

Gail Ramey Interim President 2024-2025
Department of Georgia
Greetings from the President:

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Hello Everyone,

For those of you who have not heard, Cheryl Waybright resigned at Spring Conference. I have been appointed as interim Department President. I am very proud to accept this position and will work to do a great job for all the members. I want everyone to feel heard and to feel comfortable asking questions. I will not always know the answer to your question but I promise to do my best to find out. There are great women who have come before me and they are supporting me as I pray all of you will do.

This is the time of the year that most of you hate. Report time. I know reporting is not always fun, but we need to get as many reports in as possible. We need to brag on Georgia and the work our wonderful Units are doing. Cathy Hedges has gotten Governor Kemp to issue a Poppy Proclamation which will be April 29, 2025. This event will take place at the Capital however I do not know the time this will take place. As soon as we hear from the Governor’s office with a time I will communicate that to the District Presidents.

We have the pleasure of a visit from National President, Trish Ward, May 1 to May 3. I will be sending out a detailed agenda tomorrow.

At the Convention in June we will be electing Department Officers. If you are interested in holding a Department office please notify Patty at the Department office. I am looking forward to working with all of you and I thank you for your support.

We will work our mission and move forward together.

Secretary & Treasurer

Patty Hawkins

Welcome To Spring!



It is a busy time for our Units, Districts and our headquarters team. Don't forget, if you have not paid your **Unit Obligations**, please do so. The deadline was April 1 however those obligations still need to be paid and will be accepted.

Another thing to remember is 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.

Annual Reports are due May 1 to the Department Chairs. Any questions please contact the Department Chairs or the Department President. All the forms should have the correct Chair contact information on them. All forms can be found on the Department web site www.aladeptga.com/resources/forms.

May is coming up and that is time for District and Unit elections. Please send the required forms to Department immediately following your elections. It is important the forms be filled out completely with name, address, phone number and email address. We will only use the email address to contact persons with Auxiliary business. There are so many times that I need to contact a member and have no email address or phone number.

Newsletter: 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 20th of the month is the deadline for submitting articles. The best way to let other Units know what your Unit has coming up is to send something in and have it placed in the newsletter. Also, remember, we have a private Facebook page that can also be used for posting upcoming events.

FORMS: It is annoying but it is important-we are all in this together managing the administration of Units.

Every Unit **MUST** submit the following by the date listed.

- Unit Dues Rate Change Form 2026 (Due May 1) **If you don't get this form in on time your Unit dues will not change.**
- Unit Officers Yearly Form 2026 (Due June 1)
- Unit Date Form 2026 (Due June 2)
- Unit Delegates to Department Convention (Due June 7)

Do not forget the most impactful reports of all...Unit Impact Reports are due to District Presidents by May 1 so they can complete and submit the District Impact Report to the Department Secretary by May 15.

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

Patty Hawkins

Secretary & Treasurer Department of Georgia

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Hello Everyone,

While sitting here at my computer trying to write this article my mind is completely blank. In desperation I follow the instructions for Ai. It says to press alt and i. I answer three questions, push enter and four pages appear. The title :

“American Legion Auxiliary Historian: Preserving Our Legacy Guidelines for Crafting a Comprehensive History Book”

I scanned through the pages briefly. It looks like something that may already have been published. The opening sentence “The role of the American Legion Auxiliary Historian is both an honorable and challenging one.” My question is how honorable will it be when everyone uses Ai to write their histories?

I am sure that in the not too distant future

everyone will use this new technology. The challenge will always be there for gathering information. Personally I find that getting the information is usually as difficult as herding cats.

I am hoping that those of you who are in the process of completing your Unit and District Histories are finding it to be a rewarding process. My wish is that none of you will suffer writers block. I have already received some History reports and even one History Book. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Please send me photos of your Charters for the National project. Looking forward to reading your histories.

Debbie Hoopingarner



Greetings from your Chaplain....

I pray that you all are doing well. God only knows the totality of all that the Dept. Of Georgia has been through and is still trying to sift through and get back to the words of our ALA DECLARATION. We are called to serve, respect our country and the service of those who defend our freedoms. We are loyal to our United States Constitution and to those who protect it. We are alone, yet stand together. We are of every color and every faith. We are of every age, and we are anyone and everyone. We are common and extraordinary, we are citizens. We live in small towns, suburbs and cities. We work in many challenging businesses from fields to factories, and offices at home. We are community and we help each other. We love our flag and what it stands for. We are many and we are one. WE ARE THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY. A COMMUNITY OF VOLUNTEERS, SERVING VETERANS, MILITARY, AND THEIR FAMILIES. We commit ourselves to the ideal: SERVICE NOT SELF.

