



Past Presidents Parley Sandy Fredrickson ~ Chairman

As we celebrate our 100th Anniversary of existence, the purpose of the Past Presidents Parley program has not changed much. The 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, district, 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 the Unit Member of the Year Award and women Veterans through the Salute to Servicewomen Award.

Your National Chairman this year is Carlene Ashworth, Past National President (2008-2009). We can be proud to be working under National President Nicole Clapp and our own Department President Mary Hendrickson.

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Please go onto the National or Department websites for all the current plans and updates. Make use of the material that is free to all of us.

Activities for this year are:

Minnesota is very proud to have our **PPP Health Care Scholarships**. Up to (10) \$1000.00 scholarships (based on donations received this Auxiliary year).

Main criteria are; applicant must be a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Minnesota for at least 3 years; and maintain a “C” or better average. **Please note** this scholarship is just not for nursing---it is for any course of study in the medical field. This can be quite an open field for those seeking other careers in the medical field. Applications must be received in the Department Office by March 15th, 2020.

Unit member of the Year:

- Must be a senior member in good standing
- Member cannot have held a leadership role higher than Unit President
- See rules in the 2019-2020 Trophies and Awards listing.

“Salute to Service Women Award”

Acknowledging and honoring our female Veterans.

What can you do as a Past President?

- 1) Promote mentoring opportunities to unit members.
 - a. Continue to support the organization by accepting responsibility to contribute to their experience, knowledge and wisdom. As an ambassador for the organization you have much information to share in achieving a stronger organization. At each level, unit, district, or department; sustain growth through positive actions.
IDEAS:
 - a. form a unit or district Parley.
 - b. Encourage other past presidents to get involved and provide support
 - c. Be an ambassador to the new leader and the organization knowing you have information to share
- 2) Promote and submit nominations for the Unit Member of the Year Award
 - a. Select a valued unit member. Send the nomination to department for what she has done.
 - b. Honor her within your unit and hope she does well in the department competition
 - c. Follow the criteria needed set by National and set within the 2019-20 Trophies and Awards listing.
- 3) Promote and submit a nomination for “Salute to Service Women Award”
 - a. Seek a candidate
 - b. Honor nominee at a unit function. Recognize nominee at a local gathering or publish article in the local newspaper.
 - c. Assist in the application process and follow the 2019-20 Trophies and Awards listing.
IDEAS:

Send greeting cards on special occasions
Recognize the female Veteran for their service to our country!
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Please read the Department Trophies and Awards document. Make sure to follow the rules. Print out copies of our scholarship applications and take them to the schools in your communities.

As Past Presidents and leaders we still have much to offer. It is our responsibility to continue as mentors within our Units, Districts, and Department. This is a way for us to stay involved and be part of our ever-changing world which includes our American Legion Auxiliary!

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