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ABOUT: Georgia On My Mind is a monthly publication presented by the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Georgia on or about the



15th of each month. Did you find a mistake in the newsletter? Or do you want to submit information for next month (due on the 5th of each month)? If yes, you can send your request and information to Department@alageorgia.com or to PublicRelations@ALAGeorgia.com.

NEWS TO USE

GEORGIA FALL CONFERENCE

Plan now. The Fall Conference will begin with the DEC meeting on Thursday, October 24 at 6pm and conclude with the Memorial on Sunday, October 27. The Conference will be held at the Sonesta Gwinnet Place in Duluth. You can register and pay online OR print, fill out the form, and mail the form and payment ensuring receipt no later than October 17. The link is https://georgialegion.org/events/department-of-georgia-fall-conference/ Please plan to attend the conference and the banquet on Saturday night. See page 5 for more information.

LEADERSHIP

See Gail's Leadership Column for the link and schedule of sessions. There is a new ALA Academy Live Session scheduled for October 17 – see page 10 for more information.

MEMBERSHIP

Goals for 2024-2025 were issued on August 10. As of 9/11, National has GA in 6th place overall **way to GO!** All officers, EC members and committee chairs at all levels (*Unit, District and especially Department*) should have renewed their membership to Lead the Way! Let's DO THIS! Our first big goal is to have every unit at 85% on or before March 1. The National Goal Unit Award is 100% by January 31, 2025 – get it done and receive National recognition - a 100% Flag Ribbon.

MISSION

If you participate in the National private Facebook groups, you have seen the **ALA CHALLENGE DECK**. More will be circulated by your department committee chairs soon and copies of the cards are shared in our private Facebook group (look in files). The cards provide "quick hit" ideas for units to



have an impact in their communities. **PICK ONE THING & DO IT!** Units and individuals are welcome to contribute to the National President's project and receive a deck of cards. More information and how to order is at this <u>lin k</u>.

2024-2025 BRANDED MERCHANDISE

For pick-up at Fall Conference, order and pay by October 4. See https://www.aladeptga.com/ for the order form and info.

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2024-2025 LEADERSHIP

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Cheryl Waybright President 2024-2025

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Is it true? Summer is almost over? It is hard to challenge the calendar – so welcome (almost) to Fall Y'all. #AmpUpMission is on fire, the Fall Conference is coming up fast, and things are getting busy. I look forward to seeing everyone next month!

National Convention was a wonderful experience, and Georgia had an amazing group of delegates, alternates and guests attend. Despite the great food and wonderful networking, you may have seen on Facebook and in the photos herein, your delegates focused on learning, made great decisions about changes to the national governing documents, and elected a wonderful slate of National officers.

The changes to the national governing documents do **not** impact departments, districts, or units. Despite that, each unit and district **should** review your documents, update them, and share a copy with headquarters.

LEADERSHIP! Two workshops are in the books, and more are planned. Please attend to network, have fun, and learn how we can all pull together to #AmpUpMission in great units!

MEMBERSHIP! Holy Cow! Three units reached 100% on 9/11 in this order: 1) Unit 75 LaGrange, 2) Unit 321 Midway, and 3) Unit 502 Bainbridge. Congratulations! Let's keep rocking it, getting in renewals, and welcoming new members. Georgia has a challenge with the Department of Alabama – so far, so good, we are ahead for now! Details about the challenge will be announced at the Fall Conference. Nothing is better than a little Georgia Alabama down-to-<u>earth</u> friendly feud to Lead The Way on our membership momentum!

FUNDRAISING. As a not-for-profit, it IS what we do to deliver on our mission. I am thankful to Miriam Stein who will again coordinate our Conference/Convention Silent Auctions. All districts are asked to participate by donating

Please keep reading on the next page!

STAY CONNECTED

DEPARTMENT WEBSITE:

https://www.aladeptga.com/

- o Need a form?
 - https://www.aladeptga.com/forms-1
- Need to find a department leader? https://www.aladeptga.com/about_us
- o **Or** a department committee chair?
- https://www.aladeptga.com/committeechairpersons
- o ...or Department Governing Documents? https://www.aladeptga.com/governing-documents

GEORGIA GIRLS STATE

ww.georgiagirlsstate.org/

DEPARTMENT PUBLIC FACEBOOK PAGES

Follow both!

https://www.facebook.com/ALADeptofGAhttps://www.facebook.com/ALAGeorgiaPresident/

DEPARTMENT PRIVATE FACEBOOK GROUP

<u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/alaga</u>
In this group you can ask questions and post information about your unit and districts.

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NATIONAL ALA TOOLS

American Legion Auxiliary National Website https://www.legion-aux.org/home

ALA MEMBER Website

https://member.legion-aux.org/
ALA BLOG https://www.legion-aux.org/blog

Serving the ALA Mission through Our Programs – Program Engagement Plans:

https://member.legionaux.org/member/program-engagement-plans President - Continued from page 2

An item for the auction. Please see Miriam's article on page 12 for auction info and all things VA&R. Please call her with questions. Districts, please bring items on 10/24.

LEGISLATIVE is an important mission program within The American Legion and the Auxiliary. Each might consider asking a member or a small team to regularly monitor the **Voter Voice** website and really leverage this grassroots action center. You can record time advocating on your impact report and it does not require leaving home yet you can still make an enormous difference. See page 11.

