

DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA AUXILIARY NEWS

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A Word from the President

By Valerie Brown-Debro, Department President



APRIL NEWSLETTER

Greetings Angels, Spring is officially here and we're narrowing down this year's program action plans. Have you sent in your annual reports? It's time to present the Awards. Department Chairmen and District Presidents, if you haven't done so already, please send in your final reports for the Book of Reports. We need 100% participation, so that I could complete my report.

We have had so many things going on the last few months, April is my birth month, which happens to fall on Friday. Wear your red shirts to represent our veterans deployed everywhere, take a selfie and post it on our Department website. Also, as we celebrate, let us remember it's also Children & Youth Month. Wear purple on April 15th in honor of Military Children.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we couldn't have Girls State. However, we are planning to send (2) young ladies to Girls Nation. It's time for nominations for new officers in your Units, District and for Department Officers. As soon as you have selected your new officers for 2021-2022, send the information to our Department Secretary Patty.

It's time to update and make any changes or recommendations for Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules. It's always a great time to review your governing documents and see what's best for the good of the organization. Have you visited the National ALA Academy? Keeping yourself familiarized with our programs, it's a fabulous resource tool and a great conversation starter for new and seasoned members.

Are you planning on going to our Department Convention? Registration forms are on the website. The Convention will be held at the Sonesta Hotel in Duluth, GA, June 24 -27th. The DEC will meet on the 24th. All other business as usual, we will update you with more on the banquets as time progress. Hopefully most of you were able to get vaccinated for the COVID-19. to help slow down the spread, we have loss to many loved ones and friends due to this pandemic.

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Many of our veterans were able to receive the vaccination, thank God! Soon we will be able to volunteer our services in person and hold that one on one conversation with our veterans which that they so enjoy.

I'm looking forward in seeing so many of your faces in person, we have been separated seems like forever. Even though we've been keeping updated through social media and zoom, it's nothing like that old fashion in person fellowships.

ALA National Headquarters is planning on the convention in Arizona, if you are attending, start looking out for more information. It's hot during that time of the year in Phoenix. Delegates and Alternates get ready! I'm looking forward in seeing all of you in June, as we hang out at the Sonesta, I hope the pool is open so we can take a dip together and enjoy the outdoor breeze, as we close out the year in celebration with a toast as 2019-2021 ALA Department President. History in the making!

Thank you for serving together we me, For God and Country.

Valerie Brown-Debro

9/11 Angels Serving Every Veteran

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 in this newsletter. They will also be on our website, www.aladeptga.com. Please get these in ASAP.

National Convention will be in Arizona in August. The forms for it will be posted on the website as soon as I get them.

We are still hoping to have 100% membership by May, 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 26th. We needed some extra time due to the Covid 19 situation. Wouldn't it be exciting if we get to do it at the Department Convention? Tickets are provided in this newsletter.

It is also reporting time, please make sure you send something to us, something is better than nothing.

I will be sending out poppies the 1st week of April for all the orders I have received.

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.

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.

As we are slowly moving in the right direction of opening more business, wear that mask and make sure you practice staying safe.

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.

1st Vice President/ Leadership

By Susan Hall, Dept. 1st Vice President

April Showers Bring May Flowers! Spring is in the air and I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe.

Continue to browse the National Website for updated Webinars, Leadership Courses, and all other updated information.

End of the year Leadership reports for the 2019-2021 years are due to me by May 1, 2021. Even if you submitted a year-end report in 2020 please send me a new report covering 2019-2021. If you are submitting your report for a National Award remember to include the National Award Cover letter. This can be found on the National website at www.alaforveterans.org.

If you attended a Leadership Workshop in 2019-2020 and did not receive your certificate, they will be given out at the Department Convention in Duluth in June.

I am honored to announce that I am a candidate for Department President for the 2021-2022 year. It has been an honor to serve as a Department Officer for the last 5 years and I look forward to serving as your Department President.

If you would like to pre-order a shirt for the upcoming year please contact me.

