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 leaders 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.

The 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.

DO WHAT CAN YOU!

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 Presidents 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 Medical Centers in Manchester, N.H. and White River Junction, Vermont; 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 at 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 by meeting the criteria on the award form and making a nomination. The criteria used is the same used by National except the Department of NH will select from the District submissions.

3. All Department Unit Members of the Year are recognized at National convention. This is a very special award that recognizes the contributions made by a valued unit member who never held an office higher that unit president. It celebrates and recognizes those members who worked the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary.
4. NOMINATIONS SUBMIT 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 Servicewomen Award. Assist with the application process and let's recognize them at Department functions.

SALUTE TO SERVICEWOMAN AWARD

1. Nominees should be willing to attend the 2019 National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

2. All entry forms, including a narrative/You Tube video, must be completed and submitted by the deadline. A You Tube video can take the place of a written narrative.

3. Entry must have the nominee's name and address, unit name and number (if applicable) and most importantly, contact information for the servicewoman.

4. One applicant for each branch of service per unit will be accepted.

5. All entries must be sent to me, the Past President's Parley Chairman by April 1st, 2020.
HOW TO MENTOR A NEW MEMBER

Committee:
Past Presidents Parley

Contact Information for Questions:
pastpresidentsparley@ALAforVeterans.org

Unit Past President Parley Responsibilities

- Offer to escort a new member to your meeting.

- Introduce her to the president as well as other members in attendance. Ask her to share a little about herself. The information could be helpful in determining in which committee she may have the greatest interest. Have each attendee introduce herself.

- As each program report is given, request that the chairman explain the purpose of the program and how the unit supports it. Explain the duties of the officers, the chairmen and the committee members.

- Help maintain a positive attitude and assist in avoiding controversy during the meeting. Interject some occasional humor to help make the meeting fun.

- A prospective member is more likely to join if she feels she is joining an organization that is fun and whose activities support the community. All members will be more willing to attend meetings and assist with activities if the meetings are short and interesting. Remind the members to try new ideas without criticism if they fail. Suggest trying something else. Help keep the meeting moving toward a positive conclusion.

- Evaluate your new member's capabilities. If you feel she is ready to participate, ask her which of the programs holds her greatest interest. Discourage naming a new member as an officer or a chairman, but instead suggest she be given the opportunity of working on a committee with an experienced chairman. Let her know you are willing to mentor her and assist by answering her questions. Remember to praise her efforts.

- Past presidents should advise when asked, but preferably not serve as a chairman. Chairmanships should be held by other members so they may learn the programs and become good unit leaders who may develop an interest in moving into district, county or department positions.

- As a past president, you may wish to promote the nomination of a Unit Member of the Year. You may take the lead in recommending servicewomen to submit for an award. Develop a fundraising activity for donations to the nursing scholarship program.

Continue to support through your ongoing leadership!

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