September 20 is an important day, **National POW/MIA Recognition Day**. Please support the programs in your Post.

We are mid-way through Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Please take the Columbia Protocol Training and view the Be The One webinar. VA&R Chairs will be asked to submit a report by May 1 about what Units and Districts have done in support of the BeTheOne program. Please let your unit leaders know when you have completed training and try to participate in any programs at your post and unit. Engage in our FB group and share what you are doing https://www.legion.org/betheone.

Whew! It <u>is</u> a busy time as we get better situated in our new leadership positions or as we renew our energy level continuing our positions. Please take things one day at a time! A **Huge** THANK YOU to all who energetically provided material for this newsletter. I hope everyone can leverage the information and hit the links to go deeper in your ALA journey. We want to hear from you - submit information both to the newsletter and to our Facebook Private Group – ask questions, share, and the best part, answer questions if you have experience. This is a resource for YOU – use it!

Don't forget, order/pay for 2024-2025 Branded Merchandise by October 4th for delivery at the Fall Conference. Go to the department home page for information and the form.

Let's all plan to attend the Fall Conference. Registration is open – note "ALA" on the form so we know to plan for you!

Remember to schedule fun activities at your meetings and mission programs – the more fun, more members come back for more engagement! Let's Do THIS! #AmpUpMission

Please reach out with any question – no matter position, level, or location – I am here to serve all of you. Just ask.

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KEY DATES

BETE ONE

EVERY FRIDAY IS RED Shirt Friday (Remembering Everyone Deployed) Wear Red!

September 2024

National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month:

https://veteran.com/suicide-prevention-month/

National Preparedness Month:

https://www.ready.gov/september

National Service Dog Month:

https://www.operationwearehere.com/MilitaryServiceDogs.html

17..... Constitution Day (1787) (Constitution Week 17-23)

18..... Air Force (USAF) Birthday (1947)

18..... Air National Guard Birthday (1947)

20..... National POW/MIA Recognition Day (1979)

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

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

6...... Department President Town Hall #1

9...... Columbus Day

13..... US Navy Birthday

19..... Leadership Workshop Unit 184 Thunderbolt

26..... National Day of the Deployed

24.....ALA GA DEC Meeting In Person 6:00 pm

25-27. FALL CONFERENCE

27...... <u>Navy Day</u> (click the link to learn more)
National Veterans Small Business Week 10/29-11/2
31...... Halloween

November 2024 (Click the hyperlinks for more info.)

- National Veterans & Military Family Month
- Warrior Care Month
- National Family Caregivers Month
- Holiday Meals for Military Families with Operation Homefront
- Native American Heritage Month (American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month)
- 3...... Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 5...... ELECTION DAY
- 9...... Gold Star Father's Day (GA recognizes)
- 10..... American Legion Auxiliary Birthday (1919)
- 10..... Marine Corps Day/Birthday (1775)
- 11..... Veterans Day (1954)
- 11..... Armistice/Remembrance Day
- 16...... ALA National Mission Training Hit the Link! https://member.legion-aux.org/meetings/mission-training/
- 28..... Thanksgiving Day
- 30..... American Legion Day at the Georgia Festival of Trees

SECRETARY/ TREASURER

Patty Hawkins

Hello Georgia!

Now that the National Convention is over, it is time to keep rolling with the 24-25 Georgia Administrative Year and get all our business taken care of.

New Administrative year, New Department officers, New Chairpersons, New Unit Presidents, and New Unit Chairpersons!

It is time to get trained! The Department Leadership Workshops are underway – see Gail's column on page 6 for the schedule. Everyone should attend to learn all that is offered. This will help strengthen our department, units, and members. Please try to attend at least one closest to you or make a day outing with a few other members at other locations. Participating is a wonderful way to meet with other districts and units. Also, you will find information about a new ALA Academy course for new or returning Committee Chairs; see page 10.

TO DO LIST: Things each unit should have on their list:

- o Officer membership dues should be paid by now.
- Units are encouraged to submit Obligations right away. It would be great if every Unit paid their Obligations before December.
- Poppy Order (on the obligation form): If your poppy order and payment is received by October 18th, a designated person from your unit can pick them up at the October Conference to save on shipping costs. Please let me know.
- o The Christmas Assessment Letter will be in the mail to Unit Presidents before September 21st. Unit Presidents need to be on the lookout for these letters and submit payments to Department quickly. These funds are what the VA&R Reps use to provide items for the patients at the veteran hospitals. The amount is \$0.50 per member based on the 2024 membership goals. Units are welcome to send more but please submit the funds ASAP. Thank you!
- O Units will hear from their VA&R Reps about the Christmas Gift shops that take place in late November/early December. Your contributions help make Christmas great for Veterans.

Please keep reading on the next page!

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FALL CONFERENCE

October 24-27, 2024

Preliminary Timeline – Subject to Change A more detailed agenda will be posted by 10/10.

Thursday 10/24

o **6pm: DEC Meeting** (doors will open at 5:30 pm)

Friday 10/25

- o 9am 3:30 pm: Fall Conference (doors will open at 8:30 am)
- 4pm: VAVS Rep and Dep Meeting
- Evening: All Legion family members are invited to attend a steak dinner at Post 127 in Sugar Hill (Cost estimated at \$25 per person.)