For God and Country

Susan Hall

1st Vice President

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508-944-0791

Ms. Sara Mitcham, Past Dept. President 1959-1960 is 101 years young. She will be 102 on April 7th. She is in the hospital with pneumonia. It would be nice if we could send her some cards to cheer her up. Her address is: Ms. Sara Mitcham, 1010 Katherine Ryals Rd., Warner Robins, GA. 31088.

Ms Lula Smith Rachels, Past Dept President 1991-1992 is sick and in need of prayer. Get well cards can be sent to: PO Box 470, Covington, GA 30210.

**Keep all our members in your prayers.
Thank you,
Patty**

Department 2nd Vice President

By Pat Morgan



Spring is in the air. Our Georgia Angels are currently at 84.65% of our Department goal. The next goal award is Armed Forces Day and the Department must be at 95%. I have faith we can obtain this goal. Congratulations to all the units that has made 100% or better of their goal. Even through a pandemic membership is being turned in and new members are being recruited. All of your hard work is greatly appreciated.

The one week of "Caring and Sharing" is April 1-7, 2021. This week is to be used for units and leaders to organize and make contact and check in with EVERY possible unit member, past and present. There are scrips in the Supplement Plan of Action for you to use.

Your 2022 Dues Rate Change form is due soon. If your unit intends to change the rate you charge for membership, please submit the form ASAP. This will assure changes are made and renewal notices from National are correct.

End of the year reports are also due soon. Even through this tough year, you have stepped up to the plate and found innovative ways to collect membership. Thank you for your dedication to our members and our organization. I can assist you in any way, please feel free to contact me by email at 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



The Auxiliary, Department of Georgia continues to meet via Zoom, as well as many Units. The 102nd Georgia Department Convention will be held in Duluth, Georgia from June 25-27, 2021. The Hotel/Registration/Banquet form is on our Department of Georgia website <https://www.aladdeptga.com/>. Please print and complete and please email back to Patty Hawkins at secamlegaux@bellsouth.net.

Food for Thought?

Does your ALA Unit host a regular carry- out dinner night? Consider inserting these flyers in the takeout boxes! They're convenient, fillable PDFs with an efficient 3-up design for easy printing on a home computer. You can also take them to your local print shop, so you'll always have extras on hand. Log in to download the FREE file from the MyAuxiliary member portal at <https://member.legion-aux.org/member/resources/flyer-templates>. Are you on Instagram? Did you know we have an Instagram account? We invite you to follow us @ALAforVeterans and help us grow! If you shop on Amazon, make sure you're using AmazonSmile. Through Amazon's charitable program, AmazonSmile, you can support the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation. Simply sign in through this special link and select the American Legion Auxiliary. Amazon will donate 0.5% of every purchase you make to the ALA Foundation. It may seem small, but a little can add up to a lot.

April - Month of the Military Child

April 4 - Easter April 5 - Gold Star Spouses Day

April 15 - PurpleUp!

American Legion Family members are always ready and willing to lend a helping hand. There are many interesting ways to educate by using social media, TV, computers, and other means. Here are some ideas and activities that the USO, a collaborator with the ALA, is providing for continuing education for military kids around the world:

- Did you know that your local zoos have Facebook and websites that provide activities where children can view and follow along with the animals, especially with the new additions, along with activity pages?
- "Science Mom" on YouTube provides demonstrations and experiments.

Continued

- National Geographic Kids offers educational games with videos to explore animals and adventures to take part in.
- Disney Nature has online lesson plans and fun activities for students.
- NASA STEM has activities for grades K-12 for those interested in planets and space.
- You can find many free online math Sudoku puzzles for kids of all ages.
- Many libraries have gone digital, and museums from around the world have virtual tours, including the Smithsonian National Museum in Washington, D.C.
- Military kids can hear directly from veterans and understand the realities of war through The Library of Congress' Veterans History Project.
- And don't forget to get outside! Play in the dirt, plant seeds, and grow something!

American Legion Auxiliary members: With this information, you can share with the parents of children and youth and military kids in your area by posting on your website and Facebook pages. Don't forget to "Purple Up" for our military kids in April.

