



Securing Our Foundation to Build a Stronger Future for
our Veterans, Military Families, Community, Children and Youth.

Past Presidents Parley
2024 – 2025
Florida

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Department of Florida will “Lead the Way” this year. By providing each member the encouragement to Secure our Foundation and Build a Stronger Future. The department of Florida has an abundance of knowledge and experience and we know how to succeed. We need to continue mentoring our new members, supporting each other, teach the importance of mentoring, share knowledge and teaching moments with one another.

Responsibilities: of Mentoring is important for it allows organizations to create an environment that fosters personal and professional growth through the sharing of information, skills, attitudes and behaviors.

PPP Mentoring Award: Understanding the importance of mentoring within the Auxiliary, the **Past Department Presidents (PDP)** came together at Convention and presented to the executive board Thursday afternoon for a **Department Honorary Award to be sponsored by the PDPs, it was presented, and approved.**

This will be awarded annually at the Department Convention to the Florida Auxiliary Member in good standing who has made contributions through teaching, sharing knowledge, and providing guidance for the current Auxiliary year. This was adopted by the governing body for a 12 years award for eligible Florida members that have 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 admire and value their ideas.
- 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. 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?
- Can I work well with this person?
- Can this person guide me toward my goals?
- Is this person someone who appreciates your interest in learning and who makes a difference in your life.

There are many people 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.

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.

Reporting

Year-End

A year-end summary report is not requested, All Units that submit a report to District, will receive a Certificate.

Awards

ALL AWARDS, MUST BE SENT ALONG WITH YOUR WRITTEN NARRATIVE AND PHOTOS, TO THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN NO LATER THAN APRIL 15, 2025. Reports can be sent, via email to pastpresidentsparley@alafl.org or USPS to: Wanda Brandt 4344 Tideview Dr, Jax, FL 32250.

Member Citation:

Citation for **EVERY Member** that hosts an activity and/or training that educates their members on how to find and train using and promoting Auxiliary resources and learning materials. This must include a narrative and pictures. (must be submitted on Member Citation Form)

PPP Chairmen

Most outstanding implementation of a Mentoring Program. • Citation to every Auxiliary Unit that implements a Mentoring Program. This must include a narrative and pictures. (must be submitted on PPP Chairman Form)

Blueprint Certification to the Unit for the best overall Participation in the Past President Parley program. (must be submitted on Blueprint Certification Form)

“Mentor Award”

Adhere to Mentor Award Criteria found in the Unit Guide.

Must be submitted electronic to **ME (Wanda Brandt)** by **April 15th**

Does not replace Unit Member of the Year (see Leadership (PEP))

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