

# MERRY CHRISTMAS The American Legion Department of West Virginia, Inc.





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Bulletin No. 3

Mid-Winter & National Convention Forms Enclosed December 15, 2019

#### 39th Annual Mid-Winter Conference

The 2020 39th Annual Mid-Winter Conference will be held in Wheeling, West Virginia on February 7-8, 2020 at Oglebay Resort and Conference Center. Special Guests include: Paul Dillard, Candidate for National Commander (Texas) and Randall A. Fisher, Candidate for National Commander (Kentucky). Mid-Winter Reservation, Advertising and pre-registration forms are enclosed in bulletin. Reservation deadline date January 7, 2020 for guaranteed rate of \$92.18, which includes tax.

#### **2020 Department Convention**

The 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Department Convention will be held at Lakeview Resort, Morgantown, West Virginia, July 9-10, 2020. Reservation, Advertising and Pre-Registration form will be released, during Mid-Winter Conference in February.

#### **2020 National Convention**

The 2020 National Convention will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, Indiana August 28 – September 3, 2020. A reservation form is included in bulletin. Please complete the form and return by May 1, 2020. The Department of West Virginia will be staying at the Marriott Downtown. Please send in your reservation form today, so we can get an accurate account of attendees. You do not have to pay first night deposit, until May 2020.

#### REQUESTS FOR VISITS BY DEPARTMENT COMMANDER BARBARA BURDETTE 2019-2020.

All requests for Department Commander Barbara Burdette to visit posts in the Department should be sent in writing to Department Headquarters giving plenty of advance notice. The Department Commander will be advised that she will be the featured speaker.

#### **BASEBALL SPONSORS**

Any post that would like to sponsor a baseball team next year, please send a note, or call Department Headquarters at 1-888-534-4667, or Bill Burkett 304-845-2404. There will be a baseball meeting on Saturday February 8, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. in Terrace Room, during the Mid-Winter Conference in Wheeling. Background Checks are mandatory for all Coaches, Managers and Volunteer Staff of Junior and Senior American Legion Baseball Teams. Go to our website: <a href="www.wvlegion.org">www.wvlegion.org</a> to apply for a background check. Cost is \$12. Register teams beginning January 2, 2020. Deadline for Insurance to be paid is May 15, 2020.

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT CARAVAN

March 6, 2020; South, which will leave Moundsville Post No. 3 at 8:00 a.m. Drive own vehicle. March 7, 2020; North, which will leave Moundsville Post No. 3 at 8:00 a.m. \$25 for bus trip and has to be paid when you sign up. Veterans only permitted on bus. Schedule enclosed in bulletin.

#### **Spring District Convention Dates**

- 1<sup>st</sup> District April 26, 2020 Location TBA (Reg. 9:00) (Meet 10:00)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> District May 9, 2020 Barbour County Post 44 (Reg. 9) (Meet 10)
- 3rd District March 14, 2020 Shinnston Post 31 (Reg. 9:00) (Meet 10:00)
- 4th District April 11, 2020 Williamstown Post 159 (Reg. 9:00) (Meet 10:00)
- 5th District March 21, 2020 Milton Post 139 (Reg. 9:00) (Meet 10:00)
- 6th District March 7, 2020 Beckley Post 32 (Reg. 10:00) (Meet 11:00)
- 8th District-April 18, 2020 Charleston Post 20 (Reg. 9:00) (Meet 10:00)
- 9th District April 25, 2020 Belington Post 96 (Reg. 9:30) Meet 10:30)
- 10th District March 28, 2020 Location TBA (Reg. 9:00) (Meet 10:00)

#### **Oratorical District Contest Dates**

- 1st District Sunday January 12, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. Moundsville Court House
- 2<sup>nd</sup> District TBA
- 3<sup>rd</sup> District TBA
- 4<sup>th</sup> District TBA
- 5th District Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Huntington Post No. 16
- 6<sup>th</sup> District TBA
- 9th District Saturday January 25, 2020 with Registration at 1:00 p.m. Contest at 2:00 p.m. Location TBA
- 9th District Snow Date January 26, 2020 with Registration at 1:00 p.m. Contest at 2:00 p.m. Location TBA
- 10<sup>th</sup> District -TBA

#### Sectional Contest Dates

Sectional A – TBA

Sectional B – February 29, 2020, Petersburg Post No. 78 Time- 1:00 p.m.

