

DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA AUXILIARY NEWS

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A Word from the President

By Jane Lawrence, Department President

Wow Ladies, look how fast this year is passing. Spring is almost here and our Spring Conference and ALA College will be March 21st- 24th in Duluth. Please come and participate in the College, there is a lot to learn. I hope to see many of you there.

District Presidents, Officers and members remember we will still have our Silent Auction at the Conference to help raise money for the Department. All donations will be greatly appreciated

If you haven't made your reservations and brought your banquet tickets for the Home Coming Banquet please get them in ASAP.

A special "Thanks You" to Susan Hall for all your hard work on Membership. A thank you to the following Units for making their 2018-2019 membership goals. Unit 106, Trenton, Unit 235 Augusta, Unit 239 Dahlonega, Unit 506 Rome and Unit 558 Americus. We still need to work hard on membership, so please start calling your members who have not renewed and let them know about all the good things you are doing and would love to have them back.

Have a great month and continue to work hard for our Veterans, Military Families and your community

For God and Country.

Howdy Members 😊 Hope you are having
A Great Week and have an Awesome March!!

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Resolutions

Joann Meadows, Chairman

Resolution must be in the hand of the Resolution Chairman NO later than June 7, 2019 (NOT just postmarked June 7, 2019). Mail three copies to: Joann Meadows, 105 Woodridge Drive, NW, Woodridge Estates, Calhoun GA. 30701-9424 and one copy to: American Legion Auxiliary, Dept of GA., 3035 Mount Zion Rd., Stockbridge, GA 30281 to arrive NO later than June 7, 2019. The Resolution forms were in the packets passed out at Fall Conference. If you need another one it is on the website under Annual Report forms www.galegionaux.org.

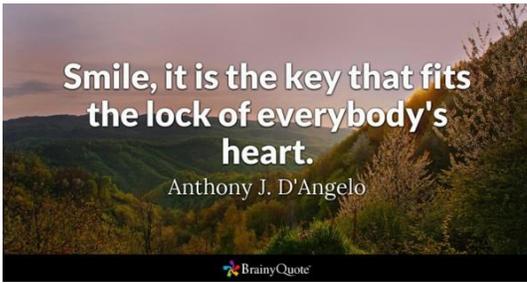
Past President Parley Scholarship

Ladies, please have your Units do a fundraiser at our Units to send money in for the Past President Parley for scholarships to be given out this year. The Dept. would appreciate any help with this. Thank you for what you do.

Miriam Stein

Secretary

By Patty Hawkins, Department Secretary



Spring Conference/College will be on March 21- 24th at the Sonesta Gwinnett Place Atlanta. There are still some Homecoming Banquet tickets available. Please check our website for the form.

2019 ALA Membership Dues Renewal Notice

It's time to renew your **American Legion Auxiliary** membership for 2019. Remember, ALA members now have 3 *easy* options for paying your membership dues: pay **online**, by **phone** or by **mail**.

How to renew your ALA membership for 2019:

Pay Online: Simply go to the national website www.ALAforVeterans.org. On the homepage, log-in to the "Members Section". (You'll need to create your free log-in if you haven't already done so, and it only takes a few seconds). Then, once you log-in, click "Pay Dues" under your welcome message. You'll then be prompted how to pay your renewal dues online. It's easy, secure, and only takes a couple minutes. And did you also know? NEW members can now join the Auxiliary online!

Pay by Phone: Call us at (317) 569-4500 and ask to pay your dues over the phone! You'll be transferred to a real person, plus you can make multiple members' payments over the phone at the same time.

Mail your payment: Contact your Unit or Department (state) Headquarters, tell them you want to mail your dues payment, and they can tell you where to mail your check or money order.

Remember, the 2019 ALA membership year is January through December. Payments made online or by phone receive prompt acknowledgement or your payment and an electronic copy of your membership card. If you have already paid by postal mail and are receiving this email, we thank you; your payment has not yet been submitted by your unit or department to ALA National Headquarters.

If you paid by mailing a check and have any questions, please contact your unit or department.

