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General Election Results

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The Right to Vote

The Right to Vote explained and detailed in which amendment? "What?" no one knows the one amendment that explains the right to vote?

There are actually three sections in three different amendments that details a different aspect of voting rights.

Voting is an American principle and a basic democratic right that should be protected, promoted, and practiced, which is why many people are surprised to learn that the U.S. Constitution provides no explicit right to vote. This leaves voting rights vulnerable to the whims of politicians, and some citizens with fewer rights than others.

Eligibility to vote in the United States is established both through the federal constitution and by state law. Several constitutional amendments (**the 15th, 19th, and 26th specifically**) require that voting rights cannot be abridged on account of race, color, previous condition of servitude, sex, or age for those above 21; the constitution as originally written did not establish any such rights during 1787–1870. In the absence of a specific federal law or constitutional provision, each state is given considerable discretion to establish qualifications for suffrage and candidacy within its own respective jurisdiction; in addition, states and lower level jurisdictions establish election systems, such as at-large or single member district elections for county councils or school boards.

One result of the Civil War was the addition of three new amendments to the Constitution.

Four of the fifteen post-Civil War constitutional amendments were ratified to extend voting rights to different groups of citizens. These extensions state that voting rights cannot be denied or abridged based on the following:

"Race, color, or previous condition of servitude" (15th Amendment, 1870)

"On account of sex" (19th Amendment, 1920)

"By reason of failure to pay any poll tax or other tax" for federal elections (24th Amendment, 1964)

"Who are eighteen years of age or older, to vote, shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of age" (26th Amendment, 1971)

In the final years of the American Civil War and the Reconstruction Era that followed, Congress repeatedly debated the rights of the millions of black former slaves. By 1869, amendments had been passed to abolish slavery and provide citizenship and equal protection under the laws, but the election of Ulysses S. Grant to the presidency in 1868 convinced a majority of Republicans that protecting the franchise of black male voters was important for the party's future. On February 26, 1869, after rejecting more sweeping versions of a suffrage amendment, Congress proposed a compromise amendment banning franchise restrictions on the basis of race, color, or previous servitude. After surviving a difficult ratification fight, the amendment was certified as duly ratified and part of the Constitution on March 30, 1870.

In **Fifteenth Amendment (Amendment XV)** to the United States Constitution there is a prohibition against the federal and state governments from denying a citizen the right to vote based on that citizen's "race, color, or previous condition of servitude". It was ratified on February 3, 1870, as the third and last of the Reconstruction Amendments. The **15th Amendment** to the Constitution granted African American men the right to vote by declaring that the "right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude."

Since the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the 24th Amendment to the Constitution, and related laws, voting rights have been legally considered an issue related to election systems. The Supreme Court ruled in 1964 that both houses of all state legislatures had to be based on election districts that were relatively equal in population size, under the "one man, one vote" principle. In 1972, the Court ruled that state legislatures had to redistrict every ten years based on census results; at that point, many had not redistricted for decades, often leading to a rural bias.

Even as the rising American electorate gains momentum, new regressive laws, rulings, and maneuvers are threatening voting rights. The voter or American Citizen should always be vigilant and watchful for any threatening regulation against the right to vote.



Swimin' in the Softball Field

Today the Monroe Cabin had a major win (4-3) during the afternoon activities in softball against Randolph cabin. The beginning was kind of rough for the Monroe cabin. It wasn't until the second half of the game when they rallied for the win. Even though there were many outstanding stars during the game, one that stood out the most was Zach Cline. Like the Monroe Cabin, Zach also had a rough beginning. He then started to push himself toward the end of the game and himself four catches for an out and a RBI. All played a key part in helping the Monroe cabin win. Zach played outfield the first half of the game and second base during the second half. Another top athlete during the softball game was Austin Stricklin. Austin hit a whopping total of four hits into the outfield.

