

Past Presidents Parley Guide 2016-2017

Mission: The mission of the Past Presidents Parley Committee is to utilize the experience and knowledge of past Auxiliary leaders for the training and encouragement of future Auxiliary leaders. Through the Past Presidents Parley Committee, the women who have served as Unit, Department and National Presidents can continue in active service to the Auxiliary ensuring a strong leadership future for the organization. The Past Presidents Parley also recognizes and honors female veterans and presents the Salute to Servicewomen Award.

Unit Member of the Year: This award recognizes the contributions made by a valued Unit member who never held an office higher than Unit President. It celebrates and appreciates those members who quietly work the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary. Select one member to compete for the Department Unit Member of the Year award by researching the criteria within your Department guide, nominate her, and honor her within the Unit. Encourage other Units to participate. The Department winning Unit Member of the Year will be recognized at National Convention.

Unit Member of the Year Award Criteria:

1. Only senior members in good standing are eligible.
2. Current membership dues must be paid.
3. The member cannot have obtained an elected or appointed leadership role higher than that of Unit President.
4. Selection is based on accomplishments, activities, etc. For the current administrative year.
5. Years of membership are not part of the criteria; the nominee may be a new member.
6. Each Department may submit only one entry to National.
7. The Unit must submit a narrative of 1,000 words or less describing the nominee's accomplishments and activities together with the nominee's name and address. 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.
8. All entries must be postmarked by April 1, 2017.

Submit entry to:

Mary Anne Yunker
12575 Stout Ave. NE

Cedar Springs MI 49319

or email to:

ynckr@aol.com

Nursing Scholarships: This assists deserving students who are pursuing an education in the nursing field. It undertakes funding efforts to provide scholarship benefits to individuals entering and attending nursing training and develops resources to

provide financial aid information for nursing students.

Salute to Servicewomen:

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.

Salute to Servicewomen Award Criteria:

1. Nominees should be on active duty or reserves and willing to attend National Convention in Reno NV, if possible.
2. The nominating person or the service woman must write a narrative (750 words or less) or create a YouTube video (3 minutes or less, under 2GB) that shows the nominated servicewoman demonstrating exemplary service both in and out of uniform, making her the future face of women in the military.
3. Entry must have the nominee's name, address, Unit name and number and the signature of the Unit President or Past Presidents Parley Chairman.
4. One applicant for each branch of service; Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard (including the National Guard and the Reserve components of each branch) will be accepted.
5. **Units:** submit your entries by March 31, 2017 to your District chairman.
Districts: Submit your entry with a GREEN SLIP by April 15, 2017 to
Mary Anne Yuncker, Chairman or email to
12575 Stout Ave. NE ynckr@aol.com
Cedar Springs MI 49319

DEPARTMENT AWARD

Trudy Anderson Memorial Citation:

This citation is given to the Unit submitting the most outstanding Parley report in essay form of 500-1,000 words to the District chairman by March 31, 2017. The District Chairman is to send the winning entry from her District to the Department Chairman Mary Anne Yuncker by April 15, 2017, with the GREEN SLIP attached. **Without the GREEN SLIP, the entry will be disqualified.**

Past Presidents Parley Committee:

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2015-2016 American Legion Auxiliary Programs Action Plan

Past Presidents Parley

Past Presidents Parley and the 2014-2019 Centennial Strategic Plan – Designed to help Auxiliary women who have served as unit, department or national presidents, members of this committee model civility, loyalty and service before self as they actively work to build a strong future for the organization. (Goal 2, Goal 3, Goal 4).

Committee Contact Information

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Virginia Hobbs, Past National President (1998-1999)

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National Vice Chairman (Unit Member of the Year)

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Committee Member (PNP Legacy Project & National Poppy Day)

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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 Auxiliary leaders for training and encouragement of future Auxiliary leaders. Through the Past Presidents Parley committee, women who have served as unit, 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 Presidents Parley also recognizes and honors outstanding unit members through 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:

Unit

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

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 and future members.
- As past leaders, join the group as ambassadors for the organization knowing there is much information to share to make each level of the organization stronger and maintain its growth with positive actions.

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

This award recognizes the contributions made by a valued unit member. Select one member to compete for department recognition by researching the criteria within your department and making a nomination; honor her within your department. Also honor the member in her unit for significant contributions made to the unit. Encourage other units to participate. All Unit Members of the Year are recognized at national convention. Committee contact: National Vice Chairman

Ideas:

Unit

- Select one member to compete for the department Unit Member of the Year award by researching the criteria within your department and personally making a nomination.
- Honor her within the unit.

