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President 2023-2024
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**SUPPORTING THE
FOUNDATION OF
OUR VETERANS**

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A Word from the President

Greetings:

We just completed the Spring Conference we are looking forward to June Convention. At our DEC meeting we voted to move to a Midwinter Conference which is in January in Macon. We will no longer have Fall and Spring Conference. June Convention remains the same. All our Policies have been officially voted on and can be seen on our Department Website under the Resource tab by selecting *Governing Documents*. ALA Department of Georgia website has been updated to a user-friendly version. I think you will love the ease of accessibility. Let’s give thanks to our Historian, Pam Eckler for all her hard work constructing the website. During the Spring Conference our member appreciation luncheon was hosted by the AL Commander, Auxiliary President, SAL Commander, and Director of ALR.

We have nominations for incoming officers. Anyone can submit a nomination for any position. If you already know of an individual who plans to place their name(s) in the running, please submit nomination to Patty Hawkins-Secretary as soon as possible. Also, nominations for Unit and District Officers are coming as well. I have received calls from members stating members are gathering other members who have never attended a meeting and are planning to stuff the ballot to block another from possibly winning a position. This practice happens across the state of Georgia. It is unfavorable and should not be practiced anywhere. Let’s have a fair vote.

Members, we must continue to focus on our Department, Districts and Units efforts to thrive by increasing awareness of all Auxiliary business. Remember we are operating as an Organization; therefore, all members of the Organization need to be well-equipped for the Organization to be effective.

Please do not accept nominations or positions if you have difficulty meeting the requirements of holding the position. It is understood many of us have jobs, other extracurricular activities and sometimes become bogged down with other responsibilities. There are also times where it is unpreventable, and you must focus your attention elsewhere. Please consider carefully, and consciously evaluate your status.

Please be clear about this one thing and that is you must RESPECT THE POSITION. If for any reason, you think it ok to be disrespectful, condescending and outright rude this may not be the organization for you. Keep in mind that we are all human and we all have feelings. The ladies and men of this organization give us their time freely and their time should be honored and always appreciated. Follow the Golden Rule, treat people as you want to be treated. We dedicate countless

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A Word from the President (*continued*)

hours, days, weeks and sometimes years to volunteer for this Organization we love.

Remember the campaign of “BE THE ONE”! This should be practiced within the Organization or with anyone with whom you come in contact. Please be careful in your approach.

April 15th is Purple Up Day for military-connected child(ren). This is a day we honor a child(ren) with at least one parent or guardian serving in the military on active, reserve, or National Guard duty. These children face challenges and life experiences that are unique and often misunderstood or unrecognized by non-military families. To commemorate the children of military families, April is designated as the Month of the Military Child, and Purple Up is a day observed during this month to show support and gratitude for military kids. Please remember these children are our future and we want to keep them positively engaged to continue the longevity of our Organization. WE NEED THEM!

Thank you for your spirit of volunteerism in the service, and dedication to the American Legion Auxiliary. You are greatly appreciated!

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Stay Connected:

Department Website: <https://www.aladdeptga.com/>

- Need a form? <https://www.aladdeptga.com/forms-1>
- Need to find a department leader?
https://www.aladdeptga.com/about_us
- ...or department committee chair?
<https://www.aladdeptga.com/committee-chairpersons>
- What about the Department Governing Documents?
<https://www.aladdeptga.com/governing-documents>

Department **Public** Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/ALADeptofGA>

Department **Private** Facebook Group:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/alaga> In this group you can ask questions and post information about your unit and district.

PR Contact: GeorgiaALAPR@gmail.com

Membership Clerk: amlegaux@bellsouth.net

Secretary/Treasurer: secamlegaux@bellsouth.net

Compliance Information (Is your unit/district legal?):
<https://member.legion-aux.org/member/committees/audit/important-compliance-information>

First Vice President & Leadership

Cheryl Waybright

Greetings Georgia ALA!



