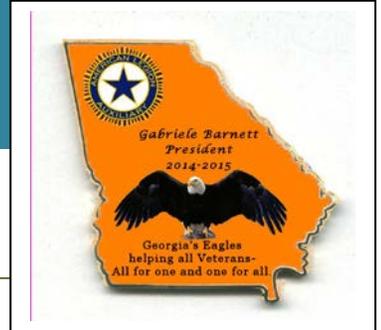


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A Word from the President

By Gabriele Barnett, Department

To my Georgia Eagles:

It is unbelievable how quickly the miles add up when you travel to different Auxiliary events. I had the honor to install officers at various Units and Districts, and was invited to a Past President's Parley dinner in honor of our Past Department President - Fanny Farley - from Eatonton. So far I have traveled over 3,000 miles.

I attended the National Convention in Charlotte which was very informative. I attended the Leadership workshop, the Constitution and By-Law workshop, the Memorial Service and walked in the Parade. The people of Charlotte certainly extended a warm welcome to us. While we were walking in the parade, the streets were lined with Veterans and patriotic citizens. I wonder how many are members of our great organization? Yes ladies, I am talking membership. The first Division membership report came in. Georgia is in 7th place with 16.83% of their members in to National. No reason to panic, I know Krista is working diligently to put the new members in the system....something she could not due until now due to National's guidelines. We actually have 3 Units who are Goal Units - way to go!

The Department of Georgia had 7 girls attend the National Convention. Encourage your Juniors to participate in your program...remember, they are our future.

As you all know, our Department needs to come up with some ideas for fundraising to make sure we have enough operating funds available. The Finance Committee and I have been brainstorming and I believe we came up with a couple of ideas that might generate some income for the office. Stay tuned.....I will announce our ideas in the next newsletter or at the Fall Conference.

There will be a Silent Auction at the Fall Conference so I am asking everyone's support to bring in an item to auction off. We have had very successful auctions in the past and I know we can do it again.

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Our Leadership chairperson Rosa is scheduling workshops. The first one is held at Unit 192 in Evans on 13 September 14 from 9am-2pm. Although, you might have attended a workshop in the past, there is always something new you will learn.

Ladies, I appreciate everyone's hard work for our Veterans. I know you are "out there" working the programs and doing good work - our Veterans appreciate help in any shape or form, even if it is just a few kind words.

Let our Eagles fly high and "Soar to new Heights". Let's work our membership not only by signing up new members but also by retaining the ones we have and by rejoining efforts of the ones who did not renew in the past.

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

Time is flying by with so many things going on. Our National Convention in Charlotte, NC was exciting. We were represented in all the committee meetings and in all of the breakout workshops. Hope everyone who went got lots of information. The States Dinner was just wonderful with all the Hollywood Glamour. I saw Marilyn Monroe, Audrey Hepburn, Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, Shirley Temple, Mae West and Grace Kelly. A great time was had by all who attended.

What an exciting year we have ahead of us. We have membership notices going out September 15th. Lets' get that membership rolling in. National is giving us a way to Honor Our Female Veterans. Enclosed in this newsletter is a flyer with all the info.

Fall Conference will be October 25 - 26th at the Sonesta Hotel in Duluth, with our DEC meeting on October 24th at 6pm. Have you made your reservation? Let's plan on supporting our youth by attending the Youth Champions Banquet. See inserts.

We have Leadership workshops scheduled with the 1st one in Evans Unit 192 on September 13th begins 9am. On September 27th, Unit 3 in Macon will host the next one, Ellijay Unit 82 will be held on October 11th, October 25th Unit 66 in Decatur and November 8th Unit 251 Duluth will host. I'm sure you can find one to attend a little knowledge can go a long way, but you must reach out to get it.

Patriot Day

The American Legion Auxiliary calls upon its members to join the annual 9/11 Day Observance. Known formally as "Patriot Day," Congress has designated each September 11 to be a "national day of service and remembrance" to pay tribute to the victims of the terrorist attacks on our nation that occurred September 11, 2001, through good deeds and charitable service.



1st Vice President / Leadership

By Rosa Scott, Department 1st Vice President

Leadership Purpose Statement

Have you ever considered our Purpose Statement for our organization? If not here it is . . .

To develop and prepare knowledgeable and capable leaders to carry on the growth and success of the Auxiliary by promoting activities and resources that educate, motivate, and mentor members of all ages and at all levels of the organization.

