



AMBA ROUND-UP 2019



San Antonio, Texas will never be the same again! “Why?”, you ask? Because WVARSE Executive Director Bill Milam and President Mary Ann Ferris recently attended the AMBA Round-Up in that fine city with Richard Rowland, our region’s AMBA director, and the other AMBA executives and Staff. Bill was attending his ninth Round-Up-his first in San Antonio- and Mary Ann was attending her first. What a wonderful experience and opportunity for your president! The accommodations were, of course, first class, but the most important part was the agenda that was packed full of speakers and sessions designed to help local and state associations increase membership.

The three key-note speakers were dynamic professionals

in their fields. Former Naval Commander Mike Abrashoff spoke about his “Leadership Roadmap”. Upon accepting his assignment to the USS Benfold, one of the worst ships in the navy, he determined to change its reputation. He did this by developing a unique definition of leadership that involved every crew member on the Benfold so that they each felt ownership and pride in their work. He shared his methods and journey with the group. Jan Hargrave, the second speaker, a behavioral authority and body language expert, illustrated how our bodies communicate with the rest of the world by using humorous anecdotes. She even gave a “quiz” to help determine who was “right brain” or “left brain” to show how to make decisions and interact with others. Gabe Sonnier, the third

speaker, held all spell-bound with what he termed “God’s Story” that chronicled his life from janitor in his neighborhood school to teacher of same school and later its principal. He is now an AMBA employee. He has received national recognition for his accomplishments. However, the speakers were just a small part of the conference. The entire conference offered a wealth of helpful information about membership recruitment and retainment. Most every state and local association face the same challenges. There were panel discussions whose members shared their successes and breakout sessions to provide small group discussions. Mary Ann took pages of notes with some new ideas to try. Mary Ann was the first WVARSE president to be invited to a Roundup and at the conclusion of the last session, she expressed her gratitude to Richard Rowland again for inviting her. Scheduled meeting time restraints and rain prevented their being able to visit historical places, such as the Alamo and Milam Park. Milam Park was established to honor the first Texan hero – Colonel Benjamin Rush Milam, first cousin (five times removed) of Bill Milam. His statue is erected at the park.

From Your President

I hope you are all enjoying this beautiful fall weather that we’ve been having; it won’t last long. As you know WVARSE had Annual Council at the end of August (It seems like just yesterday). I feel that it was very successful. Our Keynote Speaker Jada Reeves, Teacher of the Year, was very dynamic. Minnie Pearl seemed to hold everyone spellbound waiting for her next humorous story at the Banquet. I think everyone enjoyed our new banquet menu choice of Italian chicken, even though it turned out to be the usual baked steak. We don’t know what happened, but we’ll try again next year for the different menu choice.

At Annual Council there were two Constitutional amendments proposed. The first one to make the standing chairs: Community Service, Legislative, I&P and Membership members of the Board without having to be invited by the president passed. The second amendment to raise lifetime dues to \$150 failed. The three Legislative goals proposed by the Legislative committee were accepted for the 2019-2020 legislative session. The first goal about PEIA has been accomplished since the Finance Board has already announced that there will be no changes in coverage for any insured by PEIA. John Taylor our WVARSE Legislative chair has already started working on the second goal to raise the pension of those retirees who have been retired 20 or more years by \$2 per month times their number of years’ experience. We will be asking for all of you to help again as you did last by contacting your local legislators. Our work on our third goal to collaborate with AARP on their campaign to Stop RX Greed will begin soon as the WVARSE Regional Directors and Regional Legislative chairs join the AARP Advocacy team (which contains several WVARSE officers and Board members) in Charleston on October 28 & 29 for a strategy session. These goals are ambitious, but we can ac-



MARY ANN FERRIS
WVARSE President

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COLUMN



William G. 'Bill' Milam
Executive Director

From the office of the Executive Director

We had a successful Annual Council this year. Our keynote speaker, the 2019 WV Teacher of the year Jada Reeves was well received. Jada is a 5th grade teacher at Bradley Elementary in Mt. Hope, WV. She received an undergraduate degree from Concord University and a master's degree as a Reading Specialist from Marshall University. She became Nationally Board Certified in Early and Middle Childhood Literacy in 2013. She is currently pursuing certification in administration. As always, the Memorial service rated high. The Memorial service was well planned and executed. This is always a solemn ceremony. At the end of the Council, we

had a change of positions. Directors for Region I, III, and V were up for elections. Charmel Radcliff ran for Region I and was reelected. Carol Williams ran for Region III and was reelected. Steve Bailey, Region V Director had served his two terms and couldn't be re-elected. We thank Steve for his four years of dedicated service. Ann Pauley (Mercer County) was the candidate for Region V and was elected. We look forward to her service. A special thanks to Minnie Pearl for her appearance at the 2019 Annual Council. Our goal of increasing the minimum pension benefit from \$500 to \$750 was successfully passed and signed by the