MISSION MATTERS:
AMP UP! LEADERSHIP
FOR UNIT FOUNDATIONAL STRENGTH
Department of Georgia
2023-2024

AMPing UP! Leadership

remains in full swing. Especially now! With nominating committees working to identify next year’s leaders in units and districts, there is a lot of activity. Units have been focusing on compliance and many units are scrutinizing their bylaws. **This is all good stuff as we push for unit foundational strength.** Although the Leadership Learning Labs are over, the monthly Tune In! and Tune Up! calls and the weekly AMP UP! Leadership emails will continue. **Building unit foundational strength is ongoing: knowledge sharing matters. Mission Matters #AmUpMission!** We are still striving toward our goals:

- Focus relentlessly on the mission of the ALA.
- Align efforts around The American Legion Four Pillars.
- Increase knowledge and elevate leader abilities.
- Leverage creativity and motivation of all members.

Check your Tuesday emails for more information. If you are not receiving the Tuesday AMP UP! Leadership emails, let me know (check your spam) and you will be added to the distribution list!

YEARBOOKS – thank you to all who submitted. Creativity and teamwork were apparent. Results will be shared at the Department Convention in June.

REPORTS – The Leadership report is due May 1st. YES, there are a lot of questions on this year’s annual report form as there is **a lot** that goes into leadership. **Do you have to answer all the questions? NO, answer what you can – just write up something and submit.** If your unit did not do some of the items, share the barriers you faced and what you might do differently next year. Remember, leadership is messy; there is no perfection in simply getting things done – share! **We will even take messy leadership reports! And Unit Presidents – please do those IMPACT REPORTS! District Presidents too!**

What are you doing next year? Do you want to contribute in some way at the Department level? Let us know by completing the survey found here:
<https://forms.gle/WERUbjN1G3jJsxhd7>

We are in this together and when we lift everyone, we all achieve more. Share, listen, learn, apply. I have an open door policy. I welcome questions from all members and unit leaders by email, text, and phone. Call or text between 8am and 8pm, email any time. I will try to get back to you in two business days.

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU ARE DOING!

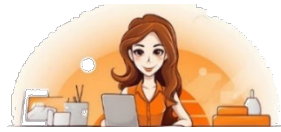
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Secretary & Treasurer

Patty Hawkins



Welcome to Spring!

It is a busy time for our units, districts, and our headquarters team. Do not forget, the due date for 23-24 **UNIT OBLIGATIONS** is April 1. Hurry up and get them in! An email saying “our Unit ### obligations are on their way” will let us know to look for them. See link below. Remember, these are **mandatory to maintain your unit** and to be certified to vote at convention per our governing documents. *See bylaws Article VII for details.*

Annual Report Forms are due May 1 to the Department and your District chairs. *Note, your District may have an earlier due date depending on the District convention schedule.* Any question, contact the Department Committee Chairpersons – info can be found at this link: <https://www.aladeptga.com/committee-chairpersons> Report forms and other rules can be found here <https://www.aladeptga.com/forms-1> Your Department Chairs really do want to receive a lot of reports from all units!

May is time for elections and do not forget, we have forms for that too! See list below. **DISTRICT PRESIDENTS** – please see the section “REQUIRED DISTRICT FORMS” – we would love to have those immediately following your elections. We would also like to know who the committee chairs are for your district. Please share!

Newsletter: The last edition for this administrative year will be issued June 1. Submit information/articles before May 15th to be included. In 24-25 the Department will resume the customary monthly newsletter beginning in July 2024. The 20th of the month is the deadline for submitting articles from districts, committees, and yes, from units – sharing about #AmpUpMission.

FORMS.... It is annoying but it is important – we are all in this together managing the administration of units. Every unit **must** submit the following by the date listed.

- Unit Dues Rate Change Form 2025 (Due May 1)
- Unit Officers Yearly Form 2025 (Due June 1)
- Unit Data Form 2025 (Due June 2)
- Unit Delegates to Department Convention (Due June 7)

Do not forget the most impactful reports of all...UNIT IMPACT REPORTS are due to District Presidents by May 1 so they can compile and submit the **DISTRICT IMPACT REPORT** to the Department **Secretary** by May 15.

