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A Word From the President

By Hilde Martin, Department President

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To Serve our Veterans with Pride – Honor – Strength

That is my theme for the Auxiliary year 2011–2012

Every time we meet or visit with a veteran let's remember those words.

Thanks to everyone that attended my installation in Dalton. Even though our gavel got lost we started our DEC meeting with a shoe.

Thanks to Deana for giving an outstanding finance report for the Department. I could see that everyone is willing to help in cutting corners until we are on our feet again. We will survive and continue to grow with the help of all Auxiliary members.

Yes, I have had a few days rest. Looking through my mail I received quite a few invitations to install or attend the installation of new officers for the coming year. It is impossible to attend all of them because of some being on the same date. I will be at Post 50 on July the 5th, at Post 145 on July 8th, Post 192 in Evans on July 9th and at Post 21 in Tifton on July 11th. That's my travel plans for the first part of July.

Sorry that we ran out of my Pins. I do have a new shipment scheduled to arrive about the 15th of July. I will get them to Barbara Shubert and she will make sure that everyone that wants one will be able to get them. I would hope that every Auxiliary member will wear my Pin.

As I travel to visit Units and Districts I will explain my Eagle on the Pin and also my theme. To those not at the installation. The Theme. Bremerhaven, German, 1946, riding in a streetcar with my mother. My eyes caught

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an American soldier holding a Hershey candy bar. How I would have loved to have just one bite. The soldier unwrapped the candy bar, ate a small piece. He then handed the rest to me. I looked at my mother, she approved. My first meeting with an American veteran. He gave to me. Now, I give my service to the veterans. Little did I know at that time where and in what position I would be in today.

Hope everyone has a great July 4th. More in my next letter. In the meantime, wishing each one of my Auxiliary family a safe and healthy summer. Maybe try and visit a hospitalized or homebound veteran.



Secretary

By Patty Hawkins, Department Secretary

God bless America. Land that I love. Stand beside her, and guide her, Through the night with the light from above. From the mountains, to the prairies, To the ocean, white with foam. God bless America! My home, sweet home, God bless America! My home, sweet home.

2009 – 2010 – Book of Reports will be mailed out to the Units that have purchased them and didn't pick them at Department Convention.

The 2011 Department Convention is over. Our new Officers are in place for 2011–2012. Hilde Martin, President, Susie Mash, 1st Vice, Betty Grist, 2nd Vice, Gabriele Barnett, Historian and Rosa Scott, Chaplain. Patty Hawkins, Secretary/Treasurer.

If you have not sent in your New Officers sheet for

1st Vice President / Leadership

By Susie Mash, Department 1st Vice President

I want to thank each of you for the trust you have in me by electing me to be your 1st Vice President for 2011 – 2012. As the past three years I look forward to another rewarding year and I promise that I will serve the Department of Georgia to the best of my abilities.

District Presidents I will conduct an Information Workshop in each of the Districts which is available to all members. Please call or email me when you have decided on the location and time you would like to have one in your District. At that time we will work out the details. Please ask your District what their learning needs are and we will plan the workshop for your needs.

This year the workshops will focus on the current priorities of the American Legion Auxiliary which will include Parliamentary Procedures, Protocol, The Leadership Correspondence Course and emphasis on directives by our National Organization.

Things are changing although what seems new to us is actually the criteria upon which our organization was founded and we will go into that at the Leadership workshop. I hope you will attend at least one this year.

Serving Veterans and Their Families

2011–2012, please do so immediately. We would not want anyone missing out on any valuable information.

Newsletter: We have some members who prefer to get their newsletter by mail instead of email. For those who want to receive it by mail there will be a \$15 per year charge to cover the postage if you are not on the DEC. You can send your check to the office letting us know what address you want it sent to.

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We're going to try something new this year, participating in the Legion College for incoming District Presidents, Unit Presidents and officers. This is scheduled in May. I have talked to Charlie Knox and I will have more information when details are worked out.

