

Department of Georgia Auxiliary News
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Pat Morgan, President – Department of Georgia

GROWING OUR FUTURE

“HAPPY EASTER”

Spring is here and flowers are blooming everywhere. This year is flying by so fast. The Spring Conference is behind us. It was great to see everyone. I hope you enjoyed Friday’s Leadership training and the Department Officers Skit. Our NEC Susan Hall did an amazing job researching and writing the skit.

Thank you to the 2nd District for the amazing Poppy Anchor that was dedicated at the Spring Conference. We will be launching the Poppy Anchor at Tybee Island on May 29th.

The 2023 Session of Georgia Girls State will be held June 11-16. Now is the time for the Units to be selecting the candidates to attend this awesome program. The fee this year is \$350 per candidate. **Each District is obligated to pay \$350 for a Counselor by April 20th.** These fund help pay for the Counselors and Staff.

Unit and District elections will begin being held soon. This is the time for your voice to be heard on who your leaders will be. Elections for Department Officers will be conducted at The June Convention; those individuals who have declared their intent to run for office are presented later in this newsletter.

Reports are due to the Unit and District Presidents and to the Department Chairpersons soon. I am confident that every Unit has done something to enhance the lives of Veterans, our Active-Duty Military, their families, and our youth. Just remember the Four Pillars of the American Legion – Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth. At the very least, submit reports on these programs. This is our mission!

If I can be of assistance to you in any way, please feel free to contact me at pimorga@aol.com or 2229 Johnson Short Rd., Quitman, GA 31643 or at (229) 561-4070.

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Pat Morgan
American Legion Auxiliary
President, Department of Georgia

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**Your mind is a Garden, your thoughts are the Seeds,
You can grow Flowers, or you can grow Weeds!**

Secretary & Treasurer

Patty Hawkins

Welcome to April



Now is the time of year that Units start preparing to fill out and submit forms and reports. It matters!

The first form & payment due is the Department Obligations/Contributions Form (and payment) was due by April 1, 2023. Go to <https://www.aladepgta.com/forms-1>

The second form to stay focused on is the Dues Rate Change 2024 Form due no later than May 1, 2023. Both National and the Department of Georgia voted in favor of dues increases that take effect July 1, 2023, when we begin our 2024 membership campaign. (Sample on page 9)

It is critical to note that many unit bylaws or standing rules **require the unit general membership vote on changes (increases) to unit membership dues.** Please plan accordingly, make sure your membership meets and votes so the unit can submit the form on time.

Unit Dues MUST be equal to or higher than \$34. National is \$18 and Department is \$16. As such, many units have selected \$40, \$45, or \$50 so the units can keep \$6, \$11, or \$16 for membership use, respectively.

Note – Junior National and Department dues each remain at \$2.50 (\$5 total). Evaluate and make changes as determined by the unit general membership.

The third form is registration for attending the June Convention in June. See the Department website.

Annual reports are due soon. All reports need to be prepared and submitted on the CURRENT FORMS at our website. Please check with your District leadership – they may require submittal to the District prior to the general May 1 due date to Department Chairs and Officers. Remember, Units submit to both Department and District. Books are handled differently.

The **Poppy Anchor Launch is on Memorial Day, May 29.** If you plan to attend, you must be on the list – there is limited space. Please let Pat Morgan know if you wish to attend. District 2 extends thanks to all those that donated funds or poppies to help in the construction of the anchor. Any that were left over or received late will be sent to District 1 for the 2024 Poppy Anchor.



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APRIL IS CHILDREN AND YOUTH MONTH

April is the Month of the Military Child (#momc)

April 15 - Purple Up! Day for Military Children

May 15 – Department Chairmen reports due to Division Chairmen, cc: National Chairman

Some tips: “PROMOTE YOUR ACTIVITIES You should publicize your programs and activities. Have the mayor or another local official issue a proclamation declaring April as Children & Youth Month. The post commander should issue a news release proclaiming April as Children & Youth Month and list what the post will be doing for this annual observance.