Governor. This affected only a small percentage of our retirees who deserved the long-needed increase. As we go into the 2020 legislative session, we will need the support of the membership in getting our goals passed. We hope you will be available to make calls, visits, etc. at a short notice. Unit Officers and Honor Points forms can be completed online and sent directly to me. Watch for an email from me when they are available online. We now have three ways to pay membership dues. 1. Pay the conventional way by paying State and Local dues to the unit membership chair. 2. Dues Deductible. Complete a dues deductible

form (printed in this issue) with the last four digits of your social security number and signature. This allows TRS to deduct \$1.67 per month from your pension income. This is a convenient way of paying dues with no worry. Dues will be paid as long as you live. 3. Go to our website (WVARSE.org) and click on "Membership" on the next page find "pay online" and click it. Complete the form and pay either by Credit/Debit card or a withdrawn from your checking account. Membership is important to our organization. Going back a few years to Betty Daugherty's slogan "Each One Reach One".

President

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compish them if we work together. Also, at the Annual Council Banquet, we presented House Majority Leader Amy Summers with the Bill Hammond Legislative Champion plaque for her support of our pension increase in the 2019 session. Senator Dave Sypolt was unable to attend the Banquet; so he received his plaque at the October Taylor county ARSE meeting. Thanks to the efforts of these lead sponsors, our bill passed both Houses of the Legislature without a dissenting vote. I understand that we retirees received some criticism on Facebook for these award presentations from a few active teachers. I guess they felt we retirees had betrayed them. However, I do not see these awards as anything other than our appreciation for helping WVARSE achieve our main legislative goal. WVARSE is a RETIREE organization whose primary goal is to work for retirees;

this is what we did. However, we DID support the active education employees in various ways without jeopardizing our bill's passage. The WVARSE Board prepared talking points that included all the things that the employees wanted and what they opposed in the Education Bill for our Board members to use to testify at the Public Forums on Education. At least one WVARSE Board member testified at each of the eight forums, and I personally submitted written comments containing the facts that the active employees had proposed. At the business meeting of Annual Council, there was a motion to include a student entering A Vo-Tech program in one of the four WVARSE scholarships. This motion passed, and I asked for volunteers to serve on a committee with Scholarship chair Sharon Vance to establish the criteria for this scholarship. By the time you read this Newsletter, this committee of fourteen will have had its initial meeting on October

24 at the Sutton Senior Center. Also, at this session, we awarded the first Rita Hammond Membership plaque to Grant county for having a 42% membership increase. Congratulations to Grant county and Erma Moyers their Membership chair for all their hard work. I also congratulate Brooke, Tyler, Gilmer, Glenville State, Roane, Wirt, Nicholas, Berkeley and Mineral counties for increasing their membership. Keep up the good work! I now challenge all the other counties to work just a little harder to increase their membership; you can do it if every WVARSE member recruits one new member. Remember that WVARSE membership is cheap if you use the AMBA benefits that our members are eligible for. Remember also that WVARSE is always working on protecting our retirees' interests and benefits. In that vein, WVARSE Executive Director Bill Milam and Legislative chair John Taylor will be in Washington, D.C. on October 23 & 24 to

present WVARSE Resolution and letter proclaiming WVARSE's opposition to the Health Insurance Tax (HIT) and the Medicare tax. Hopefully our efforts will prove fruitful once again. John Taylor and I also plan to attend the remaining sessions of the PEIA task Force Committee's meetings. Although it's been months since their last meeting, they have not yet finalized their report which has to be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature by December 31. Even though we cannot speak, our presence reminds them to take care of us retirees. As I conclude this message, I urge you to take care of yourselves and your families. I wish speedy recoveries for all our WVARSE members and their family members who are ailing. Enjoy the upcoming holidays with your family and friends, and especially enjoy each day of your because it is a gift; that's why they call it the present. Most of all remember to SMILE.

