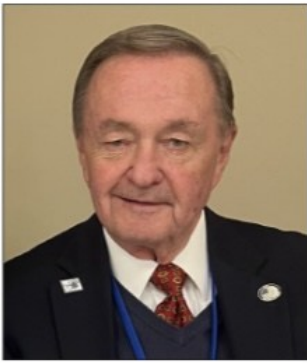


**GEORGIA ELKS ASSOCIATION
124th Annual Convention
Jekyll Island, Georgia
June 12-14, 2025**

Officers of the Georgia Elks Association 2024-2025



**Dan Tatum
President, Georgia
Elks Association**



**Larry Pope
President-Elect,
Georgia Elks
Association**



**Barbara Burnett
President, Elks
Aidmore Auxiliary**



**JoAnne Bennett
President-Elect, Elks
Aidmore Auxiliary**

**Dan Tatum, President
Larry Pope, President-Elect
Stacey Simmons, Vice President, NE
Jonathan Edwards, Vice President, NW
Charlie Smith, Vice President, South
Tim Whalen, Secretary/Treasurer, Past Grand Esquire
Cliff Arden, Sergeant at Arms
Cyndi Russell, Chaplain
Bill Lewis, Historian
Brenda Sailors, Tiler
Vance Rhodes, Parliamentarian
Lynda Lewis, Photographer, Ga Elks News
Nita Knighton, Chairman, Board of Directors**

Grand Lodge Officers 2024-2025

**Mike Smith, PGER, PNP, State Sponsor
Bruce Hayden, SDGER, Past Grand Tiler
Ed Whitcomb, DDGER, NE
Bethany Jackson, DDGER, NW
Brenda Sailors, DDGER, South**

Georgia Elks Aidmore Auxiliary Officers 2024-2025

**Barbara Burnett, President
JoAnne Bennett, President-Elect
Sandy Miles, Vice President, NW
Stephanie West, Vice President, NE
Judy Arden, Vice President, South
Nancy Strickland, Corresponding Secretary
Deborah Johnson, Recording Secretary
Mickie Emmett, Treasurer
Cheryl Wilson, Parliamentarian
Dannie Anderson, Chaplain
Jenny Taylor, Advisor**

**Schedule of Events
Georgia Elks Association
124th Annual Convention
June 12-14, 2025**

Thursday, June 12, 2025 (Dress - Casual)

11:00 - 4:00 Registration Desk Open, Villas Lobby
 10:00 - 4:00 Auxiliary Activities
 (See Aux. Schedule on page 18)
 3:00 - 5:00 President Dan Tatum & Auxiliary
 President Barbara Burnett
 Reception Under the Tents
 6:00 Brunswick Low Country Boil
 Under the Tents

Friday, June 13, 2025 (Dress - Business Casual for Meetings)

8:00 - 9:30 GEA Credentials Desk Open
 Villas Conference Center
 8:00 - 9:00 Late Convention Registration
 Villas Conference Center
 8:00 - 8:45 Ladies Credentials Desk Open
 9:00-10:45 GEA Business Session
 Villas Conference Center
 9:00 Auxiliary Business Session
 Villas Conference Center
 11:00-11:30 Elks & Auxiliary Memorial Service
 Villas Conference Center
 11:30-12:30 ER/Leading Knight Assoc. Mtg.
 Villas Conference Center
 12:30 - 1:30 Secretaries Luncheon Place TBD
 12:00 Auxiliary Installation of Officers
 Jekyll Island Club Hotel
 12:00-12:45 GEA Past State Presidents Mtg.
 Cannon Point
 12:45 - 1:15 GEA Charity Board Meeting
 1:15 - 2:00 GEA Board Meeting
 Cannon Point
 1:00 - 6:00 Dunk Tank
 2:00 - 3:00 11 O'Clock Toast & Tribute to Flag
 Cannon Point
 2:00 - 3:00 DDGER Designate Mtg.
 SDGER's Villa
 2:00 - 4:00 Candidates Cocktail Reception
 Under the Tents
 4:00 - 5:30 Aidmore Auction
 Villas Conference Center
 6:00 - 7:30 Picnic Dinner - Jesup Lodge Cooking
 Villas - Stanton Building
 7:30-11:00 Luau/Beach Party

Saturday, June 14, 2025 (Dress - Business Casual for Mtgs.)
 (Dress for Banquet - Men Coat & Tie/ Ladies Dressy)

