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Next Month: All about Unit Revitalization & Development. Meet your 2024-2025 Historian and Chaplain and some committee chairs.

Submit Articles by the 5th of each month to Department@alageorgia.com

LEAD THE WAY RENEW

All officers, board members, committee chairs at all levels (Department, District, and Unit) should set the example and renew membership for 2025 before July 30, 2024. Let’s DO THIS!

NEWS TO USE NOW

NATIONAL CONVENTION:

August 24 – 28 in New Orleans. **All delegates, alternates, and any other guest (member) wishing to attend the convention must register** (forms and payment) through the Department Secretary no later than July 24. Please see the Department of Georgia website www.aladdeptga.com for the forms and more information. Submit the form for Hotel Registration & Commanders’ Banquet to The American Legion Department of Georgia before July 20. Submit the forms for ALA registration, the ALA Luncheon, and the ALA States Dinner to the ALA Department of Georgia before July 24.

The National Convention Agenda and information can be found at <https://www.legion-aux.org/meetings/national-convention>

Information from The American Legion can be found at <https://www.legion.org/convention/resources>

Please contact the Department Secretary, Patty Hawkins with any questions at secamlegaux@bellsouth.net

PRE CONVENTION MEETINGS

All officers and committee chairs should attend the pre-convention call for the position they held in 2023-2024 as the **official representative** from the Department of Georgia to the National session. All 2024-2025 officers and committee chairs are welcome to attend any (and all) pre-convention meetings to listen and learn about the programs as GUESTS. Register before Friday August 9 on your own at this link. *Logging in to the national ALA membership website is required.*

<https://member.legion-aux.org/Virtual-Pre-Con-Meetings>

Do not worry, if you miss a session, the ALA will post links to the videos a couple of days after each session.

ANYONE may attend these – so if you are a district or unit chair for any of our mission or support committees, feel free to listen in and learn what has been happening nationwide!

2024-2025 LEADERSHIP

President..... Cheryl Waybright
 1st Vice President Gail Ramey
 2nd Vice President..... Pam Eckler
 Historian..... Debbie Hoopingarner
 Chaplain Gloria Chambers
 Secretary/Treasurer Patty Hawkins
 NEC Susan Hall
 NEC Alternate..... Pat Morgan

Sergeants at Arms

Captain Melanie Eckler
 Cricket Agee, Melinda Gaskins
 Lindsey Coats, Melissa Patten

Department Page Thea Fultz

MISSION COMMITTEES

Veterans Affairs..... Mirima Stein
 National Security..... Laura Miller
 Children & Youth..... Gabriele Barnett
 Americanism Kris Ann Alexander
 Community Service Sharon Wilson
 Education Dr. Cindy Swartz
 Girls State..... Deedy Harrell
 Junior Activities Kalyn Slagle
 Poppy Cathy Hedges

SUPPORT COMMITTEES

Awards & Recognition. Linda Brock
 Convention..... 9th District
 Credentials Phyllis Jones &
 Sabrina Brown Putney, Co-Chairs
 Finance..... Susan Hall
 Ruth Ann Shelby & Sarah Zingarelli
 Human Resources Sheila Tinsley
 Gabriele Barnett & Pam Eckler
 Leadership/Yearbook .. Gail Ramey
 Membership..... Pam Eckler
 Past President Parley & Member of the Year
 Cheryl Jackson-Sinkler
 Poppy Anchor..... 11th District
 Launching 1st District, Unit 184
 Orders Patty Hawkins
 Public Relations..... Courtney Waybright
 Resolutions..... Dr. Joann Meadows
 Risk & Compliance..... Kathy Merritt
 Anita Owens & Lisa Marie Papp
 Scrapbook Melinda Gaskins
 Unit Development & Revitalization
 Pam Eckler & Gail Ramey, Co-Chairs
 Jennie Chandler



Cheryl Waybright
 President 2024-2025



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome to the 2024-2025 ALA New Administrative Year!

Thank You for your membership, service, and leadership in our amazing organization. The theme this year is **MISSION MINDED EXCELLENCE** for our Veterans, Military families, Community and Children. The Department of Georgia will operate with an abundance **MINDSET** focused on mission, fund development, and cultivating our organizational strength at all levels. We will revitalize many facets this year.

