

DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA AUXILIARY NEWS

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A Word from the President

By Valerie Brown-Debro, Department President



March Newsletter

Greeting ALA Angels, this time last year everything was shut down due to the pandemic. We have lost so many family members and loved ones due to COVID-19. Our world has totally changed the way we do things. We went from meeting in place to virtual meeting on the computer. We had no clue of how we were going to function and today, by the grace of God, we have vaccines that are available to cut down the curb of the virus.

We held a Zoom DEC meeting and our committee ratified the appointment of our **Department Chaplain, Denise Smith**, Congratulations and welcome to the ALA family! This appointment is for the term 2020-2021. We also have a new **Community Service Chairperson, Rosa Scott** and **Convention Credential Chair, Gail Ramey**. Thank you, ladies, for accepting the appointments. **We still have Children and Youth Chairperson position Open**

We also held a Girls State Zoom meeting, information on holding a possible virtual Girls State for 2021 will be updated, look out for updates following this newsletter. Our Department of Georgia will have a **Spring DEC - Department Executive Committee meeting** scheduled at our headquarters on March 20th from 10:00 - 1:00. Information will be sent out to the voting DEC members due to limited space. It will be great to see so many of you in person.

Committee Chairpersons - Its time to start collecting those annual reports. Send out emails to District Presidents and pass it on to the Units as a reminder to complete an annual report with pictures, I know we had limitations, but we're still able to work our programs.

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ALA National held their Mid- NEC - National Executive Committee meeting via Zoom on Feb 27th, they added two New Committees. "Inclusion & Diversity Committee & National Code of Ethical Conduct Special Review" **The Inclusion & Diversity** was created to open an important dialogue within our membership. Working to figure out where we are and where we want to be, develop inclusion and diversity goals and strategies, involve member in discussion on inclusion and diversity, and expand leadership opportunities for all.

The National Code of Ethical Conduct Special Review Committee will review the existing Code of Ethical Conduct, develop procedures for addressing violations and recommend any changes to ALA Constitution & Bylaws.

If you are interested in holding an ALA National Officer position, this is the time to submit your application, contact our Department Secretary for an application. Learning about our organization and strengthening your skills to serve is available on ALA Academy. There are live webinars and the ALA Academy offers a self-paced course that you can take day or night at your own pace. Join in on the fun, it's a great way to strengthen your skills to serve our veterans, military and their families. Spring is in the Air, don't forget to turn your clocks forward on March 14th. Daylight Savings.

Looking forward to a brighter future, For God and Country.

Valerie Brown-Debro

Secretary

By Patty Hawkins, Department Secretary

Membership:

Please remember that to be a member in good standing your 2021 Dues must be paid.

We have been trying to hold meetings by Zoom or tele-conference. We have business we must conduct to carry on, so if you are on the DEC please do your best to join us. We need your input. When we have one an email is sent out so be on the look-out for them.

We are planning on having a DEC Conference on March 20th, 10am-1pm at Department Headquarters, hopefully to take care of business. We will be taking temperatures and everyone must wear a mask. We can only have a limited number of people, due to rules set by the Governor.

We are going to try to have a Department Convention in June at the Sonesta Hotel in Duluth. The forms needed for reservations are in this newsletter. I will also have it on our website, www.aladeptha.com.

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? We are hoping to have a Convention but time will tell. Tickets are provided in this newsletter.

Are you doing Buddy Checks on your members and friends? It is important to touch bases with all our members, especially our elderly who don't get to venture out. Just a quick Hello, How are you doing, it goes along way. Put a smile on someone's face today

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

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

I hope everyone is doing well. Remember even though we are not together we can still do our part in mentoring our members through email, conference calls and zoom meetings. Continue to do Buddy checks on the members in your Unit. As the COVID-19 Vaccine continues to be rolled out, hopefully we can start to open and meet again. Looking forward to when we can all get together again.

Continue to watch for the National webinars. All the webinars that I have attended so far have been outstanding and highly informative. All webinars that have already occurred are available on the National Website. Have you checked out the new National Website? If not log on and browse through.

