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A Word from the President

Pat Morgan, President – Department of Georgia

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GROWING OUR FUTURE

Fall is upon us, and the weather is beginning to get a little cooler. The Holiday rush is just around the corner and everyone’s schedule is filling up.

Units will be having Halloween parties and trick or treating for their members and their communities. Be sure and document your good work. This information can be added to your reports and submitted to the Committee Chairpersons. Also, it can be added to your member, Unit and District Impact Report. Every hour, dollar, and the number of man hours count.

The National President, Vicki Koutz, will be visiting Georgia on October 5-8. She will fly into Augusta on Wednesday October 5th and leaving out of the Atlanta Airport on the 8th. The full agenda is attached to this newsletter.

I attended my first National Convention. It was amazing and I had a wonderful time. I met a lot of new people all along with the other State Presidents. We shared different ideas on how they work their programs.

The Fall Conference will be held in Duluth on October 28-29. The DEC will be at 6pm on the 28th. Please try and make plans to attend. Important information will be shared that was brought back from the National Convention. Please bring raffle ticket stubs and 50/50 drawing tickets to the Conference.

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

“NOTHING WILL WORK UNLESS YOU DO”

Maya Angelou

Secretary

Patty Hawkins



The Department Conference is October 28th, 29th and 30th – all meetings will be at the Sonesta Hotel in Duluth. The DEC will meet Friday, October 28th at 6:00 p.m. The reservation form is on the Department website, www.aladepgga.com. Please get these completed and submitted 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 plans to host a mini-leadership learning session on October 29th to include Membership and Protocol. This is a chance for district and unit leaders to ask and get answers to any questions. Please, if you are not able to attend, send question to President Morgan or 1st VP Sinkler. Email addresses are in this newsletter.

GIFT SHOPS ARE COMING BACK!!!

It is getting time for the VA Hospitals to start having their Christmas Gift Shops. Please be sure to get your donations into the Department ASAP to allow Representatives to begin their shopping spree. It has been a challenging couple of years and this year, we want to give our Veterans a great Christmas. Let's show up and show out to make this a Great time for those that served us.

Make checks to ALA Dept of GA earmarked for which location.

- Atlanta VA, Judy Lively: 1st week in December – exact date TBD;
- Augusta-Uptown/Downtown, Miriam Stein: November 25th & 30th;
- Dublin, Bettye Brown Johnson, December 2nd & 3rd;
- GWVH Milledgeville, Carrol Griffin: December 1st & 2nd.

1st Vice President/Leadership

Cheryl Jackson Sinkler



As always, I hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy. We are entering the holiday season and many health issues may arise. Please stay protected.

There has been a change to our leadership trainings due to scheduling conflicts with our Officers. A decision has been made to have one all-inclusive leadership training session.

The training will be held at Unit 3 in Macon on February 18, 2023. The address is: **American Legion Post 3, Joseph N. Neel Jr, 5530 Thomaston Road, Macon, GA 31220.** If you need directions, please call 478-474-7799. Please arrive by 9:00 am for registration and breakfast. Training will start promptly at 10:00am and end at 4:00 pm. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served at a cost of \$7.00.

Topics of discussion will include: Requirements of a great leader; Constitution and Bylaws/ Standing Rules; Membership; Protocol; Being a President; Significance of Reporting and keeping up with volunteer hours for impact reports.

It is imperative we understand why we serve our Veterans, Veterans families, and the four pillars. We, as Units need to understand the importance of how we treat our members. As leaders we need to always remain unbiased and remember to always follow your governing documents when presiding over the Unit and handling conflicts. **We cannot be successful if we continue with the mentality of "it's my Unit and I can do what I want as President and if you don't like it, then you are welcome to leave!"** We are losing members as I type this newsletter because of all the negative behavior. Please revamp your thinking and let's do better.

Please forward all correspondence to Unit members. Many members state they are not

aware of conferences, conventions, or any events we as the Department host. An informed Unit will be a productive Unit. The National President will be visiting on Wednesday, October 5th; however, it is too late to register. Let's make sure all Unit members will have the opportunity to attend future events with timely notification.