Our country's 22 million veterans need the American Legion Auxiliary. Only because of YOU can we continue our mission outreach, make a difference in our communities, and have an impact advocating for our military, veterans, and their families. **Thank you for continuing your ALA membership!**

1st Vice President / Leadership

By Valerie Brown-Debro, Dept. 1st Vice President



MARCH LEADERSHIP NEWS

March is here flowers are blossoming; it's a great time for mentoring. Sharing ideas and utilizing the knowledge and experience of Members who have served as leaders beyond the Unit level. Robert's Rules of Order and Parliamentary Procedure – a framework for good Leadership. Here are a few ideas: Members Build confidence in those you lead. Help people learn and develop. To increase members' confidence, encourage Members to utilize the Auxiliary Basics course (ALAforVeterans.org) and the ALA Leadership Academy; get out as a group and attend district meetings and conferences held in your location. A great way to build up members' competence – and thereby their confidence – is to delegate specific tasks that will help them grow in an area they're interested in. Just be careful that you don't delegate too soon or too quickly. Have your Members set reachable goals and, if necessary, to break difficult tasks into smaller, more manageable steps. Focus on Member's strengths. Their confidence and motivation will generally grow when they're given the chance to put their skills or expertise into practice. Treat everyone with dignity and respect. Each of us has a direct impact on developing future leaders by setting an example for others to emulate. Actively praise a member and provide positive feedback when someone does something well. We all like to feel appreciated and it takes so little to say, "Thanks, that was an awesome job you did!"

Valerie Brown-Debro
ALA Department 1st Vice President
Leadership Chairman
2018-2019

2nd Vice President/Membership

By Susan Hall, Department 2nd Vice President

It's hard to believe March is already here and there are only a few months left to the 2018-2019 year. This has been a wonderful year being your membership chairman. Don't forget to be calling your members that have not renewed for the 2019 year. Work together as a team with your unit's membership chairman and have a call party.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize those units that have reached the 100% quota. They are 106 Trenton, 506 Rome, 235 Augusta, 239 Dahlonga, 558 Americus, 123 Lexington, and 519 Thomasville. I would also like to Congratulate District 11 President Miriam Stein for chartering two new units this year. A reminder that the next target date of 75% membership is fast approaching the deadline is March 15th several units are so close keep up the good work I know you can reach the goal. A big shout out to District 10 and President Kris Ann Alexander for being the 1st District to hit the 75% membership goal and being in first place in the Department, keep up the great work with membership.

Membership is the heart of this organization for many reasons. Our membership is what keeps our organization running, it is also the reason we have a strong voice in Congress with the Legion, and it is the reason we are called the greatest women's organization. Our members are the heart of the American Legion Auxiliary. Please continue to work membership, by not only telling people who we are, what we do, and why we matter, but by showing them who we are, what we do and why we matter.

If I can be of assistance to any unit or district, please do not hesitate to call or email me. I look forward to seeing you all at the Spring Conference in Duluth. Remember my theme "Membership in Action Moving Forward".

Susan Hall
Membership Chairman
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HISTORIAN CORNER

By Pat Morgan, Department Historian

March is here and a lot is going on and it is important to keep up with the events for the yearly History reports.

As we enter the last months of putting History books together and comprising your unit History Reports here are a few points to remember:

- Be sure to gather the information of events held at your units and Posts
- Start writing your stories.
- Be sure to review the History Book guidelines and check off each one as you go along
- Make sure your Books and reports are submitted on time.

As a reminder a new "Anitia Owens Department of Georgia History Book 1st place Plaque" will be awarded for a Junior History Book. This is a way to shine a light on our Junior members and highlight all the wonderful events our Junior participate in. All History Books must be judged by your District and then the First, Second and Third place winners in each District sent to me no later than **June 5th, 2019.**

The Spring Conference will be held March 21st-24th. The DEC is at 6pm on the 21st. The Auxiliary College is going to be very informative and fun. This is an event you don't want to miss. I hope to see you there!

If I can assist you in any way, you may contact me by email at pimorga@aol.com or to 2229 Johnson Short Rd., Quitman, GA 31643.