Each of our leaders were recruited to fill the various offices and committees of this Department with careful consideration and guidance for mentoring, self-learning and understanding we are all in this together, we are each other’s safety net. Our officer, district president, and committee teams have both experienced ALA leaders and newcomers! What is super is that all are full of passion and have a willingness to learn AND DO... and of course #AmpUpMission!

Our Department colors this year are simple and need no explaining... show up in Red, White, and Blue. Our Department Pin and new brand is also simple – it is a custom poppy just for the Department of Georgia and incorporates the ALA word mark rather than the ALA emblem. See info later in the newsletter and the website about how to get your gear.

About that modern design. The single poppy reminds us of the sacrifices made by those we honor with our membership in the American Legion Auxiliary. Each of you is special, wear your poppy insignia with pride – not just to ALA events but EVERYWHERE! The giving of a simple pin to a stranger can be game changer in the conversation – or a conversation starter. And potentially a new member.

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STAY CONNECTED

DEPARTMENT WEBSITE:

<https://www.aladdeptga.com/>

- Need a form?
<https://www.aladdeptga.com/forms-1> [Updated Forms Coming Soon]
- Need to find a department leader?
https://www.aladdeptga.com/about_us
- or department committee chair?
<https://www.aladdeptga.com/committee-chairpersons> [Updated List Coming Soon]
- ...or Department Governing Documents?
<https://www.aladdeptga.com/governing-documents>

GEORGIA GIRLS STATE

www.georgiagirlsstate.org/

DEPARTMENT PUBLIC FACEBOOK PAGES

Follow both!

<https://www.facebook.com/ALADeptofGA>
<https://www.facebook.com/ALAGeorgiaPresident/>

DEPARTMENT PRIVATE FACEBOOK GROUP

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/alaga>

In this group you can ask questions and post information about your unit and districts.

DEPARTMENT EMAILS

These are under development so stay tuned for more updates.

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Membership Clerk: amlegaux@bellsouth.net

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COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

Is your unit or district legal with the IRS and State of GA? Send an email to Department@ALAGeorgia.com and ask – the Department will provide you with the data from National. The link below is helpful. And there is a training session coming up – see info later in this newsletter.

<https://member.legion-aux.org/member/committees/audit/important-compliance-information>

President Column Continued from Previous Page

Amping Up Mission includes getting excited about what we do and getting others excited about our comradery and service to The American Legion and its core programs. The hashtag is about YOU! **#AmpUpMission** is a reminder to get hyped up and turn up the heat on what's cooking in each unit. Hosting local events to support our soldiers and veterans, membership growth, poppy distribution, fundraising and recruiting girls to attend Georgia Girls State, volunteering within the ALA and in our community (*wearing our branded gear*) and more.

ALL OF THIS will strengthen our organization and when we can laugh and have fun with friends, we know we are **doing good**. Let's get cooking, fire up those membership renewal engines, and SHOW UP at our leadership workshops.

In June, we had an amazing week at Girls State and a wonderful week at Junior Camp. Check out Deedy Harrell's column about Girls State and stay tuned for the rebuilding of our Junior Program. And of course, to close out June, we held a fun-filled and productive convention!

Our Newsletter is undergoing change in look and distribution schedule – we are going to try mid-month delivery every month to avoid colliding with the end of month holidays that always knock newsletters off schedule. We shall see how it goes. If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, submit your article no later than the 5th of the month to Department@GeorgiaALA.com.

And our website and social media is going to evolve in the coming months. Shout out to Amy Loudermilk and Pam Eckler for building a great runway for our public presence to fly even higher in this coming year. Both will continue to pitch in and mentor over the next few months – it is A LOT to transition. Be sure to "LIKE" both of our public Facebook pages to help grow our followers and strengthen our pages to reach more people. Share our public posts in your unit and district groups – keep getting the word out. We have more in store for updating our look and getting our information to members. If you are not a member of the private (Members Only) Facebook group, please join. Links are to the left.

Do not forget **SERVICE...** Selflessness, Expectations, Respect, Values, Ideals, Commitment and Excellence. Let's Do THIS! **#AmpUpMission**

Cheryl Waybright

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PS: I have an open door (email or phone) policy. Reach out.