8:00 - 9:00 GEA Credentials Desk Open
 Villas Conference Center
 8:00 Ladies Horseshoe Registration
 Villas Room
 8:30 GEA Awards Program - Open to All
 Villas Conference Center
 9:00 Ladies Horseshoe Competition Begins
 10:00-12:00 GEA Business Session
 Villas Conference Center
 11:00 Aux. Pres. Executive Board Brunch
 Place TBD
 12:15-12:45 PER Association Mtg-Villas Conference Ctr.
 2:00 - 4:00 GEA & Auxiliary Presidents Reception
 Under the Tents
 6:00-10:00 Installation of Officers/Awards Banquet

**GEA Annual Convention
Villas by the Sea Convention Center
Business Meeting Agenda
Friday, June 13, 2025**

Call to Order Dan Tatum, President
 Presentation of Colors Brunswick Lodge #691
 Pledge to the Flag Larry Pope, Pres.-Elect
 Invocation Cyndi Russell, Chaplain

Introduction of Grand Lodge Officers Dan Tatum, President

Grand Lodge Officers

Mike Smith, PGER, PNP & State Sponsor
 Bruce Hayden, SDGER, Past Grand Lodge Tiler
 Ed Whitcomb, DDGER, Georgia Northeast
 Bethany Jackson, DDGER, Georgia Northwest
 Brenda Sailors, DDGER, Georgia South

Recognition of State Officers

GEA Vice Presidents Dan Tatum, President
 Stacey Simmons, Northeast
 Jonathan Edwards, Northwest
 Charles Smith, South

Tim Whalen, PSP, Secretary/Treasurer
 Vance Rhodes, PSP, Parliamentarian
 Cliff Arden, Sergeant of Arms
 Brenda Sailors, Tiler
 Bill Lewis, Historian
 Lynda Lewis, Ga Elks News/Photographer

Recognition Past State Presidents Dan Tatum, President

Roll Call of State Officers Tim Whalen, Secretary, PSP
 Roll Call of Lodges Tim Whalen, Secretary
 Minutes of Previous Session Tim Whalen, Secretary

Sickness & Distress

Always in Order Dan Tatum, President

Reports

President Dan Tatum
 President-Elect Larry Pope
 Chairman, Board of Directors Nita Knighton, PSP
 Sec./Treas. Convention Tim Whalen, PSP
 CEO Aidmore Children Center Dr. Vickey Hale
 President, Aidmore Stanley Santee, PSP

Reports of Committees

Membership/Lapsation Steve Petrie
 Lodge Act./Drug Aware. Cyndi Russell
 Business Practices Larry Pope, Pres.-Elect
 Veteran Services Maureen Manning
 ENF Brian Russell, DDGER
 Grants Larry Pope, Pres.-Elect
 Hoop Shoot Vance Rhodes, PSP
 Soccer Junior Roberson, PSP
 Scholarships Stan Jones, PSP
 DD Leadership Academy Jane Santee

New Business

Presentation 2025-26 Budgets Tobin Sexton, PER
 Convention/Credentials Report Tim Whalen, PSP

**The Awards program will be reconvened at 8:30 AM on
Saturday, June 14, 2025, with the Business Session to follow**

Benediction Cyndi Russell, Chaplain

Recess for the Memorial Service

Georgia Elks Association Annual Convention
Awards Program & Business Meeting Agenda
June 14, 2025 - 8:30 AM

Spouses, Ladies and Guests are invited to the Joint Meeting

Call to Order

Dan Tatum, President

Special Programs & Awards

Americanism Program
Presentation of U.S. Military Flags

Stanley Santee, PSP

Public Safety Officer of the Year
Youth Scholarship Awards
Ritual Awards

Arthur Anderson
Stan Jones, PSP

11 O'Clock Toast Contest
Tribute to the Flag Contest
Elks Veterans Service Awards

Bruce Davis
Bruce Davis
Maureen Manning

Spouses, Ladies and Guest are Dismissed

Conclusion of the Business Meeting

Roll Call of State Officers
Roll Call of Lodges
Remarks of the President-Elect

Tim Whalen, PSP
Tim Whalen, PSP
Larry Pope, President-Elect

Unfinished Business

Approval of the 2025-2026 Budgets

Tobin Sexton

New Business

Nominations & Elections of Officers for 2025-2026

Good of the Order

Announcements for Future Elections

Reports of the Credentials Committee
Convention Resolution
Announcements
Retirement of the Colors
Benediction
Adjournment

Tim Whalen, PSP
Vance Rhodes, PSP
Dan Tatum, President
Brunswick Lodge #691
Cyndi Russell, Chaplain
Dan Tatum, President

**GEORGIA ELKS CHARITIES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
WILL MEET IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
TODAY'S BUSINESS MEETING**

