 15th of each new membership year. Just tell your members to go to www.legion.org/renew ... click "**Renew Now**" and follow the directions. It's fast and easy!

Yes! We would like to sign up for MyLegion for Post Officers

Department: _____ Post # _____

Contact Name: _____

Billing Address (if different than post address): _____

City, State, Zip _____

Day Time Telephone #: _____

E-Mail Address (required): _____

Mail to:

**The American Legion
Information Technology
5745 Lee Road
Indianapolis, IN 46216**

Fax: 1-317-860-3001

2011 C&R

Signature and ID# of Post Adjutant or Commander (Required) _____

*The post adjutant must complete the initial sign on.
The adjutant can then provide the log in information to other officers at their discretion.*

Summer Sweepstakes
2018 Raffle Winners – Congratulations

Prize 1	\$2,000.00	Brian G. Krabbe, Princeton, WV
Prize 2	1,000.00	George Sinkewitz, Huntington, WV
Prize 3	500.00	Stuart L. Bennett, Parkersburg, WV
Prize 4	250.00	Robert L. Ridgway, Morgantown, WV
Prize 5	100.00	Rick Smith, Wheeling, WV
Prize 6	100.00	Donald C. Vest, Parsons, WV
Prize 7	100.00	James J. Schlachter, Huntington, WV
Prize 8	100.00	Sue Smith, West Hamlin, WV
Prize 9	100.00	Richard L. Seay, Milton, WV
Prize 10	100.00	Thomas R. White, Moundsville, WV
Prize 11	50.00	Vincent Greene, N. Martinsville, WV
Prize 12	50.00	Michael T. Francis, Keyser, WV
Prize 13	50.00	Vincent M. Fusco, Wheeling, WV
Prize 14	50.00	Marlene L. Middleton, Victor, WV
Prize 15	50.00	Paul J. Ours, Buckhannon, WV
Prize 16	50.00	Howard K. Pritt, Beverly, WV
Prize 17	50.00	Wesley R. Drake, Clarksburg, WV
Prize 18	50.00	Kenneth R. Vance, Mount Gay, WV
Prize 19	50.00	James H. Sigmon, St. Albans, WV
Prize 20	50.00	Donald E. Martin, Lewisburg, WV
Prize 21	50.00	J. Brent Wolfe, Moundsville, WV
Prize 22	50.00	Eldon I Perry, East Lynn, WV
Prize 23	50.00	Perry W. Berry, Hinton, WV
Prize 24	50.00	Robert A. Byrne, Philippi, WV
Prize 25	50.00	Charles D. Evans, Jr., Parkersburg, WV
Prize 26	200.00	James A. Gracie III, New Cumberland, WV

Homecoming Dinner

Bill Combs

November 3, 2018

\$20.00 Ticket

Chicken - Pork Loin

Mashed Potatoes, Gravy

Vegetables, Salad & Rolls

Shinnston Post 31, Shinnston WV

Hotels: All on Bridgeport Hill

Best Western - 304-842-5411 - \$82.00

Days Inn - 304-842-7371 - \$84.00

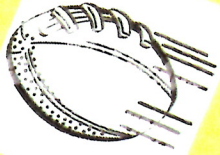
Sleep Inn - 304-842-1919 - \$84.00

Social Hour 6 to 7

Dinner at 8:00

See Bill for tickets, or call Roxie

304-657-5740



HOMEcoming
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
PRESIDENT
RHONDA BEST

OCTOBER 27 2018
OLD OES BUILDING
MARSHALL COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

5:00-6:00 SOCIAL HOUR

6:00-7:00 DINNER

LASAGNA (MEAT & VEGGIE)
SALAD & ROLLS
WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS

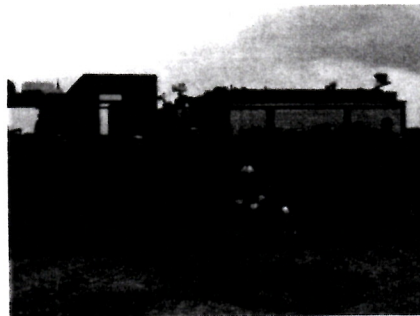
7:00 PROGRAM

8:00-?? ENTERTAINMENT AT
AMERICAN LEGION MOUNDSVILLE POST 3

TICKETS ARE \$20.00 EACH PERSON
CONTACT RHONDA BEST AT 304-281-8152 OR
AMERICAN LEGION POST HOME IN MOUNDSVILLE



West Virginia's Batman & Heroes 4 Higher, LLC



John Buckland created his group, Heroes 4 Higher after returning home from Iraq as a Dept Of Defense Firefighter, supporting the troops from 2009-2011.

They are an outreach organization out of Huntington, WV. Their focus is to inspire and empower children to overcome the hardships they are facing. Whether it be an illness, abuse, bullying, suicide or addiction. Batman makes visits to area hospitals, schools and other events to share his story and words of encouragement. The Hope Mobile is a rolling memorial to children battling cancer and to those who have passed on. To date, Twenty-six young heroes have plaques on the Hope Mobile.

If you would like to support their work and keep them going, you may do so the following ways....

FREE FUNDRAISER!!

