

PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY

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The purpose of the Past President's Parley committee is to utilize the experience and knowledge of past auxiliary leader for training and encouragement of future Auxiliary leaders. Through the Past President's Parley committee, women who have served as unit (also Junior's) department, and National Presidents have an opportunity to continue in active service to the Auxiliary, helping ensure strong future leadership for the organization.

Past President's Parley also recognizes and Honors outstanding unit members through the Unit Member of the Year Award and Women veterans through the Salute to Servicewomen Award.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. PROMOTE MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES OF UNIT MEMBERS.

As former leaders, Past Presidents at all levels are encouraged to continue their support to the organization by accepting responsibility to contribute their experience, knowledge, and wisdom. As ambassadors for the organization, there is much information to share in achieving a stronger organization at each level, by sustaining growth through POSITIVE actions.

IDEAS: Unit: Form a unit Past President's Parley. Encourage Past Presidents to continue providing support through the process of sharing "Best Practices" with all members. Adopt a women veteran. Make them feel special every day. Contact the VA Medial Centers in Manchester, N.H. and White River Jct, VT; local nursing homes, and N.H. Veterans Home in Tilton, cards for holidays and birthday are priceless.

Department: Encourage Past Presidents at all levels to continue their support of the organization. Encourage Past Presidents to embrace the concept that their knowledge and wisdom, as a past leader, can make a difference in the development and mentoring of future leaders, and present leaders and future members. Share information a all levels to become stronger and maintain its growth with POSITIVE actions.

2. SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR THE DISTRICT/UNIT MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD.

This award recognizes the contributions made by a valued unit member. Select one member in your unit to compete for district recognition. The criteria used is the same used by National except the Department of NH will select from the District submissions.

All Department Unit Members of the Year are recognized at National convention. This is a very special award that recognizes the contributions mad by a valued unit member who

never held an office higher than unit president. It celebrates and recognizes those members who worked the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary.

3. SUBMIT NOMINATIONS FOR THE SALUTE TO SERVICEWOMEN AWARD.

The Past Presidents Parley will continue to recognize the military service of female personnel, including the National Guard and Reserve components, representing each branch of service at the National convention. So, let's seek out candidates to nominate for the Salute to Servicewoman Award. Assist with the application process and let's recognize them at Department functions.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

BAGLEY JUG – to the Unit in Department submitting the best Past President's Parley report.

BRESNAHAN – to the Unit in Department submitting the Second best Past President's Parley report.

IRENE MCINTYRE WALBRIDGE – to the Department Auxiliary Unit Member of the Year chosen from the District Auxiliary member of the year winners.