



Department of Minnesota September 2025 Unit Mailing Past President's Parley

Welcome to our 2025-2026 Auxiliary year. I am honored to serve our members as the Past President's Parley Chairman and I would like to get to know you, yes I would! Did you just sing those last few words? Let's have some fun in our Units this year.

Let me introduce myself. Won't you guess my name. Yep, another song reference :) I am a lifelong member of the American Legion Auxiliary. Originally a member of the Portage Park American Legion Auxiliary as a Junior member, in Chicago and transferred in 1999 to Bemidji Unit 14. I have served as Unit, District and Department President with many other responsibilities and chairmanships along the way. I would not be where I am today without the awesome mentors I have had throughout my life.

Each Unit has Past President's. The purpose of the Past President's Parley is for its members to utilize the experience and knowledge of past Auxiliary leaders to help ensure a strong leadership for the future of our organization. We are here to help by mentoring, answering questions and develop knowledgeable leadership within the Unit, District and Department. By doing these things we are helping members to become officers and/or chairmen in their Unit, District and Department.

Here are some suggestions for Units to have some fun and fellowship this year:

First of all, what will you plan and how will you accomplish recognizing our female veterans? Maybe you have a female veteran in your community that needs some assistance. Take action pictures and include a couple sentences about this activity. Get it in your local paper.

Plan a fundraiser for the Past President's Parley Scholarship Fund. Are you aware that this scholarship is only for Auxiliary members and covers **any** phase of the healthcare field. If you know someone that could use this scholarship encourage them to apply. If they are not a member and qualify have them join your Unit!

Keeping your Unit Past President's involved in your future. Pick their brains, what worked in their Past. Unit Past President's should also remain open minded to younger members ideas. The only constant in life is change. Never say never and always be willing to try.

Remember to take action pictures and a small narrative of who, what, where, why and how as you record, share and report your activities. Remember to save these for your end-of-year reports!

Yours in service for God and Country,
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