

DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA AUXILIARY NEWS

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A Word from the President

By Jane Lawrence, Department President

The year is coming to a close and there is still a lot to do. I appreciate all that you have done for our Auxiliary, Veterans, their families and your community.

May is a very busy month for the Auxiliary. Everyone is getting ready for Memorial Day by putting out flags on the gravesites of our veterans, putting out crosses honoring our deceased veterans attending Memorial Services and attending the Poppy Anchor launching at Tybee Island on Memorial Day, May 27th. I would like to thank Wanda for all her work preparing for the launching. I would like to say a special "Thank You" to the ladies of the 5th District for presenting such a beautiful anchor at Spring Conference.

Notices have been sent to District Presidents and Department Chairmans on report due dates for submitting your reports. Don't forget to send a report to me. Please submit your reports for all the hard work your Unit does.

We had such a wonderful turnout at Spring Conference and Auxiliary College and I am hoping to see that continue into our Department Convention which will be June 28 -30 at Valdosta. Please check the website and get your reservations in.

Ladies, there is still time to get those memberships into the Department. Please keep working on it.

Thanks again for all you do for our Veterans and active duty personnel and the Auxiliary.

For God and Country

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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.

**District Scrapbook winners that are going to be submitted to the Department Chairman for Judging. Please send to: Barbara Propst
129 Brandi Drive
Hiram, GA 30141-5131
770.941.9232 tdp0214@hotmail.com**

(10 days prior to Department Convention)

District Impact Reports are due into Department by May 17, 2019.

Secretary

By Patty Hawkins, Department Secretary

WE are still looking for a Historian for the Department 2019-2020, if you are interested please contact me or President Jane Lawrence.



I hope all the Unit and Districts are working on their reports for the year. If by some chance you have misplaced your reports, they can be gotten off our website www.galegionaux.org look under Annual Report forms.

The Department Convention forms are now on the website on the welcome page along with the Banquet forms. We also have the Past President Parley Luncheon forms on the website. When sending in forms make sure you send the forms to the right place. The Legion does all of the hotel, Banquet and registration forms so the checks must be made out to them. The Auxiliary gets the PPP Luncheon forms and checks. We are two separate businesses, so please don't co-mingle the funds.

National Poppy Day® is May 24!

National Poppy Day is later this month! Since the 1920s, ALA members have distributed millions of poppies annually across the country in exchange for donations that go directly to assist veterans, active-duty military, and their families in need. In 2017, The American Legion Family called on Congress to designate the Friday before Memorial Day as National Poppy Day. Help keep the poppy story strong by visiting poppydayusa.org for information and resources to help your unit have a successful National Poppy Day.



1st Vice President / Leadership

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



LEADERSHIP

It's that time of the year, annual reporting! Hopefully you have sent in your reports with a narrative and picture sharing what our members have been doing in the mission and purpose of our programs. I can't wait to read all about the outstanding Leadership training courses and completion of ALA academy. Did you complete the Basic Senior course to learn more of who we are and why we matter?

We are all Leaders exemplifying the knowledge learned throughout the year and sharing with our Auxiliary Sisters. Together, we can do all things supporting one another volunteering for our veterans, their families and communities.

During your election of new officers, make sure that you elect officers that will enhance the organization, not just to carry a title or role. If we are going to grow in the future, we need Real Leaders that will lead us for "Service Not Self". Remember, it's that veteran why we serve! Let's continue to use our resources and mentor those who seek to climb the chairs.

Let's put into action the knowledge that was taught during the workshops and use the resources to enhance your learning abilities at meetings and while out in public, bringing awareness. Use social media and share what you're doing, get ideas from other ALA members around the nation. National provided a guideline, Program Action Plans and other tools that will help you succeed, please use them!

ALA Unit Guide Book: Revised and ready for members

The ALA Unit Guide Book is revised and ready! This helpful publication provides information, direction to desired information, and guidance to unit members about the history, mission, programs, membership eligibility, customs, and operations of an American Legion Auxiliary unit, the community-level organization of the Auxiliary. www.alaforveterans.org

The ALA National Headquarters' NEW blog has interesting information, tips, and news - everything from fun posts to researching your family's military history, ways to volunteer for veterans, and much more. Blog posts are uploaded daily, so stay current by reading the ALA blog! Everyone has a positive ALA story to tell. Through the power of story, we hope these stories will inspire and encourage you. We want to experience your story too.

Showcase your passion for the American Legion Auxiliary!

American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters wants to hear from YOU! How do you work the ALA mission? Have you recently hosted an event for veterans, military, and their families and have a story or photos to share? Has your ALA unit done something outstanding for your community that's of national interest? Show your dedication to Service Not Self by sending us photos and stories of you serving the mission! Members of all ages and from all organizations of The American Legion Family are welcome to submit content for possible inclusion in ALA media. pr@ALAforVeterans.org.

Valerie Brown-Debro
ALA Department Leadership Chairman

2nd Vice President/Membership

By Susan Hall, Department 2nd Vice President

Congratulations to our two new units chartered in District 11. Unit 312 Thomson, and Unit 337 Grovetown.

