

# DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA AUXILIARY NEWS

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## A Word from the President By Susan Hall, Department President



Happy Valentine's Day!

I would like to thank the following units for hosting our National President in January, Unit 192 Evans, Unit 63 Augusta. Unit 178 Augusta, Unit 123 Lexington, and Unit 233 Loganville and all the officers and members of the American Legion family that made her visit a wonderful experience.

To all the units and districts who donated for the Fisher House for the Polar Plunge Thank You. The Fisher House at the VA Hospital in Augusta and Ft. Gordon were each presented a check in the amount of \$2015.00 during the National Presidents visit. As promised, I took the plunge at Tybee Island with the SAL on January 15<sup>th</sup> it was a cold and windy day with the water temperature at 54 degrees, but it was also an enjoyable experience, thank you to Anita Owens for making the trip and videoing live.

February will be a busy month, the first Department Leadership being held at Post #30 in Albany on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 9am. February 11-13 National will be holding its first Mission Training in 2 years in Orlando Florida. I hope some of you will be able to attend, it should be very informative. On February 26 District #8 will host a leadership at Post #9 in Brunswick with the final Department Leadership training to be held on March 5 at Post 145 Douglasville. If you have not attended a leadership yet this year, please try to attend one of the remaining they are very informative.

Our Department Spring Conference is fast approaching registration forms are due to the Department American Legion by February 28, after this date registration will increase from \$10 to \$30 please don't wait. The DEC meeting will be held on Thursday March 24 at 6pm, Friday we will have our regular meeting in the morning. In the afternoon from 1-3pm there will be a membership and ALAMIS training seminar presented

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by our Membership Clerk, Krista. Anyone who is interested in attending please let me know so that we will have a count on the number of members attending so we will have the handouts ready. On Saturday the Program Fair will begin at 9:30am-12pm and 1pm-3:30pm, we will also be having raffles prizes and other activities running throughout the day. On Sunday we will have the Poppy Anchor Dedication ceremony and Memorial Service where District 3 will present the Poppy Anchor. I hope to see everyone at Spring Conference for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and learning "sign up now".

Please continue to sell the tickets for the 100<sup>th</sup> President Quilt and get the tickets and money into the Department. Tickets will be available at the Spring Conference.

Reminder that obligations are due to Department by April 1, 2022 for your Unit to present a candidate for department office and for your unit to vote at the Department Convention in June.

If there is anything I may do to help, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone or email Please remember if you have not already registered for the Spring Conference to be held at the Sonesta from March 25-27 with the DEC being Thursday March 24 at 6pm, do so before the early registration deadline date of February 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for all you do for our Veterans Military their families and our community.

For God and Country  
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# Secretary

By Patty Hawkins

Let's keep this momentum going!

Thanks to all the Units who continue to work Membership! Keep Krista Massengale in your prayers/

We are having many Membership Challenges! There is a new one that just started. It's for Valentine. Let's see if we can raise a bunch of love and move on up. Let's burst the Georgia balloon and shoot out candy hearts. We Can Do This.

**Southern Division Valentine Challenge**  
Departments with the most new members by February 14, 2022

What Departments will survive the needle poke "POP"?  
Let's get our Units out and about to recruit we all know someone who is eligible.  
Let's grow the American Legion Auxiliary "WE CAN DO IT".  
RECRUIT, RECRUIT, RECRUIT!!!

4th Report

Winners:

- Florida 1st Place
- Texas 2nd Place
- N. Carolina 3rd Place
- Georgia 4th Place
- Virginia 5th Place
- Tennessee 6th Place
- Alabama 7th Place
- Kentucky 8th Place
- S. Carolina 9th Place
- Oklahoma 10th Place
- Louisiana 10th Place
- Arkansas 12th Place
- Puerto Rico 13th Place
- Mississippi 11th Place

Be My Valentine Join Today

February 03, 2022

1st Place \$75 Certificate & Gift Card  
2nd Place \$50 Certificate & Gift Card  
3rd Place \$25 Certificate & Gift Card

Together, We Sure Can Make a Difference. Together, We are the Southern Division.