DATES TO NOTE

First of Every Month – BE THE ONE Day

EVERY FRIDAY IS RED Shirt Friday (Remembering Everyone Deployed) Wear a red shirt!

JULY 2024

- 18Due Date: ALA GA 2024 GA Merchandise 20-27. Girls Nation, Washington, DC
- 24Submit Payment & Forms for National Conv.
- 25ALA GA DEC Meeting (Zoom) 7:15 pm
- 25 National Hire A Veteran Day
- 26 National Disability Independence Day (1990)
- 27 Korean War Veterans Armistice Day (1953)
- 28 WWI began in 1914
- 28 National Buffalo Soldiers Day
- 29 Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary
- 30 Navy Women's Reserves (WAVES) Est.(1942)

August 2024

- Antiterrorism Awareness Month
- 4 Coast Guard Day (1790)
- 3Leadership Workshop Unit 127 Sugar Hill
- 7 Purple Heart Day
- 10Department Organizational Meeting
- 10ALA GA UNIT Membership GOALS Issued
- 10 U.S. Department of Defense Birthday (1949)
- 10 Agent Orange Awareness Day
- 14 Navajo Code Talkers Day (1982)
- 15ALA GA DEC Meeting (Zoom) 7:15 pm
- 16 National Airborne Day (2002)
- 29 Marine Corps Reserve Birthday (1916)

September 2024

- National Suicide Prevention Month
- National Service Dog Month
- National Preparedness Month
- 2 Labor Day
- 2 Victory Over Japan (V-J) Day (U.S. 1945)
- 11 Patriot Day
- 14Leadership Workshop Unit 192 Evans
- 15 Sons of the American Legion Birthday (1932)
- 17 Constitution Day (1787)
- 18 Air Force (USAF) Birthday (1947)
- 18 Air National Guard Birthday (1947)
- 20 National POW/MIA Recognition Day (1979)
- 26ALA DEC Meeting (Zoom) 7:15 pm
- 26 World Maritime Day
- 27 Poppy became official flower of TAL (1920)
- 29 Gold Star Mother's & Family Day
- 29 VFW Day (1899)

October 2024

- 19 Leadership Workshop Unit 184 Thunderbolt
- 25ALA GA DEC Meeting (LIVE) 6:00 pm
- 26-27. FALL CONFERENCE

Secretary & Treasurer

Patty Hawkins



It is time for NATIONAL Convention!

All Department Leaders and Unit Presidents should have received the Call to the National Convention. Information is on the Department Website and on the National Website. See the links and information on page one of this newsletter.

All registration forms for any attendee (Delegate, Alternate, or Guest) must be RECEIVED BY ME no later than July 24th. This includes payment and registration for the ALA Luncheon and the ALA States Dinner as well as non-delegate (guest) registration fees. To reserve your hotel or purchase tickets to the Commander's Banquet, go to the Georgia Legion website and use their form and send payment and form to them. ONLINE REGISTRATION? not this year. **You CANNOT register on site nor online – only through the Department.**

Do not forget! If your Unit's (or District's) fiscal year ends June 30 (based on your IRS EIN Letter) your team should be getting ready to audit and submit your IRS 990 on time. Another thing to do is check and make sure you Georgia Secretary of State registration is up to date. And do not forget to mail a copy of your IRS 990 to the Georgia Revenue Department. Seriously – COMPLIANCE MATTERS!

Keep focus on transitioning well. Our Department Officers, District Presidents, and Chairpersons are all working hard to transition so that nothing gets dropped. National confirms that units' leaders that share knowledge and pass on all paperwork and materials that belong to the unit and support the new leaders are successful and its easier for units to not miss a beat in serving our veterans, military, and our communities.

Newsletter: For 2024-2025 we will have monthly newsletters and will issue them mid-month. This helps with scheduling. As we move forward with a mindset on mission, we would like to have districts, committees, and yes, units share the great stuff that is happening around the department. The 5th of the month is the deadline for submitting articles. Let us #AmpUpMission.

Thank you, unit leaders and members, for all you do!

Patty Hawkins

Secretary & Treasurer Department of Georgia
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LUNCH & LEARN: JULY 25, 2024 NOON ET

This is an ALA National Event.

