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A Word from the President

Pat Morgan, Dept. President

GROWING OUR FUTURE

I am so blessed and proud to have been elected the Department of Georgia 2022-23 Auxiliary President. With the help of the Department Officers, the Past Department Presidents and all of the Auxiliary members, I am confident we will have a great year. Thanks to each and every person for taking time out of their busy schedule to attend the Department of Georgia Convention. A lot of information was discussed at the meetings. If you were unable to attend, get with your District President. I hope to visit each District this year and meet with the members to see how we as Officers of the Department can help your Unit and District.

My theme this year is "Growing our Future". I believe we need to get creative and recruit new younger members. The Units have to make the meetings interesting and inviting. We need to think out of the box, while still following the basic guidelines for conducting a meeting. Find ways to keep the children occupied so the parent feels comfortable to bring them. **Our future is in our younger members!!**

My special project is the Fisher House. The Fisher House holds a special place in my heart. I will be holding several fundraisers for the Fisher House and the Department's General Fund.

If I can assist 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.

Pat Morgan
President



Every bit of Positive Energy you Contribute,
will make it a better place for us All

Secretary

Patty Hawkins



Our President has chosen Sunflowers as her symbol which means **adoration, loyalty and longevity, using the theme Growing Our Future** in order to continue serving and honoring our Veterans.

As we begin Growing Our Future with new Leadership, it is our chance to continue to do our Best. Please start sending in your 2023 membership and any new members you get as we will enter them by September 1st.

Let's make this a great year for all. We can do this! Don't just sit back and wait for our membership to grow, REACH out and make it Grow. We are a wonderful organization and we need new blood to help us GROW OUR FUTURE. Just spread the MIRACLE GROW and see how it works. 😊 We are all in this together, you grow - we all grow.

The National Convention will be held in Milwaukee, WI, August 26 – September 1st. National is offering members the opportunity to attend all their committee meetings and to stream the Convention live. You can sit in the comfort of your home or get a group together to view. You can go to www.alaforveterans.org, Meeting & Events, ALA National Convention, then to Learn more, next to General Attendee Downloads, log in. You will need to have your member ID and password.

Forms for the 2022 Fall Conference is on the website Aladdeptga.com. Updated forms will be coming soon.

I want to be like a sunflower so that even on the darkest days I will stand tall and find the sunlight.

1st Vice President/Leadership

Cheryl Jackson Sinkler



Hello to the Leaders of the ALA,

I would like to personally thank you for electing me to serve as your 1st Vice President for the Department of Georgia. I encourage you to attend the leadership trainings to receive a vast amount of information. This is also the time where many of your questions can be answered.

Leadership Trainings will begin on September 10, in Gainesville. If you are near this location, please come out and receive a great deal of information and share with your Units.

Topics of Discussion

- **Protocol**
- **Membership**
- **Diversity and Inclusion**
- **Reporting**
- **Impact**
- **Constitution and Bylaws/Standing Rules**

One of our Department goals is to increase awareness of what our organization contributes to Veterans, Veterans families and communities. We are needing ALL members to reinvent the wheels and keep them turning to continue the programs which were developed and continue to strengthen awareness of our Veterans.

Keep open communication within the Units. Informing your Unit members keeps them engaged. Allow new and existing members to be inclusive in what the Unit does. The more they know, creates less conversations and the more help you will receive.

Encourage members to purchase a Unit Guide Handbook. Ask them to visit the Department of Georgia and National websites. Those sites are Department of Georgia <https://aladdeptga.com/> and National American Legion Auxiliary <https://www.legion-aux.org/>. When visiting National's website, you must register to view member information. In order to register, you will need your membership number.

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2nd Vice President/Membership
Cheryl Waybright

Greetings to all!

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Second Vice President and Membership Chair for the 2022-2023 administrative year. I am very excited to build upon the great work by Cheryl Jackson-Sinkler and keep the momentum in Georgia GROWing!!!

Membership is the lifeblood of our organization and this year with the membership theme of **“Grow our Future through Member Engagement”!** Renew, reinstate, recruit, AND re-engage all our members to benefit our Nation’s veterans and active duty military and their families. Membership is EVERYONE’s business – let’s get them and engage them to keep them!

Please plan on attending the **Leadership Workshops** – especially District and Unit Membership chairs – many tips and tools will be shared to support renewing, reinstating, recruiting and re-engaging members. I cannot wait to see you all there! I hope to also talk to every membership chair at the district and unit level in the coming months to discuss goals and answer any questions and address any concerns.

Membership Goals: The Georgia Membership goal for 2023 is to reach 6,222* members. District Presidents will receive Unit Membership Goals before August 15th along with a Membership Reference booklet. District Presidents will make sure each Unit President and Membership Chair receives these materials.

ALA MIS System: With the new administrative year, please make sure the correct people in your Unit are registered and able to log-in to ALA MIS. To do this, submit to Patty Hawkins the form found on www.aladepgta.com. Under the Member Resources tab, choose Forms. On the left look for MEMBERSHIP DATA AND TRANSMITTAL and choose (or click here →) [ALA MIS Program Access for Units](http://www.aladepgta.com) Also, log into the ALA website and follow the information provided there and check out the Unit training manual! <https://member.legion-aux.org/member/resources/alamis>

Target these National Deadlines:

- **100% Unit Award:** Deadline: November 11, 2022
- **Member Award: 10 Plus 3 in 2023:** Recruit 10 New Senior AND 3 New Junior Members. *Form on page 5.*

Department Awards

- 75% Award: Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 2022
- 85% Award: TAL Birthday, March 15, 2023
- 95% Award: National Poppy Day, May 26, 2023
- 100% Award: Independence Day, July 4, 2023

- 102% Award: July 29, 2023

Membership goals are met by grassroots efforts. The energy, dedication and talent of the Unit and District Membership Chairs is what will have our membership growing. Please seek advice when you hit a roadblock, call me and if I can’t help you, we will get the right person that can! We’re all on the membership dream team!