Staff Reporter (part time)- Ryan Wratchford



Lewis Cabin

The Lewis Cabin has been excelling when it comes to sports. Not only do they always have a full team of players ready to give all the have to make their cabin proud, they also always have multiple people from the cabin cheering them on in the sidelines. They have a straight winning record so far here at Boys State.

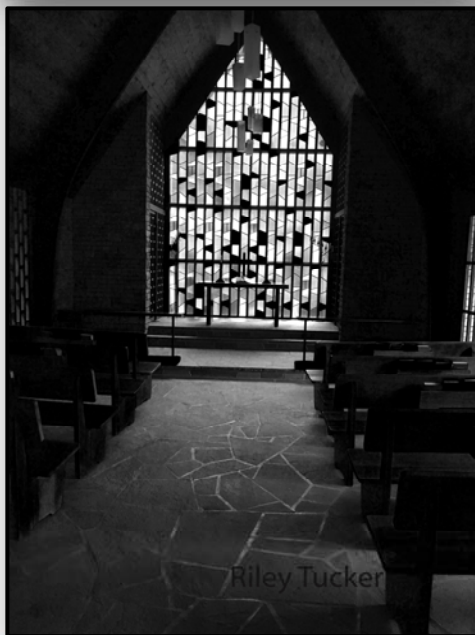
Out of all of their impressive wins, one stands out. On Tuesday from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm they played an intense game of basketball against Kanawha County. Each team member tried so hard, and they ended up winning the game with a score of 104-24.

Once they returned to the cabin, they took time to celebrate all of their accomplishments as a group. They are feeling extremely confident and are ready to continue their impressive streak in games to come.



Congratulations, Lewis Cottage!!!

Nature Shots from Jackson's Mill



Sports Corner

The 2017-2018 NBA season came to a close last week when the Golden State Warriors swept the Cavaliers to claim their third championship in four years. Unfortunately for LeBron it doesn't look like this dynasty will crumble anytime soon. Kevin Durant recently told ESPN that he plans to re-sign with the Warriors this July. This move has serious implications throughout the league, creating a near insurmountable challenge for any team that hopes to contend with them.

The sustained greatness of the Warriors may have made the formation of a new super team, with James at the helm, necessary in order to compete with the elite squad that Golden state has assembled. Where he lands (the Los Angeles Lakers? the Houston Rockets? the Philadelphia 76ers?) has yet to be seen.

The NHL also finished up its season this past week, when the Washington Capitals defeated the NHL's newest team, the Vegas Golden Knights, four games to one in the Stanley Cup Finals. This victory marks the end of the team's longtime playoff curse. Capitals fans will regard June 7th, 2018, as the day their beloved Left Wing, Alex Ovechkin, finally got his championship. While Washington came out on top, the series is regarded as a major victory for the Knights, whose prospects as an expansion team at the beginning of the season were bleak.

Speaking with the Beard

In the woods near Randolph Cottage today, I interviewed Connor Wickline, the Nationalist party's candidate for governor. You may know him best by his slogan, "Fear the Beard." He stands for more funding for infrastructure to improve the overall condition of roads around the state, education reform to improve the futures of our youngest citizens, and is dedicated to seeking solutions to improve the overall economic health of West Virginia with a focus on job creation.

By William Arnett

Word On The Street **How is your Boys State going?**

Jacob Pennell from the Panhandle says "I've learned a lot and my feet are wet."
Enrique from Webster says "Pretty good, I'm meeting a lot of new people, making a lot of new friends and just having a lot of good experiences."

Brain Teaser:

A sharpshooter hung up his hat and put on a blindfold. He then walked 100 yards, turned around, and shot a bullet through his hat. The blindfold was a perfectly good one, completely blocking the man's vision. How did he manage this?

The first person to come to the journalism building with the correct answer receives a ticket for a free prize.