National Teacher Appreciation Week is a week set aside to celebrate and honor our nation's educators. Since 1984, the National PTA has designated one week in May to teachers who have shared their passion and skills to educating children. This year's dates are Monday, May 3, to Friday, May 7. Tuesday, May 4, has been set aside as National Teacher Day.

God Bless Us All,
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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.aladepgtga.com under Member Resources.

Department Chaplain

By Denise Smith

Thoughts for today: "There are those who never reason on what they should do but on what they have done; as if Reason had her eyes behind, and could only see backward. - Henry Fielding "One thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus." -Paul to the Philippians 3:13-14 As spring arrives, let us look forward to all that God has in store for us, and let's bring someone along with us.

Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Auxiliary Relief Fund Chair: Everyone, remember that funds are available to assist auxiliary members having financial difficulty. Evidently there was no activity in the fall since I received no mid-year reports. Please encourage your members to donate to our sisters and to pass the word of available help.

Denise Smith, AEF Chairperson

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.

All forms are currently available on our new website www.aladepgtga.com, under Member Resources and then Forms.

Thanks, Krista



2021 MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Member Award: 10 X 10

- **Award:** Gift selected by the National Membership Chairman
- **Presented to:** Members that recruit 10 (ten) NEW SENIOR members for the 2021 membership year by November 10, 2020.
- **Deadline:** Members must be entered and paid in ALAMIS system by 11/10/20.
 - FORMS must be received at National HQ by November 15, 2020.
- **Materials and guidelines:**
 - Form can be printed from the ALA National Membership Committee page of the national website (www.ALAforVeterans.org). You must be logged into the "Members only" area to access the page.
 - One entry per recruiter

Member Award: R/R5 – Recruit/Rejoin 5

- **Award:** Special gift from the National Membership chairman (gift will be different for each deadline)
- **Presented to:** Members who recruit or rejoin five or more Auxiliary junior or senior members into the 2021 membership year.
Note: Rejoins must not have paid dues after the 2018 membership year
- **First Deadline:** December 14, 2020
- **Second Deadline:** Flag Day, June 14, 2021
Note: 10x10 Award winners will automatically receive the December R/R5 award. No additional action or form required.
To be eligible for the second deadline, members will need to recruit/rejoin 5 additional members by June 14th (cannot be the same members used to receive the 10x10 or December R/R5 awards).
- **Materials and guidelines:**
 - Form can be printed from the ALA National Membership Committee page of the national website (www.ALAforVeterans.org). You must be logged into the "members only" area to access the page
 - One entry per recruiter.

For award forms or more information email your dept or membership@alaforveterans.org

Unit Award: 100% Unit Award

- **Award:** 100 awards of \$100 to be used to advance the ALA mission
- **Presented to:** Units that reach 100% of their 2021 membership goal by November 10, 2020 will be placed into a random drawing from which 100 units will be selected to receive \$100.
- **Deadline:** November 10, 2020
- **Materials and guidelines:**
 - This award will be based on units that reach 100% of their reported goals by November 10, 2020 as verified by ALAMIS

Note: Departments must submit Unit goals to National Headquarters by September 1, 2020 for units to be eligible for the 100% Unit award.

Unit Award: Caring & Sharing Award

- **Award:** \$25.00 gift card to Emblem Sales
- **Presented to:** Units obtain at least one rejoined member (has not paid dues since 2018) and submits completed form
- **Deadline:** April 30, 2021
- **Materials and guidelines:**
 - See Caring & Sharing Award form for specific rules and regulations. Form is available at www.ALAforVeterans.org or by emailing membership@ALAforVeterans.org

Department Award: Pearl Harbor Day Award

- **Award:** \$250 to be used to advance the ALA mission
- **Presented to:** Departments reaching 75% of their 2021 Department membership goal
- **Deadline:** December 7, 2020
- **Materials and guidelines:**
 - Award will be based on membership entered in the ALAMIS system by December 7, 2020

Department Award: Armed Forces Day Award

- **Award:** \$250 to be used to advance the ALA mission
- **Presented to:** Departments reaching 95% of their 2021 Department membership goal
- **Deadline:** May 18, 2021
- **Materials and guidelines:**
 - Award will be based on membership entered in the ALAMIS system by May 18, 2021

Department Award: The Celebration Award

- **Award:** \$500 to be used to advance the ALA mission
- **Presented to:** Any Department that has reached the Department Goal
- **Deadline:** 30 days prior to the 2021 National Convention – July 31, 2021
- **Materials and guidelines:**
 - Award will be based on membership entered in the ALAMIS system by Aug. 1, 2021
 - Winners to be announced at National Convention 2021.

