



### A Word from the President

*Susan Hall, Department President*

Happy May!

Spring is in the air and summer is right around the corner. Many Units and Districts will be holding their elections this month.

The Poppy Anchor will be launched on Memorial Day, we will meet at Mike's Dolphin Tours at 10:30am. Please let me know, if you haven't already if you will be attending, I will need a head count.

It is hard to believe how fast this year has gone by. Next month we will be gathering for our Department Convention. I am looking forward to seeing everyone and hearing all the things that we have done this year in our programs.

It has been an honor to serve as the 100<sup>th</sup> President for the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Georgia. Traveling across the state I have met some wonderful people, made some friends, and got to see all that you are doing for our Veterans, Military and their families and our communities.

The 100<sup>th</sup> President's Quilt will be raffled off at the Department Convention so please get those tickets and money into Department. Tickets will also be on sale at the Department Convention. We will also have several other fundraisers going on to help support our programs into the next year. So make sure you bring your dollars with you to help support the ALA.

I would like to Congratulate District 12 for being the first District to reach 100% membership goal. A shout out to the 33 Units within the Department that have reach their 100% goal. "WAY TO GO".

Program reports have come in very slow, remember we need to report what we are doing in our Units. Reminder that Impact reports are due to Patty no later than June 1, I am looking for 100% impact reporting from ALL the Districts.

Reminder that all Trophies and Plaques that have been awarded from the Department need to be returned at the Department Convention. If your Unit has a Department Trophy or Award and you will not be attending the Department Convention, please make arrangements to get them to your District Presidents to bring to the convention.

For God and Country

Susan Hall

Department of Georgia President

Shoot for the Stars

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## Secretary

Patty Hawkins



To remain a member in good standing your 2022 dues must be paid. No one can be an officer in the Unit, District or Department unless they have paid their 2022 dues.

The Department Convention on June 24-26. The DEC will meet June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Sonesta Hotel in Duluth. All forms needed for reservations are on our website, [www.aladepg.com](http://www.aladepg.com). Please get these completed ASAP as they are dated. You need to send these to the American Legion, as they are the ones who handle the rooms and reservations.

The National Convention will be held in Milwaukee, WI in August. The rooms are limited and all the rooms available to us have been reserved. If you want to attend, please go ahead and put in your name in the event we are able to obtain more.

We are still hoping to have 100% membership by May, so keep up the good work. Please contact members to let them know we are thinking of them and what their membership means for our Veterans. We can do this. **I BELIEVE IN US!!!**

It is also reporting time. Please make sure you send something to us. Something is better than nothing. We have forms that are required. Please make sure you are completing them in their entirety.

I will begin sending out poppies the next week for all orders received to date.

**Shoutout to the Units that have not paid their obligations** – a notice went out in the mail last month. The obligations must be paid by April 15, 2022, so make sure your Unit is doing their share. When sending in your check, **be sure the dollar amount matches the written amount on the checks.**

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Leadership

Pat Morgan

## BE A SHINING STAR

***Be the reason someone feels welcomed, seen, heard, valued, loved, and supported***

As this year is coming to a close, I would like to thank everyone who attended the Leadership trainings across the state and to the Units who submitted a report. This has been a full year of traveling, meeting people and a wonderful learning experience for me.

VA&R Chairman Miriam Stein will be holding interviews for perspective VA Representatives for the Atlanta VA and Montgomery/Tuskegee, AL VA. If you are interested in either of these, please notify Miriam and make arrangements to meet with her.

Units and Districts should be electing their new Officers for the upcoming 2022-23 year. As you do this, please fill out and submit the New Officers Form to the Department. Also, the Unit Data Form (this is who will receive the membership cards at the Department Convention-no exception.) This form must be in by June 3, 2022. Forms not submitted will render the Unit uncertified at the Department Convention and the Unit will not be eligible to vote. No forms will be accepted at the Convention.

If I can assist you in any way, please feel free to contact me by email at [pimorga@aol.com](mailto:pimorga@aol.com) or 2229 Johnson Short Rd., Quitman, GA 31643 or at (229) 561-4070.

Pat Morgan

***“Leadership is not wielding authority – it is empowering people***

SHOOT FOR THE STARS

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Membership

Cheryl Sinkler-Jackson



### MEMBERSHIP OF STARS GOES ALL OUT!!!

Hello To You All,

I mentioned in the Leadership Trainings, Newsletters and verbally that there will be a recommendation to increase the per capita which is paid to Department from a portion of our dues. The increase amount is \$5. There will be a motion for the increased amount during the Department of Georgia, June Convention.

