

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY

What is the purpose of this program

The purpose of the Past Presidents Parley committee is to utilize the experience and knowledge of the past Auxiliary leaders for training and encouragement of future Auxiliary leaders. Through the Past Presidents Parley committee, women who have served at the Unit and Department, and National levels 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 Unit Member of the Year, and Female veterans through the Salute the Servicewomen awards.

What can you do

- Encourage Past Presidents at all levels to continue their support of the organization.
- Encourage Past Presidents to embrace the concept that their knowledge and wisdom, as a past leader, can make a difference in the development and mentoring of future leaders, and present and future members.
- As past leaders, join the group as ambassadors for the organization knowing there is much information to share to make each level of the organization stronger and maintain its growth with positive actions.
- Encourage Past Presidents to continue providing support through the process of sharing “best practices” with members.

Promote and submit nominations for the Unit Member of the Year Award

This award recognizes the contributions made by a valued Unit member. Select one member to compete for Department recognition by researching the criteria within your Unit and making a nomination; honor her within your Department. Also honor the member in her Unit for a significant contributions made to the Unit. Encourage other Units to participate. All Unit Members of the Year are recognized at the National Convention.

- Promote the Unit Member of the Year Award to all Unit members. This is a very special award that recognizes 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.
- Winner will be recognized at the Department Convention, and application forwarded to National. A Special recognition is bestowed on all Department winners at the Woman of the Year Luncheon.

Promote and submit nominations for the Salute to Servicewoman Award

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.

- Seek candidates to nominate for the Servicewoman Award. Assist in the Application process.
- Honor all nominees at a Unit function.

Past Presidents Parley Awards:

A. Unit Member of the Year Award

- Only Senior Members are eligible
- Current membership dues must be paid.
- The member cannot have obtained an elected or appointed leadership role no higher than Unit president.
- Selection is based on accomplishments, activities, etc., for the current administrative year.
- Years of membership are not a part of the criteria; the nominee may be a new member.
- All entry forms, including a narrative, must be completed and submitted by the deadline (see attached award forms for more details). 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.

B. Salute to Servicewomen Award

- All entry forms, including a narrative must be completed and submitted by deadline. Video can take place of a written narrative. Please see awards form for details.
- Entry must have the nominee's name and address, Unit name and number (if applicable) and importantly, contact information for the servicewoman.
- One applicant for each branch of service per unit will be accepted.
- The Department winners for the Servicewomen of the Year should be willing to attend the 2017 National Convention in Reno, NV if possible.

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**SALUTE TO SERVICEWOMEN
AWARD NOMINATION FORM**

Established in 2003, this award has evolved from honoring women veterans to honoring women who are currently serving our country in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard (includes National Guard and Reserve components of each branch).

One service woman from each branch of service will be recognized at the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention. Receipts attend the later portion of the 2017 National Convention in Reno, Nevada, as guests of the Auxiliary.

Nomination Criteria

- A woman currently serving in the US Armed Forces (active duty or Reserve).
- Demonstrate a track record of exemplary service both in and out of uniform.
- A narrative of YouTube video that shows the service woman demonstrating exemplary service both in and out of uniform, making her the future face of women in the military.
- Servicewoman must be willing to be a guest of the Auxiliary and speak to the general assembly of the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention.

YouTube Video Checklist

If you choose to submit a video, please be sure to check that your video:

- Does not contain any copyrighted music, video, images or text (not legally owned)
- Is not set to "private" your video must be public.
- Us under 2GB in size
- Is in .AVI, .MOV, .WMV, or MPG file formats
- Is 3 minutes or less in length

Next Steps

- The nominating person or the servicewoman writes a narrative (750 words or less) or creates a YouTube video (3 minutes or less) that shows the nominated servicewoman demonstrating exemplary service both in and out of uniform making her the future face of women in the military.
- The following form must be completed and submitted by **May 15,**

Ann Moore, Chairman