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DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA AUXILIARY NEWS

A Word from the President

By Valerie Brown-Debro, Department President





Greetings Angels, this time last year, we had a lot to celebrate, planning for the Four Chaplains Programs, in February Valentine's Day, Honoring Presidents Day and Black History Month celebrations and attending Washington D.C conference. Now with just a month away, we would have been preparing for our Department Spring Conference. We still have plenty of items that we are raffling, the 64' TV, Quilts, Pillows, Wine & Liquor baskets just to name a few.

Thank God for technology, which has afforded us the opportunity to still get things done, just in a different way. We have conference calls for communication and Zoom meetings for virtual settings. Still the old fashion telephone, just pick up the phone and reach out to say hello to our ALA Sisters and social media tools, such as Facebook for those who use the internet. Some Units still have meetings at their local units, practicing social distancing and following the CDC guidelines.

When things change, we must be able to embrace new ways of doing things, thinking out of the box.

Remembering the 5 W's and H. Who, What, When, Where, Why and sometimes How? Asking ourselves, why do we serve. As life affords us the opportunity to breathe and move about, some of us are still able to get out and others are staying at home. Should you decide to go out and about, please practice social distancing and make wise decisions. We can still serve our veterans, families and communities by creating safe atmospheres. I would love to hear from our members.

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How you are doing in this pandemic? Send me your response, phone, text, email, Facebook, I want to hear from you.

- Who are you assisting?
- What ways have you found that works for you in serving.?
- When you go out in the community do you follow CDC guidelines?
- Where are you volunteering?
- How do you make it happen?

Have you checked out National's website? They have updated and added a lot of new things. This is a great time to review your website, read your Constitution Bylaws and Standing Rules. It's that time of the year where resolutions are created, recommendations are made and planning for New Officers and Committees. Updating and keeping things current in our Department, District and Units. conforming to our ALA National organization.

I look forward in serving together with you, May God continue to Bless you and God Bless America

Valerie Brown-Debro ALA Department President



Secretary

By Patty Hawkins, Department Secretary

Membership:

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

Renewal notices have been sent out again in January, so we are hoping to see an increase in membership renewals. Are you working your membership and trying to attract new members? How about an old member that hasn't renewed? Some people just need a phone call to remind them of the importance of what we do for our veterans and families to renew. We all are in this together and membership is our survival. We have lost a lot of members but we can work to get them back as well as new ones. We can do this. Great Gift Idea!! Pay someone's 2021 membership.

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.

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.

Are you doing Buddy Checks on your members and friends? It is important to touch bases with all our members, especially our eldery 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.

We are raffling off the TV that Judy Lively gave back to the department. So if you need tickets just let me know.

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 Valentine'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.

Continue to watch for the National webinars the next one will be on the Junior Patch program. 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 will be available on March 1st, anyone interested in me forwarding you the order form 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 Suem_66@yahoo.com 508-944-0791



2nd Vice President/Membership

By Pat Morgan, Department 2nd VP

Hello Georgia Angels!!

Thank you for being so dedicated during these unprecedented times and by trying to be creative and working our mission.

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, a great Valentine would be a membership renewal reminder enclosed in a Valentine Card. Also, a simple phone call of "we've missed you" would go a long way.

Even though we are in the midst of a pandemic and a lot of our units and post are not open, we can still work membership to retain those faithful members.

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,



"Study the past if you would define the future."

Hello EVERYONE!!!

We are still amid this pandemic! We have many who are going through tough times, with family members and friends who are ill and those who have lost love ones. This is the time to reflect on what is important and what really matters. Reach out to those you have not communicated with in a while. During these times depression is at an all-time high. I regret to write regarding the passing of icons who were Past Presidents for the Department of GA and who assisted in paving a path for those following and taking the reigns as did they. These ladies will be missed very much I'm sure!

We had 2 Zoom meetings scheduled and could not get a quorum to continue with business that needed to be discussed. Please remember in order to continue our Organizations progression we must keep in mind without participation there is no progression. Please do not allow Coronavirus to be the reason we give up on the Organization. Zoom meetings enables access from the comfort of your home. I realize there have been major changes in many of our lives, mine included. I am guilty of falling by the wayside but have made a promise to be more active as I have not. I did join both meetings with my schedule being as hectic as it is. Trust me I understand. Come back!! We need you!!!

This month featured Unit:

Milltown Unit 336 in Lakeland Georgia was charted on March 25, 2015. The first organizational meeting to establish this unit was held in November of 2014 with 6 people interested in establishing the Unit present. The meeting was held to establish the unit, membership, officers, and the constitution and by laws for the new unit. A meeting was held each month in a small room behind a restaurant in Lakeland on the 2nd Monday of each month. Eventually we began to meet at the same time and place as the Legion. The first elected President for the unit was Susan Hall who led the unit for the first 3 years. During those three years the unit received several Department awards:

The Tillie Davis 1st place award for 2 years in row, the Kitty Barrett Constitution and Bylaws award, the Judy Thompson Poppy Trophy, the Lillian Clifford 1st place leadership award, the 2nd place unit President Trophy and the 100%-unit Plaque. The Unit began with 13 Seniors and 3 Junior members. 7 of the Original Chartered members are still active members today, several have either passed away or moved out of the area. The Unit now has 20 Senior members and 4 Junior members. Our focus in the unit is taking care of our local veterans, contributing to the comfort of the veterans at the Lake City VA Medical Center through our poppy drive that is held on Memorial Day and Veterans Day every year. We are still a young and growing unit, so we focus on membership, leadership to help members learn about the organization and specific roles each member and officer has within the organization. Through our short span we have contributed to helping the Legion and Sons of the American Legion with their programs, marched in the Memorial Day, Veterans Day and local Christmas Parades.

