

DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA AUXILIARY NEWS

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A Word from the President

By Jane Lawrence, Department President

Another month has gone by and I know that all of our Ladybugs are in Action taking care of our Veterans, their families and our Auxiliary business.

Our Spring Conference will be March 21th thru 24th in Duluth. We will have another silent auction to raise funds for the Department. It was a great success last time so please bring an item or two to be auctioned off. At the Conference you will have the opportunity to attend the Legion College with Auxiliary specific topics.

Please encourage your Junior members to attend Spring Conference. The committee is planning several activities Remember, the Juniors are the future of the Auxiliary.

My T-shirts and pins will be on sale at the Conference. If you have purchased a shirt, please wear it on Saturday.

I hope everyone is working on Membership. Please submit you membership to the Department weekly, if possible, but at least monthly.

Districts and Units please keep the Department Officers and Committee Chairman informed about the great activities you are doing. Our interaction with members will help our leadership skills.

Ladies, as you reach out to our veterans, active military and their families showing them our love and support the boundaries are endless.

Thanks for all you do to make the American Legion Auxiliary great.

For God and Country

Howdy Members ☺ Hope you are having a



great week and a February.

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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.

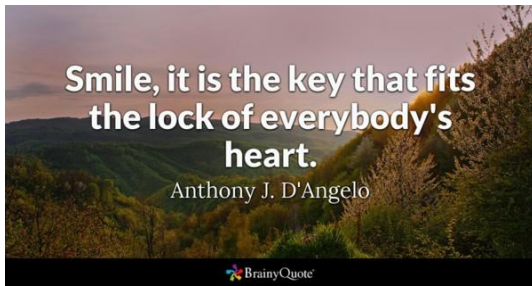
National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans

The American Legion Family day during the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans will be Feb 12th from 8am to 11am @ the Uptown VA front door. All Legion Family members are welcome to come and greet the Veterans. Please pass this on.

If you would like to donate any refreshments contact Miriam Stein 706.399.7539

Secretary

By Patty Hawkins, Department Secretary



Spring Conference/College will be on March 21- 24th at the Sonesta Gwinnett Place Atlanta. Please find the Hotel reservation and Homecoming Banquet form in this newsletter and on our website. So please make plans early so you can secure a room and a seat for the banquet. Deadline for these are February 15th.

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

FEBRUARY NEWS



A good leader is not going to be stuck using a single leadership style. Leadership traits tell who a leader is as a leader. Leadership styles tell what a leader does in the process of leading. Leaders will consciously or unconsciously shift between and blend leadership styles in order to best achieve their goal. As a leader, a study of different leadership styles can help give you better perspective and make you more conscious about what methods you utilize to lead others.

We have the tools to equip us to be effective in mentoring others, ALA Academy, ALA Basic Extension courses, Leadership workshops, to find out more, visit our national website, www.alaforveterans.org and enhance your leadership knowledge.

The Rock challenge is on, if you are going to attend our Spring Conference, please bring your painted rock. We will take a picture of all of the rocks painted and collected and post them on National Leadership Facebook page showing Georgia's participation in the challenge.



Just a reminder of the Goodwill Ambassador Award Nomination Entry Form, please review the form on our department auxiliary website. www.galegionaux.org and nominate a member.

Leadership quote, In matters of style, swim with the current; In matters of principle, stand like a rock. ~T. Jefferson

Valerie Brown-Debro
ALA 1st Vice President
Leadership Chairman

2nd Vice President/Membership

By Susan Hall, Department 2nd Vice President

We need to start working on those Renewals, renewal notices went out on January 15th from National so they should be coming into your units. Look at your roster call those that have not renewed find out why? Ask them to come back to your units, what can you do to keep them engaged so they want to remain a member? Please send in your membership as soon as you get them do not hold them in your unit. Make sure you are calling your new members let them know what is happening within your units, and how they can help. Don't let that new member slip through your fingers.

Who is eligible to join The American Legion Auxiliary? Eligibility is open to mothers, wives, daughters, sisters, grand-daughters, great-grand-daughters, or grandmothers of members of The American Legion, or of deceased veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces during the listed war eras.