God only knows what we are going through, God only knows what everyone is experiencing in their own hearts. But, the beauty of all the trial and tribulation, God loves us. There can be secrets, but God knows it all. That's the kinda love that that God only knows. I can only ask each of you to search your heart, be silent if you don't know the full truth, guard your emotions, be silent in the heat of anger, keep quiet if your word can destroy friendships or

without yelling, be silent if speaking will only serve to boost your ego, and keep silent if your words betray someone's trust. These words are for each of us to obtain our mission in the American Legion Auxiliary as volunteers. Love and prayers for our Dept.

Be mindful that April is Military child month. Poppies are so much fun to work in our units. Let's be challenged to report ALL that our units have been doing! I like to think it's bragging rights! In a good way.... I love reading and seeing photos of all the wonderful things happening and being accomplished with in our organization.

I leave this thought of encouragement, focus on your time and presence with the Father, seek Him, leave your troubles and distress's at His feet. Shine peace into your troubled mind and heart, gain perspective from heavenly sources, not the world. No one or anything can steal your JOY.

Wait on the Lord : be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord. Psalm 27:14

Gloria V. Chambers
Dept. Of Georgia Chaplain

The word of God never leaves you like it found you....

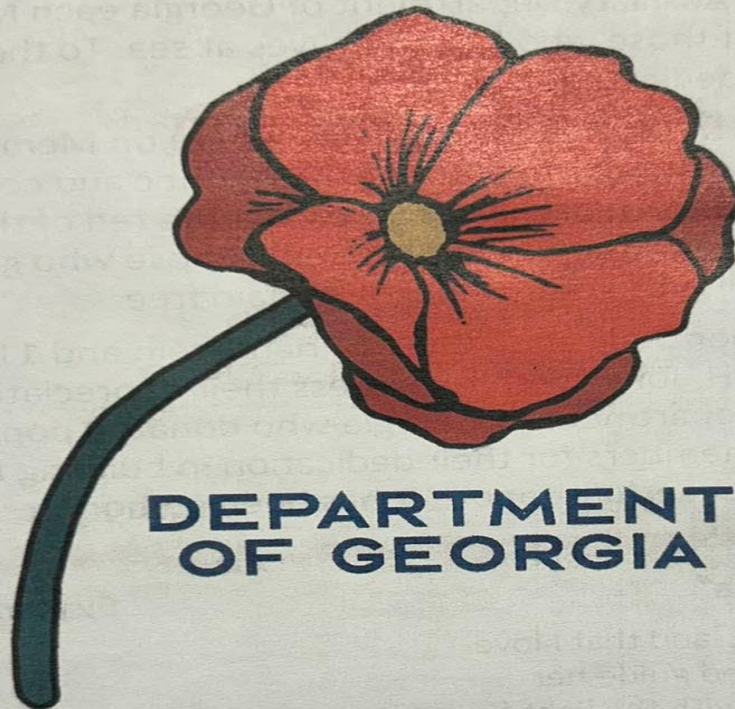


Poppy Anchor

A beautiful anchor was assembled by the 11th District and presented to the Department on Sunday, March 23rd at the Memorial Service at Spring Conference. See the beautiful anchor below.



**AMERICAN
LEGION
AUXILIARY**



**DEPARTMENT
OF GEORGIA**

**The Moina Michael Memorial
Poppy Anchor Dedication**

**Sunday, March 23, 2025
8:30 am**

**Sonesta Gwinnet Place Atlanta
Duluth, Georgia**

Announcements: Candidates for Department Officers 2025 – 2026



*Unit 127
And*

9 District

Has the honor to present

Gail Ramey

As a candidate for

Department President

American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Georgia

2025-2026

*Unit President
Melody Chance*

*Secretary
Judy Farrell*



*Heyward Fields
Unit 239*

*Dahlonega, Georgia
And*

Ninth District

Has the honor to present

Pamela J. Eckler

As a candidate for

1st Vice President

American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Georgia

2025-2026

*Unit President
Melanie Eckler*

*Secretary
Melanie Eckler*

Announcements Resolutions

Joann Meadows, Chairperson

Resolutions must be in the hands of the Resolution Chairperson NO later than June 6, 2025. (Note, if postmarked 6/6/25, it is late - must arrive by June 6, 2025.)

Mail three copies to:

Joann Meadows, Resolutions Chairperson
105 Woodridge Drive, NW
Woodridge Estates,
Calhoun GA. 30701-9424

Mail one copy to:

American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Georgia
C/O Patty Hawkins, Secretary
3035 Mount Zion Road
Stockbridge GA 30281

to arrive NO later than June 1, 2025.

The 2025 Resolution Form is available at
<https://www.aladeptga.com/forms-1>



*Unit 172
Warner Robins, Georgia*

And

The 6th District

Has the honor to present

Kelli McIver

As a candidate for

Chaplain

American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Georgia

2025-2026

*President
Kelli McIver*

*Secretary
Andrea Price*



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National President Trish Ward will be visiting Georgia May 1 thru May 3, 2025



Please plan on attending one or all of the events to welcome our National President Trish Ward as she speaks on the Mission of The American Legion Auxiliary.