

# DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA AUXILIARY NEWS

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ALA DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA PRESIDENT  
2019-2021

## A Word from the President

By Valerie Brown-Debro, Department President



Greetings ALA Department of Georgia Angels Wow the time has come to wrap things up for the year end of our term and officer positions. Before we say our salutations, we still have business at hand to complete. If you haven't done so, please submit your year-end committee reports and District Presidents book of reports. I would love to close this chapter with a smile as we share our history and accomplishments of what we have done over the past two years with the nation.

Congratulation to all the National, Districts and Unit Presidents and officers on your elections and Committee Chairs on your appointments. I'm looking forward to getting out and seeing things get somewhat back in the swing of things. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has affected many things and the way that we do things will be quite different. Some things we will never be the same. We have surely had our trails and patience tried, we suffered loss of love ones, illness and life challenges but I thank God we're still standing for a purpose.

Just as we breathe, there is another opportunity to make things better. Have you heard the saying, "Pain in temporary, but Quitting is forever"? Quitting is not in my bloodline. and I want to encourage you to continue to stand together. Remember our vision, mission and purpose, who we are, what we do and why we matter! Serving our veterans, military families and communities. #ALADeptofGa

We held a zoom meeting and accomplished quite a few things that prayerfully will simplify the way we do things for the good of our organization. Are you ready for our Department

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Convention in Duluth? Yes, we will still have the banquet, however seats are limited.

I hope you made your reservations and purchased tickets. Unfortunately, this year, we will not have our annual Past Presidents luncheon on Friday.

However, we will still have raffles, so bring some Dollar Bills! Continuing with the fun, It's Trophy & Award time! If you have any trophies from last year, please keep them until our Fall Conference. Our Chairperson will not be able to carry them due to recovery from surgery. Please keep Linda and other members lifted in your prayers. We will announce the winners and hopefully the Chairpersons will have certificates.

Let's come together and celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> Convention in Duluth. The pool should be open, so bring your swimsuit and let's put our feet in the water, twinkling our toes and enjoy the time we have together.

There is so much to catch up on to see your beautiful faces and blowing kisses and fist bumps, (Ha Ha) On a serious note, Thank you for serving together with me and Thank you for allowing me to serve as your 2019-2021 ALA Department of Georgia President

"9/11 Angels Serving Every Veteran

Valerie Brown-Debro



# Secretary

By Patty Hawkins, Department Secretary

## Membership:

Please remember to remain a member in good standing your 2021 Dues must be paid. No one can be an Officer in the Unit, District or Department unless their 2021 Dues are Paid.

We are planning on having a Department Convention in June 25-27, DEC will be 24th at the Sonesta Hotel in Duluth. The forms needed for reservations are on our website, [www.aladeptga.com](http://www.aladeptga.com). Please get these in ASAP.

National Convention will be in Arizona in August. The forms for the National Convention are on the website. If you are elected as a Delegate/Alternate there are forms you will need to fill out in order to go. I will be getting these to those who need them.

We are still hoping to have 100% membership by June 15th, so keep up the good work and contact members to let them know we are thinking of them. We can do this!

Don't forget about the ALA Department Samsung 65-inch TV Raffle Tickets are available for \$5.00 each. We will be having the drawing on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are provided in this newsletter.

**It is also reporting time, please make sure you send something to us, something is better than nothing. Don't forget your Impact Reports they Due. First from members to unit, Units to District and District to Department by MAY 20, 2021. These reports show all we have done in honor of serving our Veterans and must be reported to our National Headquarters. I have only received 4 and they are from Units. District Presidents you need to contact your Units to get these reports. This is a must do!**

We have forms that are required, as time has gone by people are not filling them out completely. Make sure you pay attention to this. Please Do Not change our forms information, all we need is the information requested on the forms, (Officers, District, Unit or Membership). Thank You!

**For the Units that have not paid their Obligations, you will be getting a NOTICE in the mail. The Obligations must be paid, so make sure your Unit is doing their share.**

Let's pray for the families who have sickness and who have lost love ones.

*True friends are like diamonds — bright, beautiful, valuable and always in style.*

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

By Susan Hall, Dept. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Happy Father's Day!

Summer is here, and we are venturing out more every day, restrictions are being lifted but we still need to be cautious. Units and Districts have held their elections for new officers for the 2021-2022 year. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our Department Convention in June.

If you are planning to attend the Department installation to be held on Sunday morning, I am asking that the incoming officers and District Presidents please wear either a light blue dress, or a light blue dress shirt with black pants or skirt.