IMPORTANT NOTICE: All delegates must register with and be certified by the Credentials Committee to be entitled to participate in and vote on all matters that come before the Association at any business meeting session. The Credentials Desk will be open both Friday and Saturday mornings, opening one hour before the start of the business meeting and closing one half hour after the start of the business meeting. Please present your current membership card each morning for an accurate attendance count and to be eligible to vote. **If you are a P. E. R., please mark your credentials slip accordingly.**



**Georgia Elks Association
Annual Convention - Jekyll Island, Georgia**

**Installation and Awards Banquet
Jekyll Island Convention Center
Saturday, June 14, 2025**

Call to Order	Dan Tatum
Invocation	Cyndi Russell
Introductions	Dan Tatum
Head Table, from the right	
Past Grand Tiler, Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Bruce Hayden & wife Lisa	
Past Grand Exalted Ruler & State Sponsor Mike Smith & wife Sandra	
from the left	
Tim Whalen, PSP, Past Grand Esquire, GEA Sec./Treas. Chaplain Cyndi Russell & husband Brian, PDDGER Elks Aidmore State Auxiliary State President Barbara Burnett	
District Deputies	
NE Ed Whitcomb	
NW Bethany Jackson	
South Brenda Sailors	
Vice Presidents	
NE Stacey Simmons	
NW Jonathan Edwards	
South Charles Smith	
Introductions Auxiliary	Barbara Burnett
Ladies Horseshoe Awards	Nancy Strickland
Past State Presidents Award	Bob Colie
Farewell Remarks	
State Auxiliary President	Barbara Burnett
Farewell Remarks	
Recognition of Appointed Officers 2024-2025	Dan Tatum
Vance Rhodes, Parliamentarian	
Cliff Arden, Sergeant of Arms	
Brenda Sailors, Tiler	
Bill Lewis, Historian	
Lynda Lewis, Ga Elks News/Photographer	
Elk of the Year	Dan Tatum
Officer of the Year	Dan Tatum
Exalted Ruler of the Year	Dan Tatum
Lodge of the Year	Dan Tatum
Special Recognition Award	Dan Tatum
Farewell Remarks, State President	Dan Tatum
Installation of Ladies Auxiliary Officers	Bruce Hayden
Installation of Elected & Appointed Officers 2025-2026	Mike Smith
Installation Prayer	Cyndi Russell
Presentation of President's Pin & Gavel	Dan Tatum
President's Acceptance Speech	Larry Pope
Introduction of Aux. Pres. JoAnne Bennett	Barbara Burnett
Presentation of PSP pin to Dan Tatum	Nita Knighton
Completion of Business	Larry Pope
Announcements	Larry Pope
Eleven O'Clock Toast	Winner of the 11 O'Clock Toast
Benediction	Mike Johnson
Adjournment	Larry Pope

**Georgia Elks Association Aidmore Auxiliary
2025 Convention Schedule
Villas by the Sea Conference Center
Jekyll Island, Georgia**

Thursday, June 12, 2025

10:00 - 4:00	Registration Desk Open Villas by the Sea Lobby
11:00	Past State Presidents Luncheon Tortuga Jacks Jekyll 201 Beachview Dr. N. Jekyll Island, Georgia
1:30	Past Auxiliary Presidents Meeting Villas Conference Center
3:00 - 5:00	President Dan Tatum & Auxiliary President Barbara Burnett Reception Under the Tents Brunswick Low Country Boil Under the Tents

Friday, June 13, 2025

8:00	Ladies Credentials Desk Open
8:45	Ladies Credentials Desk Closes
9:00	Auxiliary General Business Meeting Villas Conference Center
11:00-11:30	Joint Memorial Service Villas Conference Center
12:00 noon	Heavy hors d'oeuvres in JoAnne Bennett's Room 509
2:00 - 4:00	Candidate Cocktail Party Under the Tents
4:00	Aidmore Auction Villas Conference Center
6:00	Picnic Dinner Jesup Lodge Cooking
7:30	Luau/Beach Dance Party Villas Conference Center

Saturday, June 14, 2025

8:00	Horseshoe Registration Villas Room 134
9:00	Horseshoe Competition Begins
11:00	President's Executive Board Brunch Room to be Announced
2:00 - 4:00	GEA & Auxiliary President's Reception/Cocktails Under the Tents
6:00	GEA & Auxiliary Installation & Awards Banquet Jekyll Convention Center

2024-2025 CONVENTION COMMITTEE

**Tim Whalen, PSP, Chairman
Nita Knighton, PSP, Vice Chairman
David Hicks
Piker Penn
Cyndi Russell
Steven Spradley, PSP
Steve Petrie**