

DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA AUXILIARY NEWS

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A Word from the President

By Rosa Scott, Department President

Hello ladies. Our fall conference is fast approaching and I hope to see all of you there. Your organizational leadership is asking that you all come out to the conference, prepared to fill your baskets with some very important news. Many of you may be interested in getting information regarding how you may play a part in revitalization. Some ladies may be interested in information pertaining to planning for Girl State. Whatever peaks your interest, now is the time to decide what efforts are needed to ensure that success belongs to your unit and that the various trophies come back with you at the end of our year. Make a decision to contribute your gifts and talents to ensure that this is our most productive year yet. The choice is yours ladies; let's get off to a great start.

All of the delegates representing Georgia at the National Convention were in full attendance at each of the opening sessions and at the Southern Caucus. Some of the delegates also attended the "breakout workshops". Each session at the convention had its dialogue, but in the end, there was an understanding of "why" things were being done. Most of all, members can agreed to disagreed on a particular action and moved on for we all see the importance of the final results. I chose to attend the workshop titled "Governing for Civility", in its simplest meaning, polite behavior.

It has been my experience that we can never get enough information on how to work most efficiently as a team, and how to have the best possible attitudes while doing so. Sometime things are easier said than done, but we are all pressing toward the mark.

Offering members (new as well as old) to be inclusive within our committee and the work we do. Do you really ever have enough volunteers on a project? Would you rather have more than enough or not enough member on a project?

Allowing members to speak and offer an opinion that

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differs, without getting offended; knowing how to speak/address issues in a positive rather than a negative manner. Most of all how to defuse a situation. Showing your leadership skills by encouraging and guiding members to be informative and proactive during a meeting. Having all the necessary tools available to us as a reference is vital.

Leadership is not easy. .but it is an important factor within our organization. For those of you who have chosen to take the helm to lead our organization, whether it's on the Unit, District or Department level I applauded you.

Attend the Mission Training, Conference and Leadership Workshops when you can, request training for your Unit/District. We are here for you!

We have requested that the information from these breakout sessions be posted on the National website. I am not sure when, but you can keep checking.

Here's to each of you filling your basket with the best of the Fall Conference and reaping the rewards to come in the spring.

For God and Country



Forget-me-Nots..Our Mission.. ..Our Purpose ..Our Vision for Our Veterans.

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 24 – 25th. Remember the DEC Meeting will be held on Friday October 23rd @ 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 24th @ 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.

Miriam has some workshops scheduled, but if your Unit is interested in hosting one, contact Miriam. We can never have too much knowledge so please try to attend one. Macon Unit 3 will be held on October 10th. 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.

The 2015 Christmas Gift 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 VA Gift Shop are:

Atlanta/Decatur	Dec 1 st -4 th
Augusta Uptown VA	Nov 30 th – Dec 2 nd
Carrollton	Dec 2 nd
Dublin VA	Dec 4 th & 5 th
GWVH Milledgeville	Dec 3 rd & 4 th

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 Blooming Forget me Nots!!! 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 Miriam Stein, Department 1st Vice President

Ladies, what a great leadership workshop we had at Tybee Island Unit 154. I believe everyone there had a great time and received some great information. I really appreciate everyone that took the time to come and participate at it.

Macon's workshop will October 10th at 9am registration, 10am the workshop starts, 12 noon lunch and finish after lunch. There will be more workshops after Christmas. Everyone is just so busy in November and December but if you have questions you can always email or call me.

I hope to receive a lot of yearbooks this year. Ladies we have to remember we have to teach our rules and programs to our members. Everyone that doesn't know our preamble please try to learn it. In order for us to teach our juniors we have to know these things. New members have to be taught what the auxiliary is about.

Our Forget-me-Nots have to work real hard for our auxiliary. Our mission and purpose is to work for our veterans. We love our auxiliary and our veterans.