Department

- Promote the Unit Member of the Year Award to all units and members. This is a very special award that recognizes the contributions made by a valued unit member who never held an office higher than unit president. It celebrates and recognizes those members who quietly work the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary.
 - Follow the application criteria below, establish entry dates for your department, and establish a committee to judge the award entries and select the winning entry from your department.
- Plan to recognize the winner at your department convention.
- Raise funds to provide the winner from your department a means to attend the ALA Woman of the Year Luncheon held annually at the national convention. Special recognition at the luncheon is bestowed on all winners in attendance.

2. 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. Committee contact: National Chairman

Ideas:

Unit

- Seek candidates to nominate for the Salute to Servicewomen Award. Assist in the application process.
- Honor all nominees at a unit function.

Department

- Encourage units and members to seek deserving women to apply for this award.
- Assist in the application process.
- Recognize all award entries at a department function.

Past Presidents Parley Awards:

A. 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 role 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 by the deadline (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 department may submit only one department winner.
- The winning entry from each department should be postmarked by June 1, 2017, and sent to the national vice chairman. Contact information is provided on the front page of this program Plan.

B. Salute to Servicewomen Award:

- Nominees 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. Contact information is provided on the front page of this program Plan.

Past Presidents Parley Reporting

An annual report is not required; however, a year-end summary and a mid-year progress report are suggested as tools to gauge the direction and effectiveness of department activities. Both narratives should be forwarded to the national chairman by **January 5, 2017**, for mid-year and **May 15, 2017**, for year-end. Contact information is provided on the front page of this program Plan.

How To Sheets

- How to Establish a Past Presidents Parley in Your Department
- How to Host a National-Level Visitor at Your Department
- How to Mentor a New Member

Additional Resources You Can Use

See the Past Presidents Parley program page at www.ALAforVeterans.org for additional resources.



Past Presidents Parley Committee Award Entry Form

UNIT MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD

A Unit Member of the Year from each department will be recognized annually at the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention.

Requirements:

- 1. Open to senior members who are not in an elected or appointed leadership role higher than unit president.*
- 2. Each department may submit only one entry. Units must submit a narrative of 1,000 words or less describing the nominee's accomplishments and activities together with the nominee's name and address.*

<i>Nominating Department:</i>	
<i>Dept PPP Chairman Information</i>	
<i>Name:</i>	
<i>Address:</i>	
<i>Email:</i>	
<i>Telephone Number:</i>	
<i>Nominee Information</i>	
<i>Name:</i>	
<i>Address:</i>	
<i>Email:</i>	
<i>Phone:</i>	
<i>Nominee's Unit Name and Number:</i>	

<i>Form must be completed and submitted to National Vice Chairman Nancy Brown-Park by June 1, 2017.</i>	<i>National Committee Vice Chairman Nancy Brown-Park 73316 Cabazon Peak Dr. Palm Desert, CA 92260 brownpark1@me.com</i>
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Past Presidents Parley Committee

SALUTE TO SERVICEWOMEN AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Established in 2003, this award has evolved from honoring women veterans to honoring women who are currently serving our country in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard (includes National Guard and Reserve components of each branch).

One servicewoman from each branch of service will be recognized at the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention. Recipients attend the later portion of the 2017 National Convention in Reno, Nevada, as guests of the Auxiliary.

Nomination Criteria:

- A woman currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces (active duty or Reserve).
- Demonstrate a track record of exemplary service both in and out of uniform.
- A narrative or YouTube video that shows the servicewoman demonstrating exemplary service both in and out of uniform, making her the future face of women in the military.
- Servicewoman must be willing to be a guest of the Auxiliary and speak to the general assembly of the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention.
- All nomination forms must be submitted by June 1, 2017.

YouTube Video Checklist

If you choose to submit a video, please be sure to check that your video:

- does not contain any copyrighted music, video, images or text (not legally owned)
- is not set to "private;" your video must be public.
- is under 2GB in size
- is in .AVI, .MOV, .WMV, or .MPG file formats
- is 3 minutes or less in length

Next Steps:

- The nominating person or the servicewoman writes a narrative (750 words or less) or creates a YouTube video (3 minutes or less) that shows the nominated servicewoman demonstrating exemplary service both in and out of uniform making her the future face of women in the military.
- The following form must be completed and submitted by June 1, 2017, to National Chairman Virginia Hobbs. Written narratives should be attached. YouTube video links should be pasted in the box provided on the following form.

