

Past Presidents Parley  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Florida  
2019 – 2020 Program Action Plan

The purpose of the Past Presidents Parley Committee is to utilize the expertise and knowledge of Past Auxiliary Leaders that served in the Unit, Department and/or on National levels for training and encouragement of future Auxiliary members. This gives the past leaders the opportunity to continue in active service to the Auxiliary.

**Helen Gardner Unit Member of the Year Award**

Promote the Auxiliary Unit Member of the Year

She is chosen for her accomplishments in her own Unit during the current year.

She will not attain any other office outside of the Unit.

She will give unselfishly of her time and talents with little or no recognition. Units of the American Legion Auxiliary all have hard working dedicated members who give of their time and talent to further the aims and purposes of our organization, but have no desire to serve beyond Unit level. In order to recognize such dedicated service each Unit may select one candidate for Unit Member of the Year in their Department. Each Department will select the Unit Member of the Year for that Department who will be honored at the National Convention. Contact Department Headquarters for further information.

To recognize the contributions made by a hardworking and dedicated Unit Member that goes above and beyond to contribute to a program or project for the current year.

**Criteria for the Award:**

- Only senior members in good standing are eligible.
- Current membership dues must be paid.
- She will not have served in a leadership role higher than Unit President.
- Selection should be based on the contributions of the member had made thru one program or project for the current year.
- Years of membership do not matter – she may be a new member.
- Only one entry from each Unit is to be submitted.
- The name and address of the person selected by the Unit together with a narrative of not more than 1000 words describing your nominee's work and achievement for the current year is to be received by the Department President no later than thirty (30) days prior to Department Convention.
- Unit entry is to be signed by the Unit President and Unit Secretary.

Applications must be received (in the President's hands) thirty days prior to Convention which is May 25, 2020.

Please send Auxiliary Unit Member of the Year applications by May 25, 2020 to:

Ann King-Smith  
Department of Florida President  
1935 Tyler Avenue  
Melbourne, FL 32935

### **Salute to Active Duty Service Woman or Woman Veteran**

A service woman from each branch of service will be recognized during the Department Convention.

1. Nominees should be willing to attend the Department Convention, if possible and if selected as the overall Department winner should be willing to attend the National Convention.
2. A brief narrative of their military service should be included.
3. A narrative by the nominee, not to exceed 750 words, about "