

# DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA AUXILIARY NEWS

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## A Word from the President

By Jane Lawrence, Department President

Another month has come and gone and we still have things to accomplish. We had a great Spring Conference in Duluth. Our Program Chairman gave their mid-year report and requested year-end reports to be sent to them by May 1st. Please make sure you include a narrative with your report. The report packets were handed out to the District Presidents and you should have your information. If you have not received the information, contact your District President.

At the Spring Conference we also had the Auxiliary College. We had at least ninety-five (95) ladies to attend, which was great. I would like to say a Special Thank You to the Department Officers, Valarie Brown-Debro, Susan Hall, Pat Morgan and Gloria Fox for their presentation at the Legion. The information provided should be of help to the Units.

I have to thank Barbara McGee, Poppy Anchor Construction Chairman and the 5th District for the beautiful Poppy Anchor Dedication Ceremony at the Memorial Service, Sunday morning at the Conference.

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](mailto: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

Unit membership chairman, please keep working membership. Thanks for all your hard work this year,

American Legion Auxiliary members I want to thank each of you for the hard work you do to take care of our active Military Troops, our Veterans, their families and your community.

**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](http://www.galegionaux.org).**

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### 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**

**Past Dept. President and Chairman PPP**

## 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.**



*WOW what a Spring Conference we had. The 2015-2016 Book of Reports (Rosa Scott) and the 2016-2017 Book of Reports (Miriam Stein) were ready for pickup. Sorry to say a lot were not picked up, but will be available at the Convention in Valdosta. The 2017-2018 Book of Reports (Anitia Owens) will be ready by then. So we will be up to date on all Books. Thanks everyone for your patience.*

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](http://www.galegionaux.org) look under Annual Report forms.

**Time to start planning for the Department Convention forms are now on the website on the welcome page along with the Banquet forms.**

### April is Month of the Military Child

Military children face unique challenges and make sacrifices. To recognize this, April is designated as the Month of the Military Child (#MOMC). The American Legion Family publicly demonstrates our commitment to youth by hosting activities nationwide throughout the month of April. Does your unit need help planning Children & Youth events for the Month of the Military Child? Click [here](#) to log in and see available resources to help your ALA unit and department get started. Also, mark your calendar: Thursday, April 18, is "Purple Up! For Military Kids" day — wear purple to show support and thank military children.

### National Poppy Day® is May 24!

It's time to start preparing for National Poppy Day®! This year's event is May 24. The poppy is the internationally known and recognized symbol of the lives sacrificed in war and the hope that none died in vain. In 1920, the poppy became the official flower of The American Legion Family. In 2017, the Legion Family called upon Congress to designate the Friday before Memorial Day as National Poppy Day. Check out [www.ALAforVeterans.org/poppy](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org/poppy) for more information on National Poppy Day.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President / Leadership

By Valerie Brown-Debro, Dept. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President



What a great time that we had at our Spring Conference. Kicked off with our DEC meeting setting the platform for our business at hand. On Friday, we started with visitors from the American Legion Family, thanking the Auxiliary for all that we do in supporting the Legion Family. Our Department committee members covered the chairmen program and due date of reports.

On Saturday, our President's voice was gone due to illness and asked that I take over the college, she had to leave. Thank God she is better. We had a guest speaker, Jana Stokes advocate for children with disabilities. Our Juniors held a presentation "Military Child Table" which was awesome. Legion college was full of information and member engagement while learning about ALA district and unit officer responsibilities. We covered the importance of compliance and why it matters and Department Program appointments. The Homecoming Banquet was awesome, honoring our Department Leadership.

Sunday, we held our memorial service and Poppy dedication by our 5<sup>th</sup> District who did an amazing job with the Poppy construction. The Poppy launching will be held at Tybee Island on Memorial Day. I encourage you visit the ALA Academy and complete the courses also, if you have not done so, please take the Basic Leadership Course. Continue to be a mentor to someone, and utilize the Code of Conducts & Ethics adopt it in your standing rules.