To find the forms, go to <https://www.aladeptga.com/forms-1> and look on the right side. See more info on Page 8.

Thank you, unit leaders and members, for all you do!

Patty Hawkins

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PS: the office remains temporarily closed because renovation.

Second Vice President - Membership

Gail Ramey

MUSH MUSH! Greetings from Membership! Our musher Peaches says HELLO!

Happy Spring to all the hard working members who are “mushing” toward our membership goal. Georgia is currently at 80.68% at National. I know we can get that percentage up. **The next National goal is 95% by May 24th. Let’s Do this!**



Please remember, any member who has not renewed by December 31, 2023 is no longer a member in good standing and has no voice or vote in your Unit or District.

I am proud to say we currently have 14 Goal Units (five of them are National Goal Units)! Several Units are very close. Dig deep and make your goal. Do those buddy checks and reach out to the members who have not renewed. Three new Units have been chartered so far this year however, we did cancel the charter of three Units at Spring Conference.

I will say the dirty word! REPORTING! Yes! it is reporting season! I have received 1 unit membership report already! Email them or snail mail them – just get them to me and to your district. Please use the form and add a narrative. Need help? Please call me.

District Presidents – I am counting on you to submit a district membership report by May 15th. Every unit reporting matters! **Don’t forget, we have Unit and District Membership Quality awards!** Check the details in the document “Awards and Recognition Rules Guide” on our website at <https://www.aladeptga.com/forms-1>. You’ll find the membership report form there too!

I am confident we will make strides together to reach higher! **Let’s MAKE goal ASAP! Let’s get MUSHING!**

Remember – Our theme for membership nationally is Mushing for Membership.

In Georgia, our membership theme is Supporting Veterans Begins With Membership

I am here to help in any way possible. Please don’t hesitate to call on me when you need help.

Thank you for all you do!

Gail Ramey

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Historian

Pam Eckler



Happy Spring everyone! As a gardener, I love to watch Nature change and see all the beauty she has to offer.

Spring is also a time to get rid of the old and start afresh.

In our Units and Districts, before we get rid of the “old” we need to make sure we have everything in order *because that is our History*. I realize many Units do not have a Historian, but if your unit does have a Historian your History book should be sent to your District Historian for judging by the date and format the District sets. As Department Historian, I will accept your History book either by U.S. mail or electronically. The first, second and third place History books, from each District are due to me by June 1, 2024. **All History reports from Units and Districts are due to me by May 1, 2024.** If sent by USPS, the reports must be postmarked on or before May 1, 2024.

Whether your Unit has a Historian or not, I am respectfully requesting information from each Unit, so I can include something about your unit in our Department History book. I do **not** need a written explanation of each statistic, rather I just need your numbers. As an example, your Unit might have placed fifty-two wreaths on veterans’ graves at Christmas, your Unit might have instructed eighty-two children on how to fold a flag, or your members visited twenty-six veterans during Veteran’s Day. I know Units in Georgia have been terribly busy this year, I have heard about your events, and seen some on our Facebook pages. **So please, give me what you have!** Handwritten, typed, texted, emailed, or called in - what is important is I receive something from every Unit so I can mention all the remarkable things you have accomplished this year when I write the Department History book. My email address and phone number are below. If you prefer sending me your information through the U.S. mail, please feel free to contact for the address.

As most of you are aware, the next time we meet in person will be at our Department Convention in June.

Our Department’s elections will be held in June, and I will be running for Second Vice President. If you have any questions for me regarding why I am running for 2nd Vice, and what plans I have for the future of our Department, please feel free to contact me.

As always, I genuinely enjoyed seeing many of you at our Spring Conference, and I hope I meet many more of you in June.

Pam Eckler

Historian - Department of Georgia

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Join our Department of GA History Facebook Group and ask questions! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/221964339808608>

Chaplain

Sabrina Putney

Peace and Blessings!

Our inspirational word for this quarter is Synergy, the combined power of a group when they are working together, that is greater than the total power achieved by each working separately.

