

DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA AUXILIARY NEWS

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A Word from the President

By Miriam Stein, Department President

Ladies, GA had a great time at the 96th National Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio. N.E.C Scott, Secretary Patty and delegates did a great job. We are very proud our Dept. Historian Valerie Brown-Debro. She won the National Chaplain position. Go Girl!!!! It was a great convention. We are now back in Georgia and ready to work our programs and memberships. I have visited 6 Districts already. September 24th the Dept. of GA Legion Family will be holding a HUGE Fundraiser at Post 178 in Augusta for the Special Project. If you are near please come by and support our Dept.

Fall Conference will be on us soon. The Department Silent Auction will be hosted by the Department Officers and the District Presidents. The Units don't have to bring any gifts just your checkbooks. We will have gifts for females, males, housewares and riders, so pass the word on. We will have a few different fundraisers to help out Headquarters.

The No Cake Bake sale money is coming into the Department. I would like to say Thanks to everyone and every Unit that's donated to it. The Department shirts and pins are still for sale. If you don't have yours yet what we have left will be at Fall Conference and the Leadership Workshops until all are sold.

Thank you to every Unit that sent a check into Department for the Special Project. Our Fundraising Committee members have been working very hard on our projects, a very special Thank You for all you do. Our veterans really need our "Growing Support".

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The Ga Peaches are getting sweeter every day with our Magnolia Blooms.

During my travels thru GA the hospitality that has been showed to me has been "GREAT". I am having a great year as your GA Department President. It has been my honor to serve you. Please keep letting me know what is going on in our Units and Districts. The GA Peaches are really are ripening more each day.

Our 1st Vice President Owens has been working hard to set up these workshops in the state. I hope everyone will support her and attend when they are near you. Our 2nd Vice President Lawrence has been working on the membership but every Unit should be off "ZERO" because the officers of each due should be paid. Please send these in so your Unit will be off "ZERO". Our Historian Valerie Debro has ready started our History so please let her know what your Unit is doing. We all need to have prayers for our Dept. Chaplain Margarette Brown for she is still under the weather. Pray for her and her family during this illness. I am working on getting someone to send out cards for us. I will let you know soon. Please ladies we all need to work on membership. Keep those Georgia Peaches and Magnolia Blooms coming in.

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

Secretary

By Patty Hawkins, Department Secretary

As our 2016-2017 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.

The leadership classes are now in full swing in every district. There will be training on filling out forms and doing reports, as well as other great info. Please plan on attending at least one of these training sessions. You can go to more than one, also to another district if it is closer. Look for the dates in Anita Owens news article. You know how it feels to miss a party that you really wanted to go to? Well, LET ME TELL YOU, you don't want to miss out on these training sessions. You want knowledge well it's coming your way, so plan ahead to be there. I know there are a lot of Georgia Peaches and Blooming Magnolia shirts and pins floating around town. Miriam is quite the fundraiser. She will be having shirts and pins available at the Leadership Workshops.

Don't forget the Chili Cook-off Veterans Charities Fundraiser. Looks like a fun day to be had on September 24th @ Post 178 Augusta. Hope to see you there.

National Convention in Ohio was great. We learned a lot of things. This will be shared in the Leadership workshops.

Motivation:

When I woke up this morning lying in bed,
I was asking myself;
What are some of the secrets of success in life?
I found the answer right there,
in my very room.

The Fan said...	Be Cool
The Roof said...	Aim high
The Window said...	Every minutes is precious
The Mirror said...	Reflect before you act
The Calendar...	Be up-to-date
The Door said...	Push hard for your goals

AND NOT TO FORGET,
THE CARPET SAID...
KNEEL DOWN AND PRAY.
Carry a Heart that Never Hates.
Carry a Smile that Never Fades.
Carry a Touch that Never Hurts.

1st Vice President / Leadership

By Anita Owens, Department 1st Vice President

WOW what an awesome National Convention. If you did not leave it without learning something new it would be your own fault. They did an excellent job of presentation and the topics covered were on point. If you did not attend, please consider trying to do so in the future.