AUDIT REPORT

On Friday October 4, 2019. The auditing committee consisting of John Taylor, chair, Norma Taylor, and Mary Ann Ferris met at treasurer Judy Staubly's house in Weston to conduct the audit for the year 2018-2019. Liz Bradford was unable to participate because of her recent surgery. The auditing committee examined the books of the treasury of the West Virginia Association of Retired School Employees and certifies that we found them to be accurate and complete. (official certification on file with secretary)

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2019 NRTA National Advocacy Conference



Executive Director Bill Milam and Legislative Chair John Taylor travelled to Washington DC to attend the 2019 NRTA Conference October 21 – 24, 2019. Tuesday and Wednesday morning presentations were made on Federal Legislative climate; Federal & State Retirement Security; and several other items on

AARP's radar. One subject closely related to WV AARP's goal, The High Cost of Prescription Drugs was discussed, and John and I discussed this with each of our Federal legislators during our visit on Wednesday afternoon. On Wednesday afternoon, we visited the offices of our two Senators and Three Representatives. Due to their schedules, we were not able to meet with the legislators. We did, however, have good meetings with aides of each of our federal legislators. John talked with each office about the high costs of drugs and shared with them a personal story. We delivered to each office a letter from WVARSE president, Mary Ann Ferris along with the HIT resolution from WVARSE. Each office listened to us and assured us that their office was concerned about HIT and that they were supportive of either elimination or continued postponement of HIT. We were honored to be able to use the underground rail to travel from the Senate buildings to the Representative buildings.

Bill Hammond WVARSE Legislative Champion Award



At the 2019 Annual Council of the West Virginia Association of Retired School Employees the newly instituted Bill Hammond West Virginia Association of Retired School Employees Legislative Champion Award was presented to Delegate Amy Summers. She was the lead sponsor on a bill that increased the minimum pension for those with at least 25 years of service from \$500 to \$750 per month. This affected both education employees and state employees. WVARSE wanted to recognize her efforts in supporting their legislation. Pictured above are (left) John Taylor, WVARSE Legislative Chair; (center background) Mary Ann Ferris, WVARSE State President; and (right) Delegate Summers



At the Taylor county Association of Retired School Employees meeting on October 2, the newly instituted Bill Hammond West Virginia Association of Retired School Employees Legislative Champion Award was presented to Senator Dave Sypolt. He was the lead Senate sponsor on a bill that increased the minimum pension for those with at least 25 years of service from \$500 to \$750 per month. This affected both education employees and state employees. WVARSE wanted to recognize his efforts in supporting their legislation. Pictured above are (left) Senator Dave Sypolt and (right) John Taylor, WVARSE Legislative Chair. Without Senator Sypolt's efforts, the bill would not have passed.

Celebrating WVARSE Week

On September 19th. the Braxton County Association of Retired School Employees celebrated WVARSE/BCARSE Week with a picnic. Members and WVARSE state officials met at Falls Mill Pavilion and enjoyed delicious food provided by those in attendance including a cake made by member Beth Adkins. Certificates were presented to the top three members with the most volunteer hours.



Unit Officers—Pat McPherson, Marty Wine, Karin Gateless, and Boody Talbott WVARSE- Bill Milam, Mary Ann Ferris, and Darlene Milam



Group Atending

SUMMERS COUNTY

Summers County Commission proclaims September 22, 2019 as SCARCE week (WVARSE).

L to R – Nancy Dillon, Charles Saunders, Jack Woodrum. Pam Lyons, Bill Lightener, Doris Yates and Wayne Harvey.



ROANE COUNTY



Left Picture: Mike Bernardis, director of Helping Hand, Sybil Hickman, legislative chair, Juanita Dale, Helping Hand volunteer, and Betty Walker, member of Roane County Association of Retired School Employees.

The Roane County Association of Retired School Employees recognized the important role the local food bank, The Helping Hand, has in the community by presenting the organization a donation of \$100.00 during WVARSE week.