Remember, programs supporting the children and youth of your community are news! Invite the news media to your activities and keep them informed. REPORT SUCCESSES Following the observance of Children & Youth Month, the Children & Youth chairmen need to turn their attention to the annual reporting of expenditures and activities. Be sure you have an accurate record of all money spent for the benefit of children and youth by your post/unit during the current year, as well as the number of children who received services and assistance.”

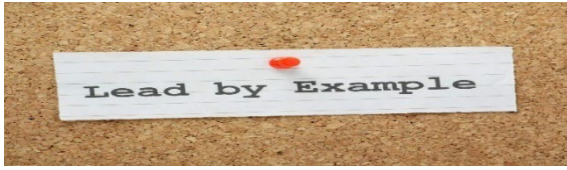
March Madness Membership Results

Based on Memberships added/renewed 10/27/22 to 3/15/23

UNIT RESULTS		DISTRICT RESULTS	
MEMBERSHIP INCREASE		MEMBERSHIP INCREASE	
1 st U-29 Marietta		1 st 5th District	
2 nd U-127 Sugar Hill		2 nd 9th District	
3 rd U-154 Tybee Island		3 rd 7th District	
4 th U-201 Alpharetta		4 th 11th District	
5 th U-192 Evans		5 th 1st District	
PERCENTAGE INCREASE		PERCENTAGE INCREASE	
1 st U-594 Warner Robins		1 st 6th District	
2 nd U-534 Buford		2 nd 9th District	
3 rd U-75 LaGrange		3 rd 4th District	
4 th U-172 Warner Robins		4 th 1st District	
5 th U-523 Milledgeville		5 th 5th District	
NEW MEMBERS ADDED SINCE 8/1/22			
UNIT		DISTRICT	
1 st U-29 Marietta (82)		1 st 5th District (170)	
2 nd U-127 Sugar Hill (57)		2 nd 9th District (124)	
3 rd .. U-172 Warner Robins (25)		3 rd 1st District (63)	
4 th .. U-184 Thunderbolt (22)		4 th 6th District (50)	
5 th U-21 Jonesboro (21)		5 th 7th District (49)	

1st Vice President/Leadership

Cheryl Jackson Sinkler



Greetings!!!

All Department of Georgia Leadership Training has been completed. It was a great success! There was 62+ members in attendance at the final meeting in Macon.

Thanks to District 6 and Unit 3 for hosting.

A great deal of time was spent presenting and answering questions on Protocol. At the request of many Units, in depth guidance was given on Conflict Resolution: Policy and Procedure.

Certificates for attendees were presented at the Spring Conference. The presiding officers were grateful for the opportunity to present.

Reminders:

Leadership reports are due no later than May 1st. Reports should contain at least one paragraph. Let's make this an exceptional year by having all 115 Units report. The reporting form can be found on the Department of Georgia website (www.aladepgga.com).

Thank you for all the contributions you make to assure the success of the Organization.

Cheryl Jackson-Sinkler

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2nd Vice President/Membership

Cheryl Waybright

Growing our Future through Membership Engagement!

We were energized at Spring Conference – we have many levels of our members engaged to ensure we hit our Department Goal. This includes our units hitting their goals. THE MOST BEST GOODEST AWESOMESAUCE STUFF that is happening is that we **have GOAL UNITS looking for drafting partners who are reaching out to assist other units to reach goal.** Yep! Lifting each other lifts us all! President Vickie Koutz is depending on all of us to make goal, **ENGAGE, and bring the thunder!**

Our Mission Matters – amping up our membership can build unit foundational strength!

At the department spring conference, I talked about engaging our new members and setting them free to serve where they want but especially in our key mission areas – VA&R, National Security, Americanism, and Children & Youth – as well as Girls State, Membership, Leadership. There is so much new members can help with – ENGAGE them.

Let's amplify what we are doing now! Get those buddy checks done (call you expired 2022 members). Did you know? Renewing members is much easier than recruiting new. Ask the uninvolved what it will take to re-ENGAGE them. Like the sneaker swoosh, **JUST DO IT!**

I will say the dirty word! REPORTING! Yes! it is reporting season! **I have received unit membership reports - already!** Email them or snail mail them – just get them in to me and to your district. Smoke signals and on the back of napkins – not so much – please use the form and get it to me and your district. Need help, please call me. District Presidents – I am counting on you to each submit a district membership report by May 10th. I can't wait to brag on you all! Please let's hit 100% in reporting – every unit reporting matters! Don't forget, we have some new membership awards that were approved by the DEC at the Spring Conference – see my weekly emails for more info.