Register [HERE](#) and now for the new webinar *Tax-Exempt Status Revocation: What Happens When Your ALA Entity Has Lost Its Tax-Exempt Status?*

In this session, we'll review revocation status of a tax-exempt entity (e.g., unit, department, etc.) and the process these ALA entities must go through to have their tax-exempt status reinstated. What you'll learn:

- What it means to have your tax-exempt status revoked
- Your options
- Guidance to apply for tax-exempt reinstatement with the IRS
- Best practices to maintain tax-exempt status
- Resources available

Register By July 25, 2024 10:00 AM



ALA ACADEMY LIVE
Lunch & Learn

**Tax-Exempt Status Revocation:
What Happens When Your ALA Entity
Has Lost Its Tax-Exempt Status?**

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

First Vice President – Leadership Gail Ramey



Hello from you newly elected Department 1st Vice President & Leadership Chair. We had a great Department Convention, and I am looking forward to a wonderful year of working with all of you to learn new things and refresh ourselves on things we know but might have forgotten.

The following dates and locations for Leadership Workshops have been confirmed. All workshops are open to all members!

August 3	Unit 127, Sugar Hill
September 14	Unit 192, Evans
October 19	Unit 184, Thunderbolt
January 11	Unit 233, Loganville
February 8	Unit 160, Smyrna
March 8	Unit TBD in 6 th District

Registration begins at 9:30 am with a 10:00 am start time.

I will contact the District Presidents to promote the workshops to fill the seats and get as many members and leaders as possible to attend. I hope to make the sessions fun and worthwhile for members and leaders to take a Saturday to learn about the ALA or to refresh their knowledge.

Additionally, we may conduct short workshops at the Fall and Spring Conferences. Stay tuned to this channel for more information on those dates and topics.

Please make plans now to attend the National Mission Development Training again held in Nashville. This year it will be on Saturday, November 16, 2024. This is a great opportunity to learn from National leaders and network with other leaders around the nation. And, enjoy some Nashville nightlife after! <https://member.legion-aux.org/meetings/mission-training/>

Take advantage of the ALA Academy training, live like the one listed to the left and recorded. There are tremendous learning opportunities available to you and you can stay in your PJs! You must be logged into the ALA membership site to get to this link: <https://member.legion-aux.org/member/online-training>

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. If you call and I do not answer, please leave a message and I will get back to you.

Gail Ramey

1st Vice President – Leadership, Department of Georgia
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**WOW! 2024
UNITS OVER 100%**

D	Unit	City	July 11
7	112	Dalton	133.87%
7	506	Rome	133.33%
6	594	Warner Robins	125.86%
2	30	Albany	115.00%
9	121	Blairsville	115.00%
9	127	Sugar Hill	113.75%
2	519	Thomasville	112.50%
6	71	Wilcox County	111.11%
8	137	Darian	111.11%
11	178	Augusta	110.00%
10	56	Jefferson	108.57%
12	515	Douglas	108.33%
5	294	Powder Springs	108.06%
6	6	Milledgeville	106.25%
1	154	Tybee Island	105.70%
9	232	Snellville	105.36%
9	16	Cleveland	105.26%
1	184	Thunderbolt	105.00%
5	70	Villa Rica	104.41%
5	304	North Cobb	103.13%
4	258	Jonesboro	102.08%
HQ	HQ	Headquarters	102.08%
5	29	Marietta	101.70%
5	264	Mableton	101.55%
2	502	Bainbridge	100.00%
3	333	Columbus	100.00%
4	207	Tucker	100.00%
5	291	Atlanta	100.00%
7	12	Rockmart	100.00%
9	82	Ellijay	100.00%
12	536	Fitzgerald	100.00%

Second Vice President - Membership

Pam Eckler



It is hard to believe our 2024 Department Convention is behind us and we are in mid-July. For those of you who attended the June 30 DEC meeting, you know our **department membership goal for 2024-2025 is 6,000 members.** Yes! An attainable National Goal! Our Membership Theme is **EMBRACING OUR HEROES!** **Strengthening our Membership** means increasing our members and we will do it by promoting volunteerism and recruitment in support of Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, Children & Youth, National Security, and Americanism.

BUT WAIT! MUSH MUSH! The 2024 Membership Year is still going strong! Do not hold those memberships! Let's get them in and reach our goal before August 31st. As of July 11, Georgia has 31 goal units with 3 units just needing "one more" to make goal. Georgia is currently at 90.74% of Goal and is 6th in the Southern Division and 25th in the Nation.