Sectional C - Sunday, February 23, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Huntington Post 16

State Finals - Saturday March 14, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Shinnston Post 31

#### **2020 Oratorical Chairpersons**

- 1st First District Robert Pope 304-479-5270
- 2<sup>nd</sup> District Doug Robinson 304-365-2080
- 3rd District- Jack Gerrard- 304-843-5453
- 4th District Marianne Bennett 304-482-7058
- 5th District Fred Buchanan 304-654-9934
- 6th District- Paul Harper- 304-877-3735
- 8th District Andrea Hammock- 304-744-0560 or 304-421-1858
- 9th District Coleman "Dan" Kuhn 304-872-3985
- 10th District Mike Immel- 304-283-7579

#### HEADQUARTERS WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Our office will be closed for the Christmas Holiday on Monday December  $23^{rd}$ , Tuesday December  $24^{th}$  and Wednesday December  $25^{th}$ . Our office will reopen on Thursday December  $26^{th}$ , 2019 and our office will be closed on Monday December  $30^{th}$ , Tuesday December  $31^{st}$  and Wednesday January  $1^{s}$ . State Headquarters will reopen on Thursday January 2, 2020.

#### CHANGES TO THE 2020 HANDBOOK

Page 10 - 5th District Vice Commander is Robert Bragg, P.O. Box 5013, Charleston 25361; 304-

Page 45- Alvin Ascue, Post Adjutant, 1924 Hemlock Hill, Bluefield 24701; 304-

Page - New Information for Mullins Post 106- Meetings 3rd Tuesday every month at 6:00 p.m.

Commander – William F. Cox, P.O. Box 105, Itmann, WV 24847 – 304-294-4734

Adjutant- Mark Lester, 3523 Barkers Ridge Sand Gap Road, Stephenson, WV 25928 - None Reported

1st Vice Commander – Jim Walker, P.O. Box 135, Itmann, WV 24847 – 304-294-4891

Service Officer - Vacant

Page 47 – Charleston All State Police Post New Mailing Address: 2163 Bays Road, Birch River, WV 26610

Page 47 - Charleston All State Police Post Adjutant's new address: 2163 Bays Road, Birch River, WV 26610

<u>Page 47</u> – Charles Town Post 102 New Officers: Post Commander: Maurice Ballard, 72 Louisa Beall Lane, Charles Town 25414; Post 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Ronald Moody, 12 Revere Drive, Charles Town 25414.

<u>Page 50</u> – Allegheny Post No. 117, Durbin new Commander is Robert Fry, 4085 Anthony Creek Road, Marlinton 24950; 304-

**Page 57** – Post Phone is 304-743-3149

<u>Page 58</u> – Wyoming County Post 106 – New Commander Bill Cox, P.O. Box 105, Itmann 24847 – 304-294-4734. New Adjutant-Mark Lester, 3523 Barkers Ridge Sand Gap Road, Stephenson 25928.

<u>Page 61</u> – New address for Post Adjutant Kelly-Mansfield Post No. 52, Piedmont; 10022 Terrace Run, Grottoes, VA 24441.

Page 70 - Milton Squadron 139 new adjutant is Timothy Moore, 1049 Harrison Street, Milton 25541; 304-

Page 71 - Paden City Squadron No. 86 Commander is David M. Yoho, 2570 Bear Run Road, Reno, Ohio 45773

In June 2018, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a decision allowing states to collect sales tax on purchases from out-of-state retailers, regardless of the retailers' physical presence, within the state. As a result, a number of states have passed laws requiring out-of-state sellers to collect sales tax if they meet a certain threshold of sales, within, the state. West Virginia has passed such a law and we determined that Emblem Sales meets the established sales threshold. Therefore, Emblem Sales will begin charging and collecting sales taxes on purchases made from West Virginia on August 15, 2019, as soon as our sales tax collection certificate is issued. This applies to Department, Posts and individuals.