This is a must needed increase due to reduction in membership and Department's overhead cost increase. With everything happening in the world today and where we stand currently as a Country, we must meet the demands of what is going on around us. We cannot continue to say on a path that is not conducive to the way we operate American Legion Auxiliary business.

There will be some of you who will disagree with the increase and (I Pray that you won't) leave the organization altogether. However, please keep in mind why we became members of this great organization. Throughout the years, we have made a mark in which many required our support and if we do not continue to vest and sacrifice our time toward these programs and continue to be a support structure to the American Legion, who will?

**Other News:** I want to say Georgia is currently at 91% and moving closer to 95%. Again, if each Unit renew 1 or more members we can reach 95% or higher by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Units, please continue to put forth every effort to attain goal. I would love 100% but I know we are putting forth every effort to maintain membership and I cannot thank each of you enough.

**Cheryl Jackson-Sinkler**  
**Department of Georgia 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

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## Historian

Cheryl Waybright

# HISTORY

Our American Legion Auxiliary Department is constantly evolving.

**Our Historians at the Unit and District level play a vital role in synthesizing and recording the events of their Units and Districts.** This recording is not just for an annual history book or report, it is much more important than that. The efforts by our Historians to assemble an annual history make it possible for Individuals, Units, Districts, and the Departments to learn from the activities that went well and those that went not so well, which in turn, allows the next leaders to chart a better course for the future.

**DON'T BE LEFT OUT OF THE DEPARTMENT 2021-2022 HISTORY BOOK!** This is your chance to share your Unit and/or District's magnificent work and lessons learned since we closed our convention last June.

All Units and District Presidents should have already submitted information to me for inclusion in the 2021-2022 Department of Georgia History Book. We cannot wait until May or June to get this done...assembling the Department History Book is underway RIGHT NOW and will wrap up the day after Convention in June. **No Unit or District submittals will be accepted after June 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**IT IS REALLY SIMPLE...**Send two things – 1) a photo or two of an event/activity and 2) written specifics such as Unit number, city/town, activity, benefitting group, names of those leading the effort, names of those pictured, and how much money was raised (if a fundraiser), what the funds are for, how many meals served, children served, hours volunteered, etc. This can simply be a copy of what you are inserting in your history book/report. **There is no form or strict**

**guideline on how to submit – jut get information written up and to me ASAP.**

**By now your history books should be ALMOST complete for the year! “When details are fresh in our minds, it is much easier to present a clear picture of the event.”**

Please use this link to download the 2021-2022 Department of Georgia History Book Rules and the Annual Historian Report:  
<https://www.aladepg.com/forms-1>.

Reach out with any questions you have. Email, text or call [CLWaybright@gmail.com](mailto:CLWaybright@gmail.com); 404.625.6708 (leave a message if I do not answer).

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Cheryl

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## Chaplain

*Denise Smith*

How do we remember?  
I thought of you today  
Your smile, your frown,  
The way you leaned forward while you listened,  
The tilt of your head, lifting of brow.

I thought of you today  
Looking thru photos, seeing you age,  
Some things changing, some stayed the same,  
Clothing styles, out of date -now back in vogue.

I thought of you today  
Hearing the news of conflicts abroad  
Of bombs and tanks and death  
Of prisoners taken, people missing,  
Devastation, pain, fear, anger – and held my breath.

I thought of you today  
Riding past a field of tulips past their prime  
Looking more like poppies,  
As parades are planned, red tissue flowers handed out,  
Color guards practice, and grave wreaths placed.

I thought of you today  
As I watched the child  
The smile, the frown,  
Leaning forward to listen,

The tilt of head, lifting of brow  
This is how I remember.

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## Poppy Chairman

*Cathy Hedges*

### “Everything is Coming Up Poppies for the ALA”



As the end of our year draws to a close, Units are busy with Poppy Poster Contests to emphasize this beautiful symbol of sacrifice and service to our schools and youth. This program serves as an

important manner to engage our youth and build on the foundations for their future as leaders. The Department of Georgia American Legion Auxiliary does very well in this task.

Many Units are honoring our home bound Veterans with signs proclaiming their homes as “Proud Home of a Veteran”. Let’s keep reaching out to our Veterans with appreciation for their service and to recognize how special they are to our country. Let’s continue this National Campaign through Memorial Day.

