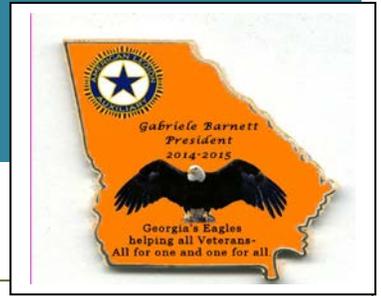


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A Word from the President

By Gabriele Barnett, Department

“My pride has been to be your first president, and the hope I have today is that this past year may be but a stepping stone over which a great edifice will be built; that our membership may grow to the million mark. This wonderful group of women can and will accomplish this hope, and I leave you with my earnest prayer to carry on” (Edith Hobart, the American Legion Auxiliary’s first national president).

With an eye on the future, the Auxiliary’s first national president, Edith Hobart, said these words nearly 95 years ago. Together, every member can help carry on Hobart’s dream to attain 1 million members by working to achieve the five goals outlined in the American Legion Auxiliary’s Centennial Strategic Plan. Every member’s dedication to this effort will strengthen and sustain the American Legion Auxiliary for years to come and ensure that we have educated and dedicated members who will continue to live our mission of serving veterans, military, and their families.

During her recent visit to Georgia, the National President Janet Jefford gave the members an update on the American Legion Auxiliary’s five year centennial plan. Five goals, 25 strategies, and 220 initiatives and work plans are underway. The future of the American Legion Auxiliary depends on the organization at all levels achieving the five strategic goals adopted by the National Executive Committee (NEC) nearly a year ago.

President Jefford stated that in order to implement the 5 year strategic plan we have to start thinking

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outside of the box. This includes trying new ways for the good of the American Legion Auxiliary. Sometimes change is scary but necessary. Please keep in mind when an item is presented to the body for a vote, to vote in the best interest for the future of our organization. Don’t vote against something just because it has always been done a certain way.

It takes each and every one of us to support the strategic plan, to attain new members, retain current members, and to make a difference in our veterans’ life.

Georgia’s membership song is Michael Jackson’s ‘Man in the Mirror’.....**I'm starting with the man in the mirror, I'm asking him to change his ways, and no message could have been any clearer, if you want to make the world a better place, take a look at yourself, and then make a change....** let’s make this change together.

For God and Country

“Georgia’s Eagles taking care of All Veterans. All for one and one for all”

Secretary

By Patty Hawkins, Department Secretary

Our Spring Conference is March 27 - 29, 2015 at the Marriott in Marietta. **The DEC will meet @ 6:00 pm on Thursday March 26th.** Hotel registration and Homecoming Banquet forms are on our web page. We will have our regular meeting on the 27th. We are planning on having an Auxiliary College on 28th, finishing up on the 29th after the Poppy dedication service.

We have some units that have not paid their obligations, if your unit has not sent theirs in please get them in now. If you need the forms either get them off the web page or call me and I will mail them to you. This is very important, our Convention will be here before you know it and in order to vote the dues must be paid. **Remember we voted NOT TO ACCEPT any payments for Obligations at the Convention.**

We will be having a Silent Auction so bring something that you can part with ☺ We can wear our President's tee shirt on Friday, which will be sold on Thursday night if you haven't gotten yours. Also her pins are still available.

We will also be having The Liquor Basket raffle again. Thanks for all your support ☺ Without you and your support we would not be here.



1st Vice President / Leadership

By Rosa Scott, Department 1st Vice President

Leadership has been described as "a process of [social influence](#) in which a person can enlist the aid and [support](#) of others in the accomplishment of a common [task](#) .

Social support is the perception and actuality that one is cared for, has assistance available from other people, and that one is part of a supportive [social network](#). These supportive resources can be emotional tangible (e.g., financial assistance), informational (e.g., advice), or companionship (e.g., sense of belonging) and intangible (e.g. personal advice). Social support can be measured as the perception that one has assistance available, the actual received assistance, or the degree to which a person is integrated in a social network. Support can come from many sources, such as family, friends, pets, neighbors, coworkers, organizations, etc.