ATTENTION: All Post Commanders, District Commanders & other V.I.P. This is a tentative list of requests that we have received for the attendance of Commander Barbara Burdette from April through June. If you want on this list or want to change a date, then please advise me as soon as possible. Commander Burdette will be at all functions listed below:

#### February 2020:

| 7-8 | 39th Annual Mid-Winter Conference – | Oglebay Resort, Wheeling |
|-----|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|

#### March 2020:

| March 2020. |  |
|-------------|--|
| 7           | 6th District Spring Convention – Beckley Post 32 (Reg. 9) (Meet 10)            |
| 8-11        | Washington DC Conference   |
| 14          | 3rd District Spring Convention – Shinnston Post 31 (Reg. 9) (Meet 10)          |
| 14          | State Finals Oratorical Contest – Shinnston Post 31 at 2:00 p.m.               |
| 14          | Birthday Dinner – Bridgeport Post 68 – Time TBA                                |
| 21          | 5 <sup>th</sup> District Spring Convention – Milton Post 139 (Reg. 9 (Meet 10) |
| 21          | Birthday Dinner – Petersburg Post 78 – Social: 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Dinner   |
| 28          | 10th District Spring Convention – Location TBA (Reg. 9) (Meet 10)              |
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#### April 2020:

| 11 | 4th District Spring Convention – Williamstown Post 159 (Reg. 9) (Meet 10)   |
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| 18 | 8th District Spring Convention – Charleston Post 20 (Reg. 9) (Meet 10)      |
| 25 | 9th District Spring Convention – Belington Post 96 (Reg. 9:30) (Meet 10:30) |
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26 1st District Convention—Location TBA (Reg. 9) (Meet 10)

#### May 2020:

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| 6-7 | Spring Meetings in Indianapoli  | _ |
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9 2<sup>nd</sup> District Spring Convention – Philippi Post 44 (Reg. 9) (Meet 10)

#### June 2020:

Mountaineer Boys State

#### **JULY 2020**:

9, 10, 11 State Convention – Lakeview Resort, Morgantown

#### Membership Bulletin December 11, 2019



#### 2020 Membership Year

2020 Department Goal - 14,982

Target December, 11th - 75% 11,236 102 Chartered Posts

Total Membership Including DMS: 10,212 (68%)

Pure Membership: 9,127

Includes 2020 PUFL Members - 1,459



Headquarters Post 200 - 71 (Pufl)
DMS Headquarter Post 200 Renewals - 1,085

| First District      | 2020    | Target      | 2020  | 2019    |   |
|---------------------|---------|-------------|-------|---------|---|
| Robert Pope         | Members | 100%        | Goal  | Members | - |
| Wheeling 1          | 236     | 83%         | 285   | 279     | 7 |
| Moundsville 3       | 285     | 65%         | 436   | 400     |   |
| McMechen 5          | 14      | <b>50%</b>  | 28    | 16      |   |
| Weirton 10          | 226     | 80%         | 283   | 277     | 1 |
| Cameron 18          | 88      | <b>50%</b>  | 176   | 159     | , |
| New Martinsville 28 | 134     | <b>65%</b>  | 205   | 187     | , |
| Wellsburg 34        | 49      | <b>62</b> % | 79    | 66      | ( |
| Follansbee 45       | 67      | 69%         | 97    | 95      |   |
| Benwood 46          | 99      | 66%         | 149   | 135     | , |
| Pine Grove 81       | 41      | 57%         | 72    | 71      |   |
| Paden City 86       | 62      | 76%         | 82    | 75      |   |
| Wheeling 89         | 20      | 71%         | 28    | 27      |   |
| Newell 114          | 40      | 55%         | 73    | 55      |   |
| Hundred 120         | 49      | <b>53</b> % | 92    | 78      |   |
| Chester 121         | 130     | <b>59%</b>  | 219   | 200     |   |
| Totals              | 1,540   | 67%         | 2,304 | 2,120   |   |
|                     |         |             |       |         |   |

