



### **A Word from the President**

*Susan Hall, Department President*

Happy Easter!

This year is moving right along! It is hard to believe it is already April. I want to thank all the members that attended the Spring Conference. It was a fun and informative weekend. The Stars Quilt was raffled off and won by Tonya Wilson. The quilt brought in \$185.00 for the Fisher House. The 50/50 of \$163.00 was won by Ellen Cappo. The 50/50 will go to the Jabez Rehabilitation Center in Thomson, GA.

I want to thank District 3 for their hard work on the beautiful Poppy Anchor. The anchor is now at Department Headquarters and will travel to Tybee Island on Memorial Day to be launched out to sea in remembrance of all those that perished at sea.

Units should be working on their end of the year reports. These re due to the Department Chairs by May 1, 2022. District Presidents should start reaching out to their Units for their Impact Reports. I am hoping all 12 Districts will submit their report to Patty. We need to brag about what we have been doing here in Georgia for the 2021-2022 year. A reminder to all Units that Department Obligations are due to Patty no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>. If your Unit is attending the Department Convention and wants to vote, your obligations must be paid by the deadline. Please go to the Department webpage for all forms that are due for the 2022-2023 year and get them to Department Headquarters before the deadline.

We still have work to do. Keep sending in those memberships, contact members who have not paid and find out why. The forms for the Department Convention are online. Please get them in before the deadline.

I am here for anyone who needs help. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

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.

We are planning a 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 in this newsletter. They are also on our website, [www.aladepgga.com](http://www.aladepgga.com). Please get these completed ASAP as they are dated.

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 began sending out poppies the 1<sup>st</sup> week of April 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.**

Let's pray for the families who have sickness and who have lost loved one.

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

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

Pat Morgan

## BE A SHINING STAR

***"A Leader's job is to look into the future and see the organization, not as it is, but as it should be"***

We have concluded the 2021-2022 Leadership workshops. It has been a wonderful learning experience for me as well as (hopefully) the attendees. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Units that hosted a Department Leadership Workshop. Alo, thank you to all the members who gave up part of their Saturday to attend our training sessions. There were interesting questions and opinions shared. And last but not least I would like to thank my team which consisted of Past Department President Anita Owens, President Susan Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Cheryl Sinkler, and Chaplain Denise Smith. Without these ladies, I could not have accomplished these sessions across the state.

I enjoyed seeing so many of you at the Spring Conference. We discussed several important topics at the DEC and the meeting, which will be voted on at the Department Convention in June. During the Girls State Booster address, I reported that donations were coming in slow to the Booster Club. At that point, a hat was passed around the room and a total of \$770 was collected. Awesome job ladies! This is just an example of what can be done when we all work together.

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 229.561.4070

***"A Leader does not say "Get Going". Instead she says "Let's Go"***

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## SHOOT FOR THE STARS

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

*Cheryl Sinkler-Jackson*



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

Happy Easter to you All,

We began our Spring Conference with new and pertinent information, which was presented to DEC and the Body for consideration. Attendance was very low. I missed seeing many of your faces. Please attend at least one or more of our Department Conferences and/or Conventions. You are missing out on great information and here you can mingle with other Units to get ideas and receive answers to many of your questions. Also, a suggestion was presented at Spring Conference to host a Leadership Training following our meetings. Please send feedback on this suggestion. I will gladly host a Leadership Training at a future conference.

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:** We are still in our current challenge for the month of April in renewing 25 members. As I stated in our March Newsletter, we have over 100 Units. If each Unit produces one (1) new member, we will have more than 25 renewed memberships paid. The goal is for each Unit to have 100%. For some, I know it is a reach, but please put forth every effort to make goal. As always, I appreciate you ALL for making this organization a success!!! Come on Georgia, I



know you can get us in the 90-percentile range. We must keep pushing with calls to our unpaid members.