Pat Morgan
(229) 561-4070

"WHEN THE ELDERLY DIE, A LIBRARY IS LOST AND VOLUMES OF WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE ARE GONE"

Department Chaplain

By Gloria Jean

March is National Women's History month. The theme for 2019 is "Visionary Women: Champions of Peace & Nonviolence."

This year we honor women who have led efforts to end war, violence, and injustice and pioneered the use of nonviolence to change society. These Honorees embraced the fact that the means determine the ends and so developed nonviolent methods to ensure just and peaceful results.

For generations, women have resolved conflicts in their homes, schools, and communities. They have rejected violence as counterproductive and stressed the need to restore respect, establish justice, and reduce the causes of conflict as the surest way to peace. From legal defense and public education to direct action and civil disobedience, women have expanded the American tradition of using inclusive, democratic and active means to reduce violence, achieve peace, and promote the common good.

From women's rights and racial justice to disarmament and gun control, the drive for nonviolent change has been championed by visionary women. These women consciously built supportive, nonviolent alternatives and loving communities as well as advocating change. They have given voice to the unrepresented and hope to victims of violence and those who dream of a peaceful world.

Let us embrace this month's theme and be champions of Peace and Nonviolence. Go to these websites to read more about how National Women's History Month came about. Very interesting reading!
<https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org>

Remember to pray for those members who are sick, hurting, and have lost loved ones. I am building the prayer list to send out to everyone. Please feel free to contact me anytime.

Have a blessed March and be the Champions you are blessed to be!

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Junior's Corner

Honorary Junior President

Jayleen Reid

Hello Auxiliary and Juniors Members,

It is time for Spring Conference. There is a \$5.00 registration fee for each member including Junior members.

This is a New membership year. The Auxiliary members including Junior members need to have a current membership card. With that being said, the Juniors need to have their current (2019) membership cards with them at the conference. They will be checked at the door. If they do not have it, they will not be allowed to participate in the activities.

The Juniors will be meeting in the Georgia Ballroom - Salon 1 from 9 am - 4 **pm, Saturday only**. They must be signed in and out, and they will only be released to the person who signed them in. Also, I would like to have a list of any allergies they may have (food allergies, insects bites or stings, etc.).

We are still raising money for our Honorary Junior President Jayleen Reid's Special Project. It is helping children with Sickle Cell Anemia. Kids don't get the full experience of having a normal childhood with this disease and helping them is her top priority. It hits close to home for her because she has a friend with Sickle Cell and her friend knowing that she helping around this topic makes her friend extremely happy.

The Juniors are collecting purses filled personal hygiene items to give to homeless female veterans.

Our Honorary Junior Officers

Jayleen Reid, President, Unit 294

Willa Payton, Vice President, Unit 197

Blakely Deal, Secretary, Unit 35

Abigail Prieto, Chaplain, Unit 77

Diona Brantley, Historian, Unit 35

Jade Cofer, Sgt-at-Arms, Unit 77

Naomi Johnson, Assistant Sgt-at-Arms, Unit 77

Please encourage your Juniors to attend the Spring Conference. They will have fun and learn some new things.

For God and Country,

Peggi Payton

Georgia Girls State

March 2019

WHERE: Statesboro, Georgia at Georgia Southern University

WHEN: June 9– 14, 2019

Fee is \$300.00 per girl

District Counselor Fee of \$300.00 and counselor selection is due ASAP

QUALIFICATIONS: Interest in government, leadership, citizenship, honesty, scholarship, character, and completion of their junior year in high school.

ORIENTATION: Orientation should be a part of your Girls State plan so that the girls and their parents understand in advance what to expect upon arrival. Please call on a staff member in your area to help with your orientation if help is needed. Former Girls Citizens can also be helpful when getting students prepared for the session.

PUBLICITY: Unit chairmen, be sure to contact local media for coverage as soon as your delegates have been selected. Many newspapers are willing to publish pictures and short articles about the program. Invite delegates to a unit meeting after the session to report to the unit.