### Leadership-Themed Dog Tags

A great idea to present to your Department Juniors. In support of their efforts...it's a great gift.... Leadership-themed dog tags and share the importance of great leadership qualities. The dog tags are an easy and inexpensive gift to give to any member. The cost was only \$3.27 per dozen at Oriental Trading. Check out the link here: <https://www.orientaltrading.com/paint-chip-motivation-dog-tag-necklaces-a2-13727679.fltr?keyword=dogtags>

**Reminder: Year-End Reports** - Annual reports reflect the program work of Units in our Departments. Each Department Leadership chairman is required to submit a narrative report by **May 1, 2019** so that I could complete our report and forward to our- Southern Division Leadership chairman, plus copy the National Leadership chairman (Trish Ward). Please be creative and share any item you feel is relevant in telling your story about our Leadership program. Please include **PHOTO'S** in sharing your "story" Answer the following questions, (1) Did they witness a member demonstrating leadership qualities. (2) Did the team "see" increased civility overall? (3) Did members embrace the concepts of Roberts Rules of Order? Urge members to visit the Programs Action Plan to review the Award Deadlines and Submission Requirements. We have two awards to present:

**Unit Award:** Most Outstanding Unit Leadership Program – deadline for submission is **June 1, 2019**

**Department Award:** Best Department Leadership Program – deadline for submission is **June 1, 2019**

**One National President's Award** for Excellence winner will be chosen from each program's five division winners. **BONUS:** Tell us about how you incorporated the National President's Focus into your mission outreach activities. National President's Focus – Women veterans and the specific issues they face, especially homelessness.

**Tips to Win:** · Tell us your story with words AND photos. Winning submissions have two things in common – a fantastic narrative and great photos! · Highlight how your unit/department incorporated the national president's focus into your mission outreach work. · Correctly complete the ALA National Award and Report Cover Sheet.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Membership

By Susan Hall, Department 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

April showers bring May flowers, Membership is blooming. The Lady Bugs are working hard to bring in the membership.

I want to congratulate the nine units that have made 100% Membership. Units 106 Trenton, 506 Rome, 235 Augusta, 239 Dahlonga, 558 Americus, 123 Lexington, 519 Thomasville, 254 Mableton, 122 Cairo and the 56 Units and 3 Districts that achieved the 75% membership goal. The next goal is 100% by May 9<sup>th</sup>, many units are so close within 1-5 members of achieving membership excellence.

A reminder that May 24<sup>th</sup> is the National membership goal date, if we achieve over 6871 members the Department will receive a check for \$250, together we can do it! Let's get out in the beautiful spring sunshine and Renew, Recruit and Retain members to be a part of what we do for our Veterans, Military and our Community.

I hope you all enjoyed the Spring Conference and came out of it with something to bring back to your Units and Districts. We need to continue to share all that we do and learn so we can move forward and strive as a Department and Organization. We all learn something new everyday that we can share with others.

A reminder that our next membership call will be on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm, the phone number to connect to the membership call is 302-302-1119 the access code is 950797. We have had several units and districts on the call as well as the Southern Division Department Membership Chairman, Department Secretaries, Department Presidents and the National Southern Division Membership Chairman. We have shared information and ideas, this is a good way to network with other Departments on Membership.

Reminder April 5<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for Departments to enter in any changes if they want those new members and changes to show up on the cards and rosters for the 2020 membership year. New members entered after April 5<sup>th</sup> will not get a pre-printed card sent to the unit.

I am looking forward to continuing to serve you and the ALA. I am asking units and districts who want to host a leadership next year to please contact me. I am trying to get my calendar put together for the 2019-2020 year. I am looking forward to helping Units and Districts to continue to learn about the ALA and strive as an organization.

For God and Country  
Susan Hall  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Membership Chairman

## Historian Corner

By Pat Morgan, Department Historian

Our Spring Conference and College was held on March 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. I hope everyone enjoyed the informative Collee and are passing the information on to your units.

I know many of you are working on your reports and History Books. I am also working on the President's History Books. The Department Book is not only the history of the President, but about all the wonderful accomplishments and programs that the units have done for our Veterans, our Children in Youth and our communities. All History Books must be judged by your District and then the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in each District sent to me no later than June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The year-end annual reports are due to me by May 1<sup>st</sup> so I may compile the information and submit my Department History report.

