



What is this program and why do we have it?

The purpose of the Past Presidents Parley Committee is to utilize the experience and knowledge of past ALA leaders for training and encouragement of future Auxiliary leaders. Through the Past Presidents Parley Committee, women who have served as Unit, District and Department Presidents have an opportunity to continue in active service to the Auxiliary, helping ensure strong future leadership for the organization. The Past Presidents Parley also recognizes and honors outstanding unit members through the Unit Member of the Year, and female veterans through the Salute to Servicewomen awards.

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 for Units and Districts

- Form a Unit Past Presidents Parley.
- Encourage past presidents to continue providing support through the process of sharing “best practices” with members.

2. Promote and submit nominations for the Unit Member of the Year Award.

This award recognizes the contributions made by a valued unit member. All Unit Members of the Year from each Department are recognized at National Convention.

Ideas for Units and Districts

- Select one member to compete for the Department Unit Member of the Year award by personally making a nomination.
- Honor her within the Unit.

3. Promote and 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.

Ideas for Units and Districts

- Seek candidates to nominate for the Salute to Servicewomen Award. Be sure to assist in the application process.
- Honor all nominees at a Unit function.

Past Presidents Parley Reporting

Mid-Year reports and End of Year reports will be mailed at a future date. Please be mindful of the deadlines.

Department Awards

Unit Member of the Year Award

- Only Senior members in good standing are eligible.
- Current membership dues must be paid.
- The member cannot have obtained an elected or appointed leadership higher than that of Unit President.
- Selection is based on accomplishments, activities, etc., for the current administrative year.
- Years of membership are not a part of the criteria; the nominee may be a new member.
- All entry forms, including a narrative, must be completed and submitted to Department Chairman, Lisa Liford, no later than May 15, 2017. See attached award forms for more details. The Unit President and Secretary must sign the entry form unless the nominee is one of them, in which case a past Unit President must sign the entry form.
- Each Unit may submit only one winner.

Salute to Servicewomen Award

- Nominee should be willing to attend the 2017 National Convention in Reno, NV, if possible.
- All entry forms, including a narrative/YouTube video, must be completed and submitted by the deadline. A YouTube video can take the place of a written narrative. Please see awards form for details.
- Entry must have the nominee's name and address, Unit name and number (if applicable) and most importantly, contact information for the servicewoman.
- One applicant for each branch of service per Unit will be accepted.
- All entries must be postmarked by June 1, 2017 and sent to the National Chairman.
- Be sure to send a copy of all entries to Department Chairman, Lisa Liford, at 210 E. Chester Drive, Ellettsville, IN 47429 or via email at **PursesforLisa@yahoo.com**.

Additional Resources You Can Use:

- **www.ALForVeterans.org**

Thank you for your continued efforts serving the American Legion Auxiliary!

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