As many of you already know, Georgia Girls State 2019 will use an Online Application. The 2019 online application is on the website. A few changes have been made. You can use the instructions on the PDF attached. <http://www.georgiagirlsstate.org>

In the Online Application, there is a 'Need Help?' drop down menu. If you have General Girls State questions, you may click on 'General Questions' and complete the form. I will receive this information and respond accordingly. If you have technical questions or are experiencing any issues with the application itself, click on 'Technical Questions,' complete the form, and our Technical Support Team will contact you directly.

You may contact Cynthia Orms directly (cmorms65@gmail.com or her cell 478-232-4831) to assist you with the applications again this year.

Please note that the Application is divided into multiple sections which are completed by the different parties involved (i.e., Auxiliary, Student, School and Parent/Guardian). Each section requires a different set of credentials to complete it. Please notify your high schools of these changes.

We made a few changes and hopefully improvements. Our Technical Support Team is available for that purpose. We ask for your patience and understanding as we work to simplify the process for all parties and please remember that we are all volunteers working towards the same goal, "To make Georgia Girls State the best experience for everyone involved." If you have not received an email from me with the online application process and instructions, please contact me and I will send you the needed information.

FEE: Checks must be made out to Girls State and mailed to the Department Headquarters. **Send the fee of \$300.00 per girl to the American Legion Auxiliary Department Headquarters, 3035 Mt. Zion Road, Stockbridge, GA 30281 before April 20, 2019** to assure space for your girls. If you find out that a girl is not coming after having sent in her application, please let us know. We make phone calls to all no shows on Sunday, June 9, 2019, and it will help us if we can limit the number of calls necessary. Let us know even up the last day. After I received the application, I will send the forms packets to the girls. If you plan to print the forms packet for your girls, please MAKE sure the documents are for the current year. The system will email forms to all girls, but you can provide copies of the current forms to the girls.

WEBSITE: www.georgiagirlsstate.org on the website you will be able to get applications and all documents necessary for girls' packets. Please do not give the girls old or past years' documents.

EMAIL: Georgia Girls State email: georgiagirlsstate@gmail.com for the director, Deedy Harrell

PHONE number: 770-337-7997 (Cell) Call or text.

IMPORTANT DATES:

APRIL 20, 2019 Checks for \$300.00 per girl due to the Department Headquarters

June 9, 2019 Arrival at Girls State between 1:00 and 3:00 PM

June 14, 2019 Graduation at 8:45 AM and departure by 1:00 PM

If your unit or district has funds, but no girls, please let me know because I have many girls, parents and schools contacting me for sponsorship.

Please join the Girls State Booster Club!! This gives the girls extras that are not a part of the fee.

We accept donations for extra staff members and necessary supplies for the program. THANKS!

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks for your support of American Legion Auxiliary Georgia Girls State.

Deedy Harrell, Director

The 2019 Georgia Girls State Online Application system is ready. If you used the system for 2018, there have been a few changes. Briefly:

1. Proceed to the Georgia Girls State website. You can click on this link or the site address is:
<http://www.georgiagirlsstate.org/>.
 2. Before starting an application, please click on 2019 Pre-Application Information.
 - a. You can print out that form and complete it or write down the information for each girl before starting.
 - b. That information is needed **prior** to starting an application.
 3. Once you have the information, click on the application link.
 - a. You can click on the link shown above or the address for the application is:
<http://cztineffect.com/ggs/auxiliary/>.
- NOTE: You can only create an account or start an application if you are a Unit or Post. Parents and schools cannot create accounts or start applications.**
4. Once you click on the link shown in #3, the system will guide you through the process step by step.
 - a. If you have not created your 2019 Auxiliary Account then you will click on "Create Auxiliary Account."
 - b. If you have already created your 2019 Auxiliary account, this is where you will log in to start or review your applications.
 5. Once you click on "Create Auxiliary Account," the system will take you to a new page to create your account. You will only need to do this once each year.
 - a. You will not be creating a user name like last year; you will be selecting your Unit and/or Post number from a dropdown list.
 - b. Once you have selected your Unit or Post number, you will create a password for your Unit/Post account.
 - i. The password is 5 digits and must contain at least one uppercase letter, one lower case letter, and one number.
 - c. From that page, you will be taken to an 'Auxiliary Information' page.
 - d. Once you have input all the required information, the system will indicate that your account has been created, click 'OK' and you will be taken to the original page.
 6. On that page, you will click on Yes to the question and it will take you to the log in page. You can then log in and start your applications.
 7. After you have created your 2019 account and wish to start new applications or review your applications, you will only need to log in each time.
 8. Once you start an application for your student(s), the student and the school will each receive emails to complete their portions of the application. You will not need to input any further information.
 9. You will receive an email each time an application has been completed in the system. At that time, please send in your check to the Department of Georgia.
 10. These instructions are included in the attached document. You may print them out, so you will not need to find this email whenever you need to go into the Online Application.