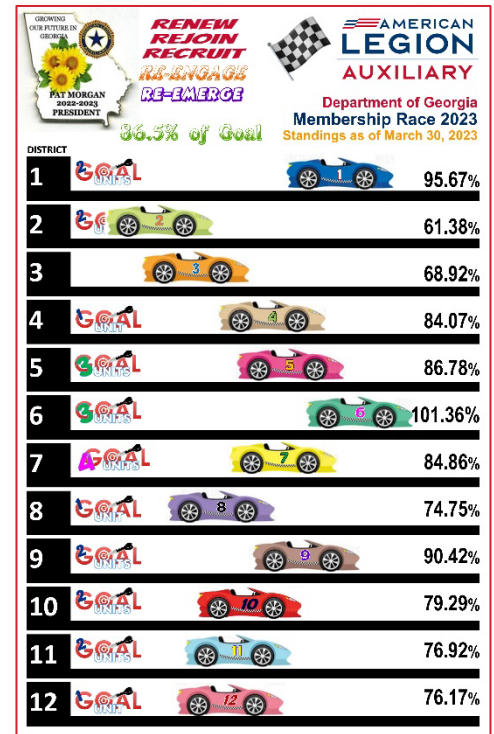
There are some long laps ahead of us. What does that mean? Dig deep and make your goal. Get jiggy with it – do something creative to bring them back and ask them to bring a friend.

Spring Conference was just the pit stop we needed - we are refueled, have new tires, and are ready to go!

Thank you for staying engaged and bringing the thunder!

Cheryl Waybright

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Historian

Gail Ramey



Auxiliary Members,

As our year is drawing to close all of you should have your History reports and/or History Books about ready to send in for judging. Your History reports and History Books are due to your District chairperson by April 15th to give them time to review and judge your work. You can, at that time, send your History reports to me.

If you are doing a History Book, those need to be sent to your District Historian first. I know many of you do not do what you do for awards however, it is important to let people know what your Units are doing. Remember, units that place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in the District may submit their Books to me for consideration at the Department level – no later than June 1st.

You can find the History Book Rules and Annual History Report/Cavalcade of Memories Report Form at www.aladepg.com. Place your mouse on **Member Resources** and click on **Forms**. Scroll down to Historian Annual Report and History Senior & Junior Rules.

If anyone needs help, please feel free to contact me.

Gail Ramey

Historian, Department of Georgia

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Chaplain

Pamela Stroud

From the Desk of Chaplain

APRIL is **AMERICAN LEGION CHILDREN AND YOUTH MONTH**

HEBREWS 10:24-25, SIMPLY SAYS “WE ALL NEED ENCOURAGEMENT”, Do not let any negative thoughts come out of our mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who are listening. Don’t go at it alone, HEBREWS 10:25 warns up not to give up on meeting together. Jesus wants us to be intentional about encouraging one another as we walk this Journey together. LET US REMEMBER TO SPEAK LIFE OVER ALL OF OUR CHILDREN, THEY ARE OUR FUTURE. *Dear God, remind me to cling with all my might to what’s good, Jesus I desire to reflect your love to others. In Jesus name we pray.*

Let us remember to submit all prayer books to your districts as they direct and reports by May 1, 2023.

Keep all the prayers coming.

Remain Prayerful and Blessed,

Pam Stroud

Chaplain, Department of Georgia

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Let’s Get Pumped Up for Poppies

As we progress to the end of the fiscal year, we ask members to continue to celebrate the legacy given by Moina Michael. Try to incorporate poppies in everyday activities. Spread the history in your schools through coloring sheets, poppy posters, books, etc. Distribute poppies in our local government, and communities. The youth in Georgia deserve to be taught to appreciate the significance of this beautiful symbol.

