

DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA AUXILIARY NEWS

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A Word from the President

By Valerie Brown-Debro, Department President



NEWS UPDATE

Greetings ALA Angels,

This time last year we would have been returning from National Convention, however things have changed the way we do things. Communication is essential to our organization! Have you heard the phrase Out of Sight, Out of Mind? Together, we can keep the ALA alive by keeping our members engaged in our programs and actions, getting involved and sharing why we volunteer for our veterans, families and communities.

If you haven't been on a zoom meeting, this is a great time to practice communicating and reaching out to members. It's also a great way to have Unit meeting, some units have opened and there are many that are still closed due to the pandemic.

Here's a YouTube video for Zoom attendees that shows you "How to use Zoom meetings for the first time". Copy the following link and put it in your search browser. <https://youtu.be/9isp3qPeQ0E> share it with your members.

ALA National have put out a lot of new information on their website, such as ALA Academy Courses and Mission Basic Training and updated programs. It's a great opportunity to enhance your knowledge of Who We are and Why We matter in our community. Have you renewed your 2020-2021 Membership? If not, you can do so online, by phone or mail. Membership is our bloodline for growth helping to care for our veterans and work our mission and programs.

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Your new membership goals for 2020-2021 have been posted on our website under membership report. Congratulations & Welcome to the ALA Family Department of GA have a New Charter Unit 116 Sylvania. Please visit our Department Facebook page and share what your Unit is doing to work the mission and programs. A Big Shout out and virtual hugs to all of the officers and committee chair- persons and every member for working together in sharing the mission and purpose by serving together.

I'm looking forward to seeing our ALA Organization move forward in the future for the well-being of our veterans, families and communities.

God Bless!

Valerie Brown-Debro
ALA Department President
2020-2021

New Web Page

www.aladepgga.com

come take a peek to see what's happening!!!!

Secretary

By Patty Hawkins, Department Secretary

ALA Members as we go through these trying times, we have been working on different ideas on how we can help our Units. As we all know, times are tough, so due to that fact we are doing things in a different set of ways. The Department Finance Committee and Officers looked at ways to help. **This year only** we will be combining our Book of Reports, since we have the same President and Officers. So, there will be no charge for the 2020-2021 Book of Reports 😊, but you do have to pay for the 2019-2020, if you haven't already. Another way of helping is not charging for the Juniors Fund as their funds didn't get used. All of these changes reflect on the 2020-2021 Obligation Form. I know this is not a lot but every little bit helps.

Please note that Obligation are Mandatory Obligations. That means every unit no matter the size must pay each year. If you have not paid your 2019-2020 Obligations, they need to be paid immediately. If you have any questions just call us.

****Please make sure all your Department Obligations have been paid. *****

You can find the forms on www.aladepg.com, our website under Member Resources. We have lots of important information on the website, so use it. If there is something that you would like to see on the website, send us an email and we will see if we can make it happen.

Hope all units are communicating and working on our programs and membership. It is very important to reach out to our members during these trying times. Some are very lonely and may not have family. So ladies PLEASE do a Buddy Check. What you send out is what you get back.

Membership is coming in but it is a little slower than in the past. See if you can help your membership chair to contact members. Membership is everyone's responsibility. Do your share, you might meet a new friend.

FALL CONFERENCE HAS BEEN CANCELLED.
Stay Safe and GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!

Pray for ALL OUR Members, their family and above all Peace in all of our lives and this world.

BE KIND!!!!

1st Vice President/ Leadership

By Susan Hall, Dept. 1st Vice President

Happy September!

Fall is in the air. Hard to believe it has been almost a year since we have all been able to get together and what a year it has been!

I hope everyone is well and staying safe. National just launched the new virtual mission training there were three dates available September 17, September 21 and October 23, there was limited registration at each of these sessions. I hope some of you were able to register for at least one. You may also participate in the ALA Academy courses if you have not completed them all, they are a great resource and learning tool for all members of the ALA no matter what level you are serving as Unit, District, Department or National.

I am hoping to schedule some leadership training here in Georgia sometime after January 1, 2021 depending on the status of the Covid 19 pandemic. I will let you know as soon as possible.