Knowing and implementation of the statement may seem hard, but it is not.

Some of you have it within yourselves to do this. Not like other, but to your own unique style that will benefit your Unit and still accomplish its purpose.

You have attended many workshops over the years and now it time for our "season member(s)" to pass on the information and for new members to seek guidance.

Everyone have questions and concerns that is where we can help.

During this year as we "Celebrate Faith, Family and Freedom by implementing the knowledge we have learned; you can help make our own individual Unit the best it can be.

Thanks to those whom have reached for the Leadership Workshop.

If you are unable to plan a workshop and would like to have information, please contact me at 678.266.2937 or e-mail: rosa.scott49@yahoo.com

For God and Country



2nd Vice President/Membership

By Miriam Stein, Department 2nd Vice President

I hope everyone had a good Labor Day. Now, I am very proud of all the Units that are on target. There is still a lot of Units on zero. I am hoping by the time this newsletter comes out that has changed. The Eagles in Georgia are flying high but I hope we can do better for our President. I know that all membership chairmen are working hard to get membership in. Please call me if there is anything I can do to help 706.399.7539. Our leadership workshops will be starting up soon. I know that will help.

For God and Country!



Historian

By Anita Owens, Department Historian

Well, can you believe how fast this year is going by, summer is going out and fall is coming in. Can you think back to what all you did this summer or has it went so fast that you can't remember? That can and does happen to a lot of us. That is why we need to record what is going on and then we can go back later and read it and say "now I remember".

I know that it is very hard to take the time at the end of each day and write down what happened but if you just start doing it on a weekly basis by just listing the highlights then you will be able to go back and fill in all the little details and your history will write itself. You know that I am available at any time to help you in any way that I can, just give me a call or email, that is why I am here.

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We do not have the current instructions on the format of the History Book due to the National Historian only being elected at the National Convention in August. I will keep watch and get the information to you as soon as it is available.

For God and Country

Chaplain

By Jane Lawrence, Department Chaplain

I have had several prayer requests for members and family members who have been ill or in the hospital. Also, notification of death of former 2nd District President, Rosetta Thomas from Cairo, Ga. and Carol Roberts, Unit 163 Statham. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Please keep me informed of any illnesses or deaths of members or family members, so that I can let them know that the Department is praying for them and a sympathy card can be sent to extend the Department's condolences.

As you may know, September 11th is "Remembrance Day" please plan to do something that shows your dedication to our troops and country.

Please send me copies of your prayers for the President's prayer book.

I am trying very hard to keep the emails coming when needed. Chaplains, if you are not on my mailing list, please let me know your email address and I will be glad to add you to my list.

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

SAVE THE DATE: ALA MEMBERS

The Governor will issue a **Proclamation for Education Week** November 17-21 for the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Georgia on September 17, 2014, 9:00 am, at the State Capitol, North Wing steps, Atlanta. Anyone who would like to attend please be there no later than **8:45am** in business attire. Pictures will be taken with the Governor at 9:00am sharp. **We will need a head count by September 15th.** Parking is available in the Capitol Lot, located off of Capitol Avenue. The Capitol Lot is a ten dollar, cash-only lot. The address for the Georgia Capitol is 203 Washington St., Atlanta, GA. Please RSVP to barnettgabriele@hotmail.com

**LEGISLATIVE
CHAIRMAN, JUDY THOMPSON**

The Legislative Program provides information and assistance to American Legion Auxiliary members to advocate for the legislative agenda of The American Legion.

We as members need to encourage members and others to be more knowledgeable about the American Legion's legislative priorities.

You may say "WHAT CAN I DO." Here are a few ideas:

- Invite a local senator or representative to a unit meeting so they can explain the proper and appropriate method for communicating through the legislative chain.
- Choose a different legislative priority each month and allow time at each meeting for members to draft letters and communicate the importance of legislative related to veterans and their families.
- Units you can hold a Town Hall meeting with local and state representatives. Make veterans issues a primary topic for discussion.
- Hold a unit meeting to go over the steps outlined by the Legislative Advocacy Guide.
- Order and distribute the American Legion Auxiliary's Legislative Advocacy Guide and distribute to members at unit meetings.
- Read the ALA Legislative Advocacy Guide and follow its instructions for taking action in support of the Legion's legislative priorities.

This is just a few ideas and you may have some of your own.

