

# DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA AUXILIARY NEWS

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## A Word from the President

By Miriam Stein, Department President

Ladies,

I hope everyone got back home safe and I hope everyone had a good time at Fall Conference. I know the D.E.C. was a long meeting but we did have a good time on Saturday honoring Ms. Tillie Davis.

It is getting closer to that time of the year to honor our veterans. There are a lot of parades, ceremonies and programs for our veterans.

Unit Presidents please get your checks into Dept. for the Christmas assessments and Gifts shops. Our VA Reps need to shop and get all the bargains available for the gift shops.

We appointed Susan Hall from Unit 336 Lakeland as the new Dept. Chaplain. We are very sorry that Margarett Brown had to step down for medical reasons. We are also very sorry that Nini Lynch had to step down her positions due to medical reasons. Please keep them in your prayers and thoughts.

Our National VA&R Chairman Kathy Dungan will be in Augusta on November 27-29 for the Augusta Christmas Gift shop. The Southern Division Vice President Beverly Mulkey will be visiting GA on December 8-10<sup>th</sup>. She will be on the Augusta VA and GA War Nursing Home tour.

The National President Mary Davis will be visiting GA on March 3-6, 2017. The schedule of the events will be sent out at later time.

It is a busy time of year for our Units. I have been

trying to visit as many Districts and Units as I can. Please forgive me if I miss something in our areas but sometimes there is 3 or 4 events going on at the same time.

Ladies, if your Unit hasn't given to the NO BAKE CAKE SALE please give. It will help the Department Headquarters.

The silent auction went very good at Fall conference. The Past Presidents Quilts tickets are being sold for \$5 each until Spring Conference. If you or the Unit would like some tickets please let me know I will send you some. They are beautiful quilts and you win both.

I would like to thank every member for what you do for our veterans. It means a lot to them.

I really appreciate everything you do for them and what you do to help us at headquarters.



**"Georgia Peaches and Magnolia Blooms Growing Support for Our Veterans."**

## Secretary

By Patty Hawkins, Department Secretary

It's getting to be that time of year where everything seems to be in a rush. Poppies have been mailed for the Poppy Drives which are in full bloom. Thanksgiving will be here before we know it then on to Christmas. Many things must be done before we reach the end of the year. Let's don't forget to HONOR our Veterans.

The 2016 Christmas Gift Shops are soon approaching. The monies should be sent to the department headquarters so I can get the checks to the VA reps for early shopping. See the dates for the Gift Shop on page 5.

The Hospitals visits for this year: **Mark your calendar** In Augusta will be held December 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. They will be visiting the VA Medical Center Augusta Downtown/Uptown and the Fisher House.

Please keep the memberships coming in. We are a little behind of last year, but I know with your support we will bring it up to where it should be. We will be bursting with peach and magnolia blooms and what a beautiful sight that will be.

We still have Leadership workshop going on. Hope to see you at one. (see 1<sup>st</sup> VP Owens section for dates)

To each of you have a Happy and safe Thanksgiving ☺

New: Mission Trainings and national Junior meetings – a fun day learning ways to serve still open ways to serve still open.

ALA Mission Training is a fun, informative one-day interactive training session designed to help all Auxiliary members learn how to more effectively serve the ALA's mission. Attendees learn about ALA's mission outreach programs benefitting veterans, military, and families in our communities.

Again this year: national Junior meetings will be held at the same time as Mission Training and on a Saturday. Since there's no need to miss school, national Junior meetings are now more accessible than ever! Lots of activities are planned to help Juniors learn about the ALA's mission and how our youngest members can use their time and talent to serve veterans. [Register](#) your Junior members today!

Atlanta, Ga. – Jan. 14 a Mission Training and national Junior meeting near you!

## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President / Leadership

By Anita Owens, Department 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

We had a wonderful Fall Conference and I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did. Now we keep on moving forward with our Leadership Workshops and also with working leadership within our Units.

Did you know that every member is involved in Leadership; it does not matter whether you are an officer within your Unit, District or Department. We all should be setting examples of what we stand for and what we are striving to do. You can be a mentor to a new member, volunteer to chair a program, give short presentations on programs within your unit to new members, the list is endless.

Please consider taking the Welcome to the American Legion Auxiliary Senior Auxiliary Basics, A Course of our History and Legacy at [www.ALAforveterans.org](http://www.ALAforveterans.org) under the Leadership tab. This course will give you a better understanding of our organization that you can use when explaining to potentially new members what we do and how we came about being the largest women's organization. There is also a course for Juniors to take and I think it will be helpful for them to get a greater understanding of our mission. If any of you do take the course, please let me know so that I can get your cards from National that you have completed this course.

