

DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA AUXILIARY NEWS

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A Word from the President

By Gabriele Barnett, Department

Ladies, we had a fantastic Fall Conference. I would like to thank everyone who brought an item for the silent auction. Between the silent auction and the liquor basket we raised over \$ 2,300.00. A big thank you to the fundraising team. Our Department is doing great in membership. Please keep up the good work.

This month is Veterans Day, a day initially known as Armistice Day. On May 13, 1938 it became a legal holiday to be observed every November 11th. 1954, many held that the heroic struggle of the veterans of World War II and Korea needed to be acknowledged. Therefore, the term "armistice" was removed and replaced with veteran. President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first Veterans Day Proclamation on 8 October 1954:

In order to insure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, all veterans, all veterans' organizations, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose. Toward this end, I am designating the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs as Chairman of a Veterans Day National Committee, which shall include such other persons as the Chairman may select, and which will coordinate at the national level necessary planning for the observance. I am also requesting the heads of all departments and agencies of the Executive branch of the Government to assist the National Committee in every way possible.

As the World's Largest Women's Patriotic Service Organization, we must ensure that our Veterans are taken care of, because :

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It is the VETERAN, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the VETERAN, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the VETERAN, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the VETERAN, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote.

Continue to take care of our Veterans – not only on Veterans Day but every day of the year. As Elmer Davis stated "This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave."

For God and Country

Membership Theme:

"Georgia's Eagles Soaring to New Heights"

"Georgia's Eagles taking care of All Veterans. All for one and one for all"

Secretary

By Patty Hawkins, Department Secretary

It's getting to be that time of year where everything seems to be in a rush. Poppies have been mailed for the Poppy Drives which are in full bloom. Thanksgiving will be here before we know it then on to Christmas. Many things must be done before we reach the end of the year. Let's don't forget our Veterans.

The 2014 Christmas/Joy Shops are soon approaching. The monies should be sent to the department headquarters so I can get the checks to the VA reps for early shopping.

Mark your calendar

The VA Gift Shops dates are:

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| December 2 nd -5 th | Atlanta/Decatur |
| December 1 st -4 th | Augusta Downtown VA |
| December 1 st -4 th | Augusta Uptown VA |
| December 5 th -6 th | Dublin VA |
| December 4 th -5 th | GWVH-Milledgeville |

The Hospitals visits for this year: **Mark your calendar**

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| November 20 th | Montgomery VA Med. Ctr., Montgomery | 1:00pm |
| November 21 st | Tuskegee VA Med. Ctr., Tuskegee | 9:00am |
| December 12 th | GA War Veterans Home, Augusta | 9:00am |
| December 12 th | VA Medical Ctr., (Downtown), Augusta | 1:00pm |
| December 13 th | VA Medical Ctr., (Uptown), Augusta | 9:00am |

Now it's time to talk about membership. Membership is coming in pretty slow. We missed our 60% goal on November 11th. Renewal notices will be sent out again January 15th, so we are hoping to see an increase in membership renewals. Are you working your membership and trying to attract new members? How about an old member that hasn't renewed. Some people just need a phone call to remind them of the importance of what we do for our veterans and families to renew. We all are in this together and membership is our survival. We have lost a lot of members but we can work to get them back as well as new ones. Let's start soaring EAGLES!!! We can do this.

Happy Thanksgiving ☺ May you have good health and stay safe.

1st Vice President / Leadership

By Rosa Scott, Department 1st Vice President

The Plan of Action 2014-2015

Hello Ladies! I am excited about the next leg of our race. Have you ever seen a structure taken down to the very foundation, and then rise again with the new and improved? Well, get ready because we are well on our way.

Think about your "Plan of Action for 2014/2015" as a new structure that has risen from the foundation. The foundation of our great organization has once again challenged us with discovering a new approach to something that we have become pro at. "The Plan of Action 2014/2015" is the book that can be a vital part of developing your unit and your committees.

Do you feel that your unit and your members need more motivation, read "The Book". There may be a way to get refreshed. Don't stay stuck, review the new ideals that just may "jump start" your unit or one of your committees.

There can be no better way to help develop yourself and your Unit.

Here's a big "THANK YOU" to Evans Unit 192 and Sixth District (Post 3) for hosting a Leadership Workshop. We hope that some information we shared will help in their Unit.

I stepped outside the box this year with a subject title called "Relationship - the Unit, The District, and The Department.

Parliamentary Procedure, Financial Record Keeping, Membership and the important of knowing what and how to report are still the key items we continue to focus on.

The "Plan of Action 2014/2015" contains a wealth of knowledge. As we continue to develop this team we rely on you, we can only bring this information to you, guide and encourage you. Ultimately it will be up to you to implement these ideals. The most wonderful thing is that no matter the size of the unit; there is something for everyone. When help is needed, we are just a call away.

