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A Word from the President

By Miriam Stein, Department President

Ladies, the fall has arrived and it is time to work on our membership and hold those fundraisers. The Dept. of GA had a great time at Post 178 for the kickoff for our Special Project this year. I would like to say thank you to everyone that helped for it to be successful.

Our Fall Conference will be here soon. Get your hotel rooms and tickets for the Youth Champions Banquet.

Please bring those new white tube socks and comfort items for our Reps at the VA's and GA Wars. It is that time of year to get those checks into Dept. for the gift shops so our Reps will have time to shop.

I would like to say thank you to everyone and every Unit that has donated to the No Bake Cake Sale. It is helping our headquarters.

Don't forget our Dept. officers and District Presidents are putting on our Silent Auction this year at the Conference. Please bring your checkbook. The tickets go on sale for the Past Dept. Presidents quilts at Fall Conference and will be given away at Spring Conference. Every Unit needs to have a fundraiser for the Special Project and send your check to Dept.

Our 1st Vice President is working real hard on our leadership workshops this year. Please try and attend your District's one. Please get the membership into Dept. for our 2nd Vice President. Our Historian is working hard so please let her know what our Unit is

doing. Our Chaplain is still in our prayers and thoughts.

Units if you have any Poppies, Dot Frazier can use them for the anchor. Please check your closets.

Ladies, we all need to remember what our Auxiliary is all about. We are here to serve our veterans. We need to practice "GOODWILL" in our Units. We need to be nice, friendly and help everyone. There is not a perfect person. We all make mistakes and we are all "VOLUNTEERS". We don't get paid for these jobs!!!! Please remember everyone can use help.

For God and Country.

Miriam Stein

Dept. President

Leadership Workshop CHANGE

**The workshop for Kingsland Unit 511
District 12
Scheduled for October 8th has been
cancelled due to the weather. It has been
rescheduled for February 4, 2017**

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

Secretary

By Patty Hawkins, Department Secretary

The 2016-2017 year has started. We hope to have a wonderful year but it is up to our members to help. As our Membership is starting to Bloom with Peaches and Magnolias let's all pitch in to help getting new members and retaining our current members. I know there are ladies out there who are not aware of all the good work our Auxiliary does to help make the lives of our Veterans better. So ladies spread the word what we do.

ALA MIS TRAINING:

For the Units that attended the ALA MIS Training Thank You for taking the time to come learn. We will be holding another class at a later date for anyone who has already signed up or who is in the process of signing up. A little knowledge can go a long way.

New: 6 Mission Trainings and national Junior meetings – a fun day learning ways to serve

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. This year, a sixth Saturday venue was added!

Again this year: national Junior meetings will be held at the same time as Mission Training, one in each ALA national division, 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!

2016-2017 Mission Training and national Junior meetings:
Columbus, Ohio – Oct. 15
Hartford, Conn. – Oct. 29
Spokane, Wash. – Oct. 29
Minneapolis, Minn. – Nov. 5
Atlanta, Ga. – Jan. 14

[Register now](#) for a Mission Training and national Junior meeting near you!

1st Vice President / Leadership

By Anita Owens, Department 1st Vice President

Well the fall season is upon us but you cannot tell it from the temperatures. Hope you all are keeping cool while you are out and about working for our veterans, community and/or children and youth.

We have completed two workshops so far and they are going great. Thanks to the Units attending for your active participation and making us earn our jobs with answering your questions.

Since our last newsletter we have added two more workshops, October 29th District 7 to be held at Unit 112, Dalton and on December 17th, Unit 30, Albany. This will make 12 workshops scheduled so hopefully you will be able to attend one near you.

Our Fall Conference is just around the corner so come prepared to let us know how we can help you in your Units. If there is something that you feel lacking please bring it up and we will see what we can do to help. We have a lot of new units set up last year and we do not expect you to know everything. Also there have been a lot of new officers sworn in this year including District Presidents. We would like to make this a well ran organization but cannot do that without your help. We know we have an extensive leadership workshop but there are lots more out there as we have found with some of the questions being asked at the workshops. Remember, never be ashamed to ask questions, sometimes we will not know the answers but will research and get back with you.

See you soon.....

Current Workshop schedule is:

Registration is at 9am workshop @ 10am

change in date of workshop

September 6	District 6	Macon, Unit 3
September 17	District 3	Columbus, Unit 267
October 1	District 11	Waynesboro, Unit 270
October 15	District 12	Tifton, Unit 21
November 5	District 4	Jonesboro, Unit 258
November 19 th	District 1	no location at this date
January 7	District 5	Douglasville, Unit 145
January 21	District 10	Loganville, Unit 233
February 4th	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.

2nd Vice President/Membership

By Jane Lawrence, Department 2nd Vice President

Ladies, I know everyone is busy with membership, but we still have several Units on zero. As of September 1, all Officers and Committee Chairman should have their dues paid and submitted to the Department. I know it is a busy time of the year, but membership is the only way we can survive.

Membership Chairman it is your responsibility to encourage and support our effort to attract and retain a diverse active membership. As the world's largest women's patriotic service organization, our strength and influence of the American Legion Auxiliary is derived from its members. We can retain all our current members by being good leaders, we can do this "Lead by Example" I know you are trying hard to increase membership, but we just need to try harder.

The first renewal notice was sent out on September 15, If you have paid your dues and received the notice, just disregard it.