As I stated in our Fall Conference, I would really appreciate a Mid-Year Report by December 1<sup>st</sup> with a few lines from each of the Units on what they have done in their Leadership program within the Unit so that I can share that information with National. You can mail the report to: Anita Owens 3091 N. Sharon Church Rd., Loganville, GA 30052 or email to [Anitia@bellsouth.net](mailto:Anitia@bellsouth.net). I will accept either one.

Wishing each of you're a wonderful Thanksgiving.

**Current Workshop schedule is:  
Registration is at 9am workshop @ 10am  
\*\*\*change in date of workshop\*\*\***

|                           |             |                        |
|---------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| November 5                | District 4  | Jonesboro, Unit 258    |
| November 19 <sup>th</sup> | District 1  | Savannah, Unit 36      |
| December 17 <sup>th</sup> | Unit 30     | Albany Unit 30         |
| January 7                 | District 5  | Douglasville, Unit 145 |
| January 21                | District 10 | Loganville, Unit 233   |
| January 28 <sup>th</sup>  | District 9  | Buford Unit 127        |
| February 4 <sup>th</sup>  | District 8  | Kingsland, Unit 511    |

Please contact the District President or Unit President in these locations and let them know that you are coming. You do not have to attend one within your own District if it is inconvenient you can attend at another location. JUST ATTEND PLEASE, you don't want to miss out on all the information and fun.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Membership

By Jane Lawrence, Department 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Ladies,

I know everyone is busy with membership but I am concerned about the fact that we still have Units remaining on Zero. National has established "Raise what You Praise in Membership", and as of September 1st, every Officer and Committee Chairman dues should have been paid. No Unit should be on zero. Please let me know if we can assist you in any way. A special "thank you" to Unit 80, McRae-Helena, for being 100%, and a "thank you" to each Membership Chairman and Unit who have submitted membership.

Our Peaches and Blooming Magnolias are going forth, getting new members and retaining our current members. I know there are ladies in our communities who are not aware of the work our Auxiliary does for our Veterans, their families and our community, so ladies please spread the word.

For God and Country

### Raise what You Praise in Membership.

2016-2017 Membership Calendar Praise  
Dates

#### November:

**Veteran's Day, November 11,  
2016: Praise your members and  
units for showing their  
patriotism for our veterans in  
honor of.**

#### Honor Their Service with Membership:

Wearing an Honor Their Service button is a great way to recognize the veteran through whom you are eligible. Order yours toady?

Order forms are available at

[www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org)

## HISTORIAN CORNER

By Valerie Brown-Debro, Department Historian

History reporting guidelines are found in the American Legion Auxiliary Programs Action Plan. Our National Historian, Coral May Grout presented the plan for 2016-2017. At Fall conference you were given the forms on reporting. Send your reports to Department of Georgia's Historian, Valerie Brown-Debro. **Mid-Year** reports are due **December 1<sup>st</sup> 2016** and **Annual** reports due **May 1, 2017**.

The forms for reporting are on Departments Website: [www.galegionaux.org](http://www.galegionaux.org). Programs Action Plan is located on National website: [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org).

### Here is what you are reporting...

#### DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN MID-YEAR REPORT on or before December 1, 2016

Please list and explain at least three (3) significant events, happenings or newsworthy activities that have taken place in your Department since National convention in August.

#### DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN ANNUAL REPORT on or before May 1<sup>st</sup> 2017

- 1) How many **Members** are in your **Unit**?
- 2) How many **Senior** unit histories were submitted for competition?
- 3) How many **Junior** unit histories were submitted for competition?
- 4) How many units participated in the **Veteran's History Project**?
- 5) How many **veteran histories** did **Senior** members **record**?
- 6) How many **veteran histories** did **Junior** members **record**?
- 7) How many histories were recorded for the "**Member's Remember**" History project?
- 8) Will you submit a department narrative **history for competition** in your **division** for the Toomey Trophy Award? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Due to your National Divisional Vice President by May 1, 2017)
- 9) Please outline the methods you used to **promote** the importance of keeping a thorough and complete record of activities and accomplishments in your department this year:
- 10) Do you have any **ideas** or **suggestions** on to make writing a department history more enjoyable or easier?

**National Historian Coral May Grout**  
historian@ALAforVeterans.org

**Send your reports to:** Department of Georgia's  
Historian  
Valerie Brown-Debro [Valerie.debro@yahoo.com](mailto:Valerie.debro@yahoo.com)

# Chaplain

By Susan Hall, Department Chaplain



As we stand and watch the parades and ceremonies of Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, let each of us pause to remember the veterans who are shut in or ill. The ones who cannot be at the parades because of sickness or disability. We must never forget the sacrifice of the United States veterans and what they have given that we might have the freedoms we so enjoy today. Pray for all our veterans and remember that they are the reason the Auxiliary even exists today.