As it is here, it is our American Legion Auxiliary.

Each year as a member you position yourself to learn more and more about the organization thru leadership training and you continue to pass it along thru social support. Training is done in all levels of our organization, from the Unit /District / Department. When you support your Unit and its program through the community you are learning to an effective ambassador of our organization.

Each year as a member you continue to help us in the accomplishment of our common task/goal, supporting our veterans. This is done by obtaining membership and by your reporting the information of your various committees.

So never think of yourself as "just a member" you are so much more "you are LEADERS"!



2nd Vice President/Membership

By Miriam Stein, Department 2nd Vice President

Members, our time is running out it is almost time for Spring Conference. Our membership needs a very big push!!! I know that some Units have been working real hard. Maybe with spring coming a Social or a picnic would help to push our membership. If anyone has any ideas that would help us PLEASE bring them to Spring Conference and share them with us. New ideas are always helpful to the Units. Krista, Patty or myself would be glad to talk to anyone about more membership.

For God and Country

Historian

By Anita Owens, Department Historian

Auxiliary Members, February 2015 will be noted as another historical month for the ALA Department of Georgia. Janet Jefford, our National President visited us on February 28th-March 1st.

She was greeted with fanfare at 11:42pm at the Augusta Airport by Department President Gabriele, 1st VP Rosa Scott, 2nd VP Miriam Stein, Historian Anita Owens, NEC Betty Grist, Past National Chaplain, Past Department President Nini Lynch, Dept Sgt at Arms Barbara Wade and Unit President 233 Kathy Brown, she was totally surprised by such a reception at that late an hour.

President Gabriele did an outstanding job with tours scheduled for the President and then topped it off with having lunch with our troops at Fort Gordon. You could truly say that President Janet was truly impressed.

As we near the last months of putting together The History Book and the History Report here are some things you may want to remember

- Gather all the information you have of events held at your Post/Unit
- Revisit your guidelines for the History Book and History Report
- Check off each one at you go along
- Start your story
- Review, review, review
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Reminder the History Report is due to the Department Historian by May 1st and your History Book is due to the Department Historian by June 10, 2015. Anita Owens, 3091 N Sharon Church Rd., Loganville, GA 770-846-4454. Check with your District to determine due dates for submission to them.

The Auxiliary College along with the American Legion College will be a part of our Spring Conference, another notable moment to be recorded. This is an event you will not want to miss especially if you are interested in growing your potential to be an asset in your Unit. Hope to see you there.

For God and Country

Chaplain

By Jane Lawrence, Department Chaplain

Ladies, there has been a lot of sickness and deaths in the last few months. Please keep those families in your thoughts and prayers. Please keep our military men and women in your Prayers.

I am trying very hard to keep you informed of prayer/card request. Please keep the emails coming when needed. If you aren't on my list please send me your email address and I will be glad to add you to my list.

It is getting close to that time when I will be preparing a special prayer book for President Gabriele. If your unit would like a prayer to be in President Gabriele's book, please email them to me, or if you do not have email please mail them to me.

Below is a special prayer for our men and women who are serving this great Country and in some cases putting their lives in harms way.

O Prince of peace, we humbly ask your protection for all our men and women in military service.

Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity and devotion.

Be their rock, their shield, and their stronghold and let them draw their strength from you.

It is that time of the year for lent. Remember to keep up with your simple acts of kindness.

Thank you so very much for what you do for our veterans and their families.

To the Legion family, a special thank you for all the thoughts, prayers, beautiful cards and food provided to our family during the loss of our daughter who passed away on January 24th.

For God and Country

NEW Juniors Corner

Calling All Juniors to the Spring Conference



If you have any questions please contact

Annette Taylor,
Junior Department Chair
At 706-755-2673
Email TTaylor4010@Yahoo.com

- We will be meeting on Friday, March 27th at 7:00, Saturday at 9:00 and again Saturday evening at 6:00.
- Come ready for some fun, learning, crafts and food. Bring a swim suit there may be some swimming going on.
- Please research a famous female in the military and be prepared to share some information about her. You can even make some signs and bring some prompts.
- Look for more news next month!



