



Department of Georgia Auxiliary News

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A Word from the President

Pat Morgan, President – Department of Georgia

GROWING OUR FUTURE

It has been a busy and exciting couple of months since the June Convention. I have met so many wonderful members in my travels. Your leadership team attended the National Convention in Milwaukee and will be sharing the information at the Fall Conference in October.

The ALA newly elected President, Vickie Koutz, will be visiting our state October 5th-7th. She will arrive in Augusta and depart out of the Atlanta Airport. We will be visiting the VA Hospital in Augusta and Monia Michaels grave site in Monroe plus luncheons and dinners at several post during our travels. A great big thank you to all the members of the American Legion family who have agreed to assist in making this a successful event. All members are invited to attend this visit.

The Fall Conference will be October 29-30. The DEC will be held on Friday October 28 at 6pm. We are planning a mini-Leadership for Saturday. Membership and Protocol will be discussed. Also, if you have a question to enhance the development of the unit and members, please email or text to me or your 1st Vice President Cheryl. The question does not have to be related to the topics covered. The Leadership team will be available to answer your questions. There will also be index cards that you can use to write down your question or concern at the door and you can leave it with the Sgt.-at-Arms at the Fall Conference. These cards will be available on Friday night and Saturday morning. **Remember, no question is a “stupid” question. If you are thinking it, more than likely someone else is also.**

FOCUS ON THE GOOD IN ALL MEMBERS

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

Patty Hawkins



Cheryl Jackson Sinkler



2nd Vice President/Membership

Cheryl Waybright

Greetings to all!

Attracting and retaining a diverse and active membership allows the Department of Georgia to ensure the future of our organization and to support Veterans and Activity Duty Military and their families – our core purpose.

All district and unit membership chairs are a vital part of efforts to **“Grow our Future through Member Engagement.”** I cannot wait to talk to more of you by phone and zoom and to see many of you at the October Fall Conference.



The Green Flag has dropped! The race is in full throttle and as of September 8th, nine units have reached 50%

or more of their goal. **Lincolnton Unit 597 is the first unit to reach and exceed goal with Dallas Unit 111 coming on strong.** The race isn't over yet – we don't stop until the checkered flag has dropped. If you haven't figured it out yet, the National Membership theme for 2023 is **“OPEN WHEEL RACING.”**

District #1 is holding the lead and overall, Georgia has reached fourth place in the Southern Division with over 17% reached toward goal. **Let's keep the momentum going. Remember, November 11th is the Deadline for the National 100% Unit Award. December 7, 2022, Pearl Harbor Day is the goal date for the Department to be at 75%.**

Keep Revving those engines and Renew, Reinstate, Recruit, and Re-engage members to live our purpose of service not self. Membership is EVERYONE's business – make it fun for all members to help build a strong Department. Georgia hit 96.61% of the National Goal in 2022. Let's be at 100% in 2023 when that checkered flag drops on July 4th!

Attend the **Leadership Training Workshops!** District and Unit Membership chairs should join the fun and gain tips and tools as we speed through 2023. I cannot wait to see you all there! **See the list of dates and locations on page 4.**

ALA MIS System: Don't forget to make sure the correct people in your Unit are registered and able to log-in to ALAMIS. To do this, submit to Patty

Hawkins the form found on www.aladeptga.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.aladeptga.com/ALA_MIS_Program_Access_for_Units) 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>

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!

It's going to be an exciting year! **Let's do this!**

Cheryl Waybright

2nd Vice President, Membership Chairperson

Department of Georgia

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Historian

Vacant

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.

“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 2022-2023 Department of Georgia History Book Rules and the Annual Historian Report: <https://www.aladeptga.com/forms-1>.