Written by Susan Hall, 1st Vice President, Department of GA 2019-2021

Thank you and please mask up and be safe!!

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Chocolates for each of you!!

Department Chaplain

A Valentine's Prayer

I said a Valentine prayer for you And asked the Lord God above To fill your heart and bless your soul With the precious gift of holy love.

I asked Him for sincere and selfless love
The kind that's meant to stay
Just like the like the clean and generous love
You give to those you touch each day.

I prayed for love from family
And from every cherished friend
Then I asked
The Lord Jesus
To give you
His same love
That knows no end.

Happy Valentined's Day to all!



And 1 do too. 😊 Patty



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY CHILDREN & YOUTH



SOUTHERN DIVISION NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2021

Hello ladies of the Southern Division,

A big shout out to everyone in the Southern Division for 100% mid-year reporting. As our National Chairman Lisa said:" By hook and by crook, the Southern Division can now boast 100% reporting for Mid-Year". The last report finally came in 4 days after the due date. Ladies, I know we won't have the same delay for the year-end reporting in May. A lot of times we forget what we do can be reported under the Children & Youth program. During these trying times I know every Department did something to support school children, i.e. providing school supplies, food, Halloween candy, Christmas gifts etc. If you forwarded the instructions on how to download the Halloween Safety book or nominated one child for a Youth Hero or Good Deed Award you have something to report. No matter how small, it should be reported. I realize that our new normal, let's make sure we get the year-end reports in early. If you need any help I'll be available any time via e-mail or by phone.

In a couple of month (April) we will be celebrating the "Month of the Military Child". Let's start planning now to ensure we celebrate it in a magnificent manner this year. Our children have endured so many changes in their daily routine; let's make this month a celebration of them. A good way to start is contacting the schools in your area to find out how what kind of activities can be planned to honor these children. As always, any pictures would be greatly appreciated.

I will set up another ZOOM meeting and send you a schedule in the next few days to see which date and time works best for the majority. I will also follow up with a phone call.

Thank you for everything you are doing.

In the Spirit of Service not Self - let's continue to serve and enhance the lives of others. Stay safe.

If you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance please contact me at (706)951-3906 or barnettgabriele@hotmail.com. Details on the ALA Children & Youth program, to include the Program Action Plan and its Supplement, can be found in the Members Only portion of the National website at: https://www.alaforveterans.org/Committees/Children-and-Youth/, on the ALA Children & Youth Program Facebook group at https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALAChildrenandYouth/ or you can contact National Headquarters at (317) 569-4500 or children&youth@ALAforVeterans.org.

For God and Country,

Gabriele Barnett



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.
 - o 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 (<u>www.ALAforVeterans.org</u>). 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 14^{th} (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 (<u>www.ALAforVeterans.org</u>). 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 emailingmembership@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:
 - o 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:
 - o Award will be based on membership entered in the ALAMIS system by Aug. 1, 2021
 - o Winners to be announced at National Convention 2021.



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EMAIL: alahq@ALAforVeterans.org

ONLINE: www.ALAforVeterans.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

Welcome to the American Legion Auxiliary!

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.ALAforVeterans.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.ALAforVeterans.org, and thousands of helpful resources are at your fingertips.





OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE AMERICANLEGION

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.ALAforVeterans.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.orgfor 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:

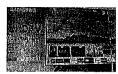
ALA Department of GA Headquarters 3035 Mt. Zion Rd. Stockbridge, GA 30281

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 President 404 201-5138 Valerie.Debro@yahoo.com



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DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA

65" Samsung UHD TV Raffle Fundraiser Tickets - \$5,00*

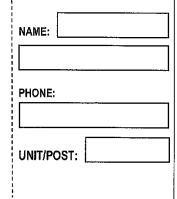
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3035 Mt. Zion Rd. Stockbridge GA 30281 -OR-Call and Mail check or money order to Headquarters-678-289-8446; request TOTAL TICKETS WANTED AND WE WILL MAIL YOUR TICKETS ONCE IT IS RECEIVED

MAKE CHECKS/MO PAYABLE TO: ALA DEPT, OF GA HEADQUARTERS
YOU CAN CALL ANY DEPT. OFFICER OR EXEC, BD. MEMBER AND FOLLOW DIRECTIONS ABOVE

Drawing - June 26, 2021

SOLD BY:





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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 2021

February 1, 2021 National Freedom Day

February 2, 2021 Groundhog Day

February 5, 2021 National Wear Red Day

February 11, 2021 National Make a Friend Day

February 14, 2021 Valentines Day

February 15, 2021 Presidents Day





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