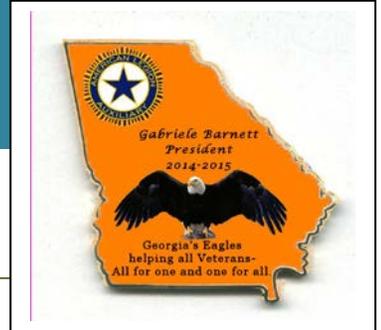


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A Word from the President

By Gabriele Barnett, Department
Hello Georgia Eagles,

This has been another busy months. Between visits to the VA to meet our Veterans, a leadership workshop, and attending various POW/MIA ceremonies, I had the honor to meet Governor Nathan Deal at the Capitol for the Proclamation of Education week.



As we are getting ready for our Fall Conference in Duluth I would like to remind you to bring an item or two for our silent auction. No item is too small. At the Conference we will introduce some fundraisers options and hope that every member will take advantage of the opportunity to help raise funds for our Auxiliary - we can only do it as a team.

Please let me know if you have anything going on in your Unit or District. I would like to attend some of your events.

This is the time of the year for the Homeless Veteran Stand Downs at the various VAs. If you have time please try to attend. These Veterans need to know that they are not forgotten.

Our 1st Vice Rosa is very busy setting up leadership workshops. So far, it has been a great turn out. If you are a chairperson for any of the Auxiliary programs, try to attend the workshops and talk about how to work the program and how to report on it. Many Units are still struggling with

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filling out reports and writing narratives - we can do it as a team.

The Junior Chairperson Annette Taylor and her committee members will be calling the Units to find out if they have an active Junior program. They have some great activities planned for our Juniors for the Fall Conference and are looking forward to a great turn-out. Please let them know if you are planning to bring any Juniors. They would like to get an approximate headcount. I think I heard something about a pizza party, crafts, activities....but of course, I am not allowed to give away the details. Remember, our Juniors are the future of this organization.

I hope everyone has a safe trip to Duluth.....I will see you there. In the meantime, take care of our Veterans....."All for One and One for All".

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

Thank you for all you do for our Veterans

God Bless America and the American Legion Family

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

Ladies we have a lot of activities going on for the next few months of this year. Our Fall Conference is October 25 – 26th. Remember the DEC Meeting will be held on Friday October 24th @ 6PM. Have you made your hotel reservations yet? Please make plans to attend and support our Youth Champions at the Youth Champions Banquet on Saturday October 25th @ 6:30PM. Also, don't forget the registration fee is \$5.00 per person. This can be paid in advance to the American Legion. Forms for the hotel and banquet are on the webpage, please get them in ASAP.

Rosa has several workshops scheduled, but if your Unit is interested in hosting one, contact Rosa. We can never have too much knowledge so please try to attend one.

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

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

October 23 Atlanta Regional Office, Decatur
10:00am
October 23 Atlanta VA Medical Center, Decatur
1:00pm
November 5 GA War Veterans Home, Milledgeville
11:00am
November 6 Carl Vinson VA Medical Center, Dublin
9:00am

November 20 Montgomery VA Med. Ctr., Montgomery
1:00pm
November 21 Tuskegee VA Med. Ctr., Tuskegee
9:00am

December 12 GA War Veterans Home, Augusta
9:00am
December 12 VA Medical Ctr., (Downtown), Augusta
1:00pm
December 13 VA Medical Ctr., (Uptown), Augusta
9:00am

Now it's time to talk about membership. Membership is coming in pretty slow. Renewal notices were sent out September 15th, so we are hoping to see an increase on membership renewals. Are you working your membership and trying to attract new members? How about a former member who 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☺

Hope to see you at the Fall Conference.
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

Dear Ladies, I know everyone is busy with membership but we still have some Units on zero. It is a busy time of the year but membership is very important. I would like to say I am sorry for not being at the leadership in Macon but I had reactions to a flu shot and was in the bed. I am very sorry. The Fall Conference is coming up soon. I know that everyone is trying very hard to get their membership in but I hope that you can try a little harder. I am very proud of the Units that have made goal. I know by Fall Conference there will be more reaching goal. The GEORGIA EAGLES are "Soaring for New Heights in Membership". See you at Fall Conference.

For God and Country!



Historian

By Anita Owens, Department Historian

I hope each of you have started on your history book. I just received the National Historians Plan of Action and was able to prepare the reports and rules for the History Book that you are working on for this year. This information has been sent into the Department for publishing on our web page and will be handed out at our Leadership Workshops. Please keep watch on our webpage so that you can print and use it as a guide or better yet try to attend one of our workshops.

I have developed some tips on what to put into your History Book which I will include in this newsletter. I am hoping that this might give you the incentive to prepare a History Book this year if you have not done one in the past or make it a little easier for those who are in the process already. National Headquarters mentioned at the National Conference that they will try to work on some sample pages on a history book and as soon as I get that information, I will send it on to you.

