

**PLAQUES AND AWARDS
2018-2019**

PROGRAM - PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY - Karen Thygeson, Chairman

**All entries are to be sent to the Department Chairman - Karen Thygeson
(Address list included with instructions).**

Department Awards:

KIENHOLZ WALKER PLAQUE

Award Criteria: To the Unit submitting the best narrative on the activities of the Unit's Past President's Parley.

Award Guidelines: Entry must be typewritten in narrative format, not to exceed 1,000 words. The entry may include no more than five pictures and news articles. All entries must be postmarked by April 15, 2019.

Award: Plaque, presented at Department Convention.

UNIT MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Award Criteria: To an individual who is a very special, hard working, dedicated Auxiliary member who goes above and beyond the call of duty, however, has no desire to serve in any office beyond the Unit level. She may have worked behind the scenes and was there to further the programs of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Award Guidelines:

1. Each Unit is limited to one nomination.
2. Only Senior members in good standing are eligible.
3. Current membership dues must be paid.
4. The member cannot have obtained an elected or appointed leadership role higher than Unit President.
5. Selection is based on accomplishments, activities, etc. for the **CURRENT** administrative year.
6. Years of membership are not a part of the criteria; the nominee may be a new member.
7. Unit must submit a narrative of 1,000 words or less describing the nominee's accomplishments and activities together with the nominee's name, address and telephone number. The Unit Secretary and President must sign the entry, unless the nominee is one of them in which case a Past Unit President must sign the entry.

Award: A plaque to Minnesota's Unit Member of the year. Winner will also receive \$800.00 towards expenses to the National Convention should she wish to attend.

National Awards:

A. Member Award: Unit Member of the Year

- Presented to: A senior member in good standing who hasn't obtained an elected or appointed leadership role higher than that of unit president.
- Materials and guidelines:
 - a. Selection is based on accomplishments, activities, etc., for the current administrative year.
 - b. Years of membership are not a part of the criteria; the nominee may be a

new member.

- c. All entry forms, including a narrative, must be completed and submitted by the deadline. 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. Please see Unit Member of the Year Award Form for more information.
- d. Each department may submit only one department winner.

B. National Award: Salute to Servicewomen Award

- Presented to: One servicewoman in each branch of the U.S. Armed Forces
- Materials and guidelines
 - a. Nominees should be willing to attend National Convention, if possible.
 - b. 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 Salute to Servicewomen Award Nomination Form for more information.
 - c. Entry must have the nominee's name and address, unit name and number (if applicable), and, most importantly, contact information for the