| Third District Charlie Straley | 2020<br>Members | Target<br>100% | 2020<br>Goal | 2019<br>Members |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Weston 4                       | 59              | 82%            | 72           | 70              |
| Buckhannon 7                   | 159             | 77%            | 207          | 203             |
| Clarksburg 13                  | 110             | 60%            | 183          | 179             |
| West Union 25                  | 40              | 69%            | 58           | 55              |
| Shinnston 31                   | 232             | 68%            | 341          | 334             |
| Sutton 33                      | 58              | 79%            | 73           | 71              |
| Glenville 42                   | 14              | 64%            | 22           | 16              |
| Bridgeport 68                  | 126             | 77%            | 164          | 161             |
| Jane Lew 166                   | 38              | <b>63</b> %    | 60           | 55              |
| Totals                         | 836             | 71%            | 1,180        | 1,144           |

| Second District     | 2020    | Target | 2020 | 2019    |
|---------------------|---------|--------|------|---------|
| Kenneth Satterfield | Members | 100%   | Goal | Members |
| Morgantown 2        | 19      | 49%    | 39   | 26      |
| Grafton 12          | 58      | 94%    | 62   | 59      |
| Fairmont 17         | 120     | 82%    | 146  | 126     |
| Mannington 40       | 34      | 61%    | 56   | 49      |
| Philippi 44         | 54      | 58%    | 93   | 81      |
| Kingwood 56         | 1       | 3%     | 36   | 12      |
| Morgantown 174      | 84      | 89%    | 94   | 92      |
| Totals              | 370     | 70%    | 526  | 445     |

| Fourth District    | 2020    | Target      | 2020  | 2019    |
|--------------------|---------|-------------|-------|---------|
| Robert Schoolcraft | Members | 100%        | Goal  | Members |
| Parkersburg 15     | 701     | 75%         | 930   | 883     |
| Spencer 21         | 68      | <b>76%</b>  | 89    | 88      |
| Pt. Pleasant 23    | 261     | 68%         | 385   | 384     |
| Middlebourne 48    | 23      | <b>55</b> % | 42    | 41      |
| Elizabeth 55       | 6       | 35%         | 17    | 14      |
| Sistersville 67    | 64      | <b>56</b> % | 115   | 113     |
| Saint Marys 79     | 12      | 71%         | 17    | 16      |
| Pennsboro 83       | 30      | 81%         | 37    | 32      |
| Ripley 107         | 76      | 68%         | 112   | 110     |
| Ravenswood 118     | 12      | 80%         | 15    | 11      |
| New Haven 140      | 144     | 70%         | 207   | 189     |
| Williamstown 159   | 105     | <b>57</b> % | 185   | 140     |
| Totals             | 1,502   | 70%         | 2,151 | 2,021   |

| Fifth District      | 2020    | Target      | 2020  | 2019    | Ninth District   | 2020    | Target     | 2020  | 2019    |
|---------------------|---------|-------------|-------|---------|------------------|---------|------------|-------|---------|
| Shannon Harshbarger | Members | 100%        | Goal  | Members | Barbara Burdette | Members | 100%       | Goal  | Members |
| Huntington 16       | 210     | 59%         | 353   | 329     | Thomas 22        | 2       | 11%        | 18    | 16      |
| Logan 19            | 56      | 60%         | 93    | 81      | Ronceverte 26    | 28      | 51%        | 55    | 49      |
| Huntington 47       | 1       | 9%          | 11    | 3       | Elkins 29        | 330     | 70%        | 470   | 461     |
| Williamson 49       | 6       | 21%         | 28    | 6       | Marlinton 50     | 15      | <b>50%</b> | 30    | 23      |
| Whitesville 75      | 32      | 74%         | 43    | 30      | Cowen 62         | 48      | <b>76%</b> | 63    | 60      |
| Madison 87          | 35      | <b>56</b> % | 63    | 62      | Lewisburg 69     | 62      | 73%        | 85    | 78      |
| Kenova 93           | 401     | <b>59</b> % | 678   | 668     | Belington 96     | 83      | 70%        | 119   | 109     |
| Chapmanville 103    | 56      | 88%         | 64    | 63      | Richwood 97      | 24      | 63%        | 38    | 37      |
| Hamlin 111          | 82      | 53%         | 156   | 148     | Durbin 117       | 72      | 81%        | 89    | 87      |
| Milton 139          | 120     | 68%         | 176   | 159     | Pickens 122      | 22      | 42%        | 53    | 42      |
| Barboursville 177   | 180     | 59%         | 303   | 284     | Summersville 131 | 40      | 69%        | 58    | 49      |
| Totals              | 1,179   | 60%         | 1,968 | 1,833   | Totals           | 726     | 67%        | 1,078 | 1,011   |
|                     |         |             |       |         |                  |         |            |       |         |