Servicewoman's Name:	
Servicewoman's Email:	
Servicewoman's Phone Number:	
Servicewoman's Branch of Service:	
Servicewoman's Rank:	
Servicewoman's Date of Enlistment:	
Servicewoman's Awards and Decorations, <i>if any</i> :	
Name of Person Making this Nomination, <i>if not the nominee</i> :	
Email of Person Making this Nomination, <i>if not the nominee</i> :	
Phone Number of Person Making this Nomination, <i>if not the nominee</i> :	
Is the servicewoman able to attend National Convention?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the servicewoman comfortable with public speaking?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Would servicewoman be willing to write a narrative/create a video?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Written Narrative: 1) please attach separate document to this form. 2) or type narrative directly into the box to the right.	
YouTube Video: copy and paste your video link in the box to the right.	

Return completed nomination form to Past Presidents Parley National Chairman Virginia Hobbs, 297 Terrace Drive, Radcliff, KY 40160-1185, or email to virginiahobbs@yahoo.com.



American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Michigan

MEDICAL CAREER SCHOLARSHIP

DEADLINE--POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 15, 2017

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED BY:

Phone: (517) 267-8809; Fax (517) 371-2401; or email: info@michalaux.org

Website: www.michalaux.org

Applications available at www.michalaux.org

Scholarships shall be for training men and women for medical careers.

ELIGIBILITY: Candidates shall be daughters, granddaughters, great-granddaughters, sons, grandsons, great-grandsons, of honourably discharged or deceased men or women veterans of World War I, April 6, 1917 - November 11, 1918; World War II, December 7, 1941 - December 31, 1946; Korean Conflict, June 25, 1950 - January 31, 1955; Vietnam Hostilities, February 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975; Grenada and Lebanon Hostilities, August 24, 1982 - July 31, 1984; Panama Hostilities, December 2, 1989 - January 31, 1990; Persian Gulf, August 2, 1990 to Date to be set by Congress.

SCHOLARSHIPS SHALL BE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 AND FOR ONE YEAR ONLY. The scholarship award shall be forfeited immediately upon advice from the Dean or other authorized officials of said institution, for failure to continue with classes because of misconduct, scholastic deficiency or other disqualifying cause. Should a recipient drop out during the year, he/she must repay the American Legion Auxiliary the unused portion of the scholarship.

DESCRIPTION OF GRANT - The \$500.00 grant is to apply toward the expense of tuition, room and board fees, books and supplies necessary for pursuit of study at any school, college, or other education institution **in the State of Michigan.**

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE IN THE TOP QUARTER OF THEIR CLASS. Scholarships restricted to students going into, or completing their senior year of high school and entering their first year of college who qualify and are in need of assistance. Therefore, complete information must be given as to the applicant's family financial status. This information will be kept confidential.

Applicants must be a resident of the State of Michigan at the time of application and for one year preceding the date of filing application. **Scholarship must be used in a school in Michigan.**

Please complete all questions on the application. If not applicable, please indicate so with N/A.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY ELIMINATED.

Winners will be notified following judging of scholarship applications. If you have not received notification by July 10, feel free to call the Department of Michigan Auxiliary Headquarters, 517-267-8809 ext. 20.

ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION - Upon notification, scholarship winners shall notify the American Legion Auxiliary Headquarters (address above) by **July 10, 2017** of acceptance or non-acceptance of the scholarship, or the award shall be forfeited and all benefits terminated. Recipients must send complete name and address of the office of Financial Aid of the school he/she will attend. Two \$250.00 scholarship checks will be sent from the American Legion Auxiliary Headquarters in **July and late September** and it will be deposited in the winner's name at the school he/she will attend.

Applications will be taken into consideration by the judging committee using the following scale:

1. Grades of student
2. Financial Need
3. Degree of interest of applicant
4. Three (3) letters of recommendation

THE FOLLOWING MUST ACCOMPANY APPLICATION:

1. A copy of the veteran's discharge papers showing date of induction or enlistment and date of separation. If you do not have a copy of the veterans discharge papers, they may be obtained in the following ways:

May be obtained from the County Clerk's Office where veteran resides

If the veterans lived in Michigan and received a Michigan bonus, you may apply to the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund, P.O. Box 30026, Lansing, MI 48909.