Yes, even though we are wrapping up 2024 and can still add new members and renew members, we can also begin processing our 2025 memberships. All elected or appointed leaders at all levels should be paid 2025 members by now. Please "Lead the Way"! Hurry if you want to be first – I hear a rumor that a unit has already submitted 100 renewals!

I will roll out Membership Goals on August 10th at the Department Organizational Meeting to the District Presidents. The goals will be achievable for every unit. I will share information on competitions and contests to engage Units in growing membership. The individual National award is called **2025 Recruit/Rejoin10** ← Click to go to the form. Reach out to members that have **not** paid their membership dues since 2021 or earlier. Pick up the phone and call those members, find out what happened and encourage them to return.

Please feel free to reach out to me at any time, as no question should go unanswered. I might not have the answer right away, but I promise I will get it for you. You are valued and appreciated more than you know, and I hope to help us all recognize and show appreciation to all members for what you do to sustain or increase our membership.

THANK YOU!

Pam Eckler

2nd Vice President – Membership, Department of Georgia
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#AMPUPMISSION ALA QUIZ: GA HISTORY

Want to have some fun? See what you know about the Department of Georgia by answering a few questions. Send an email with the answers, your name and unit # to Department@ALAGeorgia.com. There will be a prize for the first member of ALA Georgia that submits **all correct** answers.

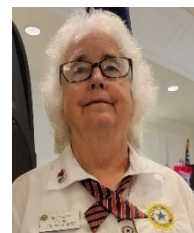
- 1 What two people from Georgia served as ALA National President and in what years? What is the name of the first American Legion Auxiliary Department of Georgia President?
- 2 In what year did the National organization vote to allow men to join the American Legion Auxiliary? Where and what year was the 1st National American Legion Auxiliary convention held?
- 3 How many districts are currently (2024) in the Department of Georgia? What year and who was the President that had the theme "Shoot for the Stars"?
- 4 There is a National Award named after a Past President of the Department of Georgia. What is the award for and for whom is it named?
- 5 The Auxiliary was incorporated under the laws of what state and on what date?
- 6 As of March 1, of this year, (2024) how many units are registered in the Department of Georgia?
- 7 Who was voted in as the Department of Georgia ALA President in 1993?
- 8 What was the original name of the national organization?
- 9 The American Legion Auxiliary has been around since 1919. What year did the ALA introduce a new wordmark and brandmark?
- 10 What Past Department President had a pin with a bumble bee on it?

MEET THE SERGEANTS-AT-ARMS TEAM

Captain: Melanie Eckler- Past Unit Secretary, and Chef Unit 239, Dahlonega
"I serve in honor of all my family service members, past, present, and future. To show my appreciation and gratitude by way of valuable contributions and bringing awareness to our Veterans through service to our mission."



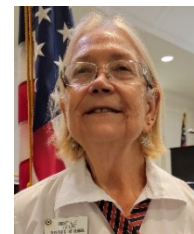
Melinda Gaskins- President Unit 56, Jefferson (2nd Year)
"I love the ALA's commitment to service of our veterans."



Melissa Patten, Unit 197, Pike County (2nd Year).
"Helping, and to serve our Veterans. Since I work in the hospital setting, I work with Veterans serving our community and gives us all something to feel good about."

No photo available.

Margarite Agee- President, Americanism and Poppy Chair Unit 232, Snellville.
"I am dedicated to the ALA's mission of Service not Self, in all aspects of the ALA programs for our Veterans, Military and their families."



Lindsey Coats – 2nd Vice President and Membership Chair Unit 258, Jonesboro
"I love the ALA for its unwavering dedication to supporting veterans, their families and our communities through meaningful service and advocacy."



What do they do? The Sergeants-at-arms is the team responsible for keeping order at our meetings, for the advancement and retirement of the colors and their proper care, and for such other duties as may be assigned by the president which may include to collect the fee for phones ringing or dinging during sessions and to ask attendees to be seated and quiet. We will abide by their directions with a kind thank you (*and payment of fees*) without complaint.

Be sure to say hi to them when you come to our conferences and convention and thank them for their service!