Well, we start September 10th with our first Leadership Workshop in Macon, District 6 and looking forward to it. All workshops scheduled were in last's month's news article and if you have misplaced your copy let me know and I will get the schedule to you. You will not want to miss attending one of these workshops. To give you something to think about and wet your appetites listed below are the topics we will be covering and I am sure you will find something that will interest you. And as always, we are open to questions and suggestions for improvements.

Effective Report Writing – Samples of written reports for Community Service, VA&R, Americanism, Children and Youth, etc.

Impact Reports – what they are how to do them easily and why they are so important.

Leadership – Sharing New Member Kit, Strategic Plan Creating Culture of Goodwill

Finance – How to do Audits, How to get Non Profit Status Back,

Department – Special Project, Fund Raising, Department Goals and Expectations.

As you can see we have it loaded and some other information that I have not shared above.

Note those attending the District 8 workshop on October 8th, in Kingsland please make a note that it has been changed from the hotel to: 531 North Lee Street, Kingsland, GA 31548. This is the building for Commerce and Industry, The Chamber Building. Please be aware that anyone can attend these classes, you do not have to belong to that District.

We have also added a new workshop, District 9 to be held at Unit 127, Buford, Georgia

Looking forward to seeing all of you soon

2nd Vice President/Membership

By Jane Lawrence, Department 2nd Vice President

Ladies,

I hope everyone had a great labor day, and it is time to get the "Georgia Peaches and Blooming Magnolias" going forth for membership. We still have several Units showing zero (0) membership. As of September 1, all Unit Officers and Committee Chairman should have paid their dues and submitted to Department to be posted. If these dues have not been paid please do so.

Rather than setting goal numbers for 2016-2017, National has set Membership Calendar Praise Dates. These are on the National Web Site.

Not only can you join or renew your membership on the web site, National has developed a means by which you can join or renew by phone. The phone number is 317-569-4536. This information will be discussed at the Leadership Workshops.

Membership Chairman I know you are working hard on membership. You must be innovative and open for change, to gain the interest of your members and new members. You must be excited about your Unit and our Organization. If you have suggestions please let me know and I will share these with other Membership Chairman and members. You can contact me by email janeall@yahoo.com or call me at 770-926-3468.

Again, if I can be of help to anyone, please contact me.

For God and Country.

Raise what You Praise in Membership 2016-2017 Membership Calendar Praise Dates

September 1, 2016 : Praise to ALL National, Department, Unit Officers, DEC, NEC members, Committee Chairman at ALL levels of the organization who have **THEIR DUES** paid and post by this date in honor of Labor Day, September 5, 2016.

HISTORIAN CORNER

By Valerie Brown-Debro, Department Historian

The Historian's purpose is to accurately record the accomplishments and significant events that occur on the National, Department, District/County and Unit level during the course of her term.

HOW TO RECORD AND POST TO "MEMBERS REMEMBER" I'm glad you asked...

Record the events during the course of YOUR term... It starts when you were elected.

Contact Information for Questions:
Valerie.debro@yahoo.com (See Plan of Action at alaforveterans.org/Historian.)

Objective: Record the ALA's history through the eyes of its members.

Here are some tips: Work with our Junior Members start with Veterans History, YouTube Video.

This is a two-person project so find someone to assist. This is a good time to enlist the help of your Junior members and/or college students due to their experience with technology. While one person writes the narrative and the other one videos. **Here's an example.**

- Find long time members of the Auxiliary and ask them to share their stories in a video. These stories can be about:
 - a special project,
 - a particular highlight during her membership
 - How many generations of her family have been members and why
 - if a chartered member, her experience in starting the unit
 - Find a location where it is quiet and where there will be no interruptions.
 - Record with iPhones/Smartphones. Please keep in mind that your video file **must** be either a .mov; .avi; .mpeg; or a .wmv file extension.
 - Each recording should be no longer than five (5) minutes in length. You may make more than one. Cover one topic in each video.