Whew!! Time sure does fly when you are having fun! Spring Conference was a great boost to supporting the foundation of our Veterans. We joined as a family and dedicated the Poppy Anchor in memory of those who made the ultimate sacrifice. May we all remember.

How good and pleasant it is when brother and sisters live together in unity!” Sticks in a bundle are unbreakable. Our lives are different but the same when it comes to our goal, the Veterans, and their families. When we are united what we produce is Synergy! So, unity not only gives us hope, courage and hope but also brings a change. Unity gives us Motivation. When we work as a team, we get motivated by each other and encouraged to work harder.

I challenge all chaplains to buy a pack or two of toy soldiers, take them back to your units and distribute as reminder to pray for the soldiers. Send me your pictures.

Be The One!

Remember Chaplain Annual Reports are due no later than May 1, 2024. If you plan to submit A Senior Book of Prayers & Devotional Thoughts the deadline is May 1, 2024 to the District Chaplain or whatever date your District has told you! If your book is 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in the District, they must be to me by June 12, 2024 for the department competition. **You are doing the work, record, and report.**

I look forward to hearing from you.

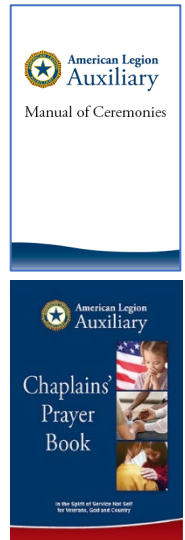
By embracing unity, we will be successful, we can achieve success that goes beyond individual accomplishments and creates a strong foundation for future growth. As always you are in my prayers, I am just a phone call away. Communication will be the fuel for our Synergy! You can Be The One that fuels our Synergy! It's going to take all of us.

Thank you. Be blessed!

Sabrina Brown-Putney

Chaplain, Department of Georgia

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#MissionDriven The Four Pillars

DON'T FORGET Department Chairs – your Department reports are due to Division Chairs, cc: National Chairs by May 15th!

Children & Youth

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

https://www.militarychild.org/MOMC_Toolkit

April 15: Purple Up! Day for Military Children Although celebrated throughout April, the Commission selected Wednesday, April 17, 2024 as “Purple Up!” day. Note that states, communities, districts, and schools may select a different date(s).

The purpose of the Children & Youth program is to promote work collaboratively with The American Legion to promote programs that protect, care for, and support children and youth, especially those of our military and veterans.

What is your unit doing to collaborate with your Post to promote programs that protect, care for, and support children and youth, especially those of our military and veterans? If you can't answer this question, go ask. See these links for more information:

- <https://member.legion-aux.org/Member/Committees/Americanism/Get-Involved-Americanism>
- <https://member.legion-aux.org/Member/Committees/Children-and-Youth/Get-Involved-Children-Youth>

Georgia's Children & Youth Chair:

Pamela Stroud

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Americanism

The purpose of the Americanism program is to promote patriotism and responsible citizenship.

The Legion's pillar of Americanism embodies its devotion to law and order, the raising of wholesome youth, an educated and law-abiding citizenship, and respectful observance of patriotic holidays and remembrances.

- <https://member.legion-aux.org/Member/Committees/Americanism/Get-Involved-Americanism>
- <https://member.legion-aux.org/member/committees/americanism>

Georgia's Americanism Chair:

Krisann Alexander

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Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (VA&R)

Every day is veterans day.

Caring for our veterans is at the core of the American Legion Auxiliary mission. The purpose of the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Committee is to promote programs and services that assist and enhance the lives of veterans and their families, ensuring restoration and/or transition to normally functioning lives.

Please be sure to support your VAVS rep for your area.

Confirm what facility and team your unit is assigned to report – the list has been updated. Check out these links for more information:

- **VA&R Program Engagement Plan** at <https://member.legion-aux.org/Member/Committees/VAR/Get-Involved-VAR>
- **Review the ALA VA&R Program Guide** <https://member.legion-aux.org/member/guides/volunteer-guide>
- **Review the Homeless Veterans Handbook** <https://www.legion.org/homelessveterans/handbook>
- Review the information about all things VA&R at <https://member.legion-aux.org/member/committees/var>

Georgia's VA&R Chair

Miriam Stein

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National Security

Ensuring quality of life for servicemembers is at the core of the American Legion Auxiliary mission.