MISSION MATTERS

When you get a chance, click [here](#) and head over to the ALA Blog and read the blog post from June 27, 2024. It is called *“Ways our members can maintain commitment to ALA, mission.”*

“ALA members are most effective when they work collaboratively to advance causes that fulfill the organization’s mission. That means setting aside concerns that are not mission-aligned and overcoming personal differences to work together in the spirit of Service Not Self.”

By committing to regularly revisiting the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary and the reasons it attracted us to join, it goes back to the intended audience and ideological issues that can deter the important efforts of the ALA. Members can rise above the fray to put “mission first, people always.”

If clicking the ‘here’ doesn’t work, the full link is this: https://www.legion-aux.org/Blog/Ways-our-members-can-maintain-commitment-to-ALA-m7fbclid=hwZxh0beNhzWOCMTAAAR3FYCCVA3iH0IDqT89wndLO3Au5ATfSgn24aGkeeknzZ08Yf1Ab9U_aem_vEHvGt3m4VT4e4sTPTVf1g

ALA MISSION STATEMENT

In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace, and security.



LOOKING AHEAD, (OH, we have heard this before... begin with the end in mind...) the 2024-2025 administrative year is going to build further on what we have done in Georgia. The Leading Candidate for National President 2024-2025 is setting the stage and will be **Leading The Way** with a focus on the health of our units with this mindset, nationwide:

- Small towns and rural environments are struggling. *WE'RE going to help them.*
- Leadership capacity is dwindling. *WE'RE going to grow it.*
- Membership is aging and churning. *WE'RE going to revitalize it.*
- Infrastructure is weakening. *WE'RE going to strengthen it.*

2024- 2025 MERCHANDISE ORDER UPDATE:

2024-2025 MERCHANDISE

Orders Due 7/18/24
for pick-up at or before
National Convention 2024
Perhaps by August 10th!
Pins, Shirts, Hats, Tumblers

Print, complete & USPS snail mail with
Payment by check as noted on the form.

OR send the form by email to orders@alageorgia.com
AND send payment by Zelle to orders@alageorgia.com

This fundraiser supports the 2024-2025
GA Department President’s Special Project

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#AmpUpMission
2024-2025

Get your 2024-2025 goodies before the National Convention. This round will end on July 18. Send money and forms by 9pm on the 18th. Delivery is expected by August 10th for District Presidents to pick up at the Organizational Meeting. Follow the instructions on the form. Or, you can order on the third round in early September for delivery at the October Conference. There’s still time to support the President’s Special Project and look cool while you are #AmpingUpMission! The order form can be found in the Department Facebook Group (Files) and by clicking [HERE](#) Check out the merchandise information by clicking [HERE](#)

GEORGIA GIRLS STATE

Deedy Harrell, Director



The 2024 session of Georgia Girls State was held June 9-14 on the campus of Valdosta State University with 167 girls. Georgia Girls State had 29 more students in 2024 than in 2023. There were 35 staff members at Girls State 2024.

The citizens debated bills in the Girls State House of Representatives and Senate which were written by girls prior to Girls State. U.S. Senators were Kyleigh O'Donnell sponsored by Unit 29, and Sofia Parker, sponsored by Unit 66. They will attend Girls Nation in July.

The 2024 Girls State Governor is Claire Jiang, sponsored by Unit 160. The Lieutenant Governor was Wellesley Turner, sponsored by Unit 50. The Speaker of the House was Ella Sipe, sponsored by Unit 140. The President Pro-Tempore of the Senate was Daniella Maxson sponsored by Unit 50.

The Samsung Scholarship was won by Katherine Tollerson who was sponsored by Unit 70.