Reported by : Ethan Mallow



Governor Jim Justice

James C. Justice, II was born April 27, 1951, to James Conley Justice and Edna Ruth Justice. He graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1969, and attended Greenbrier Military Academy as a post graduate. Governor Justice went to Marshall University and was captain of the golf team for two years before earning his undergraduate degree and a Masters in Business Administration.



He joined his family's business in 1976. Because of his strong interest in nature and the outdoors, he started Justice Family Farms in 1977 in Monroe County. Justice Farming Operations has grown to be a major agricultural enterprise.

He is a long time member of the National Corn Growers Association and a seven time national corn growing champion. Jim, a passionate sportsman himself, developed Stoney Brook Plantation in Monroe County. In 2016 Jim and his great bird dog companion, Lilly, bagged 73 grouse in our Mountain State.

After the death of his father in 1993, Jim became the president and CEO of Bluestone Industries, Inc. and Bluestone Coal Corporation. Before being elected governor, Jim was the president and CEO of 102 different companies.

In 2009, Justice rescued the Greenbrier resort in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. Giving back to the community is at the core of who the governor is. In 2010, he was named a "Distinguisher West Virginian" by Governor (now Senator) Joe Manchin. He was chosen Mountain Athletic Conference "coach of the Year" and in 2014 was named "West Virginian of the Year".

In May 2015, Justice announced his campaign to seek the office of governor of West Virginia. He won with a broad coalition of support from Democrats, Republicans and Independents.

Citizen Spotlight

Randolph "The Standoff" Wyatt is a citizen of Lewis Cabin and is running for the position of treasurer in the Federalist platform. He is originally from St. Albans High School in Kanawha County. In his school he enjoys playing video games, participating in the History Bowl, and he takes an interest in sociology. When he first arrived to Boys State he was surprised by the amount of people that are in attendance. He is now greatly enjoying his time in the program, and he hopes that everyone will consider voting for him as Boys State Treasurer.

Published by Dylan Barker

Boys State Bank

Are you a hopeful member of a **City Council** or **School Board** looking to fund your county?



Are you a citizen looking to **buy property** at the Boys State **Auction??**

Come see the **Boys State Bank**
to apply for a **LOAN**

We are offering personal or official loans with a 10% interest rate.

Leonard "Frank" Cooley

Frank Cooley was born in Newhall, West Virginia and grew up in Marytown, West Virginia, where he attended schools in the area, before graduating in 1965 from Welch High School.

He served in the United States Army from November 1965, until 1971 with a Honorable Discharge. He is married to the former Angela Diana Davidson and they have two sons Leonard and James and one granddaughter Samantha. He was employed at the HC Lewis Oil Company for 50 years and still works when not spending time with family and the American Legion.

He and his wife Ann reside in Welch, West Virginia and they are members of the Anderson Memorial Presbyterian Church on Stewart Street in Welch. He is one of the Elders and Ann is in the Choir.

He has been active with American Legion Post 8 for more than 20 years and he is a paid up for life member. He is a former member of the Color Guard, Past Commander, serves as Sgt. of Arms and Chairman of the Board of Governors. On the District Level, he served as Sgt. of Arms, Adjutant, and two six-year terms as District Commander. On the Department Level, he served as Asst. Sgt. of Arms, Department Vice Commander, 2000-2001 and 2014-2015. Asst. Membership Chairman 2015-2016; Department Membership Chairman 2016-2017.

He works in local high schools with boys, who are planning on attending the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Program at Jackson Mills, where he serves as a Senior Counselor. He serves on State and National Committees and attended the Membership Workshop at National. He is Active with Voiture #1171 40&8 in Welch where he a Past Chef de Gare and still serves as Correspondence. He coached midget league football in Welch for 20 years, while working with the Welch High School Football Program. He is active with the Masonic Order, member of Beni Kedem Shriners, Past President of McDowell Shrine, Charter Member of McDowell County Shrine Clown Alley, Past President of the Mighty Welch Lions Club, served as Sight Chairman.