| Sixth District   | 2020    | <b>Target</b> | 2020  | 2019    |                  |
|------------------|---------|---------------|-------|---------|------------------|
| Brian Krabbe     | Members | 100%          | Goal  | Members |                  |
| Welch 8          | 90      | 69%           | 130   | 108     |                  |
| Bluefield 9      | 162     | 66%           | 245   | 240     | Tenth            |
| Beckley 32       | 190     | 60%           | 319   | 263     | Bob              |
| Kimball 36       | 4       | 36%           | 11    | 7       | Martinsbu        |
| Gary 38          | 14      | 58%           | 24    | 18      | Franklin 3       |
| Princeton 54     | 5       | 45%           | 11    | 7       | Keyser 41        |
| Union 100        | 12      | 67%           | 18    | 14      | Piedmont         |
| Mullens 106      | 47      | 70%           | 67    | 58      | Berkeley S       |
| Peterstown 145   | 23      | 56%           | 41    | 30      | Moorefiel        |
| Fayetteville 149 | 94      | 64%           | 146   | 131     | <b>Charles T</b> |
| Bradshaw 175     | 40      | 85%           | 47    | 46      | Petersbu         |
| Totals           | 681     | 64%           | 1,059 | 922     | Romney 9         |
|                  |         |               |       |         |                  |

| Tenth District Bob Speaks | _ 2020<br>Members | Target<br>100% | 2020<br>Goal | 2019<br>Members |
|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Martinsburg 14            | 301               | 75%            | 404          | 355             |
| Franklin 30               | 20                | 26%            | 77           | 69              |
| Keyser 41                 | 167               | 80%            | 208          | 204             |
| Piedmont 52               | 33                | 36%            | 92           | 54              |
| Berkeley Springs 60       | 271               | <b>79%</b>     | 345          | 338             |
| Moorefield 64             | 56                | 23%            | 240          | 216             |
| Charles Town 71           | 290               | 61%            | 476          | 467             |
| Petersburg 78             | 160               | 69%            | 231          | 226             |
| Romney 91                 | 147               | 64%            | 230          | 207             |
| Charles Town 102          | 3                 | 11%            | 28           | 19              |
| Paw Paw 128               | 53                | 78%            | 68           | 62              |
| Kirby 134                 | 17                | 63%            | 27           | 23              |
| Ridgely 136               | 81                | 79%            | 103          | 101             |
| Capon Bridge 137          | 48                | 22%            | 223          | 219             |
| Keyser 152                | 11                | 85%            | 13           | 11              |
| Riverton 183              | 28                | 97%            | 29           | 28              |
| Totals                    | 1,686             | 60%            | 2,794        | 2,599           |
|                           |                   |                |              |                 |

| Eighth District Kenny Bright | 2020<br>Members | Target<br>100% | 2020<br>Goal | 2019<br>Members |
|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Charleston 20                | 89              | 58%            | 154          | 128             |
| Dunbar 27                    | 13              | <b>59</b> %    | 22           | 16              |
| Charleston 57                | 6               | 32%            | 19           | 15              |
| Clendenin 61                 | 65              | <b>76%</b>     | 85           | 75              |
| Charleston 65                | 4               | 36%            | 11           | 7               |
| Saint Albans 73              | 92              | <b>59</b> %    | 156          | 133             |
| South Charleston 94          | 49              | <b>75%</b>     | 65           | 62              |
| All State Police 112         | 27              | 69%            | 39           | 31              |
| Marmet 130                   | 3               | 27%            | 11           | 6               |
| Winfield 187                 | 188             | 73%            | 258          | 269             |
| Totals                       | 536             | 65%            | 820          | 742             |

#### The WV Dept. American Legion

#### Membership Newsletter

WV Department Commander

Barbara Burdette



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Special points of interest: this Newsletter is to be copied and distributed to your Post membership!