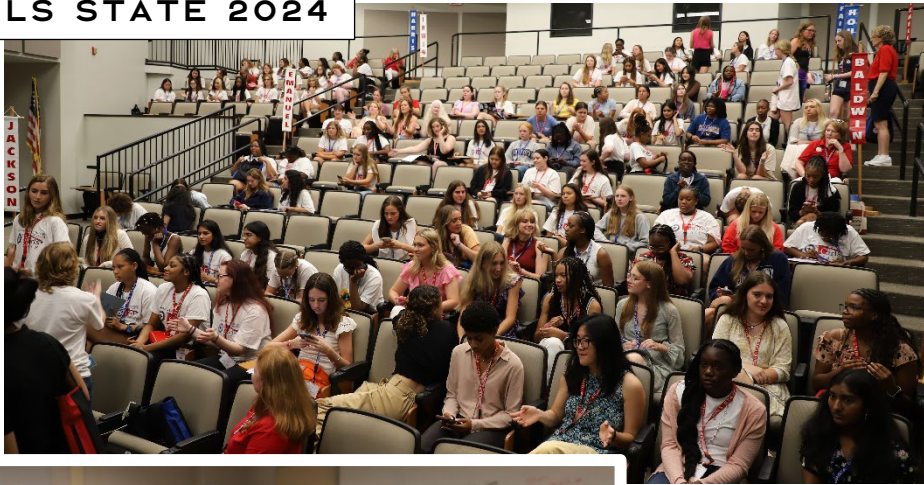
Georgia Girls State 2025 will be held at Valdosta State University June 8-13, 2025.

Georgia Girls State Board of Directors. At the June Department Convention, four directors were elected, noted in the list below with an asterisk.* Georgia Girls State is a separate 501(c)(4) not for profit organization that is a subsidiary of the Department of Georgia.

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| Cheryl Waybright, President | Sheila Powell, Government Instructor | Martha Crumley (2024-2026)* |
| Gail Ramey, Vice President | | Latrisha Linaweaver (2023-2026) |
| Susan Hal, NEC | Valerie Brown Debro and Anita Owens, Committee Members | Pat Morgan (2023-2026) |
| Patty Hawkins, Secretary/Treasurer | | Helen Adams (2024-2027) * |
| Deedy Harrell, Girls State Director | Kirs Ann Alexander (2022-2025) | Cheryl Jackson Sinkler (2024-2027) * |
| Gabriele Barnett, Girls State Assistant Director | Pam Eckler (2022-2025) | Sheila Tinsley (2024-2027) * |
| | Melanie Eckler (2022-2025) | |



GIRLS STATE 2024



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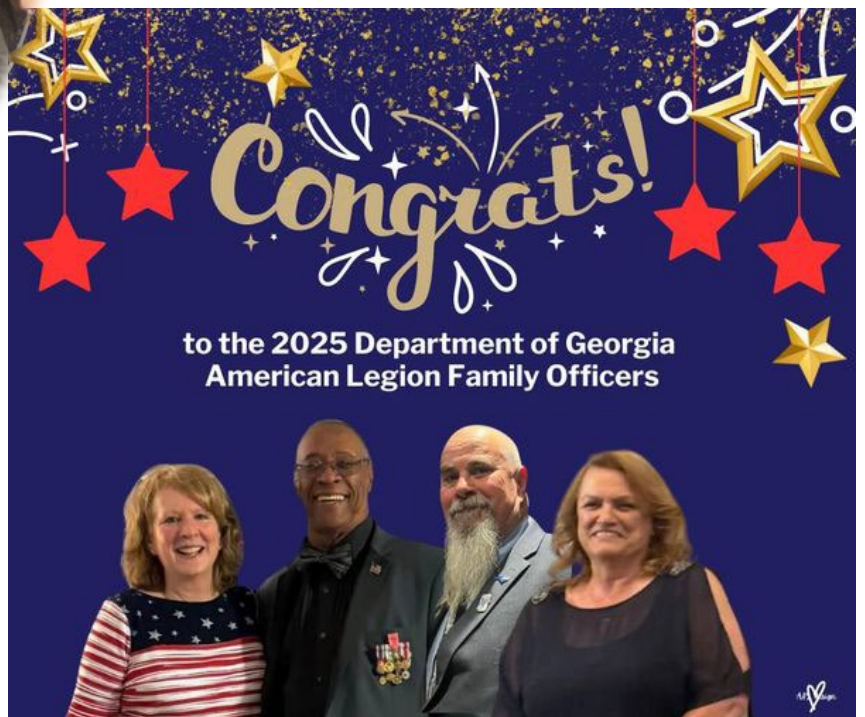
2024-2025 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHERYL WAYBIGHT

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION 2024

The 2024 Department Convention was held June 27-30, 2024 at the Sonesta Gwinnett in Duluth, GA. For many more photos and details if you are a member of ALA GA, check us out on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/alaga>



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