

# DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA AUXILIARY NEWS

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## A Word from the President

By Susan Hall, Department President



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### Happy Thanksgiving!!

October has been a very busy month. I started the month attending the National President Kathy's homecoming in Kentucky and the Department President's Retreat, where we were given the opportunity to connect with other Department Presidents from across the country and share ideas.

The Department Leadership Team had 3 Leadership training sessions in October ( Dist #3, Dist #6 and Dist #9). At our Department Fall Conference, we had our first ever "Program Fair". This was an opportunity for our members to speak directly to the Department program chairpersons about the programs, it also gave us a time to just enjoy the fellowship with our auxiliary members after being separated for the last 18 months, during the pandemic.

I want to thank all the program chairmen who worked so hard to make this a success, my officers for all their help and dedication and to all the members came to the conference. THANK YOU ALL!

This month we lost a dedicated member of the ALA Donna McCain. I was honored to speak at her homegoing service and will miss her greatly.

November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day!! Please share what you are doing on that day to honor our veterans, especially those who made the supreme sacrifice.

Please continue to do your "Stars Boards" and bring them to the Spring Conference. Our focus is to take care of as many veterans as we can. Registration forms for the Spring Conference are out, please send the form in ASAP to insure you have a room. Do not wait till the last minutes save the money and register early.

The National President will be visiting Georgia from Jan 6-9, 2022. District Presidents have the information, if you are interested in attending any of the dinners and luncheons. Contact your District President for details. Hotel reservations will need to be made no later than December 24, 2021, to get the rate.

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Georgia, Keep up the great work you are doing, we are on the right track to move Georgia Forward.

If there is anything I can do for any member please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you all!

Susan Hall

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Shoot for the Stars



## Secretary

By Patty Hawkins,

As we start this 2021 – 2022 year, we need to concentrate on Membership and working our programs. With Leadership Training you can always learn something new. So please plan on attending one or two. You can go out of your district to attend one or two. We do a great job but there is so much more we can do. No one can do it by themselves, so let's see some Teamwork, we all something to offer. The list of Leadership workshop is in 1<sup>st</sup> VP Pat Morgan article.

**If a unit is interested in getting on ALA MIS, we must have your form and the check in the Department by December 1, 2021. If you make any changes to who can use ALA MIS, you must send in the form with the 5 signatures. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**Please make sure that your membership is sent in correctly and that all check are signed. Also, please use the updated forms that are on our website. [www.aladeptga.com](http://www.aladeptga.com)**

**Don't hesitate to contact us if we can be of any help 😊**

REMINDER:

As checks go out for Memberships that are paid ONLINE, our checks have a time limit of 120 days ONLY (4 months). Please DO NOT hold the checks.

We have had a bad year and half with all of the Covid sickness and deaths, so let's continue to pray for all the families that have had and continue to endure this evil disease. Pray for all our members we will overcome this.

Prayers for all our members who are sick, had surgery or just in need of prayer.



Hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving! Stay safe and enjoy time with family and friends.

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

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

By Pat Morgan, Dept. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

## BE A SHINING STAR

It is hard to believe that the Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner. I wish everyone a save Holiday Season as families get together to celebrate this wonderful season.

I enjoyed the 1 on 1 with our members answering questions during the Program Fair held during our Fall Conference. I was pleased and excited to witness the interest that was shown in all our programs.

**Leaders who don't listen will soon be surrounded by people who have nothing to say**

**A successful leader makes members feel needed.**

**Leadership dates as of now are:**

**Nov. 6 - Open, Nov. 13 - District 4 at #66 Decatur**

**Dec. 11 - Open**

**Jan. 15 - District 5 at #145 Douglasville, Jan. 22 - District 1 at #168 Hinesville,**

**Jan. 29 - District 10 at #233 Loganville.**

**Feb. 5 - District 2 at #30 in Albany, Feb. 19 - District 7 at #112 Dalton,**

**Feb. 26 - District 8 at #9 in Brunswick**

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 District President know. There is always room for one more!

If I can assist you in any way, please feel free to contact me by email at [pimorga@aol.com](mailto:pimorga@aol.com) or 2229 Johnson Short Rd., Quitman, GA 31643 or at (229) 561-4070.

Pat Morgan

## SHOOT FOR THE STARS

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

By Cheryl Jackson Sinkler

Hello Everyone,

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for allowing me to serve as your ALA Dept. of GA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Membership Chair. It was great seeing everyone. Although, I missed seeing my friends who have gone on.

We have a lot of rebuilding to do with membership this year. I want to start off by asking each Units to re-examine your rosters and submit a deceased member form to have those persons removed. By doing so, your member count will be accurate and up to date.

Going forward, I spoke with our Department of Georgia President, Susan Hall and stated I will match National Headquarters membership goal by keeping new member over. Due to the impact, we just incurred with COVID-19, I feel it doesn't make sense to add the pressure of achieving a goal of 2 extra people with the lost and the decline in our Units membership. However, if you are fortunate to gain those 2 or more new members, Go For It!

I am aware some Units are struggling to keep their Charter going. I plan to look at these Units who are having difficulties and see what suggestions we can come up with ideas to regain your status. Some have come forth with some of their obstacles and I'm looking into tactical steps. Meeting and sitting down with you and putting our heads together would be great, but I will need your help.