Primary Objective: **Strengthen and support military servicemembers and their families.** Key Components:

- RED FRIDAY –Remembering Everyone Deployed
- Support First Responders.
- Support Blue Star & Gold Star Families.
- Raise awareness of POW/MIAs and the work being performed by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA)

Tune into the monthly emails from Georgia's National Security Chair. And, the most recent visit to Capitol Hill in Washington DC to advocate for veterans.

Not getting the emails? Ask your DP or UP! The emails include calendars, tips, and key info for units to successfully support active duty and their families.

Check out these links for more information:

- <https://member.legion-aux.org/Member/Committees/National-Security/Get-Involved-National-Security>
- <https://member.legion-aux.org/member/committees/national-security>

Georgia's National Security Chair

Amy Loudermilk

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#MissionOutreach

Georgia Girls State

What would American democracy look like in the hands of teenage girls?

Check out the Georgia Girls State Website:

<https://www.georgiagirlsstate.org/> (New look!)

Girls State American Legion Auxiliary Unit and American Legion Post Volunteers:

Thanks for all the work you have done in the past to support Georgia Girls State! If you are not the person in your area working on Girls State, please forward this email to whomever is, if you are able to do so.

The Board of Directors hopes that Girls State 2024 will be the best ever. We are looking forward to a very successful session. We can only have that with your continued help and support.

Georgia Girls State will be held in Valdosta, Georgia at Valdosta State University

June 9-14, 2024

QUALIFICATIONS: Interest in government, leadership, citizenship, honesty, scholarship, character, and completion of their junior year in high school.

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 or former citizen in your area to help with your orientation if help is needed.

PUBLICITY: Unit chairpersons, be sure to contact local media for coverage as soon as your delegates have been selected. Many newspapers are willing to publish pictures and short articles about the program. Invite delegates to a unit meeting after the session to report to the unit.

****FEE:** Checks must be made out to 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, 2024** to assure space for your girls. **Call the director for late payments of fees.** Let me know if you have girls to send and lack fees. We have donations from units which do not have girls to sponsor, and they want to have girls chosen from other areas. This year it is imperative that we know how many to expect for the session. I have supplies to order and we must reprint the manual. Please DO NOT hold your unit

check to make sure your girls are attending. Any money that is sent in helps Georgia Girls State even if your girls doesn't attend. 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.

DISTRICTS: Each district is to elect a counselor and pay \$350.00 counselor fee. Please notify the director upon the election and have the counselor send the director a resume. Even if your district doesn't elect a counselor, the fee is still to be paid. It's not too late to recommend a counselor.

APPLICATIONS: The 2024 online application will be initiated by using the pre-application. It can be found on the website. Follow the instructions on the top of the document. The tech staff will input the information into the online application the unit contract will receive updates

WEBSITE: www.georgiagirlsstate.org Find information and all documents needed 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 (call or text) or email: barnettgabriele@hotmail.com Application manager: Cynthia Orms: (478) 232-4831

APRIL 20, 2024 Checks for \$350.00 per girl due to the Department Headquarters.

APRIL 30, 2024 Complete online applications

June 9, 2024 Arrival at Girls State between 1:00 and 3:00 PM

June 14, 2024 Graduation at 8:45 AM and departure by 1:00 PM

Delays cause your girls to have difficulty in getting prepared for the program. If you find out that a girl is not coming after completing an 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!!** Call Pat Morgan (229) 561-4070 for details.

Georgia Girls State Director

Deedy Harrell

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#MissionOutreach

It's time to PUMP UP POPPIES

The 2024 Poppy Anchor was dedicated at the Memorial Service closing out the Spring Conference on March 24th. The team led by Laura Miller with Unit 184 Thunderbolt was excited to share their hard work.