"The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things." —Ronald Reagan

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2nd Vice President/Membership

Cheryl Waybright

The Race is On!

National President Vicki Koutz's Membership theme for 2023 is Open Wheel Racing. The Department of Georgia is fueling the Southern Division Green Car. With the green flag down, it is time to renew, recruit and re-engage our members. **Let's keep the gas pedal on the metal and keep that awesome momentum going str. throughout October.** The District and the Unit with the greatest percentage increase in between 9/26 and 10/27 is in for something special at the Department Conference.

Membership renewals have been mailed – take advantage of this, reach out to your members and ask them to get their renewal for 2023 done now. **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!

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. Participate in local fall festivals, events at community schools and other places where you can share what the ALA does. Have member information and forms with you at your Veteran's Day Poppy distribution points – it is a super way to engage potential members.

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.

Remember, Nov. 11th is the Deadline for the National 100% Unit Award. **Dec. 7, 2022, Pearl Harbor Day is the goal date for the Department to be at 75%.**

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 cannot help you, we will get the right person that can!

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

Cheryl Waybright, 2nd Vice President - Membership
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Test your Membership Knowledge, TRUE OR FALSE?

1. Male spouses of veterans are NOT eligible for ALA membership.
2. Great grandmothers and great granddaughters are eligible to be signed up as new members.
3. Honorary Life Membership is a distinction created for units that confer Honorary Life Membership on outstanding members and it is the same as PUFL and can be transferred to other units.
4. A potential Auxiliary member must join the unit of the post where their veteran/ servicemember relative is a member.
5. Complete record of members lost by death, transfer, nonpayment of dues, resignation, or expulsion are considered unit permanent records.
6. A woman who is eligible for American Legion membership is eligible to join the Auxiliary regardless of whether she is a member of The American Legion.

Historian
Vacant

HISTORY

The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today. -H. Jackson Brown, Jr

And recording it! **Our Historians at the Unit and District level play a vital role in synthesizing and recording the events of their Units and Districts.** 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.

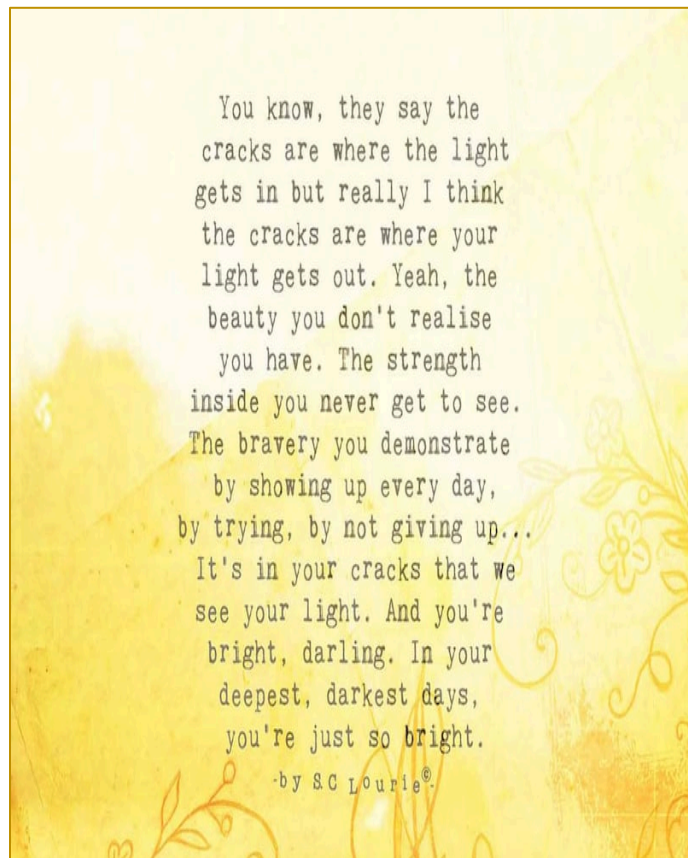
Please use this link to download the 2022-2023 Department of Georgia History Book Rules and the Annual Historian Report:



<https://www.aladepg.com/forms-1>.