As always, we are here to assist you during this process. Please feel free to reach out to me at this email address or by phone at 770-337-7997. If you have technical questions about the application, you may contact Cynthia Orms by email (cmorms65@gmail.com) or by phone at 478-232-4831

ALA Academy course covers effective branding

The latest ALA Academy course is now available! In **ALA Branding and Why It Matters to Me**, ALA members will learn that branding is more than just a logo – it's also how the public perceives our organization and our values. In this course, members will gain a better understanding of why branding is critical to continue our mission of serving veterans, military, and their families. Learn more about the ALA Academy, and get started today on all courses – including ALA 101, **ALA Leadership: Living Our Motto of Service Not Self**, **ALA Communications Methods 201**, and **Establishing an ALA Culture of Goodwill** – alaforveterans.org



American Legion Auxiliary Honor Our Female Veterans

For Female Veterans who join as new members for the 2019 Membership Year, the national portion of dues (\$12) will be waived for their first year of membership.

The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Georgia voted at our Fall Conference in 2015, for Female Veterans who join as new members for the 2019 Membership Year, the Department's portion will also be waived for their first year of membership.

Some of the Units are waiving their membership portion as well.

Ladies this is one way we can Honor Our Female Veterans and build our membership. Lets' make them feel welcome!

Mission

In the spirit of Service, not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens mentor our youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

Core Values

Our statement of values is predicated on our founding purposes:

- Commitment to the four founding principles: Justice, Freedom, Democracy, Loyalty
- Service to God, our country, its veterans and their families.
- Tradition of patriotism and citizenship
- Personal integrity and family values
- Respect for the uniqueness of individual members
- Truthful, open communication in dealing with the public and our members
- Adherence to adopted policies and rules

ALA MIS PROGRAM ACCESS for Units/District Membership

Monies are DUE into Dept when Access is Requested.

The fee is \$10 per year per person (2 per Unit). This is the fee National charges. Forms are on the website or call the Department for copies. Due to the enforced rules all forms must be completed and signed by 5 current Unit Officer. At no time is an authorized person using ALA MIS is to share their password with anyone. If a person needs to be changed please send in a new form right away. Please let us know ASAP.

If Unit wants to continue having access to the ALA MIS the department must receive new forms and \$10 for each person per calendar year.

New: District Presidents can now have access to all the Units in their districts. This will be a read only and cannot make any changes. The fee is \$10 and will be good until December.



President's Theme:
"Ladybugs In Action For Veterans"

Membership Theme:
"Membership in Action Moving Forward"

National President's Theme:
"Serving Our Heroes"



Calendar of Upcoming Events 2019

- March 17, 2019 St. Patrick's Day
- March 21-24, 2019 Spring/College Conference Duluth
 Arrive on 21st DEC meeting 6pm
- April 19, 2019 Good Friday (office closed)
- April 22, 2019 Easter Sunday
- May 27, 2019 Memorial Day/Poppy Launching
- June 28-30, 2019 Dept. Convention VALDOSTA
 Arrive on 27th DEC meeting 6pm

All the great things are simple,
 and many can be expressed in a single word:
 freedom, justice, honor, duty, mercy, hope.
 - Winston Churchill



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