One Unit in the Department of Georgia is currently working with their high school and middle schools Agriculture Programs by providing poppy seeds to the Future Farmers of America. One agriculture instructor drove to the former Michael family property in Good Hope to learn more about the “Poppy Lady”. On his return to the school, he shared the information with Social Studies teachers. High School students have remarked about driving the “Moina Michael Highway”. A small project has managed to make an impact on these students.

If you are currently working on your poppy program, the rules have been recently updated to reflect those of our National American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Program. Please refer to our Department of Georgia website.

New this year, the National Poppy Committee has added incentives in the form of monetary awards for poppy poster winners. Each ALA Division winner will receive a \$50. check in the mail. A \$50. donation will also be made to the Children of Warrior Fund in the winner’s name. The disbursements will be sent out to the winners during the summer months. Therefore, our Units will need to include good contact information on the back of the entries.

Spring Conference was a blast! Members showed their “Poppy Pride” by wearing poppies and poppy attire to the meetings and visiting our booth.

Cathy Hedges

Department of Georgia Poppy Chair ★ Cathy4hedges@gmail.com



“Let’s get pumped up for poppies!”

Announcements: Candidates for Department Officers 2023 – 2024



Paul E. Kelly Jr.
Unit 296
Marietta , Georgia
And
Fifth District
 Have the honor to present
Cheryl Jackson-Sinkler
 As a candidate for
President
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Georgia
2023-2024

Unit President
Carla Thomas

Unit Secretary
Theonnie Shields



Unit 160
Smyrna, Georgia
And Fifth District
 Have the honor to present
Cheryl Waybright
 As a candidate for
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Georgia
2023-2024

Kari Masechark
 Unit 160 President

Suzanne Eisenhauer
 Unit 160 1st Vice President



Unit 127
Sugar Hill, Georgia
And
The 9th District
 Have the honor to present
Gail Ramey
 As a candidate for
2nd Vice President
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Georgia
2023-2024

1st Vice President
Malinda Bailey

Secretary
Judy Farrell



American Legion Auxiliary
Unit 336
Lakeland, Georgia
 Has the honor to present
Susan Hall
 As a candidate for
National Executive
Committee Person from the
Department of Georgia
2023-2026

Carol Moore
 Unit 336 President

Susanne Smith
 Unit 336 Vice President

Announcements: Candidates for Department Officers 2023 - 2024



Samuel G. Cooke
Unit 267
Columbus, Georgia
Has the honor to present
Pamela Stroud
As a candidate for
Historian
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Georgia
2023-2024

Laverne Williams *Barbara Miller*
Unit 267 President *Unit 267 Secretary*



Heyward Fields
Unit 239
Dahlonega, Georgia
And
Ninth District
Have the honor to present
Pamela J. Eckler
As a candidate for
Historian
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Georgia
2023-2024

Unit President *Secretary*
Pamela Eckler *Melanie Eckler*



American Legion Auxiliary
District 12
Has the honor to present
Patricia Morgan
As a candidate for
Alternate National Executive
Committee Person from the
Department of Georgia
2023-2024

Shelia Blanton *Susan Hall*
District President *District Secretary*

Announcements Resolutions

Joann Meadows, Chairperson

Resolutions must be in the hand of the Resolution Chairperson NO later than June 1, 2023 (NOT just postmarked June 1, 2023).

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 June1, 2023.

The 2023 Resolution Form is available at <https://www.aladdeptga.com/forms-1> (right-hand column).

Georgia Girls State Bulletin

Georgia Girls State will be held in Valdosta, Georgia at Valdosta State University June 11 – 16, 2023

We will be in Georgia Hall again this year. No visitors allowed except for the Inauguration and Graduation

QUALIFICATIONS: Interest in government, leadership, citizenship, honesty, scholarship, character, and completion of their junior year in high school. We are an organization whose belief is For God and Country. We are absolutely not obligated to sponsor girls who disagree with pledging the flag. Just because the school recommends a girl does not make her entitled to attend unless the Unit approves using our criteria. Please make sure your unit approves the girls.

ORIENTATION: Orientation should be a part of your Girls State plan so that the girls and their parents understand in advance what to expect upon arrival. Please call on a staff member in your area to help with your orientation if help is needed. Former Girls State Citizens can also be helpful when getting students prepared for the session.