Also, he served on Welch City Council for 30 years and as a Volunteer Fireman for 26 years.



MENU

BREAKFAST

Omelets
Sausage Patties/Biscuits
Hot & Cold Cereal
Fruit
Juice/Milk

LUNCH

Tuna & Macaroni Casserole
Corn
Peaches/Fresh fruit
Salad
Chocolate pudding

DINNER

Hot Dogs	Cookies
Veg. Beans	Fruit
Cole Slaw	

WV Detachment of the Sons of The American Legion Commander Matt Bland

Randy "Matt" Bland has been a member in good standing of Squadron 28, New Martinsville for 17 years. He has held the office of Detachment Chaplain, District Commander, and Detachment Vice Commander as well as finance Officer.

Matt's membership is eligible under his father, Joh Bland, who was a highly decorated WWII veteran. Matt is an ironworker with Local 549 in Wheeling. In his "*not so spare time*", Matt enjoys building projects. The most impressive is the Wetzel County Wall of Honor that is situated at the Post 28 home. He designed and drew the blueprints for the wall, as well as physically building this hometown wall to honor veterans.



Rosie Ruby Coberly

A resident of Glenville, Ruby Coberly grew up in Gilmer County, WV. She graduated from Glenville High School and attended two years at Glenville State. Upon marrying, she moved to Baltimore where her husband worked in a shipyard. At the urging of her sister, Mrs. Coberly sought a paying job finding work with Montgomery Ward and then Pep Boys. Then in July, 1945, she got a job in a defense plant working as a typist for Glenn L. Martin Aviation which built aircraft for the war effort. She and her husband moved back to West Virginia in September, 1945. Later, she attended beauty school in Morgantown and eventually operated her own beauty shop in her home until retiring in 2009.

More information: <http://www.thanksplainandsimple.org/>



All is Well in Barbour Cottage

In Barbour Cottage, just past HQ, Dallas King hosts a small army of young men. All 15 of these growing boys got up and learned how to make a bed this morning. A few needed direction in the art of hospital corners and the making of a wrinkle-free sleeping area. Others swept and tidied up the cabin in preparation for inspection. Thomas Martineau says, "It was really relaxed. There wasn't much pressure, and the cabin worked well together." Concerning inspection preparation. Paul Boddy added, "It was pretty simple." Barbour Cabin is off to a good start as the boys begin to form new friendships.

Noah Carr, Barbour Cottage

Glamorous Gilmer Cottage News

In Gilmer Cottage, we have a variety of citizens with many different personalities. Today, I would like to focus on an individual named Isaac Wilfong. Isaac comes from North Marion High School where he participates in many athletic activities. So has had a rough experience so far at Boys State, but he believes that his commitment will pay off by the end of the week. Isaac is currently running for Secretary of State in the Federalist Party. 'I want to do this to gain experience' he said. Isaac hopes that his experience at American Legion Mountaineer Boys State will allow him to be better prepared for his future.

Article by, Noah Jeffries

The Lewis Cabin

Today the Lewis cabin had a major win at the hard court volleyball game against the Braxton cabin. They are hoping to also win the sand court volleyball game that is scheduled later today against the Marion cabin.

Many citizens of the cabin have been making campaign signs and walking around Jackson's Mill to try and gather support for their positions.

Lewis County is the cabin closest to the Mill Pond. It is two stories, and it houses 36 members currently. Lewis county's residents have decided to be very involved with government while they are here. In our cabin we have citizens that have taken initiative and decided to run for leadership positions such as governor and supreme court justice. Under the leadership of our advisors, Lewis county is the cabin with the second highest passing percentage of the bar exam.

Dylan Barker, Lewis Cottage



From Nurse Hoag:

Why should we wash our hands? Germs spread by touching someone else's dirty hands or handling contaminated water or food. They also spread through droplets in the air after someone sneezes or coughs. They can spread by coming in contact with a sick person's bodily fluids.

