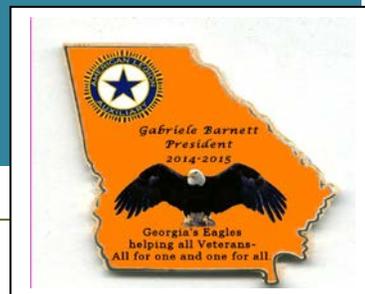


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A Word from the President

By Gabriele Barnett, Department

As my year serving as your president comes to an end I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Auxiliary members for trusting me with this office and who have mentored me throughout the years. While traveling throughout the State of Georgia I met some wonderful people and witnessed the great work the American Legion Auxiliary is doing. A hand shake, a big smile, and a simply thank you from a Veteran is one of the most rewarding gifts we can receive. It shows that we are doing the right thing. The American Legion Auxiliary is the largest women's veterans servicing organization. In order to continue to be able to support our Veterans we need to ensure that we grow as an organization. This can only be accomplished by working our membership. We must continue to be visible in the communities, showing our presence and educating the public on who we are and what we are about. A great way to ensure the future of our organization is through our Juniors. I attended the Junior Convention in Evans on 30-31 May 2015 and was pleasantly surprised to see 15 girls attending. That was more than we had in the past few years. Please continue to work your Junior programs. I ask you to support the incoming president as you have supported me. You have some great leaders coming up who will represent the Department of Georgia well.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your Department President. I will see you in Dalton.

Gabriele

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Inserts: Membership Report

Membership Cards Important Information!

Membership cards will be given out at Department Convention. Day and Time to be announced at Convention. In order to receive your cards a New Unit Officers Form and a Unit Data Form must be have been received at the office prior to Convention. Only the New 2015-2016 Unit President or the Person listed on Unit Data Form will be allowed to sign for and pick up the cards. Once again please note, NOONE ELSE will be given the Cards, and if we did not receive BOTH FORMS, Cards will not be given out. Cards will only be given out on the Day and Time that is designated; they will not be given at any other time.

Last Day to send in your 2015 Membership to count towards Department Convention Goals etc.. is 6/19/2015. We will cut-off on this date to figure all awards for the Convention as well as to line up the Districts according to placement. We will still be accepting 2015 membership it just will not count towards the total turned in by Dept. Convention for your Unit.

The New Unit Officers list is also a Requirement to be turned in Prior to Department Convention, It must be on file with the Credentials Desk before certifying your Delegates. Do Not Forget, IF your Unit is Delinquent in Obligations you will not be allowed to certify your Units, or Vote in the Elections at the Convention. Your Unit will not receive a Voting Packet and you will not receive Delegate Badges. The Deadline to receive your obligations is 6/11/2015.

Thanks,
Krista

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

Secretary

By Patty Hawkins, Department Secretary

The 2014-2015 year is coming to an end and there are many things to be done to get ready for the Convention. Has your hotel reservations been made? How about your Registration has it been paid? Yes, everyone who attends must pay the \$25 to the American Legion unless you got in on the early bird special. Have you made your Banquet reservations with the American Legion?

The Auxiliary will be having its Past President Parley luncheon Friday at 12pm and it's not too late to get in. The cost is \$30. **The cut-off date to have the money into the office is June 10th. We will not be taking reservation at the Convention.**

Membership is slowing down but we are receiving a few. This is great but we can still do more.

SO with that said...

Now is Not the time to stop working membership. I've noticed that many of our units, including those who have reached their 100% goal, still have many members who have not renewed their membership for 2015. I'm afraid that if we don't bring in those renewals before July, they will be lost forever. Concentrate on RENEWALS! Contact those members and let them know how important they are to our organization. By reaching out to our members, MIRACLES CAN HAPPEN! Our Membership goal is at 82.28%. Ladies we are not that far away from 100%, so let's see that extra effort I know you are willing to help get us there. We do really need to concentrate on our juniors. Bring them in and let them help us build up our units. You might be surprised what our youth are capable of and their willingness to help if only asked.

Delinquent Notices went out April 13th! They were mailed to the Unit Presidents. We will NOT be collecting any monies at the Department Convention in Dalton for Obligations. They must be paid and into the department 15 days prior to Convention. **The deadline to be received into the Department Headquarters is June 11, 2015. NO EXCEPTION!!!**

NOTICE: If you are planning on going to Baltimore for the National Convention please get your request in to The American Legion ASAP as rooms are getting booked up fast. Remember Dale Barnett from GA is the leading candidate for NATIONAL COMMANDER. You don't want to miss the excitement!!!!