FEE: Checks must be made out to Georgia Girls State and mailed to the Department Headquarters. **Send the fee of \$350.00** per girl to the American Legion Auxiliary Department Headquarters, 3035 Mt. Zion Road, Stockbridge, GA 30281 **before April 20, 2023**, to assure space for your girls. Call the director for late payments of fees. Please do not hold the fees to make sure the girl plans to attend. **Send the fees early so that we will have an estimate of how many girls to expect.** There are many plans and decisions that must be made so having the fees in on time is imperative. If your girl backs out at the last minute, there are other worthy girls that the money can cover. It can also be a donation to the program to help cover other costs. We have expenses to pay before the session begins, so please do not hold the fees. Parents nor family members should not pay the fee for the girl.

APPLICATIONS: The 2023 online application is available on the website. This is a new and hopefully better and easier application. It opens on March 1, 2023. UNITS will receive an email prior to March 1 with an explanation of the new online application process. If you do/did not receive the explanation email, please text me at 770-337-7997 or email me at georgiagirlsstate@gmail.com to let me know and I'll

send you the information. After the online application is complete, the girl and the parent will receive an email with a link to the forms packet. There is no waiver or key agreement from Valdosta State University. The keys are key cards similar to hotel keys. Lost key cards will cost the girl \$15.00.

WEBSITE: www.georgiagirlsstate.org On the website you will be able to get applications and all documents necessary for girls' packets.

EMAIL: Georgia Girls State email: georgiagirlsstate@gmail.com for the director, Deedy Harrell
PHONE number: Deedy 770-337-7997 Call or text Or the Assistant Director, Gabriele Barnett: Cell 706-951-3906 or email: barnettgabriele@hotmail.com Application manager: Cynthia Orms: (478) 232-4831

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **APRIL 20, 2023**, Checks for \$350.00 per girl due to the Department Headquarters
- **May 1, 2023** Completed applications.
- **June 11, 2023** Arrival at Girls State between 1:00 and 3:00 PM
- **June 16, 2023** Graduation at 8:45 AM and departure by 12:00 PM. Arrangements should be made for the girls to be picked up by 12:00 noon on Friday, June 16.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS: Delays cause your girls to have difficulty in getting prepared for the program. If you find out that a girl is not coming after having sent in her application, please let us know. We make phone calls to all no shows and it will help us if we can limit the number of calls necessary. Let us know even up the last day.

Please join the Girls State Booster Club!! Donations are accepted to help sponsor girls. If units cannot afford to pay for a girl, send any amount and we can put it together with other donations so that girls can attend. Thanks to those units I can always call to help with girls who contact me to participate. Please contact me if you need any assistance. I will help you in any way possible.

Thanks!
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New Unit Charter Signed

Pictured to the right is Pat Morgan signing the New Unit Charter paperwork for the forming Unit 217, Chickamauga, GA! Organizing President Jennie Chandler has waded through the paperwork mayhem, and we cannot wait for National to process the charter – stay tuned for information about the Charter Presentation.



IMPACT REPORTS

It is time to get the reporting done. It starts with YOU – the MEMBERS!

Here – in the impact report - is what I (a member)
Our unit
Our District
Our Department

did in the past 12 months since May 1* last year.

Members submit their impact reports to the Unit President or her/his designee. This is for service from May 1st of last year *OR* the last time they reported. Check with your Unit President for the deadline.

Unit Presidents then compile this data and submit the UNIT IMPACT REPORT to their District Presidents. Check with your District President for the deadline!

District Presidents submit their DISTRICT IMPACT REPORTS to the Department President no later than MAY 10 so that the Department can submit its complete IMPACT REPORT **ON TIME** to National (6/1).

In 2022, 10 of 12 districts submitted. Let’s get to 100% this year – help your District President get this done so that EVERY HOUR, DOLLAR, and MILE is reported.