****IF YOU, OR FRIENDS OF YOURS', LIVE IN WEST VA, KY, OH, MD OR VIRGINIA, Go to WWW.SAVEH4H.COM. WV Insurance Group (an Allstate Company) will donate \$10.00, ON YOUR BEHALF, from every questionnaire to Heroes 4 Higher just for allowing them to give you a free quote. Even if you don't purchase any insurance, they donate \$10.00 for you and it only takes a few minutes.**

You can also buy a copy of his inspirational and life changing story at...
WWW.H4HDVD.COM

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100th Year Centennial Coin

Department of West
Virginia

\$10 each coin
purchase in person
department
headquarters

\$11.50 each coin,
which includes
shipping and
handling

Coins are numbered

If you would like to
purchase a coin and
have it mailed to
your home, please
submit payment,
name, address and a
contact phone
number to:

The American
Legion, Department
of West Virginia,
P.O. Box 3191,
Charleston, West
Virginia 25332



Questions

888-534-4667



Make checks payable
to: The American
Legion, Department
of West Virginia

BUY A CHANCE TO WIN A WEATHERBY 308 VANGUARD II WITH LEUPOLD SCOPE

Drawing will be held Monday October 22, 2018 at
Department Headquarters

Tickets are **\$10** each

Complete ticket stub below and mail, along with
payment to:

**The American Legion
Department of West Virginia
P.O. Box 3191
Charleston, West Virginia 25332**

Any questions, please
contact our office toll-
free 1-888-534-4667.
Thank you.



Name: _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Ticket No. _____

**\$10 TICKET - WEATHERBY 308
VANGUARD II- LEUPOLD SCOPE**

BUY A CHANCE TO WIN A WEATHERBY 308
American Legion, Dept. of West Virginia Phone: 888-534-4667

**VANGUARD II WITH LUEPOLD SCOPE
VX-FREEDOM 3-9 x 40 MATTE 1" DUPLEX**

\$10 TICKET Drawing Monday October 22, 2018 #

Winner must comply with all State and Federal laws. Made in USA
Winner responsible for transfer fees

ONE AND DONE
ENROLLMENT!
NO
RE-ENROLLMENT
NEEDED!



Endorsed by Your American
Legion Department

LEGION FAMILY:
IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION FOR LEGIONCARE
UP TO \$5,000.00
NO-COST-TO-YOU ACCIDENT PROTECTION

For Online Activation Visit: TheLIT.com/LegionCare1

1-800-235-6943



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LEGION FAMILY: IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION FOR LEGIONCARE
NO-COST-TO-YOU BENEFIT*

Did you know that starting 1/1/2015, anyone enrolled in LegionCare will be covered for as long as they maintain their membership in the Legion Family – TAL, ALA, & SAL. This new “one and done” approach will save you from needing to re-enroll every 5 years. The LegionCare program will continue to cover you for \$1,000 of AD&D coverage. If the accidental loss occurs when on official Legion Family Business, we will cover you for \$5,000 of AD&D coverage.*

THERE IS NO COST TO YOU

- Coverage has been arranged on your behalf by Your American Legion Department.
- This coverage is Underwritten by Transamerica Premier Life Insurance Company, (Cedar Rapids, IA), and paid for by The Legionnaire Insurance Trust.

YOUR COVERAGE IS EFFECTIVE WHILE YOU ARE TRAVELING ON OFFICIAL LEGION FAMILY BUSINESS

- Regardless of your age, health or occupation, your acceptance is guaranteed.**
- Your coverage will become effective the date your Enrollment is received by the Administrator.

YOUR COVERAGE IS VALUABLE

We want you to know too. LegionCare is now available to all members of the Legion Family including the American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion members 18 years and older. The Legionnaire Insurance Trust has been working

hard with Transamerica to provide valuable benefits to your entire family and we look forward to continuing to serve veterans' insurance needs.

YOUR COVERAGE IS APPROVED AND ENDORSED

- This No Cost to you coverage is endorsed by your Department. It qualifies for complete approval and endorsement.
- Your Department has arranged this coverage at No Cost to you because of the need for this type of protection and the recognition that many Members may not have enough protection.

EXCLUSIONS: suicide; self-inflicted injury while sane or insane; sickness, disease, bodily or mental infirmity or medical or surgical treatment thereof; war or acts of war (declared or undeclared); while serving in the military; flying, except as a fare-paying passenger on a scheduled airline; participation in any speed or endurance contest; bacterial infections.

ACTIVATE ONLINE AT: www.TheLIT.com/LegionCare1

*For Purposes of the Legionnaire Insurance Trust, a member of the Legion Family, with current year's dues paid, could be eligible for the Accidental Death benefit if he/she is traveling to, attending, or returning from a function at which the member represents his/her local, state, or national Organization in an official capacity. Bonus Benefit Rider is not available in MN and NH.

**This is a supplemental health insurance plan that requires you to have major medical coverage, Medicare, or other health coverage that meets “minimum essential coverage” as defined by the Affordable Care Act.

Accidental death coverage underwritten by Transamerica Premier Life Insurance Company, Cedar Rapids, IA. Coverage is paid for through the Legionnaire Insurance Trust. For more information please call 1-800-235-6943

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