Recruiting new members by asking are you eligible? Contact your expired members, see why they haven't rejoined. Keep a membership application in your purse or pocket, wear your ALA branding logo's while out in the community, at functions. Set up a membership table at your functions, invite the community to your Unit. Those that are looking to join and need a copy of a DD214 may acquire on by going to www.archives.gov/veterans-service-records.

I have been sending out not only the shout out each week but also a comparison report on where your units stand compared to last year. This has been going out to all District Presidents and they should be passing them on to the Unit Presidents. Look at this report see where you are and ask the question why? We need to not only recruit members, but also retain them.

We have a challenge from National if the membership is 2% over last year on May 25th, the Department will receive \$250.00. Remember to send in your recruit and rejoin 5 and the ALA Rockstar forms. The deadline is May 1, 2019 that these forms must be to National so please make sure you get them to Patty in plenty of time.

Remember to send in \$1.00 extra with your membership dues per person.

The next target date is March 15th, 75% membership.

If anyone is needing any help, please don't hesitate to contact me at suem_66@yahoo.com or by cell number at 508-944-0791.

Susan Hall
Membership Chairman

Historian Corner

By Pat Morgan, Department Historian

February is a very busy month for our Units and Districts. Four Chaplain's Ceremonies, Valentine's Day and President's Day just to name a few. Be sure to record your participation in these ceremonies for your history books and reports. If you have never held a Four Chaplain's Program or attended one, I encourage you to do so. It is a very moving ceremony and a small deed to show respect and appreciation for these four brave men who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their fellow man.

Thank you to all who submitted Mid-Year reports. By doing so, I was able to report all the wonderful work our units have been doing. I had the privilege of meeting our National Historian at the recent Mission Training in Charlotte, North Carolina. She wanted me to thank our Unit for their dedication and hard work.

Now is the time to start on your History Books. I encourage all units to make a History Book for your unit even if you do not want it submitted for judging. Be sure to follow the rules on the Department webpage to be eligible for your book to be judged. This year a new "Anitia Owens Department of Georgia History Book 1st place Plaque" will be awarded for a Junior History Book. 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.

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

Well it's Feb 2019. Looks like we survived the holidays and now just getting into the new year. January to me is about clearing up all the decorations of the holidays, getting to the chores that didn't get done because of loads of family and friends visiting for the last two months.

But as we also reflect on the last few months, I am reminded that we are to look further. Because of the ups and downs of life, we are advised to go further. At least 6 months or a year is the best to reflect how far you've come in your journey. After all New Year's Eve is about closing out one year and going forward to another New Year, right?

As your new Chaplain, I want to make an impact for the time I have in this position. After praying and pondering thoughts, I am reminded that God has a purpose for us all. We should daily seek His guidance in all we do. Whether you are in the working field or retired, we should all take the time to reflect upon God's word. No matter how trivial what you think you do or not do for the Legion, it is all important in God's purpose.

I have been around military for most of my 64 years. I gave 31 years to civil service and loved serving all our branches of the service. When I retired, I pretty much just did trivial chores. But a few years ago, I had the privilege and honor to become a member of the American Legion Post 172 in Warner Robins Ga. I am still learning all my duties I have acquired the past few years. And being the American Legion Auxiliary Dept of Georgia Chaplain is a dream to serve.

Matthew 5:14-16 NLT says "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Feb is a new month. Let's all pray and work together to be the light that God wants us to be. Let's go the extra mile and have the best 2019 we can! Now to business!

~Chaplains and presidents...remember your members and Legion family members who are in need of prayer, cards and emails. There's a lot of sickness this season!

~Unit and District Chaplains...I'd like to start getting your prayers for meetings, of encouragement, blessings or devotionals together that will be considered for the Dept Chaplain's Book of Prayers. I would love to have every District represented.

~District and unit poppy chairs and chaplains: Let's get the poppies together for the Poppy Anchor. Let me know your statuses as soon as possible at amlegauxglo@gmail.com.