Anyone wanting to serve on a committee or chairmanship for the 2021-2022 year please contact me, I will also be contacting those that were interested last year. Pre-orders for shirts and pins for the 2021-2022 year are available, anyone interested in me forwarding you the order form or ordering a shirt please contact me either by phone or email.

Remember your 2019-2021, year- end reports will consist of 2 years and is due to Department Chairman no later than May 1st.

For God and Country

Susan Hall

1st Vice President

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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. I think 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.

**Thank you,
Patty**

Department 2nd Vice President

By Pat Morgan

Hello Angels, I hope this finds all of you well and safe. As we are now in March, hopefully soon it will be warm weather and sunny days.

Congratulations to the 16 units that have reached 100% or more. Several units are so close to making goal. I know we still have post and units that have not had a meeting in a year. One idea to encourage members to pay their dues is to hold a drive-thru no contact membership drive. This will assist those with Covid concerns and also get the membership in.

Each of you are doing an amazing job during such difficult and trying times. You have overcome and adapted and kept membership rolling in and have even recruiting new members which is awesome.

Thank you for all your continued efforts and if 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



Hello All,

I pray everyone is staying protected and safe. I continue to pray for those who are impacted by the Pandemic. Please email me any correspondence of history of your Unit. I would like to highlight in April's newsletter. This will give other Units ideas on how to continue moving forward during these times. March is “Women's History Month”, and I have featured our 1st National President for the American Legion Auxiliary, Mrs. Edith Hobart.

SAVE THE DATE: You can honor our military children on April 15 with the designated holiday: Purple Up! Day.

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EDITH IRWIN HOBART
ALA NOTABLE

The first American Legion Auxiliary national president

Under her leadership, the National Headquarters was established in Indianapolis

Organized relief in 1914 when World War I broke out

Was the Department of Ohio's first president

She assisted with the establishment of a national hospital system for veterans

Former president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution

First official ALA appearance was at the burial of the Unknown Soldier

Patriotism is not just being. It's doing.

American Legion Auxiliary national president (1921-1922)

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

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.aladdeptga.com under Member Resources.



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.aladdeptga.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.



Welcome to the American Legion Auxiliary!



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NATIONAL
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www.ALAFforVeterans.org
www.ALAFoundation.org

OUR MISSION:

In the spirit of Service Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad.

For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

*In the Spirit
of Service Not Self*

Thank you for becoming part of the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA)! Here is an overview of who we are and what we do, but there is so much more about why we matter. We encourage you to take our free online orientation, "ALA 101," the first course in our ALA Academy. These online courses provide our members with information to help us better serve our mission. Log in today at www.ALAFforVeterans.org/ALA-Academy.

We have so much useful information available for members on the national ALA website. Accessing free information for members only is as easy as creating a username and password. Simply click on "Log In" at the top-right corner of our homepage at www.ALAFforVeterans.org, and thousands of helpful resources are at your fingertips.



OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE AMERICAN LEGION

The ALA was founded in 1919 to support The American Legion, the largest organization of U.S. wartime veterans. Our mutual purpose is to make life better for our veterans, military, and their families. We work steadfastly, side by side, promoting patriotism and national security while supporting youth and advocating for those who have served our country.

ALA UNITS

The American Legion Auxiliary unit is where grassroots work of the Auxiliary takes place. There are more than 8,000 ALA units nationwide. At the local level,

The American Legion is called a post, and the Auxiliary is called a unit. All ALA units are attached to a Legion post, taking its name, location, and number (e.g., John P. Hand American Legion Auxiliary Unit 250), but units are not obligated to meet at the Legion post. If the post is no longer active, a unit may continue to function as what's called a widow unit. Sons of The American Legion groups within Legion posts at the community level are referred to as squadrons.

A note about ALA membership dues
An American Legion Auxiliary member's dues are made up of three portions, representing the three levels of our organization — national, department (state), and unit. The dues amount listed on your renewal notice is a total of these three portions. Membership dues are paid annually and can be paid directly to your unit or by calling ALA National Headquarters at (317) 569-4570, or by logging in to your profile on the national website at www.ALAFforVeterans.org and paying your dues online.