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JUNIORS ACTIVITIES

Bring your juniors to Fall Conference. Remember they are part of our Legion Family. They will meet Saturday morning at the same time as the Auxiliary. Lunch will be provided.

From 6:00pm until No later than 8:30pm, there will be a Halloween Party for the girls. Girls can come dressed in costume. There will be prizes for the Best, the most frightening and the cutest costumes. Snacks will be provided.

Also, we will be working on the Junior President's Special Project. She wants to provide comfort items for the Homeless Veterans at the Stand-down. We need unopened travel size of shampoo, lotion, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, regular size soap, washcloths and white socks. We will be collecting these items at the Fall Conference. Let's help make her project a success.

2nd Vice President/Membership

By Anita Owens, Department 2nd Vice President

Well I hope you have planted those Forget-Me-Not seeds on membership throughout your community and starting to see some of them come forth to join us in our great Auxiliary. You know that is how it happens, getting out in our communities and talking to others about the largest Patriotic Women's Organization in the World. It is a great way to meet new people and to get new members.

National has mailed out the renewal notices and you should start to see some of your renewals coming in, if you do not get them within a month then you need to start contacting them directly. Please do not wait around or they will keep forgetting to renew. I am hoping when I get the results of our membership numbers before the Fall Conference that we eliminated those Units on zero by having the officers pay their dues.

I know some Units are involved with District Revitalization efforts going on and I would love to hear from the District President on how it went. Please email me just a short note letting me know your thoughts so they can be shared with others. My email is Anitia@bellsouth.net.

I just recently attended the first Leadership Workshop for the year in Tybee Island which was well represented with three Districts in attendance and felt that we had a great session on membership. The ladies in that area are positive thinkers and are ready to get out there and go for their goals. I believe they will accomplish what they have set out to do. All any of us can do is TRY.

Keep up the good work and know that I am available to help anyway I can.

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Historian

By Jane Lawrence, Department Historian

I sure hope each of you have started on your history book. As of the writing of this article, the National Historians Plan of Action has not been established. As soon as I receive the Plan I will send it to the Department to be published.

The leadership workshops are going on, so please try to attend one or more of these. You can learn a lot of good information for the workshops.

Remember, November 11th is Veterans Day. If you have a chance please interview veterans and keep the information for your History Book.

Presidents, please encourage your Historian to make a history book, this is the way your future members learn what your Unit has done.

We know membership is very important, but the history of your Unit is Very Important also.

Please remember to send me your history by email if you can or mail it to me at 180 Parkwood Dr. NE., Kennesaw, Ga. 30144. I am starting the Department History book so I need to know what the Units are doing.

Thank you for all you do for our Veterans and their families.

WEB MASTER HELP NEEDED

The Auxiliary is in need of a Web Master backup person. If you know of someone please let us know. Deana Rowe knows all the qualifications needed to do this job and will be happy to see if a person can help us with this. This is a volunteer position.



PERCENTAGE GOALS FOR MEMBERSHIP**2015-2016**

Labor Day	September 7, 2015	25%
Columbus Day	October 12, 2015	35%
Veterans Day	November 11, 2015	45%
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	December 7, 2015	60%
Valentine's Day	February 14, 2016	75%
Legion Birthday	March 15, 2016	80%
Earth Day	April 22, 2016	85%
Armed Forces Day	May 21, 2016	90%
Flag Day	June 14, 2016	95%
Independence Day	July 4, 2016	100%
30 Days National Convention	July 30, 2016	102%

**Chaplain**

By Valerie Brown-Debro, Department Chaplain

Veterans & Angels ...What an amazing and comfort-filled promise – that God sends His angels to encourage, protect and guide us. As God's messengers and our helpers, angels serve and honor Him through their praise and obedience as they carry out His will here on earth. Pray for our Leadership as believers, we can count on the presence and power of angels, and foster selflessness as they serve veterans, the military and their families.