Saturday 10/26

- 8:30am Possible Joint Family
 Session
- o 9am 3:30 pm: Fall Conference
- o Evening, time TBD: Fall Banquet

Sunday 10/27

o 8:30am – Joint Memorial Service

Preliminary Timeline – Subject to Change https://georgialegion.org/events/department-of-georgia-fall-conference/ Secretary/Treasurer - Continued from page 4.

Let's show up and show out like we do every year with our donations and support for our Veterans around the holidays. What our VA&R team does could not be done without our Units and members' support.

If only each of you could be there to see the smiles and thankfulness on the faces of these veterans. What we do makes them feel blessed and that they and their families are cared for. Bless each one of you for caring.

I hope all members and units are keeping track of the time you are volunteering in all the many areas we SERVE, especially all the work you do for our veterans. See the information on page 13 about reporting and check out online the National President's report from 2023-2024. Your hours and what you do matter and are included!

Impact reports are especially important to the ALA as they roll up to let Congress know we are there for the Veterans.

Enough said, hope to see everyone at the Department Conference.

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

Patty Hawkins

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LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP SEPTEMBER 14, 2024



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LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

October 19......Unit 184, Thunderbolt

Register: https://forms.gle/MpQWU9GHdao9T7yYA

January 11.....Unit 233, Loganville
February 8.....Unit 160, Smyrna

March 8.....Unit 172, Warner Robins

April 5.....District 7 (Unit TBD)

ALL SESSIONS: Registration begins at 9:30 am, the program starts at 10:00 am.

Leadership Workshop sessions will be woven into the agenda of both the Fall and Spring Conferences. Do not miss the change to network and learn – attend the conferences.

NATIONAL MISSION DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

Please make plans now to attend the **National Mission Development Training**.

The closest to Georgia is in Nashville on Saturday, November 16, 2024. This is a fantastic opportunity to gain experience from National leaders and network with other leaders around the nation. The link for the details is https://member.legion-aux.org/meetings/mission-training/

Other Dates and Locations are November 16th Denver; January 25th Des Moines, and February 1 in Las Vegas or Boston.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Remember, useful information is available at the National ALA Academy. Have questions? Review one of the sessions on the subject you are interested in.



ALA Academy

The ALA Academy provides tools to members to help grow the Auxiliary's mission, and the organization as a team.

https://member.legion-aux.org/member/online-training

First Vice President – **LEADERSHIP** *Gail Ramev*

Hello Everyone,

National Convention in New Orleans was great. I connected with old friends and made some new ones.



Now is the time to get back to Leadership business. Our leadership workshop on 9/14 at Unit 192-Evans in District 11 was fun and informative. Please register for the next one.

I would like to congratulate Valerie Brown-Debro being appointed the Southern Division Leadership Chairperson by National President Trish Ward. I am looking forward to working with Valerie this year.

To the left is the list of scheduled workshops. Please remember, every workshop is open to anyone who wants to attend no matter where you live. If any Units are interested in hosting a mini workshop, please contact me and we can arrange that. The registration link for the next workshop being held at Unit 184, Thunderbolt on October 19th is also to the left. Please register – this helps us plan.

Reminder, National Mission Development Training in Nashville is November 16 and registration is open. The link is to the left. A lot of people from Georgia are already registered for this session -it sold out last year so do not be left out – register early. All members are welcome to attend any session anywhere – just go! And bring your JUNIORS – these Junior programs are AMAZING!

Do not forget about the free **ALA ACADEMY TRAINING**. To get to the academy, you need to log into the ALA website. Here is the link to the ALA ACADEMY:
https://member.legion-aux.org/member/online-training if you are already logged in. If you are not logged in you can try to get there by going to https://www.legion-aux.org/home, click on EVENTS, then ALA ACADEMY.

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. You can also send an email to me.

Gail Ramev

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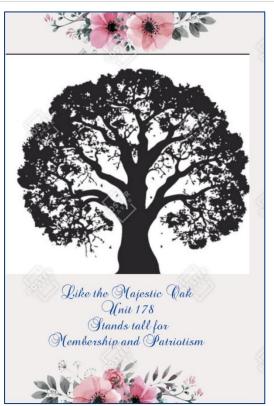
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MEMBERSHIP ROOTS ARE BEING PLANTED!

Check out how these units are using National Southern Division Membership theme to motivate for growth.





Second Vice President - MEMBERSHIP

Pam Eckler

Two Units have won the Membership Chair's awards for Units under one hundred members! Congratulations to



Unit 75 LaGrange (District 3) for placing first and to Unit 321 East Liberty County (District 1) for placing second. We have just begun to show everyone just how great the members in Georgia can be!

We must remember to acknowledge our new members. Do not just take their dues and forget about them; get to know their strengths and weaknesses and where their talents lie. One person I spoke with last week, said she has not renewed her membership since 2022 because once she joined her Unit, she never heard from them again; she did not even receive her membership card. How would that make you feel if you were totally ignored by a group of people that you thought cared about the same issues as you? What I am trying to say is, be kind! Try to remember how you felt when you first joined the Auxiliary. Were you welcomed and included or were you ignored?

Start focusing on junior members as they are our organization's future. Even if you do not have a Junior program, they can attend your meetings so they can learn. Juniors can be committee chairs **if** there is an adult mentor. Juniors are excellent at distributing poppies, get them engaged for Veteran's Day and Memorial Day to help!

