

# DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA AUXILIARY NEWS



## A Word from the President

By Valerie Brown-Debro, Department President

### CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

What an amazing time we shared at the Fall conference. Thank you to all of the ladies that were in attendance and to those who were there in spirit. On Friday, we held our DEC meeting which was very interesting. However, we accomplished quite a bit. Make sure to do your homework on the topic at hand! On Saturday, we kicked off the celebration having fun with a few skits "When you are a leader be correct, use Parliamentary Procedures" and "Frankfurter Sisterhood" skit on New Members. I sent a copy to all of your District President's to share with every Unit within their District.

Our Angel Chairpersons presided over the committees, who gave their reports and contact information. Remember the **deadlines** for your reporting, **December 15<sup>th</sup>** and **May 1<sup>st</sup>** Yearbooks are due by **February 15<sup>th</sup>**.

Thank you to everyone that donated items for the Fall raffle and bided on the items. We collected \$649 from the items donated and \$1162 from the wine/spirit basket. A total of \$1,811 and still receiving donations. Congratulations to the winner of the Wine Basket from Post 123, George Gray. We are still selling tickets for the Wine and Spirit Basket, that will be raffled at Spring conference. We have tickets for the pillows, quilts and tablets, ask your District President to request the tickets. I can't wait to see how much we are going to raise for our veterans.

The Department of Georgia's Adjutant challenged the Auxiliary, **Units** and **Districts** that raises the most money to donate to the ALA Department fundraiser, he will come out to your **meeting "Dressed as a Woman"**. Ladies, remember your pledge, we are all in this together. We took a group photo branding our red shirts and everyone that attended the Fall Conference received the National President, Nicole Clapp's pin and photo with a cupcake as they exit the room. During the evening we celebrated our Youth Award Banquet, honoring the Boys & Girls State Governor and Senator and the Eagle Scout of the year.

The American Legion Auxiliary will turn **100 on Nov. 10, 2019**. The (ALA) 100th Anniversary creates an opportunity to reflect on the past and showcase our success and contributions. We will celebrate our Centennial during the 2019-2020 administrative Year. Please share your event by sending your pictures to our secretary Patty, in JPEG format.

**Taking us back in History-** The American Legion held its first National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 10-12, 1919, at that time they adopted a constitution under which a women's Auxiliary to The American Legion was recognized. The call for the first National Convention of the women Auxiliary was issued by John G. Emery, National Commander of the American Legion, when the convention met

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in Kansas City, Missouri, November 1-2, 1921. Representatives were present from practically every state in the Union, and from two foreign possessions.

A National Constitution and Bylaws patterned after those adopted by the American Legion were approved. The original name of the organization was "Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion" and **was changed to American Legion Auxiliary**" after the adoption of Section 1, Article XIII of The American Legion 's constitution. The Auxiliary was incorporated under the laws of the state of Indiana on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1932.

**The history of the Auxiliary's Birthday-** It was moved by Mrs. Robert Lincoln Hoyal and seconded by Mrs. W. Graydon Painter that the American Legion Auxiliary designate as its birth date, November 10, 1919, the date that The American Legion authorized the formation of this organization. Mrs. Mark W. Murrill moved, that the words and that such date be established after consultation with the American Legion which brought us into being, being added. The motion as amended was carried, (Res. Com. Rep., National Convention 1954, Washington, DC.

The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veteran's organization. Focusing on service to veterans, service members and communities. The American Legion committee determined that the best way to build an effective auxiliary was to build from ground up creating a new patriotic women's organization to work with the Legion. In fulfillment of our Mission, the American Legion Auxiliary, to support and advocate for veterans, active military and their families.

# Secretary

By Patty Hawkins, Department Secretary

*May all our members and their families have a safe and Blessed Thanksgiving.*

**Challenge: The Unit that has the most 10 x 10 Award winners will be recognize in the newsletter with their picture.**

The Annual Program Reports have been updated and are loaded on the website. The Due Date for Mid-Year is December 15<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 for year end reports. Please make sue you send them to the Chairperson who is to get them, as their names are on the report. All the Rules and Regulations for Awarding Department Trophies have been upadated and is on the website.

The Department will be hosting our National President Nicole Clapp December 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. We hope everyone who can will join us in making her feel welcome. Her schedule and Bio/Preferences will be posted on the website. We will also be having Southern Division National Vice Commander, David King from Kentucky visiting with us during the tour. It looks like a lot of fun ahead of us.

Members Tell Me All The Time They Need Training, well Here Is Your Chance. We Have Department Leadership Beginning with Registration At 9am And Commence At 2:30pm.

## LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

NOVEMBER 23, 2019	DISTRICT 5 – UNIT 294 POWDER SPRINGS	9AM
JANUARY 18, 2020	DISTRICT 5 – UNIT 160 SMYRNA	9AM
JANUARY 25, 2020	DISTRICT 8 - UNIT 69 ALMA	9AM
FEBRUARY 1, 2020	DISTRICT 3 – UNIT 35 COLUMBUS (TENTATIVE)	
FEBRUARY 8, 2020	DISTRICT 2 – UNIT 30 ALBANY	9AM

### NEWS from VA& R Chairman Miriam Stein

#### National Vice President Kathy Daudistel to Visit GA

She will be arriving on December 1<sup>st</sup> by car. Her reservation's will be made at Double Tree in Augusta and will be paid for by Unit 178.

We will be taking her out to Supper on Sunday to the Harbor Inn. Monday morning, Kathy will visit the Uptown VA for the Gift Shop at 8AM with luncheon provided at the VA. For Supper that will be at Unit 178, 3219 Richmond Hill Rd., Augusta 30906. She will be departing for home on Tuesday Morning.

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

By Susan Hall, Dept. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

*Thank you all that attended the Fall Conference it was a fun and informative conference. Please remember to take a moment on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11am to remember all those that have fought and are fighting for our freedom.*

*There will only be one leadership workshop for November it will be held on November 23<sup>st</sup> at 9 am, at Unit 294 Powder Springs. We have many things happening over the next two months with Christmas Gift Shops, National Presidents Visit and Hospital Visits so the leadership workshops have slowed down but will pick up full swing in January.*

*If you can attend one you will truly enjoy it and come away with a different perspective. If you have not signed up to attend the National Mission Training to be held in Orlando, FL. In January and Nashville, Tenn. Please do so, at [alaforveterans.org](http://alaforveterans.org).*

*I hope everyone has a blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends. If I can be of assistance, please don't hesitate to call or email.*

*"Leadership does not depend on being right"*

*Ivan Illich*

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## Past President Parlay Fundraiser

And the winners are.....1<sup>st</sup> Place Susie Mash Unit 251, \$400 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Unit 233, Loganville, \$200. I want to thank each of you for participating in and contributing to this fundraiser. We made a total fo \$1,145.75 and after payout of \$600 we deposited \$545.75 into our PPP for nursing scholarships.

I asked each of you to hold some type of fund raiser to be donated specifically to our PPP Nursing Scholarships. This is a very worthwhile cause and is appreciated so much by all our recipients. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 770-846-4454 or email [Anitia@bellsouth.net](mailto:Anitia@bellsouth.net) . I look forward to continuing to work with you on this program.

For God and Country

Anitia Quigg, PPP Chairperson

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Membership

By Pat Morgan, Department 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

I hope everyone enjoyed our Fall Conference and took back to their units and districts valuable information. I urge units to work into their next meeting the membership skit that was performed. How many saw themselves in this skit! If you need a copy, please let me know and I will send it to you.

I would like to congratulate Unit #312 in Thomson (District 11) for being the first unit to make 100% National and Department Goal. Unit 305 in Fairmont (District 7) has also met the National Goal. These units are eligible to receive \$100 from National. The Department has 4 units that are only 1 away from meeting National's goal of 1 member of last year's ending membership by the Auxiliary birthday on November 10, 2019 and 6 units short 5 or less from meeting the Department goal. Also, join me in congratulating Miriam Stein for achieving the 10X10 award. She has also reached the first goal of the Recruit/Rejoin 5.

19 units are still on zero. I challenge all District Presidents to contact her units and urge the units to submit the unit officer's membership. This will set an example for their members and will get the unit off zero.

Happy Thanksgiving to all! I wish for each of you to have a Happy and Blessed Holiday with family and friends.

If I can assist you in any way, please free to contact me by email at [pimorga@aol.com](mailto:pimorga@aol.com) or at 2229 Johnson Short Rd., Quitman, GA 31643.

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**“Angels Working As One  
For Veterans”**



## HISTORIAN CORNER

By Cheryl Jackson Sinkler, Department Historian

The best history doesn't just sit behind a glass case; it helps us to understand what's outside the case.

It was great to see many of you at the Fall Conference. I'm sure many of you have attended and recorded events since the beginning of the new term. This should be a part of your history reports.

We've had several Units to host 100 Year Anniversary of the American Legion Auxiliary. I hope each Unit Historian is recording information pertinent to your Units and putting that information in your history reports.

There are several events we all are preparing for and there are many events many of you will attend. Some of these events are Halloween parties for the children and dances for the adults, POW remembrances, and Veterans Day celebrations. Many Units will be part of Veterans Day parade or members will support as a bystander. Or, if you are not a part of a parade, then Units may host Veterans Day programs within your Posts! Whatever you decide on this day, I'm sure we all have the same purpose and that is to honor our Veterans.

Remember, this is the time of year when our Veterans feel alone. Please take time out of your busy schedules to visit a veteran.