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*The 6,222 figure is not “final” until National wraps-up 2022 and resets for 2023. Stay tuned.

Historian

Denise Smith



Greetings!

I am Denise Smith from Unit 7 in Gainesville (9th District). I am excited to serve as your 2022-2023 Historian.



I hope to carry forward the fantastic work done last year by Cheryl Waybright and those that came before her. My two Cheryl predecessors chose the images of the book, *The Historian* and the ALA History patch, and I will continue using it to bring quick recognition in each newsletter to the Historian Corner.

As Unit and District Historians in the ALA Department of Georgia, we hope we will not weave eerie tales! Instead, we strive to accurately record the accomplishments, significant events, and meaningful contributions made by individuals and teams within units and districts so that we may leave behind a written record of our units/districts. This annual activity is a critical step in capturing for those that come behind you the successes and lessons learned by the unit or district. Just as you leverage what your predecessors have done before you, those that come behind you will benefit from your written history and your unit or district’s contribution will roll into the Department Report and land in the annual “Book of Reports” for the Department.

Consider the import of your role as a Historian - to accurately record the accomplishments and significant events that occur at the district or unit level during your term. This seems daunting but if you have a plan and DO SOMETHING a few minutes *EACH WEEK* you will do a great job. Soooo... **START NOW**.

Below is a list of things I would like for each unit/district historian to **do over the next few weeks**.

- Read the “History Senior & Junior Rules” just updated for 2022-2023 and set up your 2022-2023 History Book document.
www.aladepgga.com/forms-1
- Read the “History Year End Report 2023” and be thinking of these questions as you step through this ALA year. Begin
www.aladepgga.com/forms-1
- Start capturing the details from May, June and July and adding those details to your 2022-2023 draft History Book **Now**.
- Join the Georgia Historian Group
www.facebook.com/groups/georgiahistorians and in the INTRODUCTION THREAD, introduce yourself to other GA ALA Historians!
- Also join the National Historian group:
www.facebook.com/groups/ALAHistorians

Did you know? The American Legion Department of Georgia headquarters has an ALA board room and within it are shelves full of books – some dating back to the first year of our organization.

What is in YOUR UNIT’s office? Do you have a library? Answer those questions in the Facebook Group in the THREAD “What’s in Your Library?”

Reach out with any questions you have – email, text, call.

Cheers!
Denise

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Chaplain

Chaplain

Pamela Stroud

Hello ALA,

I am looking forward to a great year of motivational and uplifting inspiration.

What kind of value do you place on unity with others?

Why is it vital for us to lovingly disagree with fellow members at times?

We can turn to God when we’re striving for unity with others. Because God searches every heart and understand every desire and every thought(1 Chronicles 28:9)

Dear God, help me to be an attentive listener and humble speaker. In Jesus name, Amen.

All, remember to let me know of any prayer needs. My email is pstroud9@icloud.com

Pam Stroud, **Chaplain, Dept. of GA**

“No matter how many mistakes you make or how slow you progress, you are still way ahead of everyone who isn’t trying.”





10 plus 3 in 2023!

Members who recruit 10 new Senior and 3 new Junior Auxiliary members for the 2023 membership year.

One entry per recruiter

Certified forms must be received at ALA National Headquarters by June 5, 2023.

Please send this form to your department headquarters office no later than one week prior to the deadline.

New members must be paid in ALAMIS by June 1, 2023.

ENTRY/CERTIFICATION FORM

Please type or print legibly and fill out the form completely. Incomplete forms may not be processed.

Recruiter's Name: _____ Member ID#: _____

Recruiter's Department: _____ Unit #: _____ Email: _____

Recruiter's Address: _____

Names of New Senior Members

Member ID#

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Member ID#

1. _____

6. _____

2. _____

7. _____

3. _____

8. _____

4. _____

9. _____

5. _____

10. _____

Names of 3 New Junior Members

Member ID#

Names of 3 New Junior Members

Member ID#

1. _____

3. _____

2. _____

Certified by Department Secretary:

DATE: _____

Department Secretary

Printed Name: _____ Dept: _____

Dept Secretary Signature (required): _____

***I certify that all 13 members are new and paid for the 2023 year.**

***I have provided member ID numbers and verify that the form is filled out legibly and completely.**

DO NOT SEND INCOMPLETE FORMS or more than 1 form per recruiter

Units: Send form to your Department Secretary

Departments:

Please scan and email to:

membership@ALAFORVeterans.org

(Subject line: Recruit 13)

Or

Fax: (317) 569-4502 (Attn: Membership)

***Must be received at NHQ
no later than midnight June 5, 2023**

Each recruiter will receive a special gift selected by the 2023 National Membership Committee Chairman.

One entry/award per recruiter



President’s Theme:
Growing Our Future in Georgia

Membership Theme:
“Grow our Future through Member Engagement”

Calendar of Upcoming Events 2022

- September 5, 2022 Labor Day (office closed)
- September 11, 2022 Grandparents' Day
- September 11, 2022 Patriot Day or September 11th
- September 16, 2022 Stepfamily Day

Department Fall Conference: October 28th, 29th & 30th, 2022

DEC October 28, 2022 6pm



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