Right Picture: Ernie Fox, Debbie Fox, Phyllis Counts, Doris Weekley, & George Weekley,

The Roane County Association of Retired School Employees prepared the Newburn One Room School visitors during the Black Walnut Festival. The cleaning crew included Sybil Hickman, Willa Shenkle, Carol Williams, and Melinda Walker. Members volunteering as docents were: Willa Shenkle, Debbie Fox, Ernie Fox, Phyllis Counts, Doris Weekley, George Weekley, Loretta Duncan, Mary Ann Wilson, and Melinda Walker.

RANDOLPH COUNTY



Randolph County Association of Retired School Employees celebrated WVARSE Week in accordance with a proclamation declared by the superintendent. Pictured from left to right are Debbie Schmidlen, Randolph County Superintendent; Donna Auvil, president of Randolph County Association of Retired School Employees; Judy Harris, and Lisabeth Steele. RCARSE members are being recognized for their many years of service.

WAYNE COUNTY

Wayne County RSEA held their October meeting at the Creekside Golf Club. Denis Chapman, Region IV Director, was special guest.



Pictured are some of those attending: Vivian Atkinson, James Midkiff, Lillian Midkiff, Wilma Johnson, Karlene Hunt, Don Hunt, Helen Muncy, Herb Muncy, Peggy McComas and Denis Chapman

MARION COUNTY



Marion County kicked off the 2019/2020 year with a visit from District 1 Chairperson Charmel Radcliff. Charmel gave a very informative presentation which included points of interest from this year's Annual Council.

RALIEGH COUNTY



In Picture: Linda Polly Raleigh President and Ann Pauley, Region IV Director

The Raleigh County Association of Retired School Employees held their first meeting of the year at the Commission on Aging. President, Linda Polly introduced the New Region 5 Director, Ann Pauley, who accepted the position once held by Steve Bailey upon his expired term. She spoke on Legislative issues, membership, and recent changes within the organization. Members were encouraged to SMILE as we seek to increase membership. Lunch was shared by members at the close of the meeting.

HARRISON COUNTY



Pictured above are Susan Thomas, Harrison County Clerk, Norma Taylor, President of Harrison County Association of Retired School Employees, and County Commissioners Ron Watson and David Hinkle. Mrs. Taylor presented the Harrison County Commissioners with a facsimile of a check representing the amount retired school employees save the county/state by the volunteering their time during the year. This is done in recognition of the Annual WVARSE Week the last week of September. (Since Harrison County's Commission meets the second and third Wednesday of the month, Mrs. Taylor attended the October 2nd meeting.)

LEWIS COUNTY



The Lewis County Association of Retired School Employees began the 2019-20 year on August 22, 2019, at the Jane Lew Park with a covered-dish picnic. On September 25, the meeting was held at the Lewis County Senior Center where the members enjoyed cake as they celebrated WVARSE Week and discussed ways to gain and retain new members. On October 22, the group met at the LC Senior Center and prepared blizzard bags for seniors for the cold winter months. Over eighty bags containing water, noodles, crackers, cakes, pudding, fruit, hot chocolate, etc. were assembled. Jane Lew Elementary School decorated the bags.

PLEASANTS COUNTY



The Pleasants County Commissioners recently passed a proclamation designating the week of September 23 - 27 as WVARSE Week. Pictured are the Pleasants County Commissioners with Pleasants County Association of Retired School Employees.

TAYLOR COUNTY



Taylor County Association of Retired School Employees met in July for their annual picnic. President Sue Murphy planned for the picnic to be held aboard the Princess as members and their guests enjoyed a 2-hr. narrated cruise of Tygart Lake. The evening provided plenty of food, fellowship, relaxation, scenery, and learning. Attendance more than doubled from previous picnics with plans being made to repeat this activity next year with just one change...a 3-hr. cruise!

TUCKER COUNTY



The Tucker County Commission honored the retired school employees by declaring the week of September 23-28 as WVARSE/TCARSE week.

GILMER COUNTY



In recent presentation, Gilmer County's happy GCARSE Co. President Marie Schimmel presents a symbolic check for \$1.1 million for the local organization's 53,000+ hours of volunteer service to the City of Glenville and Gimer County. Accepting the giant check are Glenville Mayor Dennis Fitzpatrick and City Assistant Mindy Fitzpatrick. This organization is certainly worth a Folks Who Shine commendation to GCARSE members, along with their other officers: Co President Sharon Moyers, Secretary Sharon Radabaugh, and Treasurer Mary Strickland. Keep up the great work.