Cricket Agee and Cathy Hedges pulled off an amazing “Poppy Frame” – check out the pile of pictures out on our Facebook page and group (links on page 2) for more fun and games had at the Spring Conference.

Poppy day is Friday May 24, and the anchor launch is Memorial Day, Monday, May 27. The Coast Guard station on Tybee Island will once again host the department. More details about the launch will be released soon.

At this time last year Cathy Hedges, our Georgia ALA Department Poppy Chair reminded us of this:

“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.”

Be sure to submit your annual poppy report and a narrative and pictures of all you have done this year. Georgia was the National Poppy Department of the Year in 2023-2024 – your input will help the Department report to National all the amazing things Georgia does to promote support of veterans through this amazing program.!

Any questions, ask Cathy Hedges
Department of Georgia Poppy Chair ★ 770-597-8667 ★ Cathy4hedges@gmail.com



National Veterans Creative Arts Festival

Nationwide, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical facilities use the creative arts as one form of rehabilitative treatment to help Veterans recover from and cope with physical and emotional disabilities. Co-presented by the Department of Veterans Affairs and the American Legion Auxiliary, the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival is an amazing event. **The 2024 competition is in Denver CO May 18-24.** <https://department.va.gov/veteran-sports/national-veterans-creative-arts-festival/> Reach out to the Georgia Committee Chair for more information.



Georgia's Veterans Creative Arts Festival Chair
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Legislative

Let your voices be heard on things that matter! The purpose of the Legislative Committee is to provide information and assistance to American Legion Auxiliary members to advocate for the legislative agenda of The American Legion. Visit The American Legion's Legislative Website at www.legion.org/legislative to keep current on legislative priorities. Leverage these resources:

- Join the ALA Legislative Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALALegislative>
- <https://member.legion-aux.org/Member/Committees/Legislative/Get-Involved-Legislative>
- <https://member.legion-aux.org/member/committees/legislative>

Georgia's Legislative Chair
Ruthann Shelby ★ 423-718-1748 ★ rthnly@gmail.com

IMPACT REPORTS

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

Why and How? <https://www.legion-aux.org/Member/Impact-Report>

Do not let anyone tell you it does not matter or is not expected – reports are expected from each unit and district! This is particularly important to our department and to ALA nationally. It is our chance to capture the impact of what:

I (a member)

Our unit

Our District

and 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 through April 30th of this year. Check with your Unit President for the deadline to turn in reports to the Unit President.

Unit Presidents then compile this data and submit the UNIT Impact Report to District Presidents no later than May 1.

District Presidents submit their DISTRICT IMPACT REPORTS to the Department Secretary no later than MAY 15 so that the Department can submit its complete IMPACT REPORT **ON TIME** to National .

Let us get to 100% this year – help your District President 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 – for 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.

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

NATIONAL PRESIDENT VISIT 2025

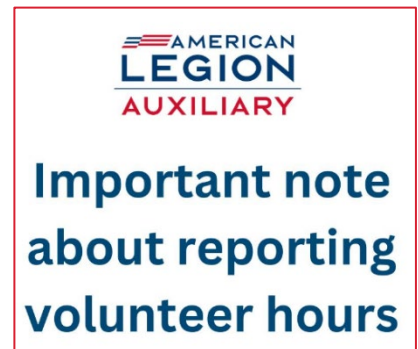
The call for visit is out! Does your unit want to participate in the national president visit by hosting a lunch, dinner, or speaker? Or some other interesting event?

Incoming National President Trish Ward will have a tight schedule and wants us to let her know what and where we would like to host her – by April 16th. **It is More than a Visit; it is a Strategic Department Enablement Experience!** Hosting a National President visit is an investment – it takes, time, resources, and extensive planning.