If she/he has not filed the DD-214 with the local clerk, a copy may be obtained by going to www.archives.gov and requesting the military service records. If the DD-214 is unavailable, a Form SF-180, Request Pertaining to Military Records can be obtained from the same website.

Please note, however, only the veteran may request a copy of the document unless she/he is deceased.

It will take 6-8 weeks to obtain copies of these documents. SO ACT PROMPTLY

2. Three letters of recommendation – (from principal or counselor, clergyman, or unrelated person knowing of applicant's character).
3. Copy of High School Transcript
4. A copy of Income Tax Form 1040 (pages 1&2) for 2015 or 2016 or a Federal FAFSA Form completed in 2016.

NOTE: ANYONE APPLYING FOR THIS MEDICAL CAREER SCHOLARSHIP MAY NOT ACCEPT ANY OTHER SCHOLARSHIP FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN.

MAIL COMPLETED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION WITH REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS TO:

Mary Anne Yuncker
12575 Stout Ave NE
Cedar Springs, MI 49319



American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Michigan

APPLICATION FOR MEDICAL CAREER SCHOLARSHIP
DEADLINE: POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN MARCH 15, 2016

MAIL COMPLETED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION WITH REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS TO:

Mary Anne Yuncker
12575 Stout Ave NE
Cedar Springs, MI 49319

ELIGIBILITY: Daughters, granddaughters, great-granddaughters, sons, grandsons, great-grandsons, wives, husbands or widows of honorably discharged or deceased men or women veterans of World War I, April 6, 1917 - November 11, 1918; World War II, December 7, 1941 - December 31, 1946; Korean Conflict, June 25, 1950 - January 31, 1955; Vietnam Hostilities, February 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975; Grenada and Lebanon Hostilities, August 24, 1982 - July 31, 1984; Panama Hostilities, December 2, 1989 - January 31, 1990; Persian Gulf, August 2, 1990 to Date to be set by Congress.

Name _____

Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone Number (include area code) _____ Birth Date _____

Grade Point Average _____

Application for (check one):

Registered Nurse	_____	Licensed Practical Nurse	_____
Physical Therapists	_____	Respiratory Therapists	_____
Other	_____		

Applicant's relationship to the Veteran: _____

Veteran Served in: _____ World War I, April 6, 1917 - November 11, 1918
 _____ World War II, December 7, 1941 - December 31, 1946
 _____ Korean Conflict, June 25, 1950 - January 31, 1955
 _____ Vietnam Hostilities, February 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975
 _____ Grenada & Lebanon, August 24, 1982 - July 31, 1984
 _____ Panama Hostilities, December 2, 1989 - January 31, 1990
 _____ Persian Gulf, August 2, 1990 to Date to be set by Congress

What medical career school in Michigan do you plan to attend? _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

ACCEPTED _____ PENDING _____

INCOME INFORMATION

Mother Name _____ Father Name _____
Place of Employment _____ Place of Employment _____
Occupation _____ Occupation _____
W2/1099 Income _____ W2/1099 Income _____

OTHER INCOME:

Alimony _____ Alimony _____
Social Security Benefits _____ Social Security Benefits _____
Pension/Retirement _____ Pension/Retirement _____
Child Support _____ Child Support _____
Other Income _____ Other Income _____

Total Household Gross Incomes _____

Number of DEPENDENT CHILDREN at home (including yourself) _____

How many are in high school? _____ How many are in College? _____

What plans have you and your family made for financing your education? _____

Have you been granted other scholarships? Yes _____ No _____, if yes, describe source, amount, and duration.

If your education was interrupted because of illness, employment, or travel, please describe the circumstances.