Stay up to date with the National Historian:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALAHistorians>



Chaplain

Pamela Stroud

Hello ALA,

Trusting God’s Foresight.

In today’s trying times, God will guide our steps. As we travel life’s highways, we can trust that God sees ahead and remain confident that “he will make (our) paths straight” as we submit to his Directions (Proverbs 3:61). Wherever you are, you can know that God sees and hears you, He knows you and he loves you beyond Compare.

Please keep track of your daily prayers and comforting efforts that you provide to your Districts and Units.

I am here to help.

Stay Prayerful and Blessed,

All, remember to let me know of any prayer needs. My email is pstroud9@icloud.com

Pam Stroud

Chaplain, Department of Georgia



AMERICANISM 2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT

The Americanism Program promotes patriotism and responsible citizenship. **Annual report by May 1, 2023.** The entry must be typewritten in narrative format not to exceed 1,000 words.

Each Unit may apply for several National Awards, the most popular one being the National Dorothy Pearl Most Outstanding Americanism Program. You may include five pictures and news articles and you **must include the National Awards Cover Sheet.** They must be mailed to Edna Shupe-Bland before **May 15, 2023.** Please call or e-mail me for assistance with this report. I will be contacting some of you and encouraging you to apply, after I receive your reports.

The narrative report to Department and/or National should include answers to the following questions.

- 1) How did you promote the American Legion Auxiliary in your community and did your members wear and display their identification badges at all area functions?
- 2) How many and what flag etiquette programs did you provide to the community businesses, and schools, also including flag disposal ceremonies?
- 3) Did you promote patriotic holidays in your area by organization and participating in events each holiday?
- 4) How did you encourage support of the flag amendment with the state and federal representatives in your area?
- 5) How did you encourage and provide members and local schools to participate in the Get Out to Vote campaigns?
- 6) How many Americanisms Essays entitle **“What does Patriotism mean to you?”** did you receive from your Junior Auxiliary Members, SAL Members, relatives, neighbor sand local schools and what type of awards did you present to the winners of the 5classes?
- 7) How many students did you sponsor and support in the Oratorical Contest and explain your success?
- 8) Did you support American Legion Baseball? How?
- 9) Did your Unit support Junior shooting sports? How?
- 10) What events or functions did your Unit participate in by showing how important Americanism is to our organization, community, state, and nation?

Please mail all reports to: Kristine Alexander, Chairman
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Data that units will enter on the 2022-2023 Americanism Annual Report include the following.
Please go to <https://www.aladeptga.com/forms-1> to download a copy of the full report and form.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of Flag Education Presentations to local groups 2. How many Pocket Flags given or sent to troops? 3. Number of Participation in Flag Day 4. Number of Participation in Get Out to Vote 5. Veterans Day Participation 6. Memorial Day Participation 7. July 4 Participation | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. 9. Participation in Other Events 10. Number of Community Events involving Patriotic Holidays 11. Support Awareness of the Flag Amendments YES NO 12. Americanism Essay Contest Participation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Number of School B. Number of other Youth Groups C. Number of Students |
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Be sure to join the private ALA National Facebook Group (you may need your membership number when you answer the admittance questions): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/alaamericanism>



Upcoming Events & Dates to Note

- 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
- 12/1 Civil Air Patrol Established (1941)
- 12/5 Somalia Campaign Began (1992)
- 12/7 Pearl Harbor Attacked (1941)
- 12/8 War Declared on Japan (1941)
- 12/11 Germany and Italy Declared War on US (1941)
- 12/15 Official End of War in Iraq (2011)/Bill of Rights Day
- 12/16 Battle of the Bulge
- 12/20 Panama Campaign began (1989)
- 12/31 Official End of WWII (1946)/Kosovo Campaign Ended (2013)
- April 1 – 5, 2023 - ALA National President Visit:**

National President’s Theme:
Honoring our Veterans Everyday

Department Themes:

President:
Growing our Future in Georgia

1st Vice President (Leadership):
The Future being Built on Our Family

2nd Vice President (Membership):
Membership Theme:
Growing our Future through Membership Engagement



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