The best way to prevent the spread of germs and bacteria is by washing your hands with soap and water. People touch their face, mouth, nose, and eyes 2000 to 3000 times a day without even realizing it. Germs from unwashed hands can get into drinks and on foods when people do not wash their hands. Hand washing helps prevent the spread of infection. Germs can also be transferred to other objects, like handrails, table tops and are then transferred to another person's hands then to the face, eyes, mouth.

Washing your hands will help stop the transfer of germs, prevent eye and skin infections, stop diarrhea and even respiratory infections. **WASH YOUR HANDS!!!**



FBI Police Honor Guard

The FBI Police Honor Guard team was founded in 1996. The team serves at multiple functions every year to include Boys State, the WV Fallen Officers Ceremony at CJIS, and the Assistant Director's Awards for excellence. The FBI Police Honor Guard Team has served on funeral details when an officer passes away, whether from circumstances in the line of duty or otherwise, assuring their funerals reflect honor and respect for the fallen's service and dedication.

Below are individuals representing the FBI Honor Guard at Boys State.

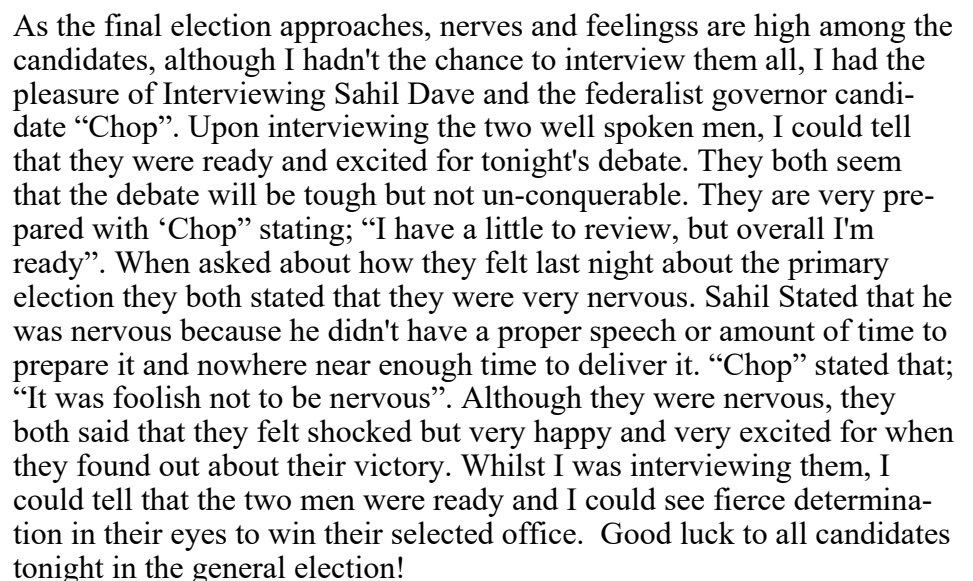
SGT Danny K. Johnston-Buckhannon WV. 15 years FBI Police. Former Army

OFC Donald W. Lowe Idamay WV. 8 years FBI Police. Former Marine

Officer Judd Holcomb Weston, WV. 1 year FBI Police. Former Lewis County Deputy Sheriff. Former Army Current National Guard

Officer Terrance Reaves Morgantown, WV. 1 year FBI Police. Former Air Force.

Thank you!!!



Political News

Reported By: Ian Beller, Lewis Cabin

As the final election approaches nerves and feelings are high among the candidates, although I hadn't the chance to interview them all, I had the pleasure of Interviewing Sahil Dave and the federalist governor



candidate "Chop". Upon interviewing the two well spoken men, I could tell that they were ready and excited for tonight's debate. They both seem that the debate will be tough but not un-conquerable.