I look forward to getting together again and seeing everyone. Until then I wish for everyone to Stay Healthy and Safe. If there is anything I can do to help please don't hesitate to contact me by phone or email.

Susan Hall
1st Vice President



2nd Vice President/Membership

By Pat Morgan, Department 2nd VP

Hello ALA Georgia Angels!

I am so honored to be your Department of GA Membership Chairman for another year. I know we will continue our teamwork to reach our goals and celebrate again in the upcoming program year.

Congratulations to all the units for what has been a challenging year for membership. You have all stayed in there working hard to grow our organization. As we start working on our 2021 membership year, please remember that the 2020 membership year remains open until December 31, 2020. There is still time for you to make goal as so many of you are so close. Your 2021 Unit goals are based on your membership total as of August 3, 2020 plus 1 new member over your 2020 membership number.

The 2021 Membership Awards List is included in this newsletter. The 2021 10X10 deadline is **11/10/20**. The R/R5 first deadline is **12/14/20**. Congratulations to **Unit 332 Social Circle** for reaching the 100% Unit Award by the **November 10, 2020** deadline. The unit will be placed in a random drawing form which 100 units will be selected to receive \$100 to be used to advance the ALA Mission.

Thank you for all your continued efforts and if I can assist you in any way, please feel free to contact me by email at pimorga@aol.com or 2229 Johnson Short Rd., Quitman, GA 31643 or at (229) 561-4070

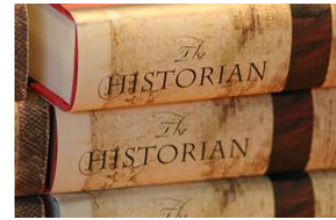
Pat Morgan

“Angels Working As One For Veterans”



HISTORIAN CORNER

By Cheryl Jackson Sinkler,



Hello ALL!

I pray everyone is practicing precautions during this pandemic as cases are rising! Those who are and have been infected with the virus, I send my prayers to you all! It has been a trying time for many of us. We must maintain our faith's. This too shall pass.

Many Units have reopened and are practicing social distancing to prevent the continuous spread of this disease. While doing so, we as Units are continuing to operate as required!

Historians, although our minds are full and our hearts are heavy this is a good time to update any of your history files for your Unit. Locate missing photos, update displays and add new entries and insert missing entries to your history records. You can start a display of your Units history if you do not have one. Implement ways in which your Unit can stand out when visitors are present.

In next month's newsletter and forward, I would like to feature an Auxiliary member who has been outstanding in their service not only to the Veterans but to the Organization. Let us get to know each other more closely. If you have a person you would like to feature, please send to my email and I will gladly submit in next month's newsletter and newsletters, thereafter. I would like a brief but detailed overview of your persons contribution. Include if she was a Junior or not.

If your Unit has a male member, tell us about his interaction with the ladies and what impact has it had to your Unit. This should be noted in your running history as well.

If I can be of assistance in any way please do not hesitate to reach out to me, even if it's only to say hello!

I miss you all and cannot wait to see you again!

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Department Chaplain

By: VACANT

God of Creation Save our Nation

Great god the Father of all creation,
Look down upon this strife-torn nation,
Revive our spirits lain dormant so long,
Renew our faith and keep it strong,
Forgive our arrogance and greed
And guide us in this hour of need—
Hand of God reach out once more
And with the “Breath of Life” restore
Your spirit in the flesh of men
So we may live in peace again—
For mankind’s future and survival
Depend alone on the spirit’s revival!

Homer, Unit 215

Copied from book of prayers from 1983-1984

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN POSITION OPEN

The Department of Georgia is looking for a Chaplain for the year 2020-2021. If you are interested or know of someone who would like to fill this position please contact Patty Hawkins @ secamlegaux@bellsouth.net or Dept. President Valerie Brown Debro @ Valerie.debro@yahoo.com.

Duties of Chaplain: The Department Chaplain shall offer prayer at all Department meetings and perform such other duties as needed.