Tips for writing your history

- Remember to always write your history in the Third Person (i.e. use They, Them, do not use I, we, our).
- Be sure to start recording events as soon as the Unit President is sworn in at your Unit Include her theme for the year (if she has one) and how it relates to the mission.
- Department President Visits to Units are important.

Be sure to include examples of what she did to support veterans, their families and communities.

- Record special events that occur during the year. Examples:
 - Your Units gets a declaration for Poppy Month
 - Your Unit hosted a Girls State Tea
 - Your Unit hosted a Christmas Party for Military Kids, Underprivileged Kids, etc.
 - Your Unit participated in your Community's Independence Day celebration (i.e. entered a float honoring our veterans).
- Any time your Unit gets media coverage (i.e. a PSA on the radio or press release in the paper); include the details in your history.
- Pick out impressive statistics. Examples:
 - Sent more girls to Girls State than previous year
 - Contributed more dollars to veterans programs
- Your AEF, Spirit of Youth, Past Presidents Parlay, etc. donations greatly increased from previous year.

Read and follow the rules for assembling the History Book as published on the web.

For God and Country

Chaplain

By Jane Lawrence, Department Chaplain

We have had several illnesses and a couple of deaths in our Legion Auxiliary family this past month. Please keep those individuals and their families in your prayers.

As you prepare the prayer for your meeting, please either mail or email me copies of your prayer for the President's prayer book. Also, keep me informed of any illness of deaths of members or their family members, so that I can inform others.

Again, I asked that you keep our military and their families in your prayers; they sacrifice so much for our freedom. Following is a prayer for those men and women who are in the fight to keep our Country free.

Heavenly Father, please hold our service men and women in your strong arms. Cover them with Your sheltering grace and presence as they stand in harm's way to protect us and give us the freedom we have.

May the members of our armed forces be filled with courage to face each day and trust in Your mighty power.

Amen.

NEW Juniors Corner

Attention Junior Members

If you are a Junior member, or if you have a Junior member please plan to attend the Fall Conference in Duluth on October 25, 2014. Be prepared for learning, giving, and lots of fun! We are going to have an awesome Fall Conference.

We will be meeting on Friday night at 6:00 for fellowship and pizza. We will be having a Fall party. If you would like to wear a costume feel free to do so. We would also like for you to bring something to put in our Care packages we are going to send to the troops (examples, hard candy, deodorant, cookies, toothpaste, lotion, baby wipes, mouthwash, soap, etc).

On Saturday, we will get down to business. Looking forward to a great time! See you soon!

Junior Committee Chair, Annette Taylor



Happenings @ our October's Fall Conference

President's pins are in and will be on Sale for \$2.50ea. **President's shirts:** sizes Small to 3XL \$15ea

Silent Auction: Please bring an item or two to share

Raffles: Liquor Basket \$5 ticket to be given away on October 25th.

Past Presidents Parley Raffle: TV 6 tickets for \$5 or \$1ea. to be given away @ Department Convention June 2015



Bulletin #1**Resolutions Committee**

Thank you so much Madam Department President, Gabriele Barnett, for asking me to serve as your Resolutions Committee Chairman this year.

It is a pleasure to recognize my Committee Members, Tillie Davis and Dot Thornton. Their willingness to serve with me once again is very much appreciated.

Materials which are available to assist you in the writing of resolutions are as follows:

The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Georgia Constitution and Bylaws

The National Constitution and Bylaws and Standing Rules of the American Legion Auxiliary

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit Handbook

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 10th Edition

The Courtesy Resolutions will be prepared and read on the program at the Department Convention when the time is appropriate.

Some basic guidelines the Committee would like to suggest concerning resolutions are:

1. A resolution should deal with only ONE subject.
2. There are two parts to each resolution: the PREAMBLE, consisting of the "WHEREAS" clauses and then concluding with the "RESOLVED" clauses.
3. Special rules of punctuation and capitalization should always be observed. These will be discussed in detail later.
4. Always remember that the Resolved Clauses Section should be prepared first. Although the Preamble comes before the Resolved Clauses Section in appearance, the Preamble should be prepared after the Resolved Clauses Section is put into final form.
5. Resolutions are important business to The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary. Vote on each one with the realization that through your action you are either helping to build (or tear down) the effectiveness and reputation of your Unit (or Post) on the local level, the District level, and the Department level.

More details and facts about Resolutions will be forthcoming in either a bulletin or a handout in the near future and before the Spring Conference.

If we can assist you in any way, please contact any of us through our Department Headquarters at 3035 Mt. Zion Blvd., Stockbridge, GA 30281, phone number 678/289-8446.

Betty Turner,
Resolutions Committee Chairman
2014-2015



10th District is in need of any extra poppies you might have available to help with the construction of the Poppy Anchor. Please bring them to Fall Conference and see Debbie Blackwell. Thank you 😊

**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"

National President's Theme:

"Celebrating Faith, Family & Freedom"

Calendar of Upcoming Events

October 4, 2014	Yom Kippur
October 6, 2014	Child Health Day
October 13, 2014	Columbus Day
October 25 & 26, 2014	Fall Conference, Duluth, Youth Champions Banquet
October 31, 2014	Halloween

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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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