As of this newsletter, Georgia is fifth in the Southern Division and sixth in the Nation for membership! We can do this! I believe in all of you as it only takes one person to get one new member, or a previous member to renew. If we all did this, we could double our Department's membership!

If you have not been receiving the weekly Membership Reports, it is probably because we have the wrong email address for you. Please let me know your correct email address so you can receive the weekly Membership Report.

As always, if I can assist you or your Unit in any manner, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I am YOUR Membership Chair, and I am willing to work to help YOU.

Pam Eckler

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MAKE SOME HISTORY IN 2024



GEORGIA FESTIVAL OF TREES

The Pink Pig is back and the new location for the Georgia Festival of Trees is the **Gas South Convention Center**.



WellCare is presenting a special day of activities on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30 FREE for the entire American Legion Family.

Not only "FREE ADMISSION," but the day is also named "American Legion Day" and WellCare is working on an engaging agenda of activities for veterans, active duty, and their families. All members of TAL, ALA, SAL, and the Riders are eligible to obtain free tickets. Flyers and information for how to get the FREE tickets for all Legion Family members should be circulated soon.



The Georgia Legion Family has been invited to decorate a patriotic tree. Who is up for that? Decorating will occur the week before the event opens. If you are interested in donating

materials or time, reach out to our
Department President – more plans are
being worked on as of this newsletter date.
Check out more information at
https://gafestivaloftrees.org/ and plan to
have fun and make a new kind of history for
the Department!

HISTORIAN

Debbie Hoopingarner

I just returned from an inspirational trip to my first ALA National Convention in New Orleans. I was able to attend several sessions and received valuable



information about our organization and how it functions.

Our new National Historian is Dara Bulterman-Oliver from the Department of Florida, 6th District, Unit 219. Check out Dara's posts on the National private Facebook group at https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALAHistorians

Do you realize that your History Books are due in only eight months! Time is passing way too quickly.

September is National Suicide Prevention Month, a good time to focus on Be The One.



Did your post or unit conduct a special event on September 11^{th} in observance of Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance? How about something special on September 20^{th} for National POW/MIA Recognition Day? Remember you are part of a family, include your joint events with the rest of your Legion Family in your history book.

It would really be exciting to see some entries that units have done for their Cavalcade of Memories. I am sure that you have many women veterans that have a story to tell about their experiences in the service, or long -time members that can share stories about your unit.

Last, I want to thank Phyllis Jones for submitting photos for Unit 235 in Augusta. Please remember to send your photos, event information, accomplishments, or anything else that I might be able to include in the Department History Book.

Please share what you do not only in the Department Facebook Group but also in our Georgia Historians Group – a safe place to ask questions. Please join! https://www.facebook.com/groups/georgiahistorians

Feel free to contact me anytime.

Debbie Hoopingarner

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PS: Check out this great blog post about Historians in the ALA: https://www.legion-aux.org/Blog/Why-do-we-have-historians

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CHAPLAIN TRAINING

A training session for Chaplains is scheduled for September 21, 2024, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Post 594, 1523 Moody Rd, Warner Robins, GA. All Chaplains within the GA Legion Family (TAL, ALA, SAL, Riders) are welcome. Please RSVP by email to DOG Legion Chaplain Clarence Sinkler (email clarencesinkler@comcast.net or text 678-389-1353) as soon as possible.

https://georgialegion.org/events/chaplains-training/

SELFLESSNESS

2025 is the 250th anniversary of the Army's Chaplain Corps. There is a movement underway by the <u>Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation</u> for each of the Four Chaplains to have a memorial headstone marker at Arlington National Cemetery to count the chaplains among the fallen at America's most sacred burial ground.

Read more about the ceremony that was held, with full military honors, on September 4, 2024 to recognize Army Chaplain (1st Lt.) George L. Fox, one of the four Army Chaplains that gave their lives to save others on February



3, 1943. https://www.legion.org/honor/262557/george-fox-%E2%80%98immortal-chaplain%E2%80%99-receives-memorial-marker-arlington Watch the service at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=44KRIKDrshg

Rev. Fox was very involved in the American Legion having served the Department of Vermont as Historian and Chaplain.

Did you know? The Rev. Isadore Fox, his wife, was the first ordained minister to serve as the American Legion Auxiliary's National Chaplain (1970-1971). She authored a book about her husband in 1965. Read more about her a https://www.legion-aux.org/Blog/The-true-meaning-of-selflessness

CHAPLAIN

Gloria V. Chambers

Hello ALA members!!!

What a great national convention we had in New Orleans. I am so amped up and pumped up for the new year. The motivation and uplifting words shared at the convention hopefully will be contagious from the attendees spilling over into each district and units across the United States. So many words of encouragement and the challenge of "Be the One", changing lives to save lives.

Our National American Legion Chaplain so elegantly challenged us with scripture Isaiah 6:8. Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Are you ready to accept the call?

We have some great opportunities for the month of September. I hope that on the 11th, NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE, you remembered to fly our Flag at half-staff on this day in honor of the individuals who lost their lives on 9-11-2001.

Another day of remembrance is **September 20**, **NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY**. Remember the sacrifices and lives lost for the freedoms we have in our country.