As of September 28 report, no Units have reached their goal. There are some Units very close so I hope by Fall Conference there will be some Units reaching goal.

Hope to see you at Fall Conference.

For God and Country

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If you are planning on coming to the Fall Conference you need to get your reservations in no later than **October 10th. This is the cut-off date.** You can call The American Legion office with your room request and credit card information (678.289.8883) or fax it in to (678.289.8885). We have the forms on our webpage. www.galegionaux.org

Don't forget about the Youth Champion Banquet the forms are also on our web page.

HISTORIAN CORNER

By Valerie Brown-Debro, Department Historian

History and Cavalcade committees work together... The ALA history is contained in artifacts, our documents, newspaper articles, publications, meeting minutes, photos, newsletters, written histories, etc. We do this to honor those members who have made differences in our organization at all levels. Additionally, history allows us to build a stronger organization based upon those experiences. The Cavalcade of Memories museum, as well as the library and archives located at ALA National Headquarters, serve as a resource for our members, volunteers, staff, and the general public.

If you do not currently have a History/Cavalcade committee and/or a Cavalcade of Memories Museum, initiate the project.

What can you do?

If you currently have a History/Cavalcade committee, mirror the efforts of National Headquarters to promote your history.

Ideas: Member · Share Auxiliary memorabilia with your unit/department.

· Ask longtime members or family members of deceased members if they would like to donate an item(s).

· If you enjoy history and want to learn more, volunteer to be the History/Cavalcade chairman or committee member for your unit/department

Ideas: Members Look through your own collection; assist a fellow member in searching through her collection; or search throughout the post/unit home for items.

· Gather photos and document the event(s) at which they were taken as well as the people in the photos.

· Learn the history of your unit, department, and national organization. If you do not have a written unit or department history, volunteer to help put one together.

· Determine if your materials should be displayed in the unit or department Cavalcade of Memories.

· For documents and photos, digitize them, making sure to make more than one copy and that the additional copies are stored in different places.

How to Sheets · How to Record Oral Histories – The Members Remember Project · How to Celebrate Women's History Month · How to Involve a Junior Member Additional **Resources You Can Use** · March is Women's History Month · National Archives www.archives.gov/preservation · Gaylord Archival www.gaylord.com/resources · **See History program** page at www.ALAforVeterans.org for additional resources, including What's Your Story? The Importance of Sharing with Others and Preservation Resources. Contact me with any questions, **See you at Fall Conference**

Chaplain

By Margarete Brown, Department Chaplain



As we start our new journey let us continue to keep open hearts and minds for our Veterans and their Families.

Our Goal

Our business in life is not to get ahead of other people, but to get ahead of ourselves. To break our own record, to outstrip our yesterdays by todays, to bear our trials more beautifully than we ever dreamed we could, to whip the temper inside and out as we never whipped it before, to give as we never have given, to do our work with more force and a finer finish than ever — this is the true idea—to get ahead of ourselves.

BY PDP Janet Davison Waycross 1938

Raise what You Praise in Membership.

2016-2017 Membership Calendar Praise Dates

October: Make a Difference DAY, October 22, 2016: Praise your members and units for Making a Difference, do something extraordinary!

Honor A Female Veteran Through Membership:

The national organization is waiving the national portion of 2017 dues (\$9) for every new 2017 female veteran member through the “Honor Our Female Veterans” program. Contact your department for more information.

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.

ALAMIS PROGRAM ACCESS for UNITS--- Membership

We need to get your form and information so that we can get started training. The fee is \$10 per year per person (2 per Unit). This is the fee National charges. We would like to setup a training class by mid-January. Forms will be 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.

Our webpage is being updated!!

If anyone has any suggestions as to what they would like to see on the website send me an email. We are open for suggestions and your input is important ☺

JUNIORS CORNER

Hi Juniors,

It is your Honorary Department President Brianna Taylor. I cannot wait to see y'all at Fall Conference on Saturday October 22, 2016. We will be meeting from 9am till 2pm. I wanted to inform y'all about my special project. My special project is Camp Rainbow. Camp Rainbow is a camp for kids who have or survivors of cancer or blood related diseases. I am selling my buttons for \$2 each. I really hope you are able to make it to the conference it would mean the world to me! Also always remember to serve and thank our veterans that have served our country for our freedom. My theme is **"CARING TO HELP EVERYONE FIND THEIR POT OF GOLD AT THE END OF THE RAINBOW."** Hope you have a great and happy day! God bless you!

Love your President,

Brianna Taylor

There will be a joint meeting with The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the Legion and Juniors at 8:30am.

Juniors will be meeting at our Fall Conference on Saturday in the Georgia Ballroom 6 at 9:00am

There will be a \$5 registration fee per junior member



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?

**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 - 2016

October 2, 2016	Rosh Hashanah begins
October 10, 2016	Columbus Day
October 11, 2016	Yom Kippur begins
October 13, 2016	Navy Birthday
October 15, 2016	Sweetest Day
October 17, 2016	Boss Day
October 22 nd & 23 rd	Fall Conference Arrive on 21 st
October 31, 2016	Halloween

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March 22 nd -26 th , 2017	Spring Conference/College DEC Meeting 6:00pm March 21 st
June 16 th - 18 th 2017	Dept Convention, Duluth
June 15, 2017	DEC Meeting 6:00pm



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