Thank You

Thanks for always listening to n supporting me, and encouraging me. You're a true friend, and I want you to know how much I love and appreciate you. You're the best!

1st Vice President / Leadership

By Rosa Scott, Department 1st Vice President

The Department of Georgia started the year with a few goals: to enhance and to strengthen The Leadership Workshop in developing future leaders.

We asked each District/Units to target a specific area in which member wanted more training. With a little determination, the Leadership Team headed out with material in hand to make this year workshop a little different.

We combined the training with music, singing and some team building activities. We had "fun while learning" during the year.

Thanks to all the reports I received and with great narrative too,

Some Unit Presidents and District Officers informed me that members had the opportunity to sit side by side in their position during meeting. This allowed members to have a different view of each position especially when it came to responding to Q & A during the meeting.

Parliamentary Procedure / Basic Protocol seem to stand out in our training session and were used often in their meeting.

As our team traveled the state, we were able to schedule training in six Districts. The total number of member that attended all the training was 146. However, from these members, the impact reached approx. 2,259 members of our Department.

So looking forward, we should have no problem with members stepping up to lead our organization in the future or take a chairmanship.

The American Legion Leadership Course was taken by 14 members. The course, somehow, made it way to the National Office and finally back to Georgia.

As we come to a close of the year, I am hopefully we have accomplished some of goals of the Department of Georgia, as previously mentioned.

It was also our goal to have "fun while learning" and without a doubt I believe we did!

Looking forward to our State Convention and the announcement of other winners for the year!

Note: Incoming Officers are asked to wear black for installation/ District Presidents are asked to wear white.

2nd Vice President/Membership

By Miriam Stein, Department 2nd Vice President

I know the year is coming to an end but we still need that membership. Please don't give up. Georgia is coming on up in National. But we could really use some more. I am very proud we have 26 goal Units. It has been a struggle this year for membership. But I really appreciate the hard work that some of the Units did. I know everyone really tried for our Department President. I hope everyone had a good Memorial Day. I know everyone will work real hard for the next 2nd Vice President. I am very proud of all the hard work this year.

For God & Country

Historian

By Anita Owens, Department Historian

Well here I am writing my last newsletter as your Department Historian. Not much I can say to help you with your History Reports and Books as they have all been submitted. I received a lot of History Reports and the Books are now coming in from the Districts. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your hard work and effort that was put into these projects. I know they will be beneficial to those members who come behind us in future years. Just one quick note to remember to add pages of events and happenings that occur between the time you submitted your book until the time your new President is installed. A lot of things are occurring with Memorial Day activities, Girls State events, etc. We need to capture and put those into our books also.

I look forward to finish my reading of your History and I already know that a lot of events that have happened in the Units will be included in our Department History Book. You and your Units are the Department.

In closing, I look forward to seeing you at the Convention and I hope that if you are continuing as a Historian for your Unit or passing the torch, you will engage others to learn the importance of maintaining the recording of your Units History.

Thank you again for all your hard work.

For God and Country

Chaplain

By Jane Lawrence, Department Chaplain

I would like to thank everyone for your support this year. A special thank you to those who provided information of illnesses and deaths among our Legion Family that helped me share the information with our members so prayers and support could be provided.

I have received a lot of Chaplain's reports and have enjoyed reading about what the Units have accomplished this year, you have certainly been busy. Looking forward to receiving the Prayer Books.

I participated in the Poppy Anchor Launching at Tybee Island on May 25th, it was so beautiful. Thanks, to the 9th District for the beautiful anchor.

As you know, June is the month for Father's day, so please keep all fathers in your prayers, especially those who are serving our country and will be away from their families on this special day.

Hope to see each of you in Dalton at the State Convention.

For God and Country

**WIN A
TV**

The Past Department Presidents will be accepting donations for a TV: tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5 at the Convention.

See Susie Mash to get your tickets. Funds go toward scholarships



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 2015

June 6th	D-Day
June 14 - 19, 2015	Girls State, GSU, Statesboro
June 21, 2015	Father's Day
June 25, 2015	DEC Meeting
June 26 - 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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