At the Department of Georgia Spring Conference in Duluth there were items of importance on the agenda for our meeting. The most poignant event for the weekend occurred on Sunday morning with the “Moina Michael Memorial Poppy Anchor Dedication and Presentation and Acceptance” to our ALA Department President, Susan Hall. The solemn, spiritual and moving service was led by The American Legion Department of Georgia Commander, Mark Shreve, along with the American Legion Department of Georgia Chaplain, Michael Schwartz, and ALA Chaplain Denise Smith. ALA Third District created a beautiful display of the anchor presented to ALA President Hall by member Earnestine Johnson. ALA President Hall will travel with the Poppy Anchor to Tybee Island on Memorial Day weekend where it will be carried out to sea and committed to the deep waters. The 10,000 poppies used in memory of

our heroes that gave the ultimate gift will color  
the water as a symbol of the sacrifice and service  
given for our freedom.

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**Happy Mothers Day!!!**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CANDIDATES FOR

### DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

#### 2022 - 2023

#### ALA Department President



*The American Legion Auxiliary District 12*

*Has the honor to present*

***Patricia Morgan***

*As a candidate for*

***Department President***

*American Legion Auxiliary*

*Department of Georgia*

*2022-2023*

*Shelia Blanton  
Unit President*

*Susan Hall  
District Secretary*

#### ALA Department 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President



*Paul E. Kelly Jr. Unit 296*

*Marietta, Georgia*

*And*

*Fifth District*

*Has the honor to present*

***Cheryl Jackson-Sinkler***

*As a candidate for*

***1<sup>st</sup> Vice President***

*American Legion Auxiliary*

*Department of Georgia*

*2022-2023*

*Unit President- Carla Thomas*

*Secretary – Theonnie Shields*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**CANDIDATES FOR**  
**DEPARTMENT OFFICERS**  
**2022 – 2023**

**ALA Department 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**



Unit 160  
Smyrna, Georgia

Has the honor to present

**Cheryl Waybright**

As a candidate for

**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT**

American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Georgia  
2022-2023

*Kari Maschark*  
Unit President

*Susan Hiatt*  
Unit Secretary



*Unit 127, Sugar Hill, Georgia*

*And*

*Ninth District*

*Has the honor to present*

*Gail Ramey*

*As a candidate for*

*2nd Vice President*

*American Legion Auxiliary*

*Department of Georgia*

*2022-2023*

*1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Malinda Bailey*

*Secretary – Judy Farrell*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**CANDIDATES FOR**  
**DEPARTMENT OFFICERS**  
**2022 – 2023**

**ALA Department Historian**

**ALA Department Chaplain**



*Samuel G. Cooke Unit 267*  
*Columbus, Georgia*  
*Has the honor to present*  
*Pamela Stroud*  
*As a candidate for*  
*Chaplain*  
*American Legion Auxiliary*  
*Department of Georgia*  
*2022-2023*



*Paul E. Bolding Unit 7*  
*Gainesville, Georgia*  
*Has the honor to present*  
*Denise Smith*  
*As a candidate for*  
*Historian*  
*American Legion Auxiliary*  
*Department of Georgia*  
*2022-2023*

**Resolutions**

**Joann Meadows, Chairperson**

**Resolution must be in the hand of the Resolution Chairperson NO later than June 3, 2022 (NOT just postmarked June 3, 2022). Mail three copies to: Joann Meadows, 105 Woodridge Drive, NW, Woodridge Estates, Calhoun GA. 30701-9424 and one copy to: American Legion Auxiliary, Dept of GA., 3035 Mount Zion Rd., Stockbridge, GA 30281 to arrive NO later than June 3, 2022. If you need another one, it is on the website [www.aladeptga.com](http://www.aladeptga.com) under Member Resources.**



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**President's Theme:**

**Shooting For The Stars**

**Membership Theme:**

**Membership of the stars goes all out**

**National President's Theme:**

**Care for those that care for others**

## **Calendar of Upcoming Events 2022**

**May 1, 2022**

**May Day**

**May 5, 2022**

**Cinco de Mayo**

**National Prayer Day**

**May 6, 2022**

**National Nurses Day**

**May 8, 2022**

**Mothers' Day**

**May 21, 2022**

**Armed Forces Day**

**May 30, 2022**

**Memorial Day (office closed)**

**Department Convention : June 24 – June 27, 2022**

**DEC June 23, 2022**



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