**ATTENTION

Changes**

American Legion Auxiliary Honor Our Female Veterans

National will be discontinuing the HONOR FEMALE VETERANS program starting with the 2021 Membership year, the national organization will no longer waive the \$12.00 national portion of dues to female veterans that are new members. The Department will follow suit and will not waiver the \$11.00.

Now that our organization has opened our eligibility to allow male spouses, many of which are veterans themselves, we feel that it is best to retire this program as to not exclude any veteran. In addition, the renewal rate of female veterans who joined through this program has diminished beyond our normal rate of renewals as well as fewer

ALA MIS PROGRAM ACCESS for Units/District Membership

Monies are DUE into Dept when Access is Requested.

The fee is \$10 per year per person (2 per Unit). This is the fee National charges. Forms are on the website or call the Department for copies. Due to the enforced rules all forms must be completed and signed by 5 current Unit Officer. At no time is an authorized person using ALA MIS is to share their password with anyone. If a person needs to be changed please send in a new form right away. Please let us know ASAP.

If Unit wants to continue having access to the ALA MIS the department must receive new forms and \$10 for each person per calendar year.

New: District Presidents can now have access to all the Units in their districts. This will be a read only and cannot make any changes. The fee is \$10 and will be good until December.

Show Your Love

VOLUNTEER CONTEST



**NOMINATE AN EXCEPTIONAL VOLUNTEER.
GRAND PRIZE IS \$1,000 FOR THE WINNER
AND A MATCHING \$1,000 DONATION TO THE
CHARITY OF THEIR CHOICE!**

Nomination Categories:

- 1) General Volunteering**
- 2) Volunteering with COVID-19 Relief Efforts**

Submit a photo (*no larger than 5 MB*) and an essay (*500 words or less*) describing the following:

- the level of impact of the volunteer's service on their community
- the length and degree of service
- how much the volunteer service was considered above and beyond the call of duty
- how much the nominee's service was inspiring, courageous, or innovative

To read the rules and enter visit
www.createthegood.org/showyourlove

Submissions accepted June 8, 2020 - August 2, 2020

Greetings American Legion Family, Friends & Community!

The American Legion Auxiliary Department of GA Headquarters is raffling a 65" Samsung UHD TV. Tickets are available for **\$5.00 each**. The **winning ticket** will be pulled **9/11/2020 September 11, 2020** at our ALA Department Headquarters. Since COVID-19 and meeting the CDC guidelines of social distancing, we have created a simple digital form that can be emailed to share with members, family and friends and community.

Attached are digital forms that you could complete online by typing in your **Name**, **Phone number** and **Post/Unit #** or you could print them on hard copy to distribute.

Form 1 has **(1) Ticket** or **Form 2** has **(3) Tickets** per page. (Save form for your records) They can easily be shared through email. **To complete form**, fill in Name/ Phone/ Post/Unit and send to ALA Department Headquarters with payment amount to match tickets.

Presidents challenge, whoever sells the most tickets, will win my President's Challenge Coin. **(1st - 5th Place Winners)**

Return a hard copy of the ticket form with payment method to our ALA Department Headquarters.

Make Checks or Money order payable to:

ALA Department of GA Headquarters
3035 Mt. Zion Rd.
Stockbridge, GA 30281

ATTN: ALA Department Secretary Patty Hawkins
secamlegaux@bellsouth.net (678 289-8446)

Thank you for all that you do in serving together, For God & Country.

9/11 Angels Serving Every Veteran.

Valerie Brown-Debro
ALA Department of GA
President
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ALA Department of GA FUNDRAISER

65" SAMSUNG SMART TV

CERTIFIED 4K Ultra HD Connection - 6 Series | NU6950

Raffle winner drawn on September 11, 2020

TICKETS \$5.00



- *2 HDMI PORTS – Audio & Video
- *360 DESIGN- Stylish from front to back
- *HDR- Stunning High Dynamic range content
- *MOTION RATE 120 – Smooth Action on fast moving content
- *UHD DIMMING – Optimizes Color, Contrast and Image
- *SMART TV- Access all of your streaming services in one place
- *NETFLIX – Membership required

Tickets can be purchased by contacting ALA Department Headquarters Secretary, Patty Hawkins **678 289-8446** or email your request to: secamlegaux@bellsouth.net