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

1st Vice President

American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Georgia

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Lenora Van Pelt
District President

Susan Hall
District Secretary

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Candidates for Department Officers

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Paul E. Kelly Jr. Unit 296

Marietta, Georgia

And

Fifth District

Have the honor to present

Cheryl Jackson-Sinkler

As a candidate for

2nd 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:

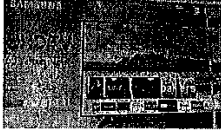
ALA Department of GA Headquarters
3035 Mt. Zion Rd.
Stockbridge, GA 30281

ATTN: ALA Department Secretary Patty Hawkins
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
President
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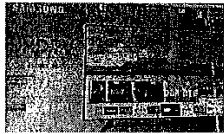
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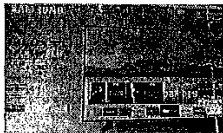
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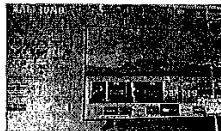
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Hotel Reservation Form

102nd GEORGIA DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

DULUTH, GA / JUNE 25-27, 2021

Sonesta Gwinnett Place Atlanta

1775 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth, GA 30096 / 770-923-1775

*The Department Executive Committee (D.E.C.) will meet on
Thursday, 6:00 PM, June 24, 2021.*

*If you are a member of the DEC, you may check-in
on the afternoon of June 24, 2021.*

Member/Guest Info

Name: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____ Post _____ District _____

Payment Info

Check enclosed: (**Checks must be made payable to the Sonesta Hotel for one-night deposit**) **OR**

Guarantee by credit card: Visa MasterCard Amex Other

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____ MO/YR

(Credit card will not be billed until you have checked in; however, if you must cancel your reservation, you must personally contact the hotel **within 72 hours of check-in, or you will be charged).**

Hotel Info

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____ Number of People in Room: _____

Please Check One: Standard King/Doubles (\$117.00)
 King/Double Queens Studio Suites (\$117.00)

The Sonesta Hotel is a **Non-Smoking Hotel!**

Do you require a handicap accessible room? _____ Yes _____ No

Name(s) of other(s) sharing room: _____

Please complete this form in full and return to: The American Legion, Department of Georgia
3035 Mt. Zion Road, Stockbridge, GA 30281

DEADLINE: May 14, 2021

Banquet and Registration Form
102nd Georgia Department Convention

June 25-27, 2021: DULUTH, GA

SONESTA GWINNETT PLACE ATLANTA

Register **EARLY** to avoid the long lines and to **SAVE** money:

Pre-registration before May 14 2021 <> \$10.00

Registration on or after May 15, 2021 <> \$20.00

The **Commander's Homecoming Banquet** is Saturday evening 6:00 PM.

The cost of the Banquet is \$42.00 per person

For Registration and or Banquet, make checks or money orders payable to:

AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA

Member/Guest Info

Name: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Post: _____ District: _____

Number Registering before May 14 _____ at \$10.00 per person: _____

Number Registering on/after May 15 _____ at \$20.00 per person: _____

Number attending Convention Banquet: _____ at \$42.00 per person: _____

Reserved Tables are available for parties of 10 people: Names are required.

PRINT THE NAMES OF ALL GUESTS YOU ARE PAYING FOR:

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Please complete and return this form via mail or fax to:

The American Legion, Department of Georgia
3035 Mt. Zion Road, Stockbridge, GA 30281
FAX: 678.289.8885

DEADLINE: Friday, May 14, 2021



Calendar of Upcoming Events 2021

April 1, 2021

April Fools Day

April 4, 2021

Easter

April 4, 2021

Passover Ends

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"

Family
Where Life & Love Never Ends



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