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A Word from the President

By Susan Hall, Department President



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Happy New Year! 2022

November and December were very busy months. In November many Units across the state hosted Veterans Day ceremonies to honor those who served this great country. I was honored to attend the Veterans Day ceremony and Parade held at Battery Park in Atlanta on November 6th. The Department Commander and I attended the signing of the Veterans Day Proclamation by Governor Kemp held at the State House on November 8th. On November 11th I was invited to speak at the Post 178 Veterans Day ceremony and enjoyed a luncheon at the post with local veterans that was served by employees of Amazon.

On November 7th I attended the District 9 meeting held at Post #45 in Canton. The Department leadership team held their final Leadership workshop of the 2021 year at Post 66 in Decatur. I ended the month with the ribbon cutting and opening of the American Legion Family Gift Shop in Augusta. Several other units held similar events for our Hospitalized Veterans at several other locations in Georgia. Thank you to all those who participated in helping our Veterans have a special Christmas.

On December 11th I attended the District 11 meeting held at Post #63 in Augusta and on December 18th I participated in Wreaths Across America at Andersonville National Cemetery where I had the honor of placing several wreaths on the graves of deceased veterans who fought for our Freedom.

The Department will ring in the New Year with a visit from our National President Kathy Daudistel from January 6-9.

I would like to thank all those that donated to the President's special project for the Polar Plunge challenge. The challenge has been met so I will be taking the plunge at Tybee Island on January 15 at the SAL Polar Plunge and retreat.

The first Department Leadership Workshop will be held on January 22nd in district #1 in Hinesville, with registration starting at 9am.

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 28th.

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, Secretary

Happy New Years 2022!

I was hoping for a better start for the new year but this old crud is still hanging around. I pray that things get better and we can start with good health and happiness for 2022.

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.



Hugs and Love for all!
Patty Hawkins



Don't forget Spring Conference! DEC meeting March 24, 2022 Spring Conference March 25th - 27th. Forms on web site. ALADeptGA.com

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

1st Vice President/ Leadership

By Pat Morgan, Dept. 1st Vice President

BE A SHINING STAR

I hope everyone had a wonderful and blessed Holiday Season with family and friends. 2021 is behind us and the New Year will bring new and exciting changes for all.

You can not be in Leadership and be nasty to members and expect to be respected because of your title!

The Leadership Training class that was scheduled for **January 15, 2022, in Douglasville has been rescheduled to March 5, 2022.** This change is due to the SAL Polar Plunge at Tybee Island. Madam President, Susan Hall will be participating in the Plunge to raise money for the President Special Project (Fisher House).

Leadership dates as of now are:

- Jan. 22 - District 1 at 168 Hinesville
- Jan. 29 - District 10 at 233 Loganville
- Feb. 5 - District 2 at 30 Albany
- Feb. 19 - District 7 at 112 Dalton
- Feb. 26 - District 8 at 9 Brunswick
- Mar. 5 - District 5 at 145 Douglasville

The March 5th Leadership will be the last Training Session. Important changes, information, and updates for running a productive and successful Unit are discussed. These sessions are the time to voice your questions to the Leadership team. If you have not had the opportunity to attend one of the past Leadership trainings, and you wish to attend one of the upcoming ones, let me or the Unit/ District President hosting the Leadership know. There is always room for one more!

If 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

Department 2nd 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, 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 14th 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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Historian's Corner

By Cheryl Waybright



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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.aladdeptga.com/forms-1> **Reach out with any questions you have!** Email, text, or call. CLWaybright@gmail.com or 404-625-6708.

Ut Prosim!
Cheryl

“Poppies Are Everyday”



Our Units have already begun to receive their poppy orders and many members have been in the community sharing this symbol of ‘Sacrifice and Service’.

Poppy Poster Contests are underway and will help our schools and students understand the importance of this beautiful symbol. Your Unit can use copies of the posters to decorate your facility and share the talents of our youth. Hopefully, all of our Units decorate with poppies regularly in some manner. There are many ideas online should you want to try something new.

In our local Unit, the Education Chairman and Poppy Chairman teamed together to oversee our local high school agricultural students plant poppy seeds in the greenhouses on the school campus. This was coordinated near Veterans Days to reinforce the importance of the poppy and also teach them about "cool season crops".

The current challenge from our National ALA is to put poppies in the windows of veterans. These could be posted in the windows of their residence or delivered to assisted living and nursing homes. A “card stock” sign of 8 x 11.5 with the statement “Proud Home of a Veteran” with a Poppy Emblem is a suggestion. Your Unit could make your own design or search online for ideas.

Georgia is so fortunate to have had Moina Michael as a resident, humanitarian, and educator. Let’s show our pride in her legacy by making poppies a part of everyday life.

ALA Department of Georgia
Poppy Chairmen
Cathy Hedges

You can get the Template on our website: aladeptga.com



**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 General 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

January 17, 2022 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
March 24, 2022 **Spring Conference DEC Meeting 6PM**
March 25, 26 & 27, 2022 Spring Conference

Family
Where Life *& Love* Never Ends
Begins

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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