- Attend your—Midwinter Conference February 7th & 8th, 2020 at Oglebay Park, Wheeling, WV. Get your registration in early!
- Meet the next Membership target date January 8th—Make sure your post has 80% of your total membership paid for year 2020.
- The main purpose of The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States on the part of high school students. Other objectives of the contest include the development of leadership qualities, the ability to think and speak clearly and

intelligently, and the preparation for acceptance of the duties and responsibilities, the rights and privileges of American citizenship.

Inside this issue: Debt. News

Membership 2

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#### Now For the Rest of the Story

A new year looms just around the corner. New resolution and new goals get set, plans for the coming year hit every post within the Department and we say goodbye to departed friends and the past years success and failures.

Now at the beginning of the new year is the time to "put the Push On" so to speak. Put the push on to recruit new members and really seek out and recruit our Legion Act Comrades. Commander Oxford wanted and stress we need to get at least 90% of our retention members renewed first off and then go after our new members. Make sure you know the advantages of being a

member of the American Legion.

#### Recruitment Tips—

- Always be ready with a 2-3 minute 'elevator pitch' on the importance and benefits of Legion membership.
- Work your post's
   Expired Members
   listings that can be
   found under the
   Find Members in
   my Area section on
   www.mylegion.org.
- Have a supply of 'Why You Should Belong', 'Troop Support' pamphlets, and 'This Is The American Legion' for informational/recruitmen t events.
- Ensure that your post is building its brand
- Don't let all of your hard work go to

#### waste - <u>RETAIN THE</u> <u>MEMBERS YOU HAVE</u>

- Make sure your post is actively participating in at least one program, and that it is done WELL
- Make sure your post is an asset to the community; inform them of your post's programs, participation in parades, service activities, etc
- Be seen in your Legion apparel

WV Department is now down in the 40's area of the 55 nation Departments. Two years ago we were number on and at 100%. Last year we were so close again. Our moto is "We Can Do It!". Lets get busy and "Do It!" again. Believe in what the American Legion stands for, "Veterans serving Veterans"



Combating Veteran Suicide requires a "National Conversation"

Standing in front of delegates to The American Legion's 101st National Convention in Indianapolis, Department of Veterans Secretary Robert Wilkie said that he and President Donald Trump are of one mind when it comes to the department's most urgent mission.

Of the 20 or so veterans that take their own lives each day, half are over age 65 – the majority of those Vietnam veterans. "Suicide prevention is the No. 1 clinical priority of the president of the United States. Wilkie took time to thank The American Legion for helping change the climate toward the nation's veterans.

#### WY DEPT. AMERICAN LEGION

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**Note to Members** Membership Target Dates For 2019 – 2020 September 11, 2019 - 46 Days 50 % October 9, 2019 - 74 Days November 13, 2019 - 109 Days 65 % December 11, 2019 - 137 Days 75 % January 8, 2020 - 165 Days February 12, 2020 – 200 Days 85 % 90 % March 11, 2020 - 228 Days April 8, 2020 - 256 Days 95 % May 13, 2020 - 291 Days

Membership Mission Statement - The most important aspect of membership recruitment; you're <u>not</u> looking to just fill a number for National membership, you are looking for a <u>comrade</u> to experience all the benefits of the American Legion and in return experience all the benefits each new member can bring to your post.

#### **Veterans Serving Veterans**

<u>Vision</u>— Achieve the 100% membership goal as the Department of West Virginia.

We have our mission (think of our mission in military terms and action) and now we have our stated Vision.

Operation Membership
Team Work! It all fits together when we all work
together!
Be Positive!!



#### "Are You out there Recruiting Membership"??

If you are out there recruiting membership, and with some of the latest membership reports I'm really wondering, remember to mention to potential new members as well as out faithful retention members, there are individual member discounts/ benefits available to them from the American Legion. Make sure every member or your Posts and new members know the discounts/benefits available to them as a member of the American Legion. Just go to www.legion.org for all the details.