They are very prepared with "Chop" stating; "I have a little to review, but overall I'm ready". When asked about how they felt last night about the primary election they both stated that they were very nervous. Sahil Stated that he was nervous because he didn't

have a proper speech or amount of time to prepare it and nowhere near enough time to deliver it. "Chop" stated that; "It was foolish not to be nervous". Although they were nervous, they both said that they felt shocked but very happy and very excited for when they found out about their victory. Whilst I was interviewing them, I could tell that the two men were ready and I could see fierce determination in their eyes to win their selected office. Good luck to all candidates tonight in the general election!



Daily Common Critters

West Virginia is known for its diverse fauna. We've all seen a plump ground hog waddling through a field of flowing grain or a sneaky coyote lurking in the shadows of the great oaks of a deciduous forest. What most people here at Boys State probably don't realize is just how many critters are running under their noses (besides the mice that may scurry in and out of our cabins)! Here are some animal populations that you may not have realized are so prominent here in Lewis County, WV.

Wednesday: Opossum

Often referred to as the garbage disposal of nature, the opossum is known for its ability to eat just about anything. It manages to fend off predators by being so utterly repulsive. Due to its diet of carrion and disease ridden ticks, you might assume the opossum is constantly sick. That is not the case. As far as scientists can tell, opossums are immune to every common disease and poison found in nature, which makes them a perfect candidate for their niche in the ecosystem.



Common throughout Eastern North America, they are thought to originate in South America. Most believe they came to North America when North and South America connected, during a time referred to as the Great American Interchange, where many species from North and South America swapped places as a result of migration. The name opossum comes from the Powhatan Native Americans. It translates to "dog-like beast or white dog." If you spot a opossum here in camp, there is no need to get upset. These marsupials are very oblivious by nature, especially during the day. Simply steer clear. Don't bother them and they certainly won't bother you. They will eventually find their way back to the forest.

Thomas Kitzmiller

What to Do

“What was that? Speak up, man.”

“E-Everyone already knows, sir.”

“Wait, aren’t you the new one here? You’ve been here for two months. You have nothing to do with this.” Devin and his loud mouth interjects. Again.

“Shut it, Devin! I have had enough of you this past few weeks. You do nothing but run your mouth. What was the last significant thing you did towards this research? Name one thing. Anything, if there is.” You can practically see the smoke billowing from Adam’s ears. After Devin says nothing, he yells again. “That’s what I thought. Go sit yourself in a seat and don’t speak another word until I say you can!” Devin almost interjects, but stops himself before he speaks another word. Adam begins again with, “If you disobey this order, it may be the last order you are given here.”

“Yes, sir.” You can hear the grumpiness in Devin’s voice. Every person in the room, including Adam himself, snickers as Devin mopes over to his chair and drops into it.

“Now, kid, explain yourself. What did you mean by ‘everyone already knows’?”

The tiny boy, no older than nineteen, steps forward with his phone in hand. “It’s already posted everywhere, sir. Someone in here put it not only on the website, but it is also on social media already.”

“How did all of this happen within such a short amount of time? Who was it? Come forward now and any and all consequences will be lessened.” Adam searches the room with his eyes while searching for any sign of someone who might have posted it. When suddenly, an unexpected voice speaks.

“It was me sir.” Devin. “I may have forgotten to mention on the posts that it was one of the best jokes ever played at this institution. Sorry.”

Adam fumes in anger, charging towards Devin’s chair. “You mean you posted this? Not only were you the one to play the joke that ruined everyone’s day, but you also failed to mention that you posted it? Without mentioning that you scammed us all? Are you serious?”

“Sorry, sir, but I am one hundred percent serious.”

“That’s it! Get out, and don’t turn back!”

But, sir!” Devin is clearly devastated.

“Don’t ‘but, sir’ me! Leave!”

“Sir!”

“Now!”

“O-Okay. I’ll get my things.”

“Leave them! I’ll have them mailed to you. Get out of my sight.” Devin stands there, unmoving and dumbfounded. “I didn’t mean on your time! Go!”