LEGISLATIVE REPORTING

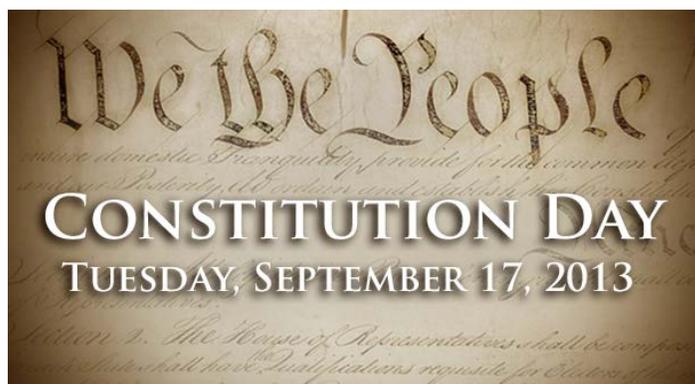
Mid-Year Reporting - Reports are due to me by December 15th, 2014.

This will give me time to do my report for Nationals. LET ME HEAR WHAT YOUR UNIT HAS DONE.

Year-End Report - Reports are due by May 1st, 2015. PLEASE submit a narrative report on what your UNIT LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM DID.

President, Gabriele Barnett theme is "GEORGIA'S EAGLES HELPING ALL VETERANS - ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL."

We all can help ALL FOR ONE and ONE FOR ALL by supporting the LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM, **OUR VETERANS**.



NEW Juniors Corner

I cannot believe that I was elected Honorary Junior President for the Department of Georgia. My theme this year is "Georgia's Junior Unmask Domestic Violence." My goal is to provide a year of food to a woman shelter. My pins will be on sale for \$3.00 each. You can help by purchasing on to support my project.

Since, I was installed in June, I have attended numerous installations. I was honored to ride with President Gabriele in the Old Soldier's Day Parade.

I was invited to Evans Unit 192 Junior Award Banquet. The Juniors of Unit 192 do an outstanding job for our veterans and the community. They are truly an example of how a junior unit should operate. I got all wet helping the juniors at their carwash.

This year the Department of Georgia sent seven juniors to the National Convention in Charlotte North Carolina. They marched in the parade on Sunday.

I am looking forward to the junior meeting at the Fall Conference. The Junior Chairman will be giving you the details soon. Bring your juniors. We are the future. Help us make it a bright one. If I can be of service please let me know.

Hope Boskey



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.

The Juniors' year started out with 7 (seven) Junior girls attending the National Convention in Charlotte. They had a blast. They participated in the Junior meeting, made crafts, and participated in the parade. We have many projects planned this year. We are looking forward to a great year! Our Juniors rock!

See you at Fall Conference.

Annette Taylor, Junior Chairperson

Latrisha Linaweaver and Joanna Hall, Committee members

The famous LIQUOR BASKET is back.

Over twelve or more bottles of different liquor and goodies all wrapped up together.

Tickets will be **\$5.00** each.

The giveaway will be October 25th at Fall Conference.

ALL proceeds will go to the Department.

We are asking ALL UNITS to sell ten (10) raffle tickets.

THAT'S ALL, but if you want to sell more that will be GREAT.

The liquor basket will be on display at Fall Conference.

If we all help with this fundraiser, we can raise some money for Department.

Enclosed in this newsletter are ten (10) raffle tickets for you.

Make checks out to ALA DEPT. OF GEORGIA.

Bring tickets and money to Fall Conference or send them to:

JUDY THOMPSON

1730 DRY POND ROAD N.W.

MONROE, GEORGIA 30656

770-267-6160 - HOME

tdthut@windstream.net

Ask Laura Oliver of

Unit 86, 7th District

about the Liquor Tub

she won. She had to

get a lot of HELP!!!

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

- September 7, 2014 National Grandparents Day
- September 11, 2014 Patriot's Day
- September 17, 2014 Constitution Day & Citizenship Day
- September 18, 2014 Air Force Birthday
- September 19, 2014 National POW/MIA Recognition Day
- September 25, 2014 Rosh Hashanah
- September 26 -28, 2014 Girls State and Chaplains Conferences, Indianapolis, IN
- September 28, 2014 Gold Star Mother's Day
- October 25 & 26, 2014 Fall Conference, Duluth, Youth Champions Banquet

2015

- 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 97th National Convention Baltimore, MD
- Oct 24-25, 2015 Fall Conference Duluth, GA



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