Auto Rental

Alamo Enterprise National Car Rental

Financial & Insurance

Mutual of Omaha USAA

Media & Entertainment

Stars and Stripes

Medical

LifeStation

Help at the Push of a Button – Special Offer for American Legion Members

**Moving & Relocation** 

North American Van Lines

**Post Discounts** 

Office Depot/Office Max

Retail

Office Depot/Office Max

Travel & Lodging

GOV Vacation Rewards

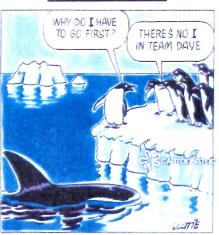
Motel 6

Veterans Holidays

Wyndham Hotels & Resorts









# \$10 chance to win an American Legion United States Mint Coin Set 175 Tickets

| Name:      |
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| Phone      |

\$10 TICKET-AMERICAN LEGION U.S. MINT COIN SET (PROOF) Mail Ticket and payment to: American Legion, Department of West Virginia, P.O. Box 3191, Charleston, West Virginia 25332

Any questions, please contact department headquarters toll-free 1-888-534-4667 Thank you

#### Dear Legionnaires,

I am pleased to announce that we have just published the <u>Veterans Financial Preparedness</u> <u>Report 2019</u> for the benefit of the departments and posts of the American Legion. The report is available as a free download at <u>thelit.com</u>. All posts are encouraged to download and share the education, which is the result of national research, including 1,507 veterans from all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces. Veterans can see 2019 personal financial facts and figures for their age group, including household income; retirement portfolio savings; investments; military and civilian pensions; and whether they feel ahead, on-track, or behind for a secure retirement. Importantly, we found more that **more than one-half (56%) of U.S. Veterans consider themselves behind** where they need to be in their financial status for retirement and do not feel very knowledgeable about personal finance. This is a chance to build the financial knowledge of veteran and active-duty families, across the nation with content that is ready-to-share across the state.

Please encourage every veteran to download the report.

Thank you for supporting this effort.

Carl Adamek, Administrator, Legionnaire Insurance Trust

Let us know if you need any help getting the information out to veterans, active-duty military families and their supporters, throughout every post.

We have a Challenge to see, which department drives the largest number of veterans to download the report. Please tear off bottom of page, copy and distribute to all members in your post, along with any other veterans, or military personnel you may know. Thank you for your participation. Miles Epling, State Adjutant

### Free Download

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Veterans Financial Preparedness

Report 2019

www.thelit.com



#### <u>Holiday Sweepstakes</u> 2019 Winners – Congratulations

| Prize 1  | \$2,000.00 | Larry Courts, Milton, WV            |
|----------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| Prize 2  | 1,000.00   | Shannon Harshbarger, Huntington, WV |
| Prize 3  | 500.00     | Edgar Unger, Berea, WV              |
| Prize 4  | 250.00     | James McNeill, Fairmont, WV         |
| Prize 5  | 100.00     | Johnnie Minney, Spencer, WV         |
| Prize 6  | 100.00     | Joseph Latocha, Fairview, WV        |
| Prize 7  | 100.00     | Jay D. Frost, Sr.                   |
| Prize 8  | 100.00     | Russell Jones, N Martinsville, WV   |
| Prize 9  | 100.00     | TK Anderson, Huntington, WV         |
| Prize 10 | 100.00     | Roger Callow, Parkersburg, WV       |
| Prize 11 | 50.00      | Ernie Postlethwait, Poca, WV        |
| Prize 12 | 50.00      | Lorin J. Elder, Burton, WV          |
| Prize 13 | 50.00      | William Hanna, Parkersburg, WV      |
| Prize 14 | 50.00      | Robert L. Edwards, Princeton, WV    |
| Prize 15 | 50.00      | Rennie L. Brown, Weston Union, WV   |
| Prize 16 | 50.00      | Norval R. Porter, West Hamlin, WV   |
| Prize 17 | 50.00      | Hobert Shoemaker, Elkins, WV        |
| Prize 18 | 50.00      | Robert L. Nelson, Jr., Keyser, WV   |
| Prize 19 | 50.00      | Richard Mansuetto, Wheeling, WV     |
| Prize 20 | 50.00      | Ralph C. Clark, Moundsville, WV     |
| Prize 21 | 50.00      | Marvin McCauley, Buckhannon, WV     |
| Prize 22 | 50.00      | Richard Elza, Moundsville, WV       |
| Prize 23 | 50.00      | Frederick Hubbard, Huntington, WV   |
| Prize 24 | 50.00      | David McConnell, Franklin, WV       |
| Prize 25 | 50.00      | James R. Stultz, Moundsville, WV    |
| Prize 26 | 200.00     | George J. Sinkewitz, Huntington, WV |
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#### 1<sup>st</sup> District Caravan Friday, March 6, 2020

