

## Past Presidents Parley Guide

2021-2022

### **Past Presidents Parley Committee:**

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**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 to help ensure a strong leadership future for the organization. The Past Presidents Parley also recognizes and honors female veterans and presents the Salute to Servicewomen Award.

### **Organizing New Parleys and Sharing Knowledge:**

Sometimes our most valuable resources in our great organization are often overlooked “Our Past Presidents”. Through the Past Presidents Parleys they can contribute to the organization with their knowledge and opportunity to help organize new Units and District Past Presidents Parley Committees. Encourage all your past Presidents to get involved. Give them a job to do and ask them to be active as much as they can. They are more than willing to share the knowledge and wisdom they are learned over the years that can help you. We all need to encourage new ideas. If we fail, we fail but we try again. We all need to be role models who adhere to the all the important documents of our organization (Constitution & Bylaws, Standing Rules, Roberts Rules of Order, Unit Handbook, Parliamentary Procedures, etc.).

**Membership:** As a past Department President, we know first- hand how exciting it is to reach membership goals and see continued growth of our organization. The honor of being a member of this great organization is wonderful privilege and a great way to help others. As Past Presidents we can offer our assistance within our Unit, Districts and Department to help our membership to grow. Try offering an award to any Past President who signs up a certain number of new members this coming year. This will also help our membership team.

### **Unit Member of the Year:**

To recognize 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. Select one member to compete for the Department Unit Member of the Year award by researching the criteria within your Department and making a nomination 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 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 submitted to your District Chairman by March 30, 2022.**

**District Chairman** must submit the winning entry, along with **GREEN SLIP by April 15, 2022** to Department. Please send all entries to the following address:

#### **Submit entries to:**

American Legion Department of Michigan Auxiliary C/O Ellen Jackson  
212 N. Verlinden Lansing, MI 48915

Or email to: [sleepy1960@yahoo.com](mailto:sleepy1960@yahoo.com) remember to include a subject title on email.

### **Scholarships in the Field of Medicine:**

To assist deserving students who are pursuing the education in the nursing field, physical therapists, respiratory therapists and staff in general. Undertake funding efforts to provide scholarship benefits to individuals entering and attending medical training. Develop resources to provide financial aid information for students who are planning to pursue a career in the medical field. Units and Districts can help with job fairs or fund raiser to help sponsor a Past Presidents Parley Scholarship.

### **Recognizing Female Veterans:**

We need to make every day special for all our Veterans but especially for our Female Veterans. Develop good communications with the women veterans in your community. Send them greeting cards on special occasions. Make personal phone calls when possible. Make goodie bags or gift baskets for the holidays for them. Assist them with any medical necessities (appointments, resources from Service Officer, picking up medications, etc.) and or adopt a women veteran in a long-term care facility. Help engage in legislation, programs and activities that support advocacy on behalf of Women Veterans.

### **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 the National Convention if possible. A brief narrative of their Military Service should be included with the entry.
2. The nominating person or the servicewoman writes a narrative (750 words or less) or creates a YouTube video (3 minutes or less, under 2GB) that shows the nominated servicewoman demonstrating exemplary service both in and out of uniform making the future face of **women in the military**.
3. Entry must include 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 and Coast Guard (including National Guard and Reserve components of each branch).
5. **Units: Submit your entries by March 30, 2022 to your District Chairman.**

### **6. Districts: Submit your entry with the Green Slip by April 15, 2022 to:**

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### **Department Award**

### **Trudy Anderson Memorial Citation:**

For the most outstanding Parley report submitted in essay form (500-1000 words) to the District Chairman by **March 30, 2022**. The District Chairman is to send the winning entry from the District to **Department Chairman Ellen Jackson by April 15, 2022 with the Green Slip.**

**What is the program and why do we have it?** The purpose of the Past Presidents Parley (PPP) 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. This helps ensure a strong leadership for the organization. The Past Presidents Parley also recognizes and honors outstanding Unit members through Unit Membership of the Year, and female Veterans through the Salute to Servicewomen Awards. Past Presidents Parley and the ALA 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, and Goal 4).

### **Past Presidents Parley Awards Deadlines and Submission Requirements:**

Taking the time to share a favorite story about the positive impact you or someone you know has had on our mission is worth doing! It helps us tell the world, who we are, what we do and why we matter. Just three simple steps to add your part to our national success story:

**Please follow instructions as you fill out the National Report and Awards Cover Sheet found in the awards section of the Annual Supplement to the Programs Action Plan.**

Provide details/examples about the activity as outlined in the 2017-2022, Programs Action Plan, National Report and Awards Cover Sheet, deadlines, and committee contacts information may be found on the Leadership and National Security committee page on the national website, [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org).

### **Member Award: Unit Member of the Year**

1. **Deadline: June 1, 2022.**
2. Must submit Unit Member of the Year Award Form available for download on the national website under Application Forms-Awards.

### **National Award: Salute to Servicewomen**

1. **Deadline: June 1, 2022**
2. Must submit Salute to Servicewomen Award Nomination Form available for download on the national website under Application Forms-Awards.

### **Past Presidents Parley Reporting:**

An annual report is not required; however, an annual summary and a mid-year progress report are suggested as tools to gauge the direction and effectiveness of department activities

**Units** are asked to send **a Mid-Year Report to their District Chairman** by the **December 1, 2021.**

The **District Chairman** is asked to send a **Mid-Year Report to their Department Chairman** by **December 15, 2021.**

Send them to Ellen Jackson 11355 Irish Road Otisville, MI. 48463 or email them to [sleepy1960@yahoo.com](mailto:sleepy1960@yahoo.com).

**Mid-Year Reports**

Mid-Year reports reflect the program work of units in the department and are intended as an opportunity for a mid-year correction.

**Year-End Reports**

Annual reports reflect the program work of units in their department and may result in a National Award for the participants if all award requirements are met.

Members and units should follow their department's protocol and deadlines for report submissions at the department level.