To express, by word and action, our founding principle of service to God and country. As Gods Angels, let us continue to pray one for another to strengthen the American Legion Family in civility... For He "God" will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways (Psalm 91:11, NIV).

Lord, I want to be more aware of Your angels at work I my life. Thank You for their presence and for the comfort, encouragement, protection, and guidance they bring. I may not be able to see angels, but by **faith**, I celebrate the truth that angels really do touch our lives. Thank you for the Veterans who sacrifice their lives and have left their families to not only protect me, but for the United States of America. Angels be with them and protect and guide them as they serve to protect us. Watch over their families, and communities; in your Holy name we pray... Amen

Keep sending me your prayers and devotions... God Bless you and keep you in all His ways

See the plan of actions www.alaforveterans.org or email me with your request

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Our Department President's pins \$3 each and shirts \$15 each will be on Sale at the Department Conference.

We will be having a Silent Auction at Fall Conference so bring your goodies as we all know one man's junk is another man's TREASURE. This will on Saturday Octobe 25th.



You were recently invited to the 2015-2016 Mission Training Conference and Division Junior Meeting, and conference sessions are filling up quickly!

Dates are below:

- October 3, 2015: Indianapolis, Indiana (**Housing Deadline September 9**)
- October 10, 2015: West Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (Housing Deadline September 15)
- November 7, 2015: Minneapolis, Minnesota (Housing Deadline October 5)
- January 9, 2016: Atlanta, Georgia (Housing Deadline December 15)
- January 23, 2016: Las Vegas Nevada (Housing Deadline December 21)

To Register now, click this link: [Yes](#)

Register now to secure your spot at the conference! Everyone who registers must have a unique email address - this includes Junior members. If you are registering someone that does not have their own email address, please contact meetings@alaforveterans.org for instructions.

To make housing arrangements:

This year housing requests will be made through your registration process, please be sure to register by the housing deadline found on the registration website, after that time rooms are subject to availability.

For housing information, please click here: [Housing](#)

Registration Fees:

Your registration fee includes: materials for the conference, one continental breakfast and one lunch. Register early for a discounted registration fee. Those who register after the deadline or on-site may not be guaranteed all of the materials during the conference.

For more information, please click the links below:

[View Event Summary](#)

Not able to attend a mission training this year?

Please click this link: [No](#)

By clicking No, that you will no longer receive reminder emails to register.

Have Questions?

Please contact the ALA Event Team at meetings@alaforveterans.org

[Click here for the event summary](#)

Early Bird Registration and housing reservation are quickly approaching, so Register Today!

[Yes](#), I would like to register.

[No](#), I am not able to attend this year, but keep me in mind for future conferences..

We look forward to hearing from you! If you have any questions, please contact

meetings@alaforveterans.org

Having trouble with the link?

Copy and paste the address listed below into your web browser:

http://www.cvent.com/d/y-mLS_PthkKBKySY9rZ1Bw/y8gp/P1/1Q?

**President's Theme:**

"Forget-me-nots...Our Mission...Our Purpose...Our Vision for Our Veterans."

Membership Theme:

"FORGET ME NOTS ARE BURSTING OPEN FOR MEMBERSHIPS"

Calendar of Upcoming Events 2015 - 2016

October 5, 2015	Child Health Day
October 12, 2015	Columbus Day
October 13, 2015	US Navy Birthday
October 23, 2015	DEC meeting 6pm
October 24 & 25, 2015	Fall Conference, Duluth, Youth Champions Banquet
October 31, 2014	Halloween

DAYLIGHT Saving Time ends: November 2, 2015

2016

January 9, 2016	Mission Training /Division Jr. Meeting Atlanta
February 21-24, 2016	Washington DC Conference
March 17 - 20, 2016	Spring Conference/College - Duluth
June 12-17, 2016	Girls State, GSU, Statesboro
June 23 - 25, 2016	Department Convention Duluth, GA
Aug 26 - Sept1, 2016	98 th National Convention Cincinnati, Ohio



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