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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

## Secretary

Patty Hawkins



The new Membership year has started and we are off to a good start! We need to watch those numbers climb each week. We are strength in numbers and all our members are important to us. Let's just work on getting our membership in and trying our best to attract new members. Remember everyone has something to offer, find your passion and share your knowledge with others. We are all in this together working to support/honor our veterans. We have much to be thankful and proud of.

Renewal Notices went out to members September 15!

The Department Conference is October 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. The DEC will meet Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Sonesta Hotel in Duluth. The form needed for reservations in this newsletter and our website, [www.aladepgga.com](http://www.aladepgga.com). Please get these completed ASAP as they are dated. **You need to send these to the American Legion, as they are the ones who handle the rooms and reservations.**

The Department Leadership is planning on having a mini-leadership on Saturday on Membership and Protocol. Members this is a chance to get any your questions answered. Please even if you are not able to attend send your question to President Morgan or 1<sup>st</sup> VP Sinkler. Email addresses are in this newsletter.

The National Convention was held in Milwaukee, WI in August. It was a great time. We were there to take care of business and celebrating the outgoing National President and the new President Vickie Koutz. President Koutz will be visiting GA. October 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. We are having to make some changes on some of the events we had planned because of flight schedules. We will post the plans with the updates. All members are invited to attend the visits.

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

Cheryl Jackson Sinkler



Hello Leaders of the ALA,

Greetings to you ALL. I pray all are well and in good spirit.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our Leadership training. I announced in the August Newsletter, the first Leadership training will be held on September 10<sup>th</sup>. However, that Unit has changed their Leadership training to a later date. Therefore, the next Unit scheduled for training will be September 17<sup>th</sup> at Unit 594 in Warner Robins.

There will be a great deal of information given at the trainings. Please write down any questions you may have during the training and hold till the end. There will be a question-and-answer session at the end of each training session.

At the Fall Conference we will have a leadership training covering two topics. The two topics on the agenda will be **Protocol and Membership**. At the END of this training, you may ask questions. Also, prior to the training we are providing index cards to write your questions before hand. Please limit your questions to the topics being discussed.

**Please go to page 4** for a list of Leadership Training dates. Please attend one of these training sessions in your district. As always it is my pleasure and honor to serve as your Leadership Chairperson!

**Keep in mind that a great leader is also a great listener.**

**Cheryl Jackson-Sinkler**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Leadership Chairperson**

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](#) 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.aladeptg.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](mailto: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

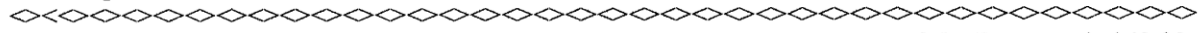
Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ MO/YR  
 (Credit card will not be charged until check in. You must contact the hotel within 72-hours of check-in **to cancel your reservations** or you will be charged).

**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:**

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<b>Number attending C &amp; Y Banquet:</b> _____	at \$42.00 per person: _____
<b>Number Registering</b> before Sept 3: _____	at \$10.00 per person: _____
<b>Number Registering</b> 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 Everday

**Department Themes:**

**President:**  
 Growing our Future in Georgia

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (Leadership):**  
 The Future being Built on Our Family

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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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