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2021 MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Member Award: 10 X 10

- **Award:** Gift selected by the National Membership Chairman
- **Presented to:** Members that recruit 10 (ten) NEW SENIOR members for the 2021 membership year by November 10, 2020.
- **Deadline:** Members must be entered and paid in ALAMIS system by 11/10/20.
 - FORMS must be received at National HQ by November 15, 2020.
- **Materials and guidelines:**
 - Form can be printed from the ALA National Membership Committee page of the national website (www.ALAforVeterans.org). You must be logged into the “Members only” area to access the page.
 - One entry per recruiter

Member Award: R/R5 – Recruit/Rejoin 5

- **Award:** Special gift from the National Membership chairman (gift will be different for each deadline)
- **Presented to:** Members who recruit or rejoin five or more Auxiliary junior or senior members into the 2021 membership year.
Note: Rejoins must not have paid dues after the 2018 membership year
- **First Deadline:** December 14, 2020
- **Second Deadline:** Flag Day, June 14, 2021
Note: 10x10 Award winners will automatically receive the December R/R5 award. No additional action or form required.
To be eligible for the second deadline, members will need to recruit/rejoin 5 additional members by June 14th (cannot be the same members used to receive the 10x10 or December R/R5 awards).
- **Materials and guidelines:**
 - Form can be printed from the ALA National Membership Committee page of the national website (www.ALAforVeterans.org). You must be logged into the “members only” area to access the page
 - One entry per recruiter.

For award forms or more information email your dept or membership@alaforveterans.org

Unit Award: 100% Unit Award

- **Award:** 100 awards of \$100 to be used to advance the ALA mission
- **Presented to:** Units that reach 100% of their 2021 membership goal by November 10, 2020 will be placed into a random drawing from which 100 units will be selected to receive \$100.
- **Deadline:** November 10, 2020
- **Materials and guidelines:**
 - This award will be based on units that reach 100% of their reported goals by November 10, 2020 as verified by ALAMIS

Note: Departments must submit Unit goals to National Headquarters by September 1, 2020 for units to be eligible for the 100% Unit award.

Unit Award: Caring & Sharing Award

- **Award:** \$25.00 gift card to Emblem Sales
- **Presented to:** Units obtain at least one rejoined member (has not paid dues since 2018) and submits completed form
- **Deadline:** April 30, 2021
- **Materials and guidelines:**
 - See Caring & Sharing Award form for specific rules and regulations. Form is available at www.ALAforVeterans.org or by emailing membership@ALAforVeterans.org

Department Award: Pearl Harbor Day Award

- **Award:** \$250 to be used to advance the ALA mission
- **Presented to:** Departments reaching 75% of their 2021 Department membership goal
- **Deadline:** December 7, 2020
- **Materials and guidelines:**
 - Award will be based on membership entered in the ALAMIS system by December 7, 2020

Department Award: Armed Forces Day Award

- **Award:** \$250 to be used to advance the ALA mission
- **Presented to:** Departments reaching 95% of their 2021 Department membership goal
- **Deadline:** May 18, 2021
- **Materials and guidelines:**
 - Award will be based on membership entered in the ALAMIS system by May 18, 2021

Department Award: The Celebration Award

- **Award:** \$500 to be used to advance the ALA mission
- **Presented to:** Any Department that has reached the Department Goal
- **Deadline:** 30 days prior to the 2021 National Convention – July 31, 2021
- **Materials and guidelines:**
 - Award will be based on membership entered in the ALAMIS system by Aug. 1, 2021
 - Winners to be announced at National Convention 2021.



President's Theme:

“9-11 Angels Serving Every Veteran”

Membership Theme:

“Angels Working As One For Veterans”

National President's Theme:

“A Century worth Celebrating”

Calendar of Upcoming Events 2020

September 7, 2020 Labor Day (office closed)

September 11, 2020 Patriot Day

September 13, 2020 National Grandparents Day

September 16, 2020 American Legion Day

TV Raffle: All Tickets must be into the Office by September 10th, Drawing will be 9-11-2020.

DEPARTMENT FALL CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 16-18, 2020

Has been cancelled as of July 23, 2020



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