If you would like to pre-order a shirt or pin, please contact me either by email or phone and I will get you a pre-order form. Shirts will be \$20 and pins are \$3. The form is also available on the Department Facebook Page. I have 13 shirts left; do not wait I cannot guarantee that I will have any at the Department Convention. If you have pre-ordered, please submit your check made out to the ALA Department of Georgia and mail to my address 15 Good Hope Hollow Naylor, GA 31641

It has been an honor to serve as your 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, and I look forward to working with all our members in the future to enhance the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Georgia. As we work together to enhance the lives of our Veterans, Military their families and our communities.

I want to thank the units that sent me their 2019-2021-year end leadership reports. Awards will be announced and Certificates given out at the Department Convention.

Continue to browse the National Webpage for answers to your questions, to continue to learn about our great organization. This is a great resource for all our members that can enhance their knowledge about our organization and the programs of the American Legion Auxiliary. Seek to learn as much as you can. Our members being knowledgeable about all aspects of our organization will help us continue to grow into the next century.

"Before you are a leader, success is about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others"

Jack Welch

Susan Hall  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Department of Georgia  
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## Department 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

By Pat Morgan

Georgia Angels have been working hard on membership even thru this Pandemic. Congratulations to all units for thinking out of the box to accomplish this. To date we have 31 Units that have reached goal of 100% or more. Several Units are so close to goal with 5 or less needed to make 100%.

The Department Convention will be held in Duluth on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. The DEC will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup>. District Presidents are encouraged to attend. If you cannot attend, please ask an officer from your District to attend. All Department Obligations, the Unit Officers form (due as soon as elections are held) must be received for the units to pick up their membership cards. Also, the following forms must be received by Department: Dues rate change (Due May 1<sup>st</sup>), Department Convention Delegate /Alternate form, Unit Data form (Due June 4<sup>th</sup>), District Officers form (Due as soon as District Elections are held).

**Leaderships will begin in September for the Units and Districts. No Leaderships will be held in November and December. If you wish to host a Leadership, please contact me. I would like to combine Districts, such as District 2 and 3. There are only 8 open dates. If anyone wants a Leadership in January and February let me know.**

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

**“Angels Working As One  
For Veterans”**



## Historian Corner

By Cheryl Jackson Sinkler

Hello All,

We have come close to the end of our year!! With grace and mercy, we made it through. We lost a few great ladies, and they will surely be missed. We have continued to repair and progress as best as we know. Many Units are back to normal practices and continues to build.

Many of us have had the opportunity to bond with family and friends and have stepped away from the ALA businesses at hand. We are moving into a new year and it's time to accelerate and continue to move in the right direction to keep the organization functional by maintaining the services it provides.

I have the pleasure of working with a great many of you and have learned a lot but there is more for me to learn and continue to build on within the Organization. As a newcomer, some of situations I viewed and took note of, is the “Personal verses Business” relationships in the organization! I remember reading in our Unit Guide Book, under the “National: Code of Ethics” - *All members, volunteers, and staff of the ALA and its Foundation act with honesty, integrity, and openness in all their communication, business, and transactions as representatives of the ALA (organization). The organization promotes an environment that values fairness and commitment to the organizations founding principles and demonstrates respect for others.*”

My approach to anything is to observe, listen and ask questions. I will not come into anything and try to take over because I do not know. However, we as organization must share information and be able to approach the person(s) who holds the answers or be directed and feel comfortable in doing so. Often many of us do not know who to turn to. This is where the “Code of Ethics” derived. I can say I felt blessed to have a few ladies who took me under their wings and made themselves readily available to answer any and all questions or guide me in the right direction. Many do not have this support. In this newsletter I want to say each district has a Liaison for questions and answers.

I also realize many are not on social media. Take time at your Units to maybe host a “Get In The Know Training,” or make it a point to attend a Leadership Training in your area when it comes time. Set reminders to attend. Believe me they are highly informative. Remember, all questions are great questions!

I was eager to learn but didn't know where to begin and didn't know what questions to ask! I read my guide book to find out if I could get a better understanding of what my job responsibilities consisted of. There wasn't

enough information for my preference. God works mysteriously and I received a call welcoming me to my new role and stated, if I need any assistance on anything the person(s) was available. Till this date I still can call and get answers even if I asked 100 times (little exaggerated humor). For this I am grateful.

I've grown to enjoy the Organization and pleased to be a small component and to continue the principles in which it was founded on.

To the ladies who helped guide my process, I am appreciative of you and thank you!!

LET'S STAND AS ONE AND NOT AS AN INDIVIDUAL! Our motto is "SERVICE NOT SELF". Don't just preach it, but really mean it when you say it!