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

By Pat Morgan, Dept.

## BE A SHINING STAR

INTELLIGENT

HONEST

CREATIVE

CONFIDENT

DRIVEN

COURAGEOUS

“Leadership is ultimately about creating a way for people to contribute to making something extraordinary happen”

Leadership dates as of now are:

Feb. 5 - District 2 at #30 in Albany

Feb. 19 - District 7 at #112 Dalton

Feb. 26 - District 8 at #9 in Brunswick

March 5 - District 5 at #145 in Douglasville

There is always room for one more. Valuable information is shared during the Leadership training. If you have not attended a session, you will be welcome to attend.

If can assist you in any way, please feel 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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Hugs and Love for all!



Patty Hawkins

Don't forget Spring Conference! DEC meeting March 24, 2022 Spring Conference March 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>. Forms on web site. ALADeptGA.com

True friends are like diamonds — bright, beautiful, valuable and always in style.

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

By Cheryl Jackson Sinkler



**MEMBERSHIP OF STARS GOES ALL OUT!!**

Hello ALL,

I hope this newsletter finds everyone in good health and praying you all had a wonderful Holiday. I pray all is staying safe during these winter months as the numbers for Covid-19 are once again rising very quickly.

As stated at the Convention in June, Leaderships, Membership goals have not increased this year. My goal for everyone this year is to update your rosters by using the change form on the Department website: [https://69382598-56b5-49ef-a656-bea0a8f39b0f.filesusr.com/ugd/76bc83\\_56fad909fa0d48dd99ea7388c596ddd3.pdf](https://69382598-56b5-49ef-a656-bea0a8f39b0f.filesusr.com/ugd/76bc83_56fad909fa0d48dd99ea7388c596ddd3.pdf), or go into ALAMIS and remove all deceased members. Please use this opportunity as well to update members addresses, phone numbers and emails. Next year the goals will increase. The Southern Division has a new challenge for February 14<sup>th</sup> with Departments having the most new members. What

Departments will the needle poke  "POP"? Let's get our Units out and about to recruit. We all know someone who is eligible. Let's GROW the American Legion Auxiliary bigger and stronger than ever before.  
**RECRUIT!! RECRUIT!! RECRUIT!!**

**COME ON GEORGIA LETS MAKE THESE CHALLENGES A SUCCESS!!**

We have done well so far, but I believe we can do much better. I do realize times are different than normal, however, we need innovative ideas to reach existing members and potential members. Some of the ideas discussed in our Leadership Trainings were to reach out to the Veteran students we are in contact with to extend membership to parents, going to military bases, colleges, host a membership drive or set up tables at festivals, fair, art shows etc. in your community.

The National Auxiliary President Kathy Daudistel visit to Georgia was a great success. She is kind, sweet and a humble person. Many came out to support her visit. She received many gifts and donations toward her project. I can easily state how she was so easy to approach and just strike a normal conversation. I can understand why she chose CAREGIVER as her Presidents Project. You must be a special person to be a caregiver and that she is. If you would, please visit National's website (<https://www.legion-aux.org>) and donate for her cause. I'm sure she will greatly appreciate it. Until next month.....

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## ii Historian's Corner

By Cheryl Waybright



**I hope all unit and district**

**historians** have a resolution to submit, submit, submit information to me for inclusion in the 2021-2022 Department of Georgia History Book. Right now, it is a little thin!

For us to compile a fantastic 2021-2022 Department of Georgia history book, **I need to receive updates about all the wonderful things happening in your unit and districts. As you do them!!!** Please photos of events and activities and include written specifics such as unit number, city/town, activity, benefitting group, names of those leading the effort, names of those pictured, and how much money was raised (if a fundraiser), what the funds are for, how many meals served, children served, hours volunteered, etc. This can simply be a copy of what you are inserting in your unit history book/report.

**Now is a suitable time to ensure all historians are staying on track and building their history for 2021-2022.** Especially since no mid-year reports were submitted. At this point your unit history books should be ONE-HALF complete for the year! Since historians do not have to submit mid-year reports, keeping up with documenting our units amazing activities each month (NOW) is even more important to ensure the "WORK" is much less in the spring.