Remember, The "Plan of Action 2014/2015" is there for you, take a glance. There just may be something there for you.

For God and Country

2nd Vice President/Membership

By Miriam Stein, Department 2nd Vice President

Congratulations to Units 502, 247 and 44 for reaching goal. Ladies we still have quite a few of Units on zero what is wrong with this. Please try and get that membership in so we won't have zero units at Fall Conference. The leadership workshops are giving out some information about membership. We are receiving a good bit of membership but we still need work hard on this. We are still ahead of Florida in the Southern Division but they are gaining on us.

For God and Country!



Historian

By Anita Owens, Department Historian

It has been great seeing you at the Leadership Workshops and at our Fall Conference last month. I hope each of you have been recording all the events that have been taking place in your Unit for your History Books and will send me a report on some of the exciting things that have occurred. This does not have to be anything formal just a quick email or hand written letter by mail by December 15th so that I can do a mid-year report to National.

My email is Anitia@bellsouth.net and my mailing address is 3091 N. Sharon Church Rd., Loganville, Georgia 30052. I have received some reports showing what has been happening and it is really exciting for me to read and I would like to share everyone's to let National know what is going on in Georgia. We are a very active Auxiliary in the great State of Georgia and we need to let everyone else know how hard we work for our veterans.

Take care and have a blessed Thanksgiving.

For God and Country

Chaplain

By Jane Lawrence, Department Chaplain

November is the month that we pay special recognition to our veterans and to give special thanks for the freedoms we have because of their service.

Let us give thanks for what we have and for our great country. If you see a veteran this month please give a "special thank you" for all they do.

During WWII there was an adviser to Churchill who organized a group of people who dropped what they were doing every day at a prescribed hour for one minute to collectively pray for the safety of England, its people and peace.

There is a new group of people organizing the same thing for America.

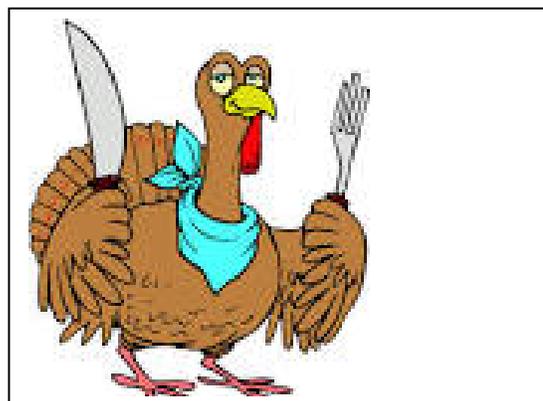
If you would like to participate, every evening at 9:00PM Eastern time, 8:00PM Central, 7:00PM Mountain and 6:00PM Pacific stop whatever you are doing and spend one minute praying for the safety of the United States its people, peace and the return to a Godly nation..

Again, I would like to thank all who have kept us informed for prayer requests and cards for our members and their families.

Please keep our troops in your prayers. Remember Freedom is not Free.

For God and Country

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NEWS FLASH

Correction for the Unit Activity Guide Book

On page 10 under VAVS Augusta GWVH Deputy

Pat Taylor was listed as a deputy. Pat Taylor is a Deputy at the VAVS Augusta Uptown/Downtown for Miriam Stein. Please make correction in your book.

BASKET OF CHEERS GIVE AWAY.

At Fall Conference we raffled off a BASKET OF CHEER and raised \$1,325.00. We want to THANK EVERYONE for helping with this fundraiser.

The winner, Unit 168, Hinesville has donated it back to the Department. So, we will re-affle it at Spring Conference.

Tickets will come after the 1st of the year. We will have a few more bottles to add to it.

THANK YOU ALL AGAIN.

For God and County
Judy Thompson &
KrisAnn Alexander



Happy Birthday to us!

The American Legion designated the birth date of the American Legion Auxiliary as Nov. 10, 1919, as per our National Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules. Is your unit celebrating? [Tell us about it!](#)



WHAT: Girls State Bulletin

WHERE: Statesboro, Georgia at Georgia Southern University

WHEN: June 14 – 19, 2015.

CHAIRMAN: Deedy Harrell

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.

FEE: Checks must be made out to Girls State and mailed to the Department Headquarters. **Send the fee of \$260.00 per girl to the American Legion Auxiliary Department Headquarters, 3035 Mt. Zion Road, Stockbridge, GA 30281 before April 30, 2015** to assure space for your girls. Call the director for late payments of fees.

Parents must fill out a medical history/ consent form/parent waiver. A physical by a doctor is not required.