List extra-curricular activities _____

Describe briefly how you became interested in a medical career _____

I agree to enter a basic medical career program if I am awarded this scholarship. In the event I do not complete the year I promise to repay to the American Legion Auxiliary the unused portion of the scholarship.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Be sure to include:

1. Completed Application Form
2. Copy of Veteran's Discharge papers (may be obtained from County Clerk's Office where veteran resides)
3. Copy of High School Transcript
4. Copy of Parent/Guardian's Income Tax Form (1040 pages 1&2) for 2014 or 2015 or a Federal FAFSA Form completed in 2015.
Please blacken out Social Security Numbers for privacy purposes.
5. Three (3) letters of recommendation

MAIL COMPLETED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION WITH REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS TO:

**Mary Anne Yuncker
12575 Stout Ave NE
Cedar Springs, MI 49319**



HOW TO HOST A NATIONAL-LEVEL VISITOR AT YOUR DEPARTMENT

Committee:

Past Presidents Parley

Submitted by:

National Past Presidents Parley Committee

Contact Information for Questions:

National Chairman Virginia Hobbs
virginiahobbs@yahoo.com

Suggestions for hosting a national-level visitor at your department

- Make sure all pre-visit forms are filled out completely and correctly. The national president's form requests detailed information regarding events, expectations for speaking obligations, appropriate attire, etc. Visitors should be informed of any changes made to the information submitted on the pre-visit forms.
- Identify a distinguished guest committee that will be responsible for all activities during the visit. This committee should be familiar with the area and will represent your organization in a professional manner. Make the committee members aware of the dress code for the visit. Have them develop a plan that assigns individual responsibilities. If you have a national chairman, national officer or Past National President in your department, it is suggested she be on this committee.
- If the guest is flying into the area, designate who will be at the airport at the scheduled time of arrival. The visit begins at the airport. Be on time and either at the gate or at the luggage area to make your guest feel welcome. Assist with luggage at every location. Transport her in a clean vehicle that has a large luggage storage area. Many times, the guest has been traveling for several days and has multiple suitcases. Ask if she has eaten or would like to stop at a suitable restaurant prior to escorting her to the final destination.
- If possible, pick up the key to your guest's room before her arrival. Check the room to make sure everything is prepared for her visit. You may choose to place a small gift, bottled water or small snacks in the room. When you arrive at the location where your guest will be staying, escort her immediately to her room. Allow the guest some time to unpack, check her messages and relax before the first scheduled event.
- She should be escorted at all times. Ask if she prefers breakfast in her room or in the dining room and what time she would like to retire to her room.
- Facilitating a reception or social activity is an effective way of enabling the national-level visitor to meet as many members as possible.
- The department president will introduce the guest. When addressing an audience, she should speak last. In a processional, the national president would be the last to be introduced and the last to be seated or step onto the platform.
- A gift list of items given to the visitor is always appreciated. Send one list with the gifts mailed to her home and send a copy to National Headquarters. Prior to the day of departure, ask the visitor what time she would like to arrive at the airport. Many guests prefer to be checked in and waiting at their departure gate one hour prior to boarding the plane. Please plan departure day events accordingly.



HOW TO MENTOR A NEW MEMBER

Committee:

Past Presidents Parley

Submitted by:

National Past Presidents Parley Committee

Contact Information for Questions:

National Chairman Virginia Hobbs
virginiahobbs@yahoo.com

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!



HOW TO ESTABLISH A PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY IN YOUR DEPARTMENT

Committee:

Past Presidents Parley

Submitted by:

National Past Presidents Parley Committee

Contact Information for Questions:

National Chairman Virginia Hobbs
virginiahobbs@yahoo.com

Establish a Past Presidents Parley in your department

- Departments are encouraged to establish a Past Presidents Parley (PPP) consisting of their past department presidents. These groups can continue their support of the organization by using their experience, knowledge and wisdom to be goodwill ambassadors and to strengthen our organization and help maintain its growth.
- PPPs can play an important part in the mentoring of current members to develop knowledgeable leadership within the department. They can support and assist in a recruitment effort for new members.
- They are encouraged to select a mission-outreach project of interest and support the program with time and/or financial contributions. They may choose to have a courtesy fund and chairman to remember past presidents when the need arises.
- They should make themselves available to current officers as well as potential candidates for office. Their guidance and constructive feedback should help the department maintain continuity and good cooperation.
- This group could hold a luncheon during department meetings to share current department news. They may choose to donate or raise funds for ex-servicewomen and PPP nurses scholarships. They may discuss making specific donations or how they could assist with issues within their department to help create a positive result. A discussion could be held about ideas for proposing a resolution to help clarify a questionable Constitution & Bylaws article. They may decide to take a leadership role regarding a proposal from the national organization. Some members of the Parley may be serving at the national level.
- They could invite the current department president and any national guest who may be in attendance at their meeting.
- Your knowledge can be invaluable on the department's Finance Committee, as PPP chairman, or as parliamentarian, if appointed.
- Continue to be involved: You are a valuable department member.