**National
President Janet
Jeffords
hitching a ride
with Bill
Harrington ALR
Post 192.**



Past President Parley

District and Unit President: **These are due by June 1, 2015.**

This is plea for your help. Every year the Department awards "Past President Parley Nursing Scholarship's". We only received two last year. You can down load an application for the scholarship off our website (<http://www.galegionaux.org>). If you know a student that is pursuing a Nursing Scholarship, a high school senior or a College Student.

The only money that we award is from either a raffle, that the immediate past president will do and the Past President Parley luncheon held at the Department convention and from any other donations.

This year I have decided to raffle a Magnavox V – Series 39" 1080P LED TV. Tickets are 6 for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each and will be on sale at the Spring Conference. Tickets will also be on sale at the Department Convention 2015. It will be raffled off at the Convention at the Banquet.

Please make copies of the application and distribute to your members.

Thank you for your Service to our Veterans,

Susie Mash
Past Presidents Parley, Chairman 2014 – 2015

NOTE from our Dept. President:

I have set up an online fundraiser with Yankee candles for "our" special project. Is this something you can send out to your members to support? We will receive 40% of the proceeds. The Auxiliary is sending out an e-mail blast to its members.

To all of our supporters: We are offering an "ONLINE FUNDRAISER" at yankeecandlefundraising.com for this 2015 Spring Season!

Our Group Number: 990075598

SHOP FOR YOURSELF * INVITE FRIENDS & FAMILY * TELL EVERYONE!

Shop online and send beautiful gifts for Valentine's, Easter, Mother's Day, Graduations, Teacher Gifts and Wedding's.

Online orders over \$100 will receive "FREE" shipping,

Online Orders under \$100 is a \$5.99 Flat Fee.

Benefits of our Yankee Candle Fundraising Program:

- Yankee IS America's Best Loved Candle
- 40% Profit comes to our organization on ALL items purchased
- Shopping is available all the way through July 15, 2015
- You can register as a Seller's Login to track your own sales
- All orders are shipped directly to consumer!

So, please, support our organization by offering these highest-quality, brand-name, products, which everyone loves, to friends and family alike! You can even share this on Facebook and/or tweet it by using our Group # 990075598.

Bulletin # 2

Georgia Girls State

March 2015

WHERE: Statesboro, Georgia at Georgia Southern University**WHEN:** June 14 – 19, 2015.**Fee is \$260.00 per girl****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.**Reminder: Parent must fill out a medical history/consent form. A physical by a doctor is not required.****APPLICATIONS:** Applications are available by calling or emailing me, or they can be picked up at 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 forms, parent waiver, a copy of both sides of the insurance card and photos to **Deedy Harrell, 800 E. 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. 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 on Sunday, June 14, 2015, and it will help us if we can limit the number of calls necessary. Let us know even up the last day.

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 Cell #: 770-337-7997**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****Please join the Girls State Booster Club!! Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Deedy Harrell, Director**



National President Janet Jefford visits Georgia and greeted with good ole Southern Hospitality from Our American Legion Family!!

Thanks to Units 178 Augusta, 192 Evans and 205 Augusta for hosting a luncheon and dinners. National President Janet got to visit Fort Gordon and lunch with some of our Servicemen. She visited the Fisher House and the Augusta Hospitals. Thanks to all who attended and made this a great visit.

Who We Are... We are the over 700,000 wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, grandmothers, granddaughters and descendants of veterans who served our great country during times of war. Some of us are veterans ourselves. Patriotism and veterans advocacy are so important to the American Legion Auxiliary that for nearly a century, we've been serving, educating and giving to America's finest—our servicemen and women. We answer the call of Service Not Self.



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

- March 27 - 29, 2015 Spring Conference/College - Marietta
DEC Meeting March 26th 6pm
- 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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