I'm awaiting the "Plan of Action for 2011 – 2012" to be available on the National Web site. A copy of this will be provided to you for a small charge at each Workshop, along with a copy of the "Leadership Correspondence Course".

I took forward to visiting each of the Districts this year to provide any knowledge that you need to assist with your Districts and Units.

As each Unit has been requested to have a Mentor Program for new members within your Units, I hope to think I'm here this year to Mentor you and I look forward to working with you.

2nd Vice President/ Membership

By Betty Grist, Department 2nd Vice President

Well a new year is starting and we need to work on our membership. The theme for this year is

"Georgia Eagles Soar as Membership Grows".

We really want to see our membership grow in 2011–2012. Wouldn't it be great to be 100% or at least #1 this year? Please send in your membership dues as soon as possible.

Remember our organization was started to help the American Legion to work it's programs to help our

Historian

By Gabrielle Barnett, Department Historian

I am honored to serve as your Department Historian this year.

Why is it so important to write and preserve the history of the largest women's patriotic service organization?

It is essential to ensure future generations understand the importance of our programs and services.

Acknowledging our history's impact today helps us to continue to grow, change, and improve our mission delivery.

Reflecting on where we have been and how far we have come is crucial in charting our course for the future. For the past 90 years, the women of the American Legion Auxiliary have been diligent in recording the history of our organization. Historians at the unit, state, and

Chaplain

By Rosa Scott, Department Chaplain

To Serve our Veterans with – Pride – Honor – Strength.

What a wonderful opening line for a prayer:

O' God, our Father, help us to serve our veterans with pride, honor, and strength. As we begin a New Year, help us to hold these attributes to our heart. Help us always to remember to put you first in all we do and these things will follow.

Keep the servicemen and women who protect us daily out of harm's way until they are safely at home with their family and friends.

Veterans, our Troops and our communities. I know that some of our members are no longer able to go to their Post and help physically but the dues that are paid help to carry out the programs.

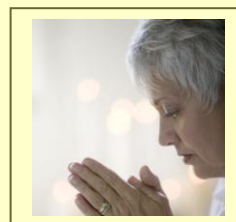
District and Unit Membership chairmen really need to contact all of their members and remind them what we stand for and that their dues are due now. Let's get out there and go to work for the American Legion Auxiliary and get the membership dues in so our EAGLES can soar across the state and even the nation.

God Bless America and the American Legion Auxiliary

TEAM -- Together Everyone Achieves More.
Source Unknown

national levels recount our activities and accomplishments. And every decade, we publish a book that chronicles the Auxiliary's record of service "for God and country." Without documented history we wouldn't know why we celebrate the 4th of July, how Thanksgiving came about, or who Columbus was who landed in America. Without history we would not know who we are or where we came from. Please start recording your history early. To keep a running "tally" makes it easier to remember all the events your Units and members participated in.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY



Remember My Father, those who continue to strive daily to do the work within our American Legion Auxiliary, in keeping with its mission and goals. Bless their families, also.

May we always remember to pray.

Prayer is an up look that can profoundly change the outlook.

O' God through prayer, we put ourselves in your hands.
In HIS Holy Name we pray



Calendar of Upcoming Events

July 4	Independence Day
July 22 -30	Auxiliary Girls Nation in Washington, DC
July 27	End of Korean War 1953
August 26 – September 1	National Convention, Minneapolis, MN
October 22 - 23	Fall Conference, Marietta
March 17 – 18	Spring Conference, Marietta

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Hats off to Dalton Post and Unit 112 for doing such a marvelous job at the Department Convention. They left no stones unturned. Thank you for all your hard work©

National Convention will be August 26th – September 1st in Minneapolis, MN. Forms are on the web page. Additional information will be coming shortly.

MEMBERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP !! Time to push up the sleeves and get the membership rolling in. WE can make 100% this year. WE CAN DO IT.

A new Obligation form will be coming out soon. We will be having some increases on a few items. Poppy orders will increase to \$37.50 (250) minimum for units with 50 members & under, \$75 for (500) minimum order and \$150 for (1000). The Book of Reports cost will be \$15 each.



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