APPLICATIONS: Applications are available by calling or emailing me, or they can be picked up at Fall Conference or accessed on the website.

To Be Mailed to the Director: After applications are filled out by the girl, the high school and the unit, please send applications, medical history/ consent form/ parent waiver, a copy of both sides of the insurance card and photos to **Deedy Harrell, 800 10th Avenue, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169** by May 15, 2015. This is the deadline, so please try to get them to me **earlier**, if possible. Call the director for late applicants.

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 signify that on the application. It will save postage for Girls State

WEBSITE: www.georgiagirlsstate.org on the website you will be able to get applications and all documents necessary for girls' packets.

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

PHONE number: Deedy 770-337-7997 Call or text

IMPORTANT DATES:

APRIL 30, 2015 Checks for \$260.00 per girl due to the Department Headquarters

May 15, 2015 Completed applications, medical history and consent form, parent waiver, copy of both sides of the insurance card and photo of the girl due to Director.

June 14, 2015 Arrival at Girls State between 1:00 and 3:00 PM

June 19, 2015 Graduation at 8:45 AM and departure by 1:00 PM

Delays cause your girls to have difficulty in getting prepared for the program. 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 and it will help us if we can limit the number of calls necessary. Let us know even up the last day. **Please join the Girls State Booster Club!!**

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

A Time to Remember

Verse: All the names and faces of those who've served with pride,
We are their reflection ,
As we stand side by side.
Now let us come together and sing in harmony.
This is the time to remember.

Refrain: A time to remember,
A time to remember.
We remember them all.
We shall never forget,
We will live on and yet,
This is the time,
This is the time,
To remember them all.

Verse: Thinking of our heroes,
We all will do our part.
Here we stand to honor,
with a hand on our heart.
We want to tell them "Thank you for helping us live free."
This is the time to remember.
A time to remember, a time to remember.
We remember them all.
We shall never forget,
We will live on and yet,
This is the time,
This is the time to remember them all.

Bridge: My country 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died!
Land of the pilgrim's pride!
From ev'ry mountain side,
let freedom ring.(Repeat) as Part one sings : A time to remember,
A time to remember,
We remember them all,
We shall never forget,
We shall live on and yet,
This is the time,
This is the time.
To remember them all.
We shall never forget,
We will live on and yet,
This is the time,
This is the time.
To remember them all.
All: We remember them all!

For God and Country

By Mary Breeding, Music Chairman

Christmas is almost here and it is time to honor our veterans and their families with gifts from the V.A. Gift Shops. Our Hospital Representatives and Volunteers do a great job in gathering the gifts and distributing them at the hospitals. Thank to all of the Units who gather gifts or donate funds each year.

Here are the dates and Hospital Representatives that are in charge of the V.A. Gift Shops:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Hospital</u> | <u>Hospital Reps and Contact Information</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------|--|
| 12/2 -12/5/2014 | Atlanta V.A. | Betty Hanna (404) 731-7878 |
| 12/1 -12/4/2014 | Augusta Downtown | Miriam Stein (706) 399-7593 |
| 12/1 -12/4/2014 | Augusta Uptown | Miriam Stein (706) 399-7593 |
| 12/5 -12/6/2014 | Dublin V.A. | Rhonda King (478) 984-4519 |
| 12/4 -12/5/2014 | GWVH Milledgeville | Kathy Browder-Woods (478) 452-3165 |

Lake City does not have a Gift Shop

Send all checks designated to "The Gifts Shops" to ALA Department of Georgia, 3035 Mount Zion Rd., Stockbridge, Ga. 30281. So that we can keep records of the funds contributed. Thank you for Christmas Assessment funds that also go to give each veteran a small token of our love and appreciation. Make each and every one of you have a joyful Christmas and your hearts be filled with pride that you have honored our veterans so well.

Susie Mash
Department of Georgia VA&R Chairman



Unit Activity Books are in. They can be purchased for \$3.00 each plus postage if mailed. See webpage for mailing price list
Under Order Forms

**President's Theme:**

"Georgia's Eagles taking care of All Veterans. All for one and one for all"

Membership Theme:

"Georgia's Eagles Soaring to New Heights"

Calendar of Upcoming Events 2014

November 27th Thanksgiving (Office Closed 26 & 27th)

**Hospital Visits and Christmas Gift Shops (see list)
December 25th Christmas**

2015

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| March 27 - 29, 2015 | Spring Conference - Marietta |
| June 14 - 19, 2015 | Girls State, GSU, Statesboro |
| June 25 - 28, 2015, | Department Convention Dalton, GA |
| Aug 28 - Sept 3, 2015 | 97 th National Convention Baltimore, MD |
| Oct 24-25, 2015 | Fall Conference Duluth, GA |



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