As a reminder a new "Anitia Owens Department of Georgia History Book 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

I look forward to reading your books and if I can assist you in any way, you may contact me by email at [pimorga@aol.com](mailto:pimorga@aol.com) or to 2229 Johnson Short Rd., Quitman, GA 31643.

Pat Morgan  
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**“WHEN THE ELDERLY  
DIE, A LIBRARY IS  
LOST AND VOLUMES  
OF WISDOM AND  
KNOWLEDGE ARE  
GONE”**

## Department Chaplain

By: Gloria Smith Fox, Chaplain

**\*\*April is just about on us! April is the first full month of spring! Flowers blooming already, pollen coloring the country a yucky yellow, and the weather is being crazy like always! Hot today teasing us with warm bare feet and then direct drop to throw back on the boots and coats! And don't forget the umbrella for all the extra rain.**

Spring festivals celebrate the season's renewal of life. We celebrate several days, the most popular being April 1 is All Fools' Day, April 19 is Passover (beginning at sundown). This year April 21 is Easter Sunday. (April 28 is Orthodox Easter.) April 22 is Earth Day. April 24 is the birthday of Robert B. Thomas, the founder of *The Old Farmer's Almanac*! And let's not forget April 26 is National Arbor Day.

For all of us who are in the American Legion Auxiliary, every day is Be Thankful Day for our veterans, our military and all of their families. Let us band together and wish everyone a happy spring this coming month! Let us celebrate the renewing of faith, love and hope in all we do and say this month!

I just wanted to thank you all for welcoming me to the Department of Georgia team at our Spring Conference in Duluth! I enjoyed conversing and getting to know you all a little better! Please call on me anytime. And I ask you say prayers daily not just for me but all our Chaplains and officers in the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Georgia.

**\*\*A little business now...I will be making a prayer book for our President Jane Lawrence to give at the Convention in June 2019. I would like for every District to compile a selection of prayers, verses, inspirational quotes or messages you'd like for me to put in her book. I need by May 1st to ensure everything is done and completed.**

I did receive Mid-Year Chaplain Reports from Sandy when I took office. The Annual report is due no later than May 1st as well to me. It can be sent along with your input for President Jane's prayer book to me.

Senior Book of Prayers & Devotional Thoughts due to District Chaplains May 1st. Then District Chaplains need to mail to me no later than June 1st. All the rules and forms are online, but let me know if you need something.

This will be my first submissions, so don't worry...we will all learn together. Let's make a great effort to have the best Georgia has seen! Georgia is a Bible Belt state...Let's make it shine!

Don't forget to send up prayers for all those on our lists I have sent out. I would also like to have a listing of all those who passed away, and maybe a little info as well since the last report which would be 16 Dec 2018.

**\*\* 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*  
*Department of Georgia*  
*Auxiliary Chaplain*

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### 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 CANIDATES 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. Jofinson 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](http://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](mailto:smswanda@icloud.com) or text her at 912-657-0589. She will contact you to confirm your reservation.

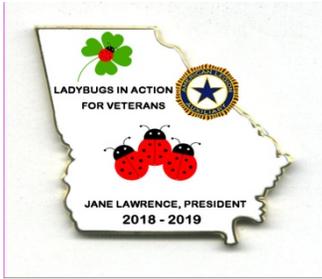
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### Calendar of Upcoming Events 2019



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

**Membership Theme:**  
**"Membership in Action Moving Forward"**

**National President's Theme:**  
**"Serving Our Heroes"**



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| <b>April 1, 2019</b>          | <b>April Fools' Say</b>            |
| <b>April 15, 2019</b>         | <b>Tax Day (taxes dues)</b>        |
| <b>April 19, 2019</b>         | <b>Good Friday (office closed)</b> |
| <b>April 21, 2019</b>         | <b>Easter Sunday</b>               |
| <b>April 29 – May 1, 2019</b> | <b>National Commander Visit</b>    |
| <b>May 27, 2019</b>           | <b>Memorial Day/Poppy</b>          |
|                               | <b>Launching</b>                   |
| <b>June 28-30, 2019</b>       | <b>Dept. Convention VALDOSTA</b>   |
|                               | <b>Arrive on 27<sup>th</sup></b>   |
|                               | <b>DEC meeting 6pm</b>             |

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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