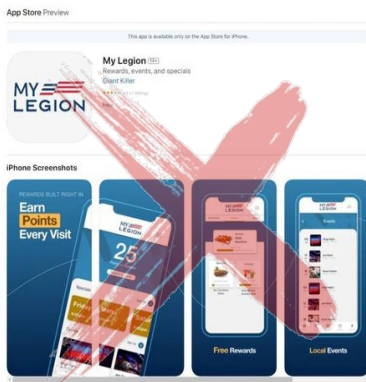
NOTE about mileage and time. Travel time counts: if you are going to an event/activity, record the travel time and the mileage (in dollars). It is YOUR TIME – your time has value – traveling to/from and DOING is YOUR TIME. However, do not double dip on the mileage – example, do not record money you spent on gas, only record the equivalent amount of dollars for the miles you drove. Example, if you drove 10 miles, you report \$1.40 and the amount of time to drive to/from the event/activity AND the time serving at the event/activity.

IRS
December 29, 2022
Issue Number: IR-2022-234
Inside This Issue
IRS issues standard mileage rates for 2023; business use increases 3 cents per mile
WASHINGTON – The Internal Revenue Service today issued the 2023 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes.
Beginning on Jan. 1, 2023, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be:

- 5 cents per mile driven for business use, up 3 cents from the midyear increase setting the rate for the second half of 2022.
- 22 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes for qualified active-duty members of the Armed Forces, consistent with the increased midyear rate set for the second half of 2022.
- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations; the rate is set by statute and remains unchanged from 2022.

Thank you REPORTING your VALUABLE SERVICE and helping us TELL OTHERS about our INCREDIBLE IMPACT!

ALERT from The American Legion National Headquarters



Heads up: American Legion National Headquarters IT staff has become aware of an unauthorized “My Legion App” currently available from the Android and Apple stores. The app was created by organizations identified as “Giant Killer” (Apple App Store) and “Feel Good 7” (Google Play).

Please do not engage with these sellers or download the app, as they do not have permission to use our name and likeness, and they are charging a monthly fee. The American Legion’s intellectual property attorney is exploring legal options. American Legion National Headquarters has no plans produce a fee-for-service app. We are actively working on a mobile application focused on helping local posts and individual members. When our official app is ready, it will be announced through official Legion channels and will be identified with The American Legion as the “seller” once published to the app stores.

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Remittance for the following 2022- 2023 Department Obligations/Contributions

This form is for your convenience when sending checks into Department Headquarters. Please make Copies for further use. Make checks payable to ALA Dept. of GA. **DO NOT COMBINE WITH MEMBERSHIP CHECK!**

Please Send One Check for these Obligations/ Contributions

Mandatory Obligations ***DUE BY APRIL 1st***(voted on June 2021 Convention)	Amount
Bond Income (mandatory obligation) \$10.00	\$
Book of Reports (mandatory obligation) \$15.00 each	\$
Junior Funds (voted on Dept Convention June 2015) \$5.00	\$
Comfort Articles (suggested minimum amount \$25.00)	\$
Hostess Party (if no funds are sent into department, Unit must provide verification to us as to when & where party was held in order to get credit) minimum \$25.00	\$
Poppy Orders	
1000 poppies @ \$150.00	\$
500 poppies @ \$ 75.00 (minimum order)	
250 poppies @ \$ 37.50 (minimum order fo	

Due to the Department: 25% of your net Poppy Proceeds. P
 *November distribution proceeds are due into the Department
 *May distribution proceeds are due into the Department by Ju
 **If you distribute both months send the proceeds by dues da
 *** Please use the Poppy Financial Report

The following will be billed separately: Christmas

Contributions
Auxiliary Emergency Fund
Creative Arts Festival
Headquarters Fund Raiser
President's Special Project
Past Presidents Parley Nursing Scholarships

All other contributions shoul

Date _____ Enclosed is CK # _____
 If more than one check enclosed: CK # _____ AMT \$ _____
 Unit: _____ District _____ Town _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Email _____



Left, this is what the Department Obligations/Contributions Form looks like. The form and payment is due to the Department no later than April 1, 2023. The form can be found at <https://www.aladdeptga.com/forms-1> - it is the last form at the bottom of the left column.