Let's roll up our sleeves, work in unity to achieve the calling upon us as volunteers. I look forward to hearing from you all in the days and weeks ahead.

Please remember the families that have suffered loss over the past month. Mrs. Patricia Ann Bazemore, President Alma Unit 69, District 8, and Mrs. Shelia Blanton Valdosta Unit 13, District 12.

Please also remember our fellow Georgians who are directly and indirectly impacted by the events in Winder on September 4th.

Be blessed,

Gloria Chambers

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SAVE THE DATE OCTOBER 17

ALA Academy Live: So...You are a Department Chair – Now What?

Join the ALA Leadership on Thursday, October 17, at noon Eastern for this informative webinar for department (state) chairs. Unit and District Chairs are welcome too!

Whether you are new to your leadership role or a seasoned leader, you'll gain insights into leveraging resources available for your ALA program. This webinar will provide strategies to help you excel in your role and enhance your leadership skills. After attending this webinar, attendees should be able to:

- Recognize effective strategies to maximize communication with committee members.
- Apply available resources to ensure success in your ALA leadership role.
- Know the correct process of completing year-end reporting and award submissions.

Watch the ALA National social media @ALAforVeterans for registration information.



NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

Susan Hall

The 2024 National Executive Committee meeting was held before and after the National Convention in New Orleans, LA.

The pre-convention NEC meeting was held on Saturday August 24th at 8:00 AM. The purpose of the meeting was to



vote on charter cancellations that had been filed at the National headquarters. There were 128 charters slated for cancellation. With these charter cancellations and the new charters for 2024 total active units in the American Legion Auxiliary across the country is 7,333.

The NEC also reviewed and voted on updates to the following policies: audit tax filing policy, confidentiality policy, national president and national vice president IT equipment policy, record retention policy, and the social media policy. The updates to these policies were approved by the NEC. The executive director and the national secretary gave their reports.

The Finance chair gave the Finance Report for the third quarter, this report was positive: revenue for the third quarter was up and expenses were under budget by \$246,000. The Risk & Compliance chair reported the national organization is doing a fantastic job reducing risks at national headquarters. The Constitution & Bylaws chair shared the changes to the standing rules to be voted on after the convention, if the convention delegates voted yes on the change to the governing documents addressing foreign units.

The post NEC meeting was held on August 29th at 8:30 AM in New Orleans, LA. The NEC received and confirmed the National President's appointments for the 2024-2025 administrative year and the National Treasurer presented the FY2025 budget that the NEC voted to approve. Also approved was the FY2025 budget for the ALA Foundation. The executive director read the annual resolution certifying the elected officers. Constitution and bylaws 2024-2025 chair read the 6 proposed amendments for changes to the standing rules which the NEC then approved.

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LEGISLATIVE

Often an overlooked mission component in our units, MISSION ACTION IN "LEGISLATIVE" IS CRITICAL in supporting our veterans and those in active duty roles. Primarily, at the grassroots or unit and member level, American Legion Auxiliary members have incredible power to advocate for the legislative agenda of The American Legion.



Photo from https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALALegislative

Advocacy is not the responsibility of a few.

It is the responsibility of ALL of US as American Legion Family members. https://www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/home and https://www.legion.org/legislative

You will find the **voter voice page** of the American Legion **incredibly easy** to find areas you are interested in and motivated to write to your elected officials about. **THE CALL TO ACTION FOR YOU TODAY**, is to hit that link, find a topic that you want to support, and submit a message using the tools provided. **THEN... send an email to** <u>Department@ALAGeorgia.com</u> saying "I Advocated" and include in the message the issue you supported, your unit and your name. We would love to have Georgia members do this every time they send a message – let's track for the impact! Yes, your time actively advocating can be tracked on your IMPACT report and reported to your unit. **Service Not Self**.

This blog post is a short and clear message about advocacy https://member.legion-aux.org/Blog/The-importance-of-uniting-as-an-American-Legion-Fa. If you need reinforcement about the importance of **BE THE ONE** and the impact that the Legion Family can have in this country, listen to National Commander Daniel Seehafer (2024-2025) speak before Congress. You may find it hitting "home" (GA) and just may motivate you to go back to the link above – Voter Voice – and take action. https://www.legion.org/commander/videos/PL048E5F43D9D11C0E/jVQRM5ZnvHI

Don't forget to take advantage of the tips available to you at the ALA's Legislative Program Engagement Plan at https://member.legion-aux.org/Member/Committees/Legislative/Get-Involved-Legislative.

Want some deeper reading to learn more about how you can contribute, check out the Advocacy Guide on our member website at https://member.legion-aux.org/Member/Guides/Advocacy-Guide. Another resource is https://www.legion.org/legislative.

VOTING "The American Legion advocates for all U.S. citizens to register and vote in all elections through its "Get Out the Vote" program. Download the "Vote, America" brochure to see how you can

Sign up for Action Alerts! No writing! No stamps! No busy work! You will receive emails with The American Legion's https://www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/hom Main Legislative Actions On the right-hand side click: When you click on the link in the email, Sign up for alerts the letter to legislation is drafted for you! Enter your email address and zip code You just type your name, email, Done!!!! phone and address! Remember to report how many Take Action Alerts (TAL) you submit! Shannon Widmer, bestill46.10@aol.com, (856)693-3292

encourage more Americans to vote." https://www.legion.org/vote (No, you may **not** count your time waiting in line to or while voting on your impact report. But if you work the polls, yes indeed, count those hours!)

