



American Legion Auxiliary

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PAST PRESIDENT'S PARLEY

As we celebrate our 100th American Legion Auxiliary let's involve our Past Presidents of our organization. Our Units, districts, and department all have Past President's. This is the year to take pictures and tell your stories! You may be surprised as to hear some insight from those who helped build this organization. You may gain new ideas from their old ideas.

As we know the purpose of the Past Presidents Parley is to focus on these members as mentors and have them share their knowledge. Past Presidents are here to help build a stronger future for our organization and make a difference in the life of our organization and members! We are not here to TELL You how to do it!!

Focus on President Mary's theme, **“Remember, Honor, Serve!”**

As chairman I ask all of you to send pictures and share your stories. It is my hope to incorporate them somehow in a slide show at the end of the year. These members are our past, our present, and will help mentor our future. All you have to do is ask to hear their stories.

The other important things are: knowing about **the PPP Scholarship**. I have asked Secretary Sandie to put the application with this message. Get these apps to your schools now. Ask if you can explain the app to the seniors of your school districts. Too many times we hear our message doesn't get to the students! Remember this scholarship is basically wide open to anyone furthering their education in a health care field. **It is not just nursing!** Department only gave out 8 applications last year. Please, please review the applications before they are sent in and make sure the student has filled everything out correctly. We have found many to be ineligible because something is missing!

Keep in mind there may be a person you would like to enter in the unit ***Woman of the Year contest***. Every unit has such a member. You just have to have someone jot things down and then send it in at annual report time. Who knows it maybe YOU!! The Department pays up to \$850.00 for the expenses for this person to attend National Convention!

Please keep in mind the Salute to **Servicewoman Award** also. As years have passed, we have more and more Women whom have and are serving in the military. Here again it just takes a little time and commitment by someone who will fill the form out! Let's show National we have great people working in and within our Minnesota American Legion Auxiliary!

You may start sending your stories and pictures to dsfredrick@gmail.com or mail them to me @ 771 2nd St SW, Glenville, MN 56036. I will start my file so I can read through them now and not wait until annual report time! You can also have the students get their apps in early. There is a lot of reading to do so the earlier the better!

Have fun, learn lots, and remember you have many, many members and past members that have served and are still serving!

Department PPP Chairman,
Sandy Fredrickson