The Auxiliary membership year is January 1 to December 31. Members pay dues prior to the start of the upcoming membership year, and many units start collecting dues six months in advance.



UNIT OFFICERS

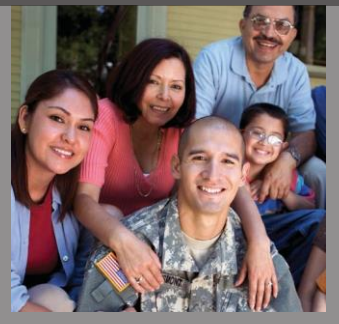
Each ALA unit has a set of officers. Your unit can tell you more about the members who hold these offices, along with their specific responsibilities. *The American Legion Auxiliary Unit Guidebook*, available at www.ALAforVeterans.org, also provides information about how a unit functions.



ALA NATIONAL PROGRAMS/ COMMITTEES

The following is a list of all national-level programs/committees in the ALA. Departments and units may have all of these programs, some, or additional committees included in their activities. Please visit www.ALAforVeterans.org for more information on ALA programs.

- H** Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
- H** Legislative
- H** Poppy
- H** Children & Youth
- H** Community Service
- H** Junior Activities
- H** Education
- H** Americanism
- H** ALA Girls Nation
- H** National Security
- H** Membership
- H** Auxiliary Emergency Fund
- H** Leadership
- H** Public Relations
- H** Constitution & Bylaws
- H** Finance
- H** Audit Committee



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is The American Legion Family?

The American Legion Family is comprised of The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, and Sons of The American Legion. The Legion Family also includes American Legion Riders, a program of American Legion Family members for motorcycle enthusiasts. While members of The American Legion Family are individually unique, collectively we are a multimillion-member powerhouse of caring advocates dedicated to service.



What are the advantages of American Legion Auxiliary membership?

The ALA is a remarkable organization with nearly 100 years of service to veterans and the nation's communities. In addition to the personal gratification



and rewards gained in voluntary service, there are many tangible benefits for members of the ALA. Members receive a complimentary subscription to the Auxiliary's national quarterly magazine and have exclusive access to a wide variety of discount services and supplemental insurance products. Members can also receive discounts on vehicles, prescriptions, rental cars, restaurants, department stores, and popular entertainment venue tickets. The Auxiliary Emergency Fund is a national grant assistance program that provides temporary emergency help to eligible members of the American Legion Auxiliary who have suffered a significant financial setback as the result of an act of nature or other personal crisis.

What if I need to update my name and/or address? Can I do this online?

Members whose dues are current can create an account to log in to the Members Only area on the national website to update their name, mailing address, phone number, and email address at any time. If log-in assistance is needed, email ALAMIShelp@ALAforVeterans.org.

I paid my ALA dues. Why haven't I received my membership card?

Units are to provide members their card upon payment of dues. Members who have paid their dues but have not received their membership cards need to contact their unit or department headquarters. The National Organization ships pre-printed membership cards for the upcoming membership year to each department prior to their annual department convention dates (usually between May and July) so that departments can distribute the cards to their units at that time.

How do I find my member ID number?

New senior members receive a 'Thank you for joining' postcard after they join. Their member ID number is located on the address label of this postcard. A member's ID number is also listed on the address label of their quarterly *Auxiliary* magazine. Members can email membership@ALAforVeterans.org to request their ID number. Members will need their ID number in order to create their online profile on the national website.

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
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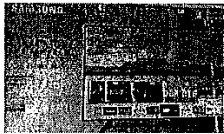
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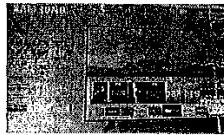
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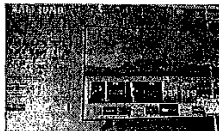
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Hotel Reservation Form

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

March 5, 2021	Employee Appreciation Day
March 8, 2021	Int'l Women Day
March 14, 2021	Daylight Saving Time
March 17, 2021	Saint Patrick's Day
March 20, 2021	Start of Spring
March 27, 2021	Passover Starts
March 28, 2021	Palm Sunday

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"

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