Do not forget the CALL TO ACTION outlined above. Let your voice matter!

THE FINE PRINT: A quick reminder that while we advocate, we must always remember that "The American Legion (and ALA) is a nonpolitical, nonpartisan organization that will not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles nor for the promotion of any candidate or party. This includes the wearing of any branded ALA apparel when engaged in partisan activities."

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VETERANS' AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION

Miriam Stein

It is the time of the year for us to be thinking about Christmas for Veterans and Active Military and their families. Please act now and submit your Unit funds to support the VA Gift Shops to the Department so Reps can start shopping. We must fund these gift shops, and we need everyone's help. Donations should be submitted as soon as possible.

A meeting of all VA Representatives and Deputies in the Department will be held on Friday, October 25 at approximately 4 p.m. following recess of the Conference in the same room. The meeting is open to anyone that is interested in learning more about the program or becoming a VA Rep or Deputy.

This year's National President's special project is focused on Veterans – all units are asked to make a donation to the ALA Foundation Veteran Projects Fund through the Department. Remember also to send donations to the Department specific to the National Creative Arts Festival. This program is particularly important to all the Veterans in the music and arts programs.

The VA&R keeps getting bigger with a lot of programs. The program "BE THE ONE" Suicide Prevention program is a priority. There is new training available – see the links later in the newsletter. September is Suicide Prevention Month – take action to Be The One! The Department has new awards to recognize Units and Districts for their activity supporting this program. Please write your narrative and submit it on time (May 1) to share what your Unit and District are doing in Be The One.

Reps for the VA & GA War do not forget to send your financial checks. It is especially important that you do this so the finance committee can track our spending.

And Poppies! Be sure you have your poppies ordered and your plan for distribution and your volunteers lined up for Veterans Day – this is a key component to support our veterans.

FUND RAISING! There will be a Silent Auction on Friday and Saturday until noon at the Fall Conference. **To ALL District Presidents**: we are hoping for support from you to get it out the

VA&R TIDBITS

The **purpose** of the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Committee is to promote programs and services that assist and enhance the lives of veterans and their families, ensuring restoration and/or transition to normally functioning lives.

- Support the therapeutic rehabilitation and healing of veterans through arts, crafts, and hobbies.
- Support veteran caregivers, family members, and survivors.
- Volunteer at local VA facilities, including state VA facilities in your area.
- Collaborate with organizations that support veterans and their families, such as Wreaths Across America, Honor Flight Inc., and the Military and Veteran Caregiver Network.
- Look in your community for opportunities to support veterans, their caregivers, their families, and their survivors.

Check out the (NEW) VA&R Program Engagement
Plan at https://member.legionaux.org/Member/Committees/VAR/Get-Involved-VAR

Review the ALA VA&R Program
Guide https://member.legionaux.org/member/guides/volunteerquide Free to download

Review the Homeless Veterans Handbook

https://www.legion.org/homelessveter ans/handbook

Review the information about all things VA&R at https://member.legion-aux.org/member/committees/var

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Join the ALA VAR Facebook group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALAVAR

Consider visiting the ALA Academy and taking VA&R Courses. Resource documents may also be included.

Unit Presidents. We hope each District will donate at least one quality item. It is important for this to be a success because a portion of the proceeds go to your VA&R Program. Make sure if you are donating a basket, provide a list of all the items in the basket the winner will receive. Make sure the gifts are nice. Remember Red, White, and Blue Patriotic items are sought after and raise the most funds!

Remember for God and Country,

Miriam Stein, Chair, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation miriam363rs@gmail.com



IMPACT REPORTING

START TRACKING NOW! Individuals and units! It is important to the organization and to you personally to track your hours, miles driven, money spent, and money donated so that the Department can submit next June to National the IMPACT of the Peach State to the organization. To you personally as everything you donate and, spend to deliver the mission along with 14 cents a mile for miles driven potentially could be deducted on your taxes (check with a tax advisor). Sorry, there is no personal deduction for your time and there is no counting of hours or miles attending any meetings (any level) unless there is **mission** training such as the National Mission Training program.

Check out the tips in this article. Remember, there is a difference between MISSION OUTREACH and MISSION AWARENESS: Wearing an article of clothing does not count toward volunteer hours nor do the hours flying a flag in your front yard. Volunteer hours should reflect *direct* mission service and *direct* impact in your community. Volunteer hours are reported to Congress via The American Legion. Our impact numbers (aka your hours) need to reflect our actual hands-on mission outreach, as Congress uses those numbers when considering funding in the veterans' realm. But Wear that RED on Fridays and BeTheOne attire on the 1st of each month to increase MISSION awareness.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT ALA IMPACT REPORTS

Every hour and every dollar ALA members invest in our mission of helping veterans adds up. It not only gives each member a sense of pride in belonging to the organization, but it allows us to demonstrate our mission service and effectiveness to our donors and to the world.

Why do we have them?

Impact reports are a record of the time and money each member gives in service to veterans, military, and their families. Each small sum of numbers is added to the collective data called impact numbers, which proclaim our mission outreach and help make membership in the ALA even more meaningful.