The National History Committee is always looking for units and districts to feature in their quarterly newsletter. I would love to see Georgia units featured! **Please ask unit members/historians to submit information as events wrap up. "When details are fresh in our minds, it is much easier to present a clear picture of the event."**

Please use this link to download the 2021-2022 Department of Georgia History Book Rules and the Annual Historian Report: <https://www.aladepgga.com/forms-1> **Reach out with any questions you have!** Email, text, or call. [CLWaybright@gmail.com](mailto:CLWaybright@gmail.com) or 404-625-6708.

Ut Prosim!  
Cheryl

## Department Chaplain

By Denise Smith

As the cold winter months quickly pass, let us remember to LOVE on our veterans. Especially showing love to older veterans and their families is appreciated during the Valentine season. Many who are widowed feel the loss acutely, so let's take this time to show love to a veteran.

We are ever mindful of the sacrifice of others to make our lives prosperous and free. There are still so many who have no concept of the kind of freedom, lifestyle, or plenty that we take for granted. May we be forever grateful, and may we show that gratitude through our lives and service to God and others.

Psalm 23 The Lord is my Shepherd; I have what I need. He lets me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. He renews my life; He leads me along the right paths for His name's sake. Even when I go through the darkest valley, I fear no danger, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Only goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I live.



Denise Smith. Chaplain

## SAL/JUNIOR AUXILIARY CAMP BULLETIN

For the 5 past years The Detachment of Georgia has been conducting a "Junior Camp" for the Sons members 6-18 years old. In 2021 we tried including the Juniors from the Auxiliary as well. The new name is the Junior Leadership Camp and includes SAL and ALA members 6-18.

The camp is conducted at various sites around the state and members of the Legion, the SAL and ALA act as counselors and teachers and staff.

The Campers receive instruction in the proper retirement of the American Flag, folding the Flag properly and Classes in Americanism. The SAL and The ALA juniors will conduct their annual convention and installations at the camp this year for the first time. The SAL Commander and ALA President have pledged to be there.

Campers are given time to fish, play games and interact with each other all under the supervision of the staff.

The staff must undergo background checks and take a class in Risk assessment and awareness of child abuse symptoms.

Several of the campers have gone on to District and Post positions.

Applications to attend as a "camper" or as a staff member are available from the SALGeorgia.org web site and can be requested from Cliff Hall at

[Cliff.Hall@salgeorgia.org](mailto:Cliff.Hall@salgeorgia.org)

At the camp last year several of the Juniors, SAL and ALA, performed the Flag retirement so well they were commended by our National SAL Vice Commander, who was visiting.

It is rumored that one of their posts were doing the ceremony and the juniors told them they were not doing it right and took over and did the whole thing from memory. That is what we are trying to instill in the youth. We must protect and nurture this nation's greatest natural resource, Our Children.

*If you are interested in running for a Department Officer's Position, please be prepared to make a 2 minute speech outlining your qualifications for the position at the Spring Conference*



**The 100 Presidents Department of Georgia Quilt  
Tickets \$5.00 Each or 5 for \$20.00  
Drawing to be held  
Department Convention  
PPP Luncheon 2022  
Proceeds to Benefit:  
50% for PPP Scholarship, 50% Department Headquarters Fund  
Tickets available through your District President  
Unit President or Department President**

**Make checks payable to the ALA Department of Georgia**

**Mail check and stub to:  
ALA Dept. of Georgia  
3035 Mt. Zion Rd.  
Stockbridge, GA 30281**



## Calendar of Upcoming Events 2022

February 2 Groundhog Day  
February 12 National Mission Training - Orlando  
February 14 Valentines Day  
February 21 President's Day  
March 24, 2022 **Spring Conference DEC Meeting 6PM**  
March 25,26 & 27, 2022 Spring Conference

President's Theme:

**Shooting For The Stars**

Membership Theme:

**Membership of the stars goes all out**

National President's Theme:

**Care for those that care for others**



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