- Post the video on YouTube. **An instructional video on how to upload is located at**

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_O7iUiftbKU.
- **Go to YouTube at** <https://www.youtube.com>
- Give the video the following title: ALA Dept. of GA Unit ____ Members **Remember**.
- Provide a description and tags that will help people locate the files easily. These will make it easier for others to locate the videos.
- Under Category, click on Nonprofits & Activism
- Under Privacy, **Click on Share** your video with the world

- **Click Save Changes** Copy & paste to Department of Georgia Auxiliary Facebook Page and send copy to me by email or text to: 404-201-5138. I will upload on Facebook and twitter.

For God and Country

Chaplain

By Margarette Brown, Department Chaplain



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

Matthew 13: 15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; Lest at any time they shall see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

For God and Country

American Legion Auxiliary Honor Our Female Veterans

For Female Veterans who join as new members for the 2016 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!

See Raise what You Praise in Membership 2016-2017 Membership Calendar Praise Dates on our webpage. Please read OCTOBER's HONOR A Female Veteran through Membership.

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS AWARENESS DAY! Share with you members and community family...

ARE YOU PREPARED IN THE EVENT OF A DISASTER?

Community Event: Hosted by The American Legion Family

As members of our community, you are probably familiar with our motto, "Still Serving America." Over the years, we have actively provided service and activities for our veterans and for our youth. We are proud to announce that American Legion Rockdale County Post 77, working along with our Auxiliary Unit 77, has a new service initiative that we would like to bring to your attention—one that will benefit every man, woman and child in the community.

As a partner with the Department of Homeland Security, The American Legion has agreed to do whatever is possible to raise public awareness about emergency preparedness, disaster response and volunteer service. We would like to invite you to participate in our public community event. Our post will be hosting and our area Emergency Management officials on Saturday September 17, 2016 from 9:00AM – 12:00 PM to offer our assistance and volunteer our manpower and resources as an adjunct to our town's Emergency Operation Plan.

As wartime veterans, we understand far too well the need for our citizens to be ready to survive major disasters, particularly potential threats from terrorist attacks as long as our nation remains at war. Many of your members employ veterans and may themselves be veterans, we welcome their ideas and their participation as we stand together to protect our community when disaster strikes. American Legion Rockdale County Post 77 stands ready to help energize our community to become disaster ready and provide whatever assistance we can to poster preparedness an enhance response capabilities as an affiliate of the Citizens Corps and the Department of Homeland Security.

I look forward to hearing from you. I can be reached during the day at 678-949-2490. Sincerely, Zeste C. Debro
Valerie Brown-Debro Post Chairman- National Security Auxiliary Chairman -National Security

Please see attached Flyer on our web page.

Current Workshop schedule is:

Registration is at 9am workshop @ 10am

September 10	District 6	Macon, Unit 3
September 17	District 3	Columbus, Unit 267
October 1	District 11	Waynesboro, Unit 270
October 8	District 8	Kingsland, Unit 511
(531 North Lee Street, Kingsland, GA 31548. This is the building for Commerce and Industry, The Chamber Building.)		
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
January 28	District 9	Buford, Unit 127

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.

Save the Date:

The 2017 Department Convention
Sonesta at Gwinnett Place in Duluth

Date has been changed.

NEW DATE:

June 16th - June 18th. DEC Meeting will be June 15th at 6:00pm

**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.

"All great changes are preceded by chaos."

-Deepak Chopra -



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

September 5, 2016 Labor Day/Office Closed
 September 11, 2016 Patriot Day/ Grandparents Day
 September 16, 2016 Constitution Day/ National POW/MIA Recognition Day
 September 17, 2016 Constitution Day/Citizenship Day
 September 18, 2016 Air Force Birthday
 September 22, 2016 Autumn Begins
 September 25, 2016 Gold Star Mother's Day

October 22nd & 23rd Fall Conference Arrive on 21st

June 16th - 18th 2017 Dept Convention, Duluth
 June 15, 2017 DEC Meeting 6:00pm



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