How does the process work?

Members report numbers to the unit; units sometimes report to a

district/county/council or directly to the department, which then combines the numbers and reports them to the national organization. National Headquarters compiles, analyzes, and reports these numbers to The American Legion, which includes them in its annual report to Congress. With nearly 550,000 ALA members, that's a lot of data to compile!

When to record your impact numbers

Waiting until the end of the year to recall service hours and amounts donated and spent during the year is a challenge — try to start early! Each month, members should track their service for 1) veterans and all military, 2) military families, 3) children and youth including ALA Girls State, and 4) Community



Service on the monthly tracking form. Both a printable form and an automated spreadsheet are available online

Typically in April, transfer the yearly totals to the "Member Year-End Impact Numbers Report." Give that report to your unit president, who will download a "Unit Year-End Impact Numbers Report" and will transfer the unit's total numbers to this form.

Your department may require you to submit your unit form to your district/county/council or directly to the department headquarters. Ultimately, the department takes the report totals and submits them electronically to National Headquarters by June 1. National Headquarters then provides a summary of hours served and dollars donated in service to our mission to national committee chairs, as well as to The American Legion for its annual Congressional report.

Reporting tips

To make the reporting process easier, it has been simplified and the form has been condensed to essential information. If you are unsure about your numbers, even giving an estimate is better than not reporting at all. Also, all service for all veterans/military — whether active duty, retired, or reserve — is now combined in one section. Each section has better defined examples of the service that should be reported. Taking the time to report your valuable service to veterans helps us show others about our incredible impact!

IMPACT REPORTING RESOURCES AVAILABLE ON MYAUXILIARY National Headquarters has made it easy for members by providing both a monthly tracking

National Headquarters has made it easy for members by providing both a monthly tracking spreadsheet/form and the Year-End Impact Numbers Report form. Download them both for free by logging on to MyAuxiliary at www.ALAforVeterans.org, select "Forms" from the top menu, and scroll down to "Impact Forms." From there, you'll see an instruction page, as well as an FAQ page to provide guidance on how to record your service. Forms for the member, unit, district/county/council, and department are included.

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IMPORTANT EVENTS

From the ALA National Security Facebook Group: "In anticipation of NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY on September 20th, read this article about the unveiling of this year's poster." "Since 1973, DPAA has accounted for nearly 1,000 American service members from World War II, over 450 from the Korean War, and more than 1,000 service members from Vietnam. Last fiscal year DPAA accounted for 158 missing service members." For more information and ideas, see this link. To get the poster, see this link.

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SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION

AWARENESS MONTH and an opportunity to bring extra attention to reducing the veteran suicide rate because no veteran should die by suicide. According to the National





Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report, it is estimated that between 17 and 22 veterans or servicemembers take their lives daily. On average, each death by suicide affects an estimated 135 individuals — family, friends, coworkers. Learn how you can reduce veteran suicide and Be the One. Veteran suicide prevention — Be the One to save one. https://www.legion-aux.org/Blog/Veteran-suicide-prevention-%E2%80%94-Be-the-One-to-save-on



VETERANS DAY: The 43rd Annual Georgia Veterans Day Events (Georgia Veterans Day Parade in Midtown Atlanta, Observance Ceremony, and Veterans Expo) proudly presented by the Georgia Veterans Day Association, Inc., will be held on Saturday, November 9th. The annual black-tie Freedom Ball that evening will be at the Oceans Ballroom at the Georgia Aquarium. The 2024 Theme is "Honoring our Airborne and Special Operations Forces". More information can be found at https://www.georgiaveteransday.org/

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA. December is a few months away, but it is not too early to start planning now for Wreaths Across America Day! You can become a sponsorship group or sponsor a wreath for the December 14 event. Learn how [<-click] to create a sponsorship group or sponsor a wreath.



TIPS TO THRIVE IN 24/25

#AmpUpMission TAKE THE CHALLENGE and check out the new tools provided by National President Trish Ward – pick a card and TAKE ACTION. The deck is available in the private Facebook Group.

NO. No. no. Are you recruiting new members and trying to renew or rejoin former members? Are you a Unit or District leader trying to recruit committee chairs or volunteers for an event? And the answer seems to always be NO?

It is hard in the moment, a "NO" feels like a punch in the face, doesn't it? Try this... **SHIFT YOUR MINDSET** and think of **Rejection as Redirection**. A "NO" – a rejection – is a chance to ask why, get feedback, learn what is not working. Understand the other person's perspective – ask them open questions to find out



what is driving their response of No. Once defined, you can come back stronger. This applies to any effort. Be determined to figure out what will work and try again. And, rinse and repeat. #AmpUpMission and keep trying!

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AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

'Legacy Run gives Legion Rider a chance to Be the One'

(Photo and information from legion.org/betheone)

Pictured right is Searless "Fearless" Williams "from Georgia's Post 516 in McDonough while at the final stop on the 2024 National American Legion Legacy Ride at Jefferson Post 267 in New Orleans. Photo by Jennifer Blohm/The American Legion" as it appeared in the September 1 Legion Newsletter.

The impact the Legion Family is having to prevent suicide is growing. From the article, Fearless stated "Most people who are

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Legacy Run gives Legion Rider a chance to Be the One

about to commit suicide, they're just looking for somebody to listen to them, hear their story and just answer some of their questions." Read the full article at this link.