God bless you ALL!  
Cheryl Jackson-Sinkler

## Department Chaplain

By Denise Smith

Let us all remember that no matter how dark or stressful the times, Our Maker and Father is in control. Although people's free will can make others miserable, everything is ultimately under God's control. There is a limit that He will allow and we have the advantage of His Spirit within us, mediating, strengthening, guiding, and teaching us to be holy, even as our Lord is holy. Jesus said "Greater love has no person than to lay down his life for another." During this time of remembrance, let us all remember those who gave their lives for our freedom, and be thankful for the One who bought our ultimate freedom.



### Membership Forms 2021

**2021 Forms:** We understand the current situation that many Units are currently experiencing with figuring out who their New Officers will be for the 2020-2021 year. While we can give **lenience on some forms**, we cannot do so on others. **The 2021 dues rate change form needs to be received ASAP if your dues is going to be different than it was for 2020 membership. Please make sure and send this form no later than 5/15/2021. Once that date is reached NO CHANGES can be made and your dues amount will stay the same. The 2021 Unit Data Form must also be received No Later than June 5, 2021.** Again, the system will lock and No Changes will be made period! National has informed us that those dates cannot be changed and No exceptions can be made. We can give some on the New Unit Officers Form, as we are the ones who input the information. We will have some additional time to do this.

If you have any questions on these forms or any membership questions the best point of contact right now would be email. Please send to [amlegaux@bellsouth.net](mailto:amlegaux@bellsouth.net). All forms are currently available on our new website [www.aladdeptga.com](http://www.aladdeptga.com), under Member Resources and then Forms.

Thanks, Krista

### Resolutions

Joann Meadows, Chairperson

Resolution must be in the hand of the Resolution Chairperson NO later than June 4, 2021 (NOT just postmarked June 4, 2021). 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 4, 2021. If you need another one it is on the website [www.aladdeptga.com](http://www.aladdeptga.com) under Member Resources.

### DEPARTMENT TROPHY & AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to having total shoulder replacement, on May 26,2021, I will not be able to attend Department Convention.

**Please do not bring any Department Trophies to the convention.**

Awards will be announced and certificates will be given out. but **no trophies will be given out until Fall Conference.** So again, please wait until Fall Conference to bring your Department Trophies.

**If you bring them, you will have to take them back home with you and bring them to Fall Conference.**

DEPARTMENT TROPHY & AWARDS CHAIRMAN  
LINDA BROCK

# Announcements

## Candidates for Department Officers

### 2021 -2022



*Milltown Unit 336*

*Lakeland, Georgia  
And  
The Twelfth District*

*Have the honor to present*

***Susan M. Hall***

*As a candidate for*

***President***

*American Legion Auxiliary*

*Department of Georgia*

***2021-2022***

*Susanne Smith  
President*

*Lindsey Gutierrez  
Vice President*



American Legion Auxiliary District \* 12

Have the honor to present

**Patricia Morgan**

As a candidate for

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

American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Georgia

**2021-2022**

Lenora Van Pelt  
District President

Susan Hall  
District Secretary

# Announcements

## Candidates for Department Officers

### 2021 -2022



*Paul E. Kelly Jr. Unit 296*

*Marietta, Georgia*

*And*

*Fifth District*

*Have the honor to present*

***Cheryl Jackson-Sinkler***

*As a candidate for*

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

*American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Georgia*

*2021-2022*

*Carla Thomas  
Unit President*

*Shunna Kellog  
Secretary*



Paul E. Bolding Unit 7

Gainesville, Georgia

Has the honor to present

***Denise R. Smith***

As a candidate for

***CHAPLAIN***

American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Georgia

2021-2022

*Rita Clifton  
Unit Secretary*

*Denise R. Smith  
Unit Treasurer*

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 **June 26, 2021** at our ALA Department Convention. 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. Please send in the complete form.

**The Form 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.

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

**Make Checks or Money order payable to:**

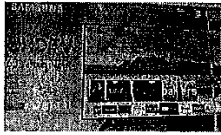
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**ATTN:** ALA Department Secretary Patty Hawkins  
[secamlegaux@bellsouth.net](mailto:secamlegaux@bellsouth.net) (678 289-8446)

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  
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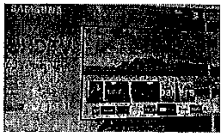
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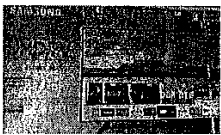
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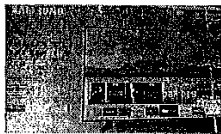
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## Calendar of Upcoming Events 2021

June 6, 2021	D Day WWII
June 14, 2021	Flag Day
June 19, 2021	Juneteenth Day
June 20, 2021	Summer Solstice (longest day)
June 20, 2021	Father's Day
June 24, 2021	Convention DEC Meeting
June 25-27, 2021	Dept. GA Convention

### 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"**



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