### HOPE YOU HAD A GREAT EASTER SUNDAY WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS!!

**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.

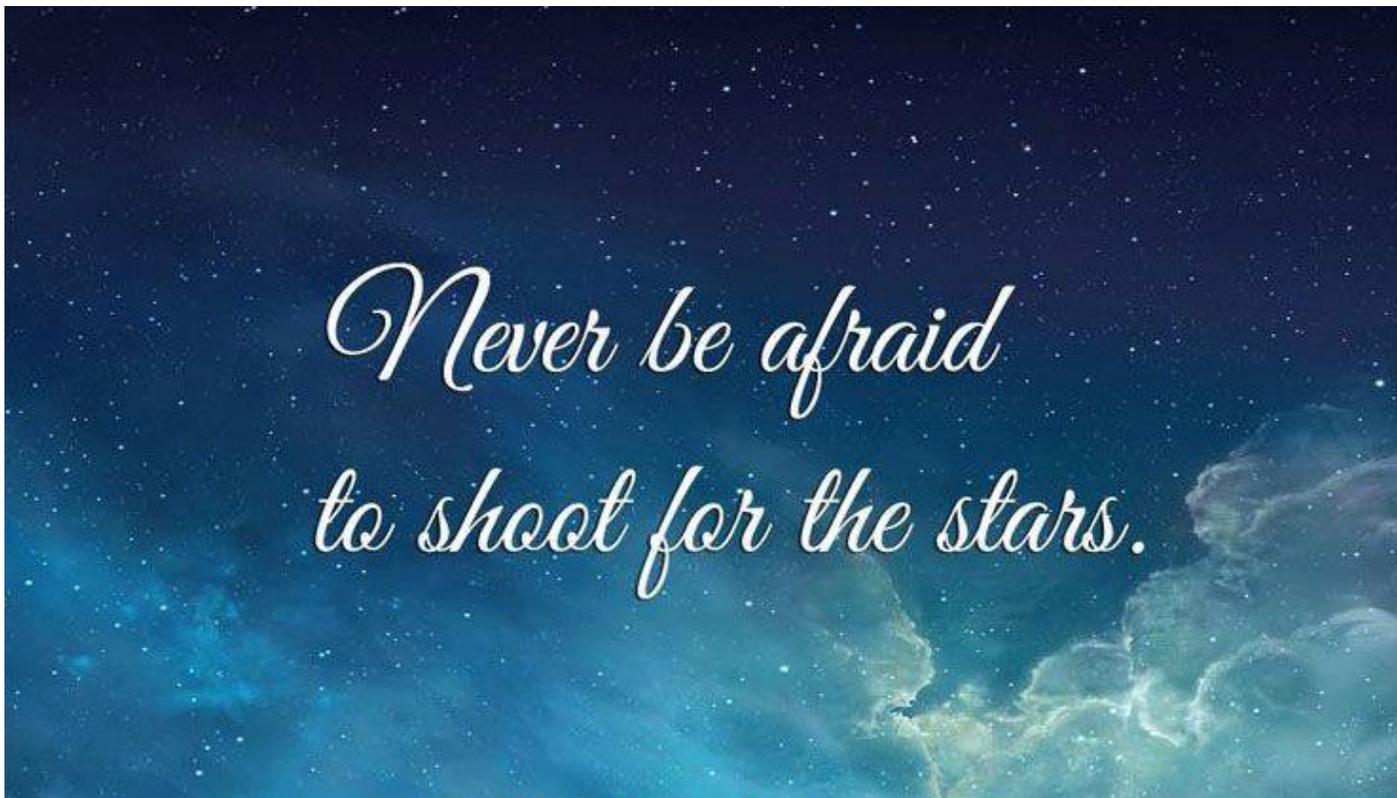
This program serves as an important manner to engage our youth and build on the foundations for their future as leaders. The Department of Georgia American Legion Auxiliary does very well in this task.

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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A quote about reaching for the stars against a starry night sky background. The background is a deep blue night sky filled with numerous small white stars. In the lower right corner, there are soft, ethereal clouds in shades of light blue and white. The quote is written in a white, elegant cursive font.

*Never be afraid  
to shoot for the stars.*

**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  
fall*

*Susan*

**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*

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**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

*Keri Maschark*  
Unit President

*Susan Heitt*  
Unit Secretary



*Unit 127, Sugar Hill, Georgia  
And  
Ninth District  
Has the honor to present  
Gail Ramey  
As a candidate for  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Georgia  
2022-2023*

*1st ALA President: Melissa Wilson      2nd ALA President: Gail Ramey*

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DEPARTMENT OFFICERS  
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ALA Department Historian



*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*

ALA Department Chaplain



*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.