Incoming National President Trish Ward is looking for environments conducive to a learning experience where she can spend from 1 – 3 hours with a large group of members. She is passionate about creating and sharing resources that will not only enhance the membership experience, but also enhance the lives of veterans. She believes strongly that if you are willing to invest in her visit, then she needs to invest in you. With a decades-long career in data analysis and resource development **the 2024-2025 National President brings with her a wealth of knowledge and she would like to share it with US to renew and restore our units.**

Of course, timing and geography will play a role in the dates and locations that she will visit. Georgia is a big state and our coordination of interested hosting units is critical. **If you think your unit and your whole Post family are interested in being a part of the visit by hosting, helping to plan, or any other activity, please email or call Cheryl Waybright.** CLWaybright@gmail.com 404-625-6708.

Plans for priority selection are due soon so we need to hear from you ASAP! Do not miss out!



Announcements: Candidates for Department Officers 2024 – 2025



The Fifth District and
Unit 160 Smyrna
Have the honor to present
Cheryl Waybright
As candidate for
PRESIDENT
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Georgia
2024-2025

Thea Fultz
President, Fifth District

Kari Marschark
President, Unit 160



Unit 127 Sugar Hill
Has the honor to present
Gail Ramey
As a candidate for
1ST VICE PRESIDENT
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Georgia
2024-2025

Gail Ramey
President

Judy Farrell
Secretary

Announcements Resolutions

Joann Meadows, Chairperson

Resolutions must be in the hands of the Resolution Chairperson NO later than June 6, 2024. (Note, if postmarked 6/6/24, it is late - must **arrive** by June 6, 2024.)

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 June 1, 2024.

The 2024 Resolution Form is available at <https://www.aladepga.com/forms-1>



Heyward Fields Unit 239
Dahlonega, Georgia
and the Ninth District
Have the honor to present
Pamela J. Eckler
As a candidate for
2ND VICE PRESIDENT
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Georgia
2024-2025

Pamela Eckler
Unit President

Melanie Eckler
Unit Secretary



Upcoming Events & Dates to Note

First of Every Month – wear BE THE ONE Branded Shirts.

EVERY FRIDAY IS **RED** Shirt Friday (**R**emembering **E**veryone **D**eported) Wear a red shirt!

Leadership monthly cadence: 1st **Tuesday Topics**– EMAIL Leads & Links ★ 2nd **Tune-In Tuesday** – Zoom 7-8 pm ★
 3rd **Tuesday Tidbits** EMAIL ★ 4th **Tune-UP! Tuesday** – Zoom 12-12:30 pm

APRIL 2024

- 4/1.....Department Obligations Forms (&payments) due to Department
- 4/5.....Gold Star Spouses Day
- 4/9.....Former POW Recognition Day
- 4/14.....Air Force Reserve Birthday
- 4/15.....Purple Up Day
- 4/20.....Girls State Forms and Payments due to Department from Units
- 4/23.....US Army Reserves Birthday
- 4/27.....American Legion Family Day
- April.....REPORTING: ALERT - CHECK with your districts for their due dates for Books and Committee Reports; some districts have a due date of April 15, but most are May 1.

MAY 2024

- UNIT IMPACT REPORTS ARE DUE MAY 1ST** To District Presidents.
- All reports for Department consideration are due May 1st to the Department Chairpersons.
- 5/1.....Dues Rate Change 2025 Form due to Department from Units
- 5/1.....Most Unit Reports are due to District and Department Chairpersons
- 5/1.....Loyalty Day and Silver Star Service Banner Day
- 5/10.....Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- 5/12.....Mother’s Day
- 5/13.....Children of Fallen Patriots Day
- 5/15.....IMPACT REPORTS FROM DISTRICTS ARE DUE TO DEPARTMENT
- 5/15.....District Membership Reports due to Department Membership Chair
- 5/18.....Armed Forces Day
- May 24National Poppy Day and 95% Department Membership Goal**
- 5/27.....MEMORIAL DAY & Poppy Anchor Launch, Tybee Island (rsvp required)

National President’s Theme:
Be The One

Georgia President Theme:
 Supporting the Foundation of our Veterans

Georgia Leadership Theme:
 Mission Matters: Amp Up! Leadership

Membership Theme:
 Supporting Veterans Begins With Membership

Service Not Self is the ALA motto and the cornerstone of all that we do.



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