Leave Moundsville Post 3 at 8:00 a.m. 304-845-5220

Cameron Post 18 - (Breakfast at Cameron) 304-686-3161

Hundred Post 120; Phone: 304-775-2900

Pine Grove Post 81; Phone: 304-889-3387

New Martinsville Post 28; Phone: 304-455-6321

Arrive at Moundsville Post 3

#### 1<sup>st</sup> District Caravan Saturday, March 7, 2020

Leave Moundsville Post 3 at 8:00 a.m. 304-845-5220

Chester Post 121 (Breakfast at Chester) 304-387-0005

Newell Post 114; Phone: 304-387-2009

Weirton Post 10; Phone: 304-723-2732

Follansbee Post 45; Phone 304-527-9823

Wellsburg Post 34; Phone: 304-737-7342

Wheeling Post 89; Phone: 304-905-8363

Wheeling Post 1; Phone: 304-905-8145

Benwood Post 46; Phone: 304-232-4798

Arrive at Moundsville Post 3 at 7:00 p.m.

If interested in attending the 1<sup>st</sup> District Caravan, please contact Tom Hicks at 304-559-7031.

Cost is \$25 for bus trip on Saturday.

Bus will leave Moundsville Post 3 at 8:00 a.m. sharp.

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#### **2020 DEPARTMENT MID-WINTER CONFERENCE**RESERVATION FORM

#### (Deadline for Reservations January 7, 2020)

For a Guaranteed Rate of \$92.18, which includes tax

February 7-8, 2020 Oglebay Resort and Conference Center 465 Lodge Road Wheeling, West Virginia 26003

\$79.00 per night room rate (plus 12% tax & 3% Historical Fee & Service Fee 1.80 Daily) Address Phone # E-mail Arrival Date\_\_\_\_\_AM PM Departure Date\_\_\_\_\_ Room Type: (circle one) Doubles King (Additional charge of \$10 for a King) Non-Smoking Facility Handicap Room: (circle one) wheelchair oxygen tank other If you circled "other", please explain. \*Members with wheelchair disabilities will receive first priority. One night's deposit must accompany this request to reserve a room. Any form, without a deposit will be returned. Enclosed, please find one night's room deposit of \$79.00 (plus 12% tax & 3% Historical Fee & Service Fee Daily \$1.80) = \$92.18 per night (circle one) check cash credit card credit card # type expiration date Your credit card may be charged for the one night's room deposit. Oglebay Resort and Conference Center Mail to: ATTN: Cynthia Johnson 465 Lodge Road Wheeling, West Virginia 26003

Cancellation, at least 48 hours in advance
This form must be mailed to reserve a room at Oglebay Resort
and Conference Center. (No phone calls for rooms will be accepted.)

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER EARLY- THANKS!

#### 39<sup>TH</sup> Annual Mid-Winter Conference 2020 ADVERTISING FORM

The American Legion
Department of West Virginia, Inc.

I hereby authorize the following advertisement to be placed in the official program of the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-Winter Conference of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia, Inc., scheduled February 7-8, 2020, at Oglebay Resort and Conference Center, Wheeling, West Virginia.

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FEBRUARY 7-8, 2020

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| THURSDAY  | 5                        | 12           | 19                                 | 26                                      | <u>December</u><br>Holiday Blood<br>Donor Drive   |
| WEDNESDAY | 4                        | 11           | 18                                 | <b>25</b> CHRISTMAS<br>Office<br>Closed | January 1st<br>Office<br>Closed   |
| TUESDAY   | က                        | 10           | 17                                 | <b>24</b><br>Office<br>Closed           | 31<br>Office<br>Closed  |
| MONDAY    | 2                        | o o          | 16                                 | <b>23</b> HANUKKAH<br>Office<br>Closed  | <b>30</b><br>Office<br>Closed   |
| SUNDAY    | _                        | <b>&amp;</b> | 15 BILL OF<br>RIGHTS DAY           | 22                                      | 29  |