CALL TO ACTION: Be The One training and resources are available at https://www.legion.org/betheone/resources. If we all gain the awareness of the Columbia Protocol, we can all Be The One. If you take the training, share something you learned in the Be The One pinned post (at the top) in our Georgia ALA Facebook group. Not a member... why not? Join by clicking this link, https://www.facebook.com/groups/alaga click on join and answer the questions and agree to the rules.

Ira Weaver Unit 121 in Blairsville District 9 is sharing a little joy, love and appreciation with our veterans which should be a goal we all have in common. Every month Unit 121 members visit the veterans residing at a local senior facility. The unit takes cupcakes and balloons to those veterans celebrating a birthday that month. If there are no birthdays in the month, the unit visits all veterans and provides goodies, in August, the unit gave

the veterans brownies. The veterans at this facility are in varying stages of physical and mental health and appreciate the visits. (Barbara Howard)

Barrett-Davis-Watson Unit 233 in Loganville District 10 presented 20 New Flags for Classrooms to Bay Creek Elementary (photo right). This was at the request of the school secretary. The children needed a flag in each classroom to recite "The Pledge of Allegiance". The Post 233 Family also installed 250 flags to commemorate the Anniversary of 9/11 (photo lower right).(*Cathy Hedges*)



Certified! Now we all know that Phyllis Jones, pictured left, in the center, who is from District 11 (currently District President) and Unit 235 President is not really 29, she is at least 35! The District 11 leadership recognized Phyllis for 35 years of dedicated service to The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary. Pictured are left, Thomas Pinkney, Department of GA Vice Commander, Phyllis, and Past Department President and Department VA&R Chair Miriam Stein. WAY TO GO!

Want to be featured on this page? Send information before the 5th of the month to Department@alageorgia.com or to PublicRelations@ALAGeorgia.com. Include short write up and a picture.



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COMPLIANCE MATTERS

Do not forget! If your Unit's (or District's) fiscal year ended on June 30 (based on your IRS EIN Letter) your team should be getting ready to audit and submit your IRS 990 on time. It is due by November 15. If you do not know the date of your unit's tax period, you can go to https://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/ and enter the EIN number. Click on the items that come up and you will see the tax period.

On July 25, 2024, the National ALA Executive Director presented a live learning session about Tax-Exempt Status. The session and resources are available to you on the ALA Academy. https://member.legion-aux.org/member/online-training

- What happens when your ALA entity has lost its tax-exempt status?
- What it means to have your tax-exempt status revoked.
- What options you have for reinstatement.
- Guidance to apply for tax-exempt reinstatement with the IRS.
- Best practices to maintain tax-exempt status.
- What resources to access to assist you with the reinstatement process.

Not so fun fact: About half of Georgia's units have lost their tax-exempt status. Same nationally. You heard a lot of this last year in the #AmpUpLeadership programming and in 2024-2025 it is on the National stage to increase our awareness and our compliance.

Resources:

Revocation & Reinstatement Webinar PowerPoint https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:8ca75 02c-2dcb-4cd3-b11b-2104c45c3d65

ALA IRS "Cliff Notes"

https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:b23585e1-db8f-4eca-a7b4-6996755ab2bf

Important Compliance Information

https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:f4f0b4d2-87bb-461a-867c-c4f256360d31

Important Compliance Resources

https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:67c7e057-56fa-4ade-86cb-62ca9ac78a02

Supplemental Instructions

https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:f30bf 595-1181-47d3-9890-49a4f35e20b1

CLARIFICATIONS

Membership Misinformation: Since our convention in late June, we have collaborated with a male wishing to join the ALA who is not eligible yet insisted he is because his <u>sister</u> is a veteran. The internet (AI) is providing incorrect information noting "any direct personal connection to an active duty servicemember" is eligible. And there seems to be a rumor still circulating that husbands of ALA members may join the ALA thinking that the current member does not have to be a veteran. **LET'S BE CLEAR:** the **only** relationship that allows a male to join the Auxiliary is if the male is a spouse of a veteran, retired, active duty or who died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge. If you are in doubt, please call our 2nd Vice President of Membership or Department Headquarters for further verification. We welcome all men who are eligible!

Stars from the Flag of the United States of America... NO!

This subject comes up every now and then and according to our National Americanism Chair, Kristine Trahan, the stance for nearly a decade is that The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary do not contribute to or participate in improperly disposing of the United States Flag, inclusive of cutting out stars and giving them to veterans. The statement from the American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters from



September 29, 2015: "Hi, everyone! We recently received "Is it allowed?" questions regarding an Americanism-related project where embroidered stars are cut from the American flag and placed in a small bag along with a poem. The stars and poems are then sent to various veterans' groups as well as those currently serving. The American Legion's National Americanism Commission does not subscribe to the practice of cutting the United States flag into individual pieces prior to its proper disposal no matter what the reason or occasion may be. The Commission is of the opinion that when the flag is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be disposed in its entirety, preferably by burning. The flag began as a whole; therefore, it is to be disposed of as a whole. Contrary to what is found on some websites, The American Legion does NOT endorse the use of the flag in this manner."

<u>Bottom Line:</u> Please ensure that your units and unit members are not participating in this activity while they are representing the American Legion Auxiliary.

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