“Yes, sir.” Devin lowers his head, not meeting anyone’s eyes as he makes his way to the door. He pauses right before leaving, as if he is about to turn around for one last look. Then, he abruptly throws the door open and storms out with a huff.

“Good riddance.”

“Alright everyone. It’s time to figure out what to do with this. Any ideas?” Adam’s voice carries through the silent room. Not a person says a word. “How about this? I think, maybe, we could get away with just going with it? We could make it seem real, and if anyone happens to find out what actually happened, we could say we didn’t know. Devin is already in trouble, so we could just blame him more right?” Still, no one speaks. “Okay, I know it sounds bad, but it’s our best option. We aren’t the bad guys. We can make this work. Agreed?”

The entire room quietly responds with “Yes, sir.”

“Okay then. Let’s get to it. Start posting more. Make sure everyone sees it. Make sure everyone believes it. Get the word out. We can go from there.” Adam sits at his desk and types away. Everyone slowly follows suit, and everything gradually falls into place. The battle for belief begins.

What Happens Next,? You Choose.

The public believes them

Nobody believe them

BRING YOUR CHOICE TO THE NEWSPAPER PERSONNEL

The Upshur Update:

The Upshur cabin is a strong structured, team that has high standards for each and everyone of its members. Some of the cabins main goals are;

⇒Win the best cabin award.

⇒Ensure everyone is involved in some way.

⇒0% unemployment within the cabin.

So far this cabin has demonstrated outstanding communication skills, which is going to be beneficial, to the team through-out the week. Their advice to you is, “ Keep on pushing, and don’t let people get in your way of what is important!

By: JESSE HAWK

When is the time of a clock like the whistle of a train?



**Be the first person to answer the question and win a free prize.
(Southeastern Learning Center)**

Hershel “Woody” Williams

Hershel “Woody” Williams was born and raised in 1923 on a dairy farm Quite Dell, West Virginia. After initially being rejected by the U.S. Marine Corps in 1943 for being too short, he was able to join the Marine Corps Reserve a few months later when the height requirement was reduced. On October 30, 1943, he joined the 32nd Replacement Battalion, which was sent to fight in the Pacific Theater of World War II. Williams fought in the Battle of Guadalcanal and Guam before landing on Iwo Jima on February 21, 1945.

Two days later, on the day the flag was raised on Iwo Jima’s Mt. Suribachi, Williams’ unit was bogged down in a heavily fortified area. Williams, with the aid of cover fire from only four Marines, used a flamethrower to attack enemy machine gun pillboxes. After destroying several Japanese positions, he opened a gap in the Japanese defenses which enabled the Marines to move ahead. For his actions on February 23, Williams received the Medal of Honor on October 4, 1945, from President Truman. He was also awarded the Purple Heart after being wounded on March 6.

Following the war, Williams served in the Marine Corps Reserve and retired as a chief warrant officer in 1969. He became lay minister for his church and served as Chaplain Emeritus of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. He was also a Veteran Services Officer at the Veterans Administration for 33 years, until his retirement in 1978.



Lisa Cadwallader Auxiliary President

Lisa Cadwallader has been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 40 years. Lisa is a member of Jackson-Perks Unit 71, Charles Town, WV. Lisa’s eligibility is through her grandfather who was a WWII Veteran. He was a member of 595th aircraft warning battalion and served in New Guinea and Luzon. He received the good conduct medal, American Theater Ribbon, Marksmanship badges and the WWII Victory Medal. Lisa’s father was a Korean War Veteran.



Lisa has served as Unity President, 2nd Vice, Executive committee, as well as Committee Chairman of many different programs. She has served as 10th District Vice President Chairman for Americanism and National security, and the committee for the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Lisa was employed for 29 years with one of the nation’s top 10 survey research companies, Westat, based in Rockville, Maryland. as Sr. System Analyst.