BARBOUR COUNTY

Retired School Personnel Renovate Mouse Run School



Members of the Barbour County Association of Retired School Employees are shown planning the annual cleaning and repair projects on the historic Mouse Run School during August in preparation for the recent Barbour County Fair. Each year, the local chapter donates the necessary labor, supplies and materials to help protect the pre-Civil War era structure. BCARSE sponsors the structure and the related open house activities in late summer. During the last week of August, local elementary students and scores of other visitors from Barbour and surrounding counties and several other states visited the school and heard stories about the school's history and operation. The Mouse Run Log School, a monument to early rural American education, was built in the 1840's on what is now the Bernard Everson farm on Mouse Run Road. The 17' by 30' one-room structure was one of the very first free schools to be constructed in the region. Following its donation to the BCARSE in 1984, the old school building was dismantled, transported to the Barbour County Fairgrounds, and then reassembled. When promised governmental funding for the necessary repairs and renovations failed to materialize, members of the association solicited donations of money, material and labor to secure and furnish the school themselves, with its dedication finally occurring on July 4, 1989. Thousands of visitors have since stepped back in time to envision the pupils, their surroundings and activities in this one-room log school of by-gone days.

BCARSE Vehicle Makes High Profile Appearances in Barbour



The automobile belonging to Barbour County chapter president, John Armentrout, has served multiple roles recently in its new use as a promotional vehicle (literally) for the BCARSE membership. Decorated for fall activities, it has featured a scarecrow in a rocking chair on the hood, along with a pair of the organization's new banners.

The sign features the WVARSE logo and the local chapter's name, along with the adopted slogan, "Remaining Active through Serving and Learning." It is surrounded by a border that lists the many educational roles of its members. By its members appearing in the Barbour County Fair's Feature Parade and the Philip Barbour High School Homecoming Parade, the local association hopes to raise community awareness of BCARSE, its contributions and its goals.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY



Members of the Hampshire County Association of Retired School Employees met at the Romney Senior Center on October 2, 2019, to enjoy the lasagna meal provided at the Senior Center and to socialize with the seniors who lunch at the Center. At 1 p.m. members prepared 150 “blizzard bags” for Hampshire County people who receive Meals on Wheels. This project evolved from the Blizzard Boxes provided by AARP back in the early 2000’s. HARSE has continued this project partnering with the County senior services and Capon Chapel UM Church at Capon Bridge. HCARSE members donate money to help purchase bags and the items that go in them. Member helpers pictured are Donna Clovis, Donna Davis, Beth Parsons, Nancy Davis, Martha Bloom, Delegate Ruth Rowan and husband Tom, Bob Smith, Gennie Heatwole, and Carol Fultz. Missing from the picture were helping members Diana Ours and Joyce Oates.

GRANT COUNTY

Rita Hammond Membership Award



The first Rita Hammond Membership Award was given to Grant County for having the highest percentage increase in membership. President Patty Adkins holding the plaque.

MERCER COUNTY



Princeton City Mayor, David E. Graham, presented a Certificate of Proclamation naming the week of September 22 - 28, 2019 as “West Virginia and Mercer County Association of Retired School Employees’ Week” to MCARSE President Ann Pauley and Vice President Peggy Johnson at their City Council Meeting on September

JACKSON COUNTY

JCARSE members voted to donate funds to help sponsor a school safety program entitled “We Care” following a presentation by Todd Ritchie, one of the

founders of the program, Ravenswood Chief of Police Lance Morrison, and Rev. Chris Skeens. The program aims to provide secure doors and bullet-proof windows to

protect children in light of the horrific attacks on school children and staff recently. It is a community effort, involving the county schools, churches, law enforcement,


and businesses. JCARSE is proud to say that, although we have retired, we still love the children we served during our working years and “We Care”.

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New Life Vouchers

Below is the list of counties who received their vouchers with number of new life members listed for the WVARSE year 2018-2019 in the mail recently. Fayette, Hancock, Jefferson, Lincoln, Mason, Raleigh, the State Department, Wood and Wyoming – one. Cabell, Greenbrier, Lewis, Marshall, Morgan, Randolph, Taylor, Webster, and Wirt- two. Braxton, Mineral, Preston, Roane, Tucker, Tyler, and Wetzel -three. Jackson – four. Boone– five. Hampshire – six. Brooke, Harrison, Putnam, and the School for the Deaf and Blind – seven. Berkeley, Kanawha, Nicholas, Ohio, and Upshur -eight. Barbour and Mercer – nine. Marion – ten. Grant county recruited fourteen new life members. Grant county also received the Rita Hammond membership plaque at Annual Council for having the greatest membership increase—42%. Congratulations to all of the above counties for their hard work.