Thank you to all the Units that sent me a year end membership report. Remember "Membership is everyone's responsibility". We need to remember that membership shouldn't be held by the unit for any reason. Once the application is verified by the Post Adjutant or Commander it should be sent immediately to Department to be processed. Membership and our members new or old are a vital part of our organization we need to be treating every member with courtesy and respect. All units should have incorporated the Code of Conduct and the Code of Ethics into their units and District standing rules, we need to start adhering to the Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics in everything we do. We cannot move forward with membership or our organization till we do. Remember every member has a special talent they can bring to the organization. Have your members fill out the valued member survey and you will know what their interest and talent is that they can bring to your unit.

This month we will be electing our new unit and district officers for the 2019-2020 year. Please remember to complete and return the new officers form no later than 10 days after your elections. Please make sure to send in your membership dues form and specify who will be able to pick up the 2020 membership cards at the Convention.

Please continue to send in your membership, several units are so close to hitting that 100% mark before the June Convention. The next target date is May 24th to coincide with the National Membership target of 2% over last year, to receive 250 dollars for our department.

Susan Hall
Membership Chairman
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HISTORIAN CORNER

By Pat Morgan, Department Historian

The heart of our organizations is its history and in its records. I would like to thank each of you who submitted a report and a History Book.

Annual reports reflect the program work of the units and your service to our veterans, their families and our communities. The items that members have produced and compiled over the year provide a unique testimony to the achievement of the organization. I know all the hard work and dedication that went into comprising these books. I will be submitting a few of these reports to National and this may result in a National award for participation.

The Department Convention is approaching and I look forward to seeing many of you.

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 Smith Fox, Chaplain

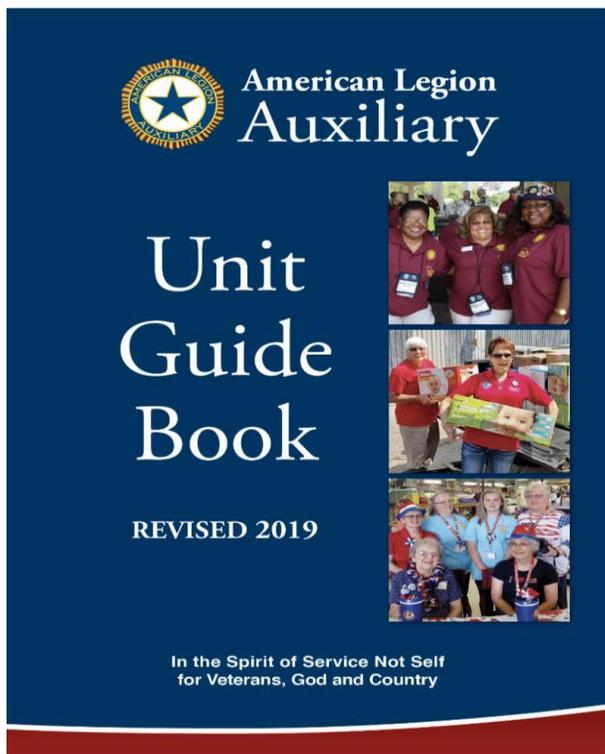
NO REPORT

** Remember...Your life has PURPOSE. Your story is IMPORTANT. Your dreams COUNT. Your voice MATTERS. You were born to MAKE AN IMPACT!

Gloria Smith Fox
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Auxiliary Chaplain
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Unit 172, Warner Robins GA 31088



This publication is a guide to help members locate and use the most up-to-date information from American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters. Members will see references to websites and other publications, as those are updated more often. Members will need to use their membership ID number to create a username and password to access the Members Only section of the national website at www.ALAforVeterans.org.



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.

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!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANDIDATES FOR

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

2019-2020



*American Legion Auxiliary
Rockdale County Unit 77,
Conyers, Georgia*

The Tenth District

Have the honor to Proudly Present

VALERIE BROWN-DEBRO

As a Candidate for

President

The American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Georgia

2019- 2020

*Unit 77 President
Unit 77 Secretary*

*Shirley Darr
Kathy Noblin*



Milltown Unit 336

Lakeland, Georgia

And

The Twelfth District

Have the honor to present

Susan M. Hall

As a candidate for

First Vice President

American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Georgia

2019-2020

*Carol Moore
President*

*Susanne Smith
Secretary / Chaplain*

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The Twelfth District
Department of Georgia
Has the honor to present
Pat Morgan
As a candidate for
Second Vice President
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Georgia
2019-2020

Gloria Wilcox
President

Susan Hall
Secretary



A.L. Johnson Jr Unit 172
Warner Robins, Georgia
And
The Sixth District
Have the honor to present
Gloria Smith Fox
As a candidate for
Chaplain
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Georgia
2019-2020

Cassandra Valenta
District / Unit President

Gloria Smith Fox
Unit Secretary / Chaplain

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

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

Poppy Anchor Launching

On May 27th, Memorial Day we will be attending the Poppy Anchor Launching at Tybee Island, Ga. We will leave from Lazaretto Marina on Capt. Mike's Dolphin Tour Boats as 10:00A.M. The boat only holds 49 people and you must have reservation to board. It is on a first come, first serve basis. To Reserve your space please e-mail Wanda Kindrick @ smswanda@icloud.com or text her at 912-657-0589. She will contact you to confirm your reservation.

Some hotel in the area are

Tybee Hotel 912-786-7777

Dunes Inn and Suites 912-786-4591

Howard Johnson 912-786-0700

Royal Palms Motel 912-786-4763

Please keep in mind this is Memorial Day weekend, so make you reservations early





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

- May 12, 2019 **Mother's Day**
- May 18, 2019 **Armed Forces Day**

- 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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