

Bells in Service for our Veterans, Military Family, Community and Children.



Past Presidents Parley
2023 – 2024
Florida

Chairman:

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Purpose: Department of Florida will “Be the one” this year to provide Selflessness encouragement and provide to our past, current, and future leaders. The department of Florida has an abundance of experience knowledge in those that have served as President. Within your Units, Districts, and Department Presidents. Reach out and let them ensure strong leadership for the future of the American Legion Auxiliary. So Let’s Ring the Bells this year.

Responsibilities of Past Presidents can include mentoring of new members, supporting members with their skills and leadership. Instruction of protocol and setting examples of “Service before Self”. There can be informal instructional sessions with Past Presidents which should include interaction with members who may share real time problems, concerns, and ideas.

Past Department Presidents (PDP) started a Mentor Award this year for eligible member that has not served in a leadership role higher than Department 1st Vice Presidents.

What is a mentor?

- A trusted counselor or guide
- A tutor or coach
- Someone you trust, admire and value their thoughts about what you're working on. Someone who is going to encourage you in your endeavors.

Your mentor does not have to be someone of a certain age since many in our younger population are better at thinking outside the box and have valuable advice to share.

Your mentor should be knowledgeable about your program, not critical about other's thoughts but gives constructive information, allows you to feel safe and comfortable when you don't understand. Your mentor should be encouraging and helping you to keep working toward the goals you wish to accomplish.

Choosing a Mentor

- Do I look up to this person?
- Am I able to work well with this person?
- Can this person guide me toward my goals? Is this person happy, with their life?

For your mentor, will make a positive or negative impact on your life.

It's always your mentor someone, who appreciates your interest in learning and who makes a difference in your life.

There are many Past Presidents who will be willing to help you. Tap into their knowledge and don't let their talents go to waste. Ask for their help — most of the time they'll be happy you asked and share their experiences that will assist you in your learning process.

Ways Past Presidents May Assist

- Set up a new Parley if you don't currently have one in your Unit or District
- Encourage members to ask questions. When they don't know the answer, they should tell you and then help you find the answer you need.
- Share their experiences and ideas with future leaders.
- In your Districts, they should encourage sharing their ideas among Units. One Unit may have great ideas that will work for another Unit within the District
- Recognize members who have gone above and beyond to help our veterans!

Ultimately, Past Presidents are there for ALA members because they have experience and can deliver the support needed to keep members interested in our organization and our programs.

Friendly. Reminders

Annual Reporting

- A year-end questioner report is not required; however, a year-end summary report is requested.

ALL Units

that submit a report to District, and upon receiving the report, all will receive a Certificate.

Mentor Award

- Does not replace Unit Member of the Year (see PEP Leadership)
- Adhere to Mentor Criteria on website completely
- Must be submitted electronic to **ME** (Wanda Brandt) by **April 15th, 2023**.

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