We now have dues deductible membership forms. Using dues deductible will eliminate the need to renew your membership each year. By completing the application below, including the last 4 digits of your social security number and signature, \$1.67 will be deducted from your monthly retirement account. This will amount to \$20.04 per year. The 4 cents is a WVARSE service fee. You will save postage each year and won’t have to remember to send in your renewal. This will also help local county units.



**WEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF
RETIRED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES**
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**WVARSE MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION**

Authorization to deduct WVARSE Membership dues Annual State Dues: \$ 15.04* Annual County Dues: \$ 5.00 Total: \$ 20.04 Last 4 digits of Social Security & Signature Required Social Security # xxx-xx-_____ By my signature, I authorize the Teachers’ Retirement System (TRS) to deduct WVARSE dues in the amount of \$1.67 monthly. _____ Signature		Please Print: (name as it appears on your retirement account) Name _____ Date _____ Last First Middle Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Old Address if changed _____ Phone () _____ Retired From _____ (Name of County, College, University, Other) Email _____ Membership is not tax deductible	
If your annual dues have been paid for 2019-2020, please indicate date for deduction to begin _____		Please send complete application to:	
For WVARSE Office Implementation Date _____		WVARSE 200 Elizabeth Street Charleston WV 25311	
		* \$ 1.67 X 12 = \$20.04. The 4 cents is a WVARSE Service Fee.	

Membership is still available using the old membership application for those who do not want dues deductible.

~ In Memoriam ~

BRAXTON

Pat Blake
Patricia Sue Sumpter Dobbins
Mary Madeline
Mary Nell Herndon
Lillian B Stalnaker
Dessie Marie Wilson

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Charlotte Gray

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WVARSE Membership Report

Monday, November 25, 2019 Processed for Year Ending 6/30/2020

REGION I	Last Yr	Current	Potential
BROOKE	169	161	463
FAIRMONT	17	13	122
HANCOCK	224	177	559
MARION	239	183	884
MARSHALL	193	157	674
MONONGALIA	156	94	909
OHIO	314	259	594
PLEASANTS	86	68	172
TYLER	60	49	165
W. LIBERTY	1	1	42
WETZEL	65	39	346
WVU	27	26	556
TOTAL	1551	1227	5486

REGION II	Last Yr	Current	Potential
BARBOUR	105	92	289
BRAXTON	83	75	291
DODDRIDGE	20	7	141
GILMER	42	37	136
GLENVILLE	13	15	80
HARRISON	338	266	1145
LEWIS	107	80	294
PRESTON	161	120	510
RANDOLPH	181	128	470
TAYLOR	144	107	258
TUCKER	57	49	140
UPSHUR	262	235	435
WEBSTER	69	53	233
TOTAL	1582	1264	4422

REGION III	Last Yr	Current	Potential
BOONE	228	198	518
CALHOUN	21	6	157
CLAY	15	15	218
JACKSON	137	118	460
KANAWHA	388	281	3281
RITCHIE	30	30	173
ROANE	57	59	265
STATE DEPT	36	26	396
WIRT	61	66	111
WOOD	343	236	1530
WVS	5	5	72
TOTAL	1321	1040	7181

Membership Year
July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020

REGION IV	Last Yr	Current	Potential
CABELL	183	132	1456
LINCOLN	114	88	435
LOGAN	33	34	741
MASON	58	49	447
MINGO	28	23	664
MU	6	5	223
PUTNAM	151	116	786
WAYNE	150	86	808
TOTAL	723	533	5560

REGION V	Last Yr	Current	Potential
CONCORD	3	1	65
FAYETTE	159	131	836
GREENBRIER	132	108	643
MCDOWELL	153	78	697
MERCER	241	179	1201
MONROE	16	13	226
NICHOLAS	110	93	518
POCAHONTAS	100	89	168
RALEIGH	172	94	1351
SUMMERS	110	82	235
WVTT	3	3	5
WYOMING	95	85	580
TOTAL	1294	956	6525