I would like to thank President Miriam Stein and the Department Executive Committee for appointing me as your Department Chaplain for the remainder of the 2016-2017 year. We were saddened by Margarette Brown's resignation as Department Chaplain due to her illness. Please continue to keep her in your prayers as she recovers.

Please send all prayers and devotions to [suem\\_66@yahoo.com](mailto:suem_66@yahoo.com). Please include name, mailing address, Post/Unit name and number, and position held. Please include whether you would like the prayer request posted on the Auxiliary Facebook page.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, and may God Bless you and your family.

## American Legion Auxiliary Honor Our Female Veterans

For Female Veterans who join as new members for the 2017 Membership Year, the national portion of dues (\$9.00) will be waived for their first year of membership.

The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Georgia voted at our Fall Conference October 23, 2015, For Female Veterans who join as new members for the 2017 Membership Year, the Department's portion of dues (\$8.00) will be waived for their first year of membership.

Some of the Units are waiving their membership portion as well.

Ladies this is one way we can Honor Our Female Veterans and build our membership. Make them feel welcome!

## ALA MIS PROGRAM ACCESS for UNITS--- Membership

The fee is \$10 per year per person (2 per Unit). This is the fee National charges. Forms are on the website or call the Department for copies. Due to the enforced rules all forms must be completed and signed by 5 current Unit Officer. Please let us know ASAP.

If your Unit wants to continue having access to the ALA MIS I must receive new forms and \$10 for each person before December 20<sup>th</sup>. National will be billing the Department for any users on January 1, 2017.

*Christmas is almost here and it is time to honor our veterans and their families with gifts from the V.A. Gift Shops. Our Hospital Representatives and Volunteers do a great job in gathering the gifts and distributing them at the hospitals. Thanks to all of the Units who gather gifts or donate funds each year.*

**Here are the dates and Hospital Representatives that are in charge of the V.A. Gift Shops:**

| Date             | Hospital                | Hospital Reps and Contact Information |
|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 12/6-12/9/2016   | Atlanta V.A.            | Charlotte Huczek (678) 395-6041       |
| 12/6/2016        | Carrollton-CBOC         | Charlotte Huczek (678) 395-6041       |
| 11/25-11/30/2016 | Augusta Downtown/Uptown | Miriam Stein (706) 399-7539           |
| 12/2 -12/3/2016  | Dublin V.A.             | Bettye Brown-Johnson (478) 218-0026   |
| 12/1 -12/2/2016  | GWVH Milledgeville      | Kathy Browder-Woods (478) 452-3165    |

Lake City does not have a Gift Shop

Send all checks designated to "The Gifts Shops" to ALA Department of Georgia, 3035 Mount Zion Rd., Stockbridge, Ga. 30281. So that we can keep records of the funds contributed. Thank you for Christmas Assessment funds that also go to give each veteran a small token of our love and appreciation. May each and every one of you have a joyful Christmas and your hearts be filled with pride that you have honored our veterans so well.

Susie Mash  
Department of Georgia VA&R Chairman



Everyday Heroes  
Lyrics and Music  
by John Jacobson & Rollo Dilworth

Every day I see,  
The good things that you do.  
People that you help,  
Your kindness through and through.  
On every day,  
In everywhere I just want you to know,  
You are, you are my every day hero.  
Refrain: Everyday heroes.  
Everywhere I go,  
Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.  
Everyday heroes, everywhere I go.  
You are you are my everyday heroes.  
2. Anyone who looks, (just look)  
Around the world to see.  
Where there is a want,  
(A want) Is where you want to be.  
When someone needs a helping hand.  
You handle it and so,  
You are, you are my everyday hero.  
Everyday heroes,  
Everywhere I go.  
Thank you, Thank you  
Thank you, Thank you.  
You are (a volunteer) my everyday hero!  
You are (a soldier) my everyday hero!  
You are(a mom ) my everyday hero!  
You are(a veteran) my everyday hero!  
Hero!

## November American Education Week

**Theme: Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility.**

Observance of American Education Week occurred December 4<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 1921 with the NEA and American Legion as the co-sponsors. A year later, the then U.S. Officer of Education joined the effort as a co-sponsor, and the PTA followed in 1938.

Mary Moore-Breeding  
Music Chairman

## Happy 97th Birthday to us!

The American Legion designated the birth date of the American Legion Auxiliary as Nov. 10, 1919, as per our National Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules. Is your unit celebrating? [Tell us about it!](#)



# Department Fund Raiser

## We are having a NO BAKE CAKE SALE

We are asking all members to send in the price you would pay for a cake. You don't have to heat that kitchen up to bake one. Just save time and donate the money.

Who cannot bake the highest price cake? Will it be you? Or you? Or You?