Gloria Fox/Department Chaplain

Junior's Corner

Honorary Junior President

Jayleen Reid

I can not believe it is almost time for Spring Conference. 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 will be meeting in the Georgia Ballroom - Salon 1- 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.).

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
Lixy Escobar, Color Bearer, Unit 294

For God and Country,
Peggi Payton, ALA Juniors Chairman





DEPARTMENT SPRING CONFERENCE – DULUTH MARCH 21 - 24, 2019

Sonesta Gwinnett Place Atlanta
1775 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth, GA 30096
770-923-1775

Guest Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Payment Information (Checks must be made out to the Hotel)

Check enclosed: (payable to: Sonesta Gwinnett Place Atlanta Hotel for one-night deposit of \$116.87) OR

Guarantee by credit card: Visa MasterCard Amex Other

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____ MO/YR

(Credit card will not be billed until you have checked in; however, if you must cancel your reservation, you must personally contact the hotel within 72 hours of check-in or you will be charged).

Hotel Information: The Sonesta Gwinnett Place Atlanta Hotel is a NON-SMOKING HOTEL!

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____ Number of People in Room: _____

Please Check One: King (one bed) \$116.87 Double: (two beds) \$116.87

Do you require a handicap accessible room? _____ Yes _____ No

Name(s) of other(s) sharing room: _____

Please complete this form in full and return to: The American Legion, Department of Georgia
3035 Mt. Zion Road, Stockbridge, GA 30281

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2019



H O M E C O M I N G Banquet

Department Commander, Auxiliary President,
S A L Detachment Commander
Legion Riders Director

7:00 PM - Saturday, March 23, 2019

Sonesta Gwinnett Place Atlanta

1775 Pleasant Hill Road

Duluth, GA 30096

The cost is \$41.00 per person

Make check payable to The American Legion, Department of Georgia

RSVP no later than February 15, 2018

Reserve tables for 10 or more

Banquet tickets will not be available at the Conference

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S, COMMANDER'S, AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S,
S.A.L DETACHMENT COMMANDER'S and LEGION RIDERS DIRECTOR'S
HOMECOMING
Please Print

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Post / Unit / SQD: _____

Others in your party: _____

TO: American Legion, Department of GA Number In Party _____

3035 Mt. Zion Road Cost \$41.00 Each _____

Stockbridge, GA 30281 Amount Enclosed _____

REGISTRATION FOR THE **SPRING CONFERENCE** IS **\$5.00** PER MEMBER. MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: **THE AMERICAN LEGION: DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA**

NAME: _____

POST: _____

NUMBER OF MEMBERS REGISTERING: _____

AMOUNT OF CHECK: _____

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 Officers. At no time is an authorized person using ALA MIS 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 a 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 Vete

Membership Theme:
"Membership in Action Moving Forward"

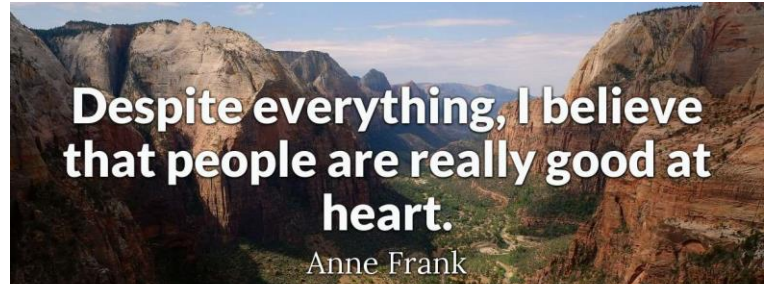
National President's Theme:
"Serving Our Heroes"

Calendar of Upcoming Events 2019

- February 2, 2019 Ground Hog Day
- February 3, 2019 Super Bowl Day
- February 14, 2019 Valentine's Day
- February 18, 2019 Presidents Day (office closed)

Correction Date for Spring Conference

- March 21-24, 2019 Spring/College Conference Duluth
Arrive on 21st DEC meeting 6pm
- June 28-30, 2019 Dept. Convention VALDOSTA
Arrive on 27th DEC meeting 6pm



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