Keep in mind your reports due date of 12-15 is approaching quickly. Come on all, I will like to see an influx of Unit reporting's.

I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

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# Department Chaplain

By: Gloria Smith Fox

Thoughts from the Chaplain...

Today as I am "reminded again" to get my report ready for the monthly newsletter...I realize with all we do that a calendar is a MUST! Right? I have a book and one on my phone, and try to sync them up so as to not miss appointments. But that sadly doesn't always work.

But isn't that the way we all are at times? Busy running around with the normal life stuff...work, kids, house chores, cooking for one or 100...and the list goes on and on. Sometimes I find God puts a door stop to hang up the door from opening and closing so much. Just to slow us down, or He's very clever in finding drastic ways to stop us. Just so we can listen to what He needs us to hear.

With the coming holidays approaching fast, just like the clock ticking away too fast, or too much to do in one day, or all the plans from last year to do this year not done yet....You get the picture? Just take the time to breathe, drink that cup of coffee while it is hot, read that devotional or daily verse, make that phone call to check on your friends, make a list of things to do...pray. Get better organized, understand what is important, and why.

Ponder on these verses: And if children, then heirs-heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. Romans 8:17-18

-Chaplain's mid-year report due by Dec 15, 2019.

-Check out our new Facebook page - Dept of GA American Legion Auxiliary Chaplains. Please join...not just for Chaplains, but all of our wonderful Auxiliary members.

-Have a wonderfully blessed and safe Thanksgiving holiday all month, not just on Thanksgiving Day!

Love to all,  
Gloria Smith Fox  
Dept of GA Auxiliary Chaplain



## ALA MIS PROGRAM ACCESS for Units/District Membership

**Monies are DUE into Dept when Access is Requested.**

The fee is \$10 per year per person (2 per Unit). This is the fee National charges. Forms are on the website or call the Department for copies. Due to the enforced rules all forms must be completed and signed by 5 current Unit Officer. At no time is an authorized person using ALA MIS is to share their password with anyone. If a person needs to be changed please send in a new form right away. Please let us know ASAP. If Unit wants to continue having access to the ALA MIS the department must receive new forms and \$10 for each person per calendar year.

**New:** District Presidents can now have access to all the Units in their districts. This will be a read only and cannot make any changes. The fee is \$10 and will be good until December.

## American Legion Auxiliary Honor Our Female Veterans

For Female Veterans who join as new members for the 2020 Membership Year, the national portion of dues (\$12) will be waived for their first year of membership.

The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Georgia voted at our Fall Conference in 2015, for Female Veterans who join as new members for the 2020 Membership Year, the Department's portion will also be waived for their first year of membership.

Some of the Units are waiving their membership portion as well.

Ladies this is one way we can Honor Our Female Veterans and build our membership. Lets' make them feel welcome!

American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Georgia  
Georgia Girls State

Bulletin # 1

November 2019

**Georgia Girls State will be held in Statesboro, Georgia at Georgia Southern University**

June 7-12, 2020

**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 chairmen, 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 \$300.00** per girl to the American Legion Auxiliary Department Headquarters, 3035 Mt. Zion Road, Stockbridge, GA 30281 **before April 20, 2020** to assure space for your girls. Call the director for late payments of fees. Please do not hold the fees to make sure the girl plans to attend. Please DO NOT hold your unit check to make sure your girls are attending. This really hurts our program. 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. Parents nor family members should not pay the fee for their daughter.

**DISTRICTS:** Each district is to elect a counselor and pay \$300.00 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. I need counselors: Please contact me if interested!!

**APPLICATIONS:** The 2020 online application will be available on the website on February 20, 2020. UNITS must open an account and enter girls' names and email addresses into the system. Also, the school name and email address of the High School counselor in charge of the student must be entered. The girls and the school counselor will then receive an email with a link to the application and a password so that they can go to the online application and complete it. The parent waiver and medical history will be done on line; the parent uses the same user name which is the girls' email address and password as the girl. Please make sure the girls use a personal email address like yahoo or gmail. The emails that are issued by the school for a student sometimes do not allow them to open a link.

**OPENING AN ACCOUNT:** [www.georgiagirlsstate.org](http://www.georgiagirlsstate.org) You should use a 3 digit user name which is your unit number. For single or double digit unit numbers, you must put zeros in front so that it has 3 digits. For example, Unit 6 would have a user name of 006. Please make your password simple. Do not open multiple accounts. If something goes wrong when opening your account, we can solve the problem. I will answer my phone if you call or call you back asap if you leave a message or if you send me a text. Please do not tell schools, parents, or students to open an account.

**WEBSITE:** [www.georgiagirlsstate.org](http://www.georgiagirlsstate.org) Find information and all documents needed for girls' packets.