Bulletin # 1

Georgia Girls State

November 2016

**WHAT:** Girls State**WHERE:** Statesboro, Georgia at Georgia Southern University**WHEN:** June 11-16, 2017**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 \$275.00 per girl to the American Legion Auxiliary Department Headquarters, 3035 Mt. Zion Road, Stockbridge, GA 30281 before April 20, 2017** to assure space for your girls. Call the director for late payments of fees.

Parents must fill out a medical history/ consent form/parent waiver. Physical is NOT required.

**DISTRICTS:** Each district is to elect a counselor and pay \$275.00 for the counselor to attend. Please notify the director upon the election and have the counselor send the director a resume.**APPLICATIONS:** Applications are available by calling or emailing me, or they can be picked up at Fall 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 form/ parent waiver, a copy of both sides of the insurance card and photos to **Deedy Harrell, 800 E 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169** by May 10, 2017. This is the deadline, try to get them to me **earlier**, if possible. Call the director for late applicants.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, make sure they are **2017 forms** and please signify that on the application.**WEBSITE:** [www.georgiagirlsstate.org](http://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](mailto:georgiagirlsstate@gmail.com) for the director, Deedy Harrell**PHONE number:** Deedy 770-337-7997 Call or text Or the Assistant Director, Gabriele Barnett At: Cell 706-951-3906 (call or text) or email: [barnettgabriele@hotmail.com](mailto:barnettgabriele@hotmail.com)**IMPORTANT DATES:****APRIL 20, 2017** Checks for \$275.00 per girl due to the Department Headquarters.**May 10, 2017** 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 11, 2017** Arrival at Girls State between 1:00 and 3:00 PM**June 16, 2017** Graduation at 8:45 AM and departure by 1:00 PMDelays 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 and it will help us if we can limit the number of calls necessary. Let us know even up the last day. **Please join the Girls State Booster Club!!**

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Deedy Harrell, Director



# American Legion Auxiliary

## ALA MEMBERS ORDER FORM

This form is intended for any ALA member to purchase the specific material listed below. Some of the items have limited quantities. ***Please allow up to 6 weeks for delivery.***

**ORDERED BY:** (please print or type)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, ST Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

| Description   | Quantity                              | Item Cost      |
|---|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| History Book 1924 Volume 1                                |                                       | \$ 6.00 ea.    |
| History Book 1945 – 1954 (Limited Quantity)               |                                       | \$ 6.00 ea.    |
| History Book 1967 – 1980 (Limited Quantity)               |                                       | \$ 8.00 ea.    |
| History Book 1980 – 1990 (Limited Quantity)               |                                       | \$ 13.95 ea.   |
| History Book 1990 – 2000                                  |                                       | \$ 29.95 ea.   |
| Convention Proceedings August 2014                        |                                       | \$ 15.00 ea.   |
| Convention Proceedings August 2015                        |                                       | \$ 15.00 ea.   |
| NEC Proceedings February 2014                             |                                       | \$ 15.00 ea.   |
| NEC Proceedings February 2015                             |                                       |                |
| DVD - Step-Up to Volunteer                                |                                       | \$ 10.00 ea.   |
| Program Action Plan 2016-2017                             |                                       | \$ 20.00 ea.   |
| Department Operations Guide (Binder Included)             |                                       | \$ 45.00 ea.   |
| Girls State Program & Operation Guide (Not yet Available) |                                       | TBD            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  |                                       |                |
| <b>METHOD OF PAYMENT</b>                                  |                                       |                |
| Check/Money Order #                                       | (Made out to: ALA National Treasurer) |                |
| Credit Card #   |                                       |                |
| Expiration Date:  | 3 Digit Security Code #               | (Back of card) |

Send form to: SALES ORDERS  
 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
 8945 N MERIDIAN ST., SUITE 200  
 INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46260-5387

Or FAX to: 317-569-4502 Attn: SALES ORDER

**President's Theme:**

"Georgia Peaches & Magnolia Blooms Growing Support For Our Veterans."

**Membership Theme:**

"Georgia Peaches and Blooming Magnolias will be going forth to increase our membership."

**National President's Theme:**

"ALA Members Pride"

**Calendar of Upcoming Events 2016**

|                   |                           |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| November 6, 2016  | Daylight Saving Time ends |
| November 8, 2016  | Election Day              |
| November 10, 2016 | Marine Corps Day          |
| November 11, 2016 | Veterans Day              |
| November 24, 2016 | Thanksgiving Day          |

**DATE Change:**

**March 24-26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Spring Conference/College  
DEC Meeting 6:00pm March  
23<sup>rd</sup>**

|   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| June 16 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2017 | Dept Convention, Duluth |
| June 15, 2017                                   | DEC Meeting 6:00pm      |

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| National Convention: | Reno, NV           |
|                      | August 18-24, 2017 |



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