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

Department of Georgia



Leadership Training Dates & Locations

Please make every effort to have leaders and members of your Districts and Units attend. RSVP to the Hosting District President

<u>Date</u>	<u>Dist. Host</u>	<u>Unit Host</u>	<u>Address of Unit/Training Location</u>
09/17/22	6	594	1523 Moody Road, Warner Robins, GA 31088
09/24/22	3	35	3361 N. Lumpkin Road, Columbus, GA 31903
10/01/22	11	192	275 Legion Road Evans, GA 30809
10/08/22	7	42	525 Martin Luther King Jr. St. Cartersville, GA 30120
10/15/22	5	70	120 Legion Lake Circle Villa Rica, GA 30180
11/05/22	12	13	1301 Williams Street Valdosta GA 31601
01/07/23	9	127	6196 Suwanee Dam Rd Suwanee, Ga. 30518
01/14/23	4	50	201 McIntosh Trail Peachtree City, GA 30269
01/21/23	5	145	13141 Veterans Memorial Hwy. Douglasville, GA 30134
01/28/23	10	233	4635 Atlanta Hwy. Loganville, GA 30052
02/11/23	2	30	2916 Gillionville Rd. Albany, Ga 31721



DEPARTMENT FALL CONFERENCE - DULUTH

OCTOBER 28. 29. 30. 2022

HOTEL RESERVATION & REGISTRATION

Sonesta Gwinnett Place Atlanta (Non-Smoking Hotel)
1775 Pleasant Hill Road, Duluth, GA 30096 (770-923-1775)
DEADLINE: Friday, September 2, 2022

Guest Info

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY / STATE / ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ **E-MAIL:** _____ **POST:** _____ **DISTRICT:** _____

Payment Info: Check attached is made payable to: **Sonesta Gwinnett Place Atlanta Hotel** for one-night deposit of **\$117.00** **OR** guaranteed by credit card: [circle one]: Visa MasterCard Amex

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____ MO/YR
(Credit card will not be charged until check in. You must contact the hotel within 72-hours of check-in to cancel your reservations or you will be charged).

Reservation Info: **ARRIVAL DATE:** _____ **DEPARTURE DATE:** _____

Circle One: **KING** (1-K-bed) \$117.00 **OR DOUBLE:** (2-Q-beds) \$117.00

**Price does not include taxes, fees, incidentals, etc.*

Handicap accessible room? Yes //// No //// Name(s) of other(s) sharing room: _____

The Children and Youth Banquet is Saturday evening 6:00 PM. The cost of the Banquet is \$42.00.

Registration and or Banquet Info: Make checks or money orders payable to:

AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA

Reserved Tables for parties of 10: PRINT THE NAMES OF ALL GUESTS YOU ARE PAYING FOR:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Number attending C & Y Banquet: _____	at \$42.00 per person: _____
Number Registering before Sept 3: _____	at \$10.00 per person: _____
Number Registering on/after Sept 4: _____	at \$20.00 per person: _____

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

D.E.C. Meeting Friday, 28 October 2022
DEADLINE: Friday, September 2, 2022

**National President's Theme:**

Honoring our Veterans Everyday

Department Themes:**President:**

Growing our Future in Georgia

1st Vice President (Leadership):

The Future being Built on Our Family

2nd Vice President (Membership):**Membership Theme:**

Growing our Future through Membership Engagement

Upcoming Events & Dates to Note

September 5, 2022 - Labor Day

September 11, 2022 - Patriot Day, Grandparents' Day

September 16, 2022 - POW/MIA Recognition Day

September 18, 2022 - Air Force Birthday

September 25, 2022 - Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day

October 5-7, 2022 - National President's Visit to Georgia

October 10, 2022 - Columbus Day

October 13, 2022 - Navy Birthday

October 26, 2022 - National Day of the Deployed

October 28, 2022 - Department Executive Committee Meeting

October 29 - 30, 2022 - Department Conference

October 30, 2022 - Ms. Veteran America Pageant

October 31, 2022 - Halloween

November = Military Family Month

November 6, 2022 - Daylight Saving Time ends

November 10, 2022 - Marine Corps Birthday

November 11, 2022 – Veterans Day and: Armistice Day (France), Remembrance Day (Britain) Remembrance Day (Canada)

November 24, 2022 - Thanksgiving Day



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