**EMAIL:** Georgia Girls State email: [georgiagirlsstate@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:barnettgabriele@hotmail.com) Application manager: Cynthia Orms: (478) 232-4831

**APRIL 20, 2020 Checks for \$300.00 per girl due to the Department Headquarters.**

**May 10, 2020** Complete online applications

**June 7, 2020 Arrival at Girls State between 1:00 and 3:00 PM**

**June 12, 2020 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.

Deedy Harrell, Director

## UNIT REVITALIZATION

### GETTING BACK TO BASICS

The future of the American Legion Auxiliary is in your hands. Yes! You! Each and every one of you!

*Ask yourself:*

Where will my Unit be in five years?

What kind of investment in the future am I willing to make?

We can promote the growth and well-being of our units. And we can do that by getting back to the basics.

Our purpose is to serve God and Country. Our motto is **Service Not Self** and our mission is to enhance the lives of veterans, service members and their families.

Anyone who encounters the American Legion Auxiliary, for whatever reason, is entitled to respect and courtesy. Do we **need** to like everyone in our Unit? Of course not; we are all individuals and our likes and dislikes are what set us apart. **But we do have a responsibility to treat each member with courtesy and respect.**

*Ask yourself:*

When someone new enters your Unit, do you acknowledge them and make them feel welcome?

When someone unknown comes to a meeting or participates in a volunteer project, do you ignore them?

Are you part of a small group that sits together at meetings?

Do you treat others as you would like to be treated?

What message do you want to send to prospective members?

*Let's try this:*

At your next Unit meeting or function, introduce yourself to someone alone or unknown to you. Find out something about them: their name, where they live, in what branch their veteran served, and in what programs they might be interested in participating. Be friendly and make them feel welcome because we want them to be a part of our great organization.

For God and Country, Sarah Zingarelli, chairperson



# 9-11 ANGEL CARE BAGS FOR HOMELESS FEMALE VETERANS 2019-2020 WISH LIST

## PERSONAL ITEMS

- Tampons (plastic applicator, mixed strength) or sanitary napkins
- Facial wash Daily mini pads Body wash or soap or oil Wet wipes, face wipes, makeup remover wipes Body mist or perfume Lip gloss, lipstick or Chap stick or Neutrogena SPF 20 lip balm
- Deodorant (stick only) Toothbrush, Toothpaste, dental floss, Mouthwash, Body lotion,
- Good razors, shaving gel (non-aerosol) Baby powder, Nail file, clippers, Foot cream or powder
- Q-Tips, cotton balls - Eye drops - Hand sanitizer- Insect repellent - Band-Aids, Icy Hot pads or gel Neutral makeup, Eye shadow, YES, Brand Products! particularly facial cleansing & moisturizer wipes

## HAIR PRODUCTS

- Hair ties, Bobby pins, Clips, Comb, brush, Head bands, Bonnets, Shampoo & Conditioner, Mousse or styling gel, Moisturizing Hair oil grease.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- A token reminder of Seasonal holiday \* Pens \* Note Paper \* Tote Bags \* Purses
- Cards - Letters or notes Thanking them for their service
- Cross word puzzles – Deck of Cards
- Pocket mirror
- Comfy black or brown soft socks/ footsies
- Teddy Bear

*All items will be donated to our local Domiciliary & Shelter for Female Veterans.*

## **STATISTICS: Homeless women veterans in Georgia slowly, steadily rise in numbers.**

Georgia Homelessness Statistics. As of January 2018, had an estimated **9,499** experiencing homelessness on any given day. Female veterans are the fastest growing segment of the homeless veteran population. While the exact number of homeless female veterans is unknown, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (**HUD**) requires an annual count of homeless people in communities across the country known as the Point-in-Time Count. On a single night in January 2014, volunteers identified **4,722** female veterans representing 10 percent of the total homeless veteran population. The number of homeless female veterans has more than tripled since 2006 when 1,380 women were counted. Despite the fact that women veterans have not been treated equal, so say that they are more likely to be underemployed than their civilian counterparts, more likely to commit suicide, and more likely to end up homeless. **Don't underestimate the POWER & STRENGTH OF WOMAN.** We are the link that connects the bond. We can do all things through Christ Who strengthens us.





**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"**

## Calendar of Upcoming Events 2019

November 3, 2019	Daylight Saving Time (Turn back clocks)
November 5, 2019	Election Day
November 10, 2019	<b>Happy Birthday, ALA! 100<sup>th</sup></b> <b>US Marine Corps Birthday</b>
November 11, 2019	Veterans Day
November 28, 2019	Thanksgiving Day
March 19 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2020	Spring Conference Sonesta Gwinnett DEC Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> 6:00PM
June 18 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2020	Department Convention Sonesta Gwinnett DEC Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> 6:00PM

**Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday American Legion Auxiliary!!!!**  
**"A Century worth Celebrating"**  
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