2024 DUES RATE CHANGE

In the 2024 Membership Year the Amount of Dues that is due to The Department of Georgia will be **\$34.00 for Senior Membership**. The rate of **\$5.00 for Junior Membership**. This will cover the cost for the National Dues as well as the Department of Georgia Dues. **PLEASE NOTE THE INCREASE THAT IS DUE TO DEPARTMENT!!**
 We are now accepting all Dues rate changes for the amount that will be listed on your Dues Renewal notices that are sent from National to your members letting them know it is now time to pay your 2024 Membership dues and what amount they should be paying. **THIS FORM IS MANDATORY TO RETURN BY THE DUE DATE!!!!**
 If your Unit intends to make any changes to the current rates they are currently charging we need to be receiving those now, so that the changes can be made in our system and Units will not experience wrong information being sent to their members. It is very important that your Unit evaluates the amounts they are currently charging and make the necessary adjustments ASAP. This form needs to be returned to the Department **NO later than May 1st, 2023** so that all changes can be processed. If this form is not received your Unit Dues may be listed incorrectly on the notices sent to your Members for their Renewals. All incorrect amounts that may be listed due to not receiving this form will be the fault of the Unit, not the Department or National. **The amount of \$34 per Senior & \$5.00 per Junior will still be due to the Department, regardless of what amount is listed on the renewal Notice.**

PLEASE LIST THE EXACT AMOUNT OF DUES YOUR UNIT CHARGES PER MEMBER FOR DUES. List your Unit amount on the blank line then add all 3 lines together for the total amount due. FORM IS MANDATORY TO BE RETURNED!

UNIT NUMBER: _____ **DISTRICT:** _____

2024 Dues Senior Member \$18.00 Natl + \$16.00 Dept + \$ _____ Unit = Total Due \$ _____

2024 Dues Junior Member \$2.50 Natl + \$2.50 Dept + \$ _____ Unit = Total Due \$ _____

Signature of Person Authorizing _____ Title _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Date _____
 NOTE: We need the per member amount. Please list the amount your Unit keeps from the members' dues on the blank line by Unit. Then add all 3 totals together to give a Total due per member!!!

Right – this is what the Dues Rate Change 2024 Form looks like. The form is due to the Department no later than May 1, 2023. The form can be found near the bottom of the left column under the heading MEMBERSHIP FORMS. The link: <https://www.aladdeptga.com/forms-1> Do not forget, your unit may need to vote before setting the Unit Dues and submitting this form.





National President’s Theme:
Honoring our Veterans Everyday

Department Themes:
President:
Growing our Future in Georgia

1st Vice President (Leadership):
The Future being Built on Our Family

2nd Vice President (Membership):
Growing our Future through Membership Engagement

Upcoming Events & Dates to Note

APRIL is AMERICAN LEGION CHILDREN & YOUTH MONTH

March 31 – April 4, 2023 - ALA National President Visit

4/1 Department Obligations Forms (&payments) due to Department

4/20..... Girls State Forms and Payments due to Department from Units

April..... REPORTING: ALERT - CHECK with your districts for their due dates for Books, Committee Reports, and IMPACT REPORTS. Some are due on April 15, and some are due on May 1. Check with your Department Committee Chair or Officer for same – most are due on May 1.

5/1 **Dues Rate Change 2024 Form due to Department from Units**

5/1..... Most Unit Reports are due to District and Department Chairpersons

5/10..... **IMPACT REPORTS FROM DISTRICTS ARE DUE TO DEPARTMENT**

5/10..... District Membership Reports due to Department Membership Chair

May 20 Armed Forces Day

May 26 National Poppy Day and 95% Department Membership Goal

5/29..... Department of Georgia Poppy Anchor Launch, Tybee Island.

6/2 **Due Date for the Unit and the District Officers Form (2023 – 2024)**

6/3-9..... ALA Junior Camp, Villa Rica GA

6/8..... Due Date for 2023 ALA Georgia Convention Delegate Credentials Form

6/11-16 Girls State, Valdosta GA

6/14..... Flag Day

6/22-25 Department Conference, Duluth GA

7/4..... Independence Day

8/25-31 104th National Convention, Charlotte NC



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