REGION VI	Last Yr	Current	Potential
BERKELEY	174	169	952
DEAF & BLIND	35	14	175
GRANT	63	108	214
HAMPSHIRE	69	31	281
HARDY	33	33	199
JEFFERSON	123	92	516
MINERAL	125	134	442
MORGAN	82	73	211
PENDLETON	54	42	162
POTOMAC	5	3	7
SHEPHERD	5	4	29
TOTAL	768	703	3188

	Last Yr	Current	Potential
Total Members	7239	5723	32362

Life membership — \$100 ...
Life members — Remember to
update your address and pay
county membership dues

If you are an active, annual state member,
you can convert to a state life membership for
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DUES FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020

STATE LIFE MEMBER PAYING	
COUNTY DUES ONLY	\$ 5.00
SUPPLEMENTAL DUES	\$
TOTAL LIFE/COUNTY DUES	\$

STATE LIFE MEMBERSHIP	\$ 100.00
PLUS ANNUAL COUNTY DUES	\$ 5.00
SUPPLEMENTAL DUES	\$
TOTAL LIFE/COUNTY DUES	\$
COUNTY LIFE MEMBERSHIP	\$

ANNUAL STATE DUES	\$ 15.00
ANNUAL COUNTY DUES	\$ 5.00
SUPPLEMENTAL DUES	\$
TOTAL ANNUAL DUES	\$

PLEASE PRINT: (Name as it appears on your retirement check)

NAME _____ DATE _____ Associate () Life ()
Last First Middle Renewal () New ()

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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

RETIRED FROM _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____
(NAME OF COUNTY, COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, OTHER)

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The MORGAN COUNTY unit began the 2019-2020 school year with their annual indoor picnic in August. Recognized was the family of Kayley Brinegar, recipient of the MCARSE 2019 Scholarship Award. Kayley had already begun WVU, majoring in Biochemistry when the picnic occurred. Shown from left to right are brothers, Braden and Justin and mother Charity Brinegar and Aunt Linda Martin with Uncle Dellis Martin.



Their September meeting was a field trip to the Morgan County Boys and Girls Club with the Executive Director, Chris Risinger (also son of member Darlene Risinger) giving a very informative presentation. The group donated \$180 to support the costs of a child to attend the club for a year.



The October meeting was lots of fun with a potluck meal, silent auction and a water color activity. Shown are members Larry and Rachel Sarti, Debbie Haines, Judy Weber and Beulah Milner.



The 2020 Teacher of the year, Tia Myers—Teacher at Warm Springs Intermediate School and 2020 Service Personnel of the Year—Echo Stotler—clerk at Berkeley Springs High School were also recognized.



Oswald Yates, Sr.
Corporal (Tech 4), U.S. Army
1st Army, 3rd Armored Division
33rd Regiment ("Spearhead")
Purple Heart-February 1945

Harry Oswald Yates spent three Christmases in the US Army

After being drafted at the age of 20 Oswald left Monroe Co for Ft Knox Kentucky Dec 1, 1943. He spent his first Christmas at Ft Knox. After training he was shipped to Glasgow Scotland to “wait” for two weeks before departing on a landing launch ship for France. In France, Oswald was First Armor, 3rd Division, located behind the preliminary forces. Eventually his platoon was sent into fox holes. Being bored, or inquisitive he started roaming around. A First L stopped him, asked if he could drive, and gave him the assignment of being driver of a jeep which escorted the officers. Now he was in the 32nd Division. He spent an enjoyable time in Paris, delivering mail and driving officers around. Sometimes he went with them on vacations. He spent his second Christmas in France. Oswald was put in the 33rd Division which went into Germany at the Bulge. The troops crossed the river in pontoon boats. His jeep followed, dodging remnants of war. Unfortunately, he wrecked. All men in the jeep, jumped out and started running from enemy fire. Luckily, Oswald tripped. As he was going down, 3 bullets hit him from the back, but only one injured him. He never got back his full strength in the left arm. Those that survived were captured by the Germans, but the Allied Forces rescued them later. After a short time in hospital in France, he was promised in November that he would make it home by Christmas. Poor Oswald was put on a little “tub” just before Christmas and didn’t make it to the states until much later. He spent his 3rd Christmas on the tub. He arrived in New York City on _____ and then home. His wife Doris Yates was not his sweetheart at the time, but she still remembers the young wounded soldier coming home in his uniform.