Please go on National's website and register with your Member number. National website: <http://www.alaforveterans.org>. Here you will find in depth detail of 2022 Membership Awards form and many other resources and tools available to you.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Unit Award – 100% Unit Award – Deadline November 21, 2021

Department Award – 75% Award – Deadline December 7, 2021

Department Award – 95% Award – Deadline Poppy Day May 27, 2022

Member Award – 10 New in 2022 – Members must be entered and paid in ALAMIS by June 1, 2022, and received by National HQ by June 3, 2022

Thank you and stay safe!

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## Historian's Corner

By Cheryl Waybright



**Can you believe it is November?** With our fall conference behind us and Veteran's Day and poppy distribution coming up followed by two major holidays – whew... it is a busy time of the year.

**Even with all that taking place, it is a suitable time to ensure all historians are staying on track and building their history for 2021-2022.** This means your unit history books should be ONE-THIRD 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.

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.

frequently communicate with the National Historian. 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."*

Do not forget, the National ALA Constitution & Bylaws were amended at the 2021 National Convention. There are no required changes for departments or units to make currently. Note that at the national level, the Audit Committee is now the Risk & Compliance Committee. (Bylaws Article V. Committees Section 2.)

Please use this link to download the 2021-2022 Department of Georgia History Book Rules and the Annual Historian Report: <https://www.aladeptga.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

Galatians 5:1 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Prayer from Eryn Lynum: Dear Lord, I find myself time and time again returning to the confines of this broken world. When I feel trapped in a chained place - somewhere You never intended me to be - show me again the freedom that You bought for me on the cross. Help me to discover, more than ever before, what living in freedom looks like. Amen.

All, remember to let me know of any prayer needs.

My email is [drscpa2@msn.com](mailto:drscpa2@msn.com).  
Denise Smith, Chaplain, Dept. of GA



***Sometimes your Joy can be the source of your Smile, but sometimes your Smile can be the source of your Joy.***

Thanksgiving  
gather family  
thankful  
blessed grateful  
together  
blessings  
november





**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**

American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Georgia  
Georgia Girls State

Bulletin # 1

November 2021

**Georgia Girls State will be held in** Valdosta, Georgia at Valdosta State University

June 12-17, 2022

**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, 2022** 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 2022 online application will be available on the website on February 21, 2022. 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, 2022 Checks for \$300.00 per girl due to the Department Headquarters.**

**May 10, 2022** Complete online applications

**June 12, 2022 Arrival at Girls State between 1:00 and 3:00 PM**

**June 17, 2022 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

## National President Kathy Daudistel visit to Georgia.

January 6-9, 2022

(Tentative Schedule)

Thursday January 6, 2022 -

National President will arrive (TBA) at the Augusta Airport

Check into Hotel - DoubleTree by Hilton, 2651 Perimeter Parkway, Augusta, GA. Phone # 706-855-8100

*Rooms are \$112 + tax (Total \$133.68 per ngt.) for a king or 2 doubles (includes breakfast)*

*Please use Group code ALA when making reservations.*

Your HiltonLink (long version) is immediately below. **Booking Link:**

[https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=AGSDTDT&groupCode=CDTALA&arrivaldate=2022-01-06&departuredate=2022-01-](https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=AGSDTDT&groupCode=CDTALA&arrivaldate=2022-01-06&departuredate=2022-01-08&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT)

[08&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT](https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=AGSDTDT&groupCode=CDTALA&arrivaldate=2022-01-06&departuredate=2022-01-08&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT) **\*Deadline to guarantee rate is 12/23/2021** **\*Any cancellation must be made within 72 prior to arrival, or you will be billed.**

Thursday January 6, 2022 -

Dinner at Post 192 Evans @ 6pm social hour dinner @ 6:30pm, no charge.

Friday January 7, 2022 -

8:30am - Leave Hotel, Fisher house at VA Hospital in Augusta Tour and (National President and Department President will present check)

10:00am - Fisher House at Ft. Gordon Tour and to present check.

12:00pm - 1:30 pm Social Hour and Lunch at TBA

1:45 pm - Service at the cemetery for the first President in Augusta

5:00pm - 8:00pm - Social Hour and Dinner at Post 178 Augusta (there will be a charge for dinner each person will pay for their own (steak night)

Saturday January 8, 2022 -

8:00am Leave Hotel in Augusta

10:30am Wreath laying ceremony at Moina Michaels Grave in Monroe

12:00 - 1:30 pm Social Hour and Lunch at Post 123 Lexington

Go to Hotel to check in and rest

Hampton Inn & Suites 1905 Pharrs Rd, Snellville GA #678-344-9090

King or 2 queens \$119.00 +tax includes breakfast.

\*Use group name American Legion

**\*Reservations must be made by 12/24/2021**

5:30pm Leave Hotel go to the Field in Loganville

7:00pm-9:00pm Dinner at Post 233 Loganville (no charge)

Sunday January 9, 2022

TBA - Take National President to the Atlanta Airport



## Calendar of Upcoming Events 2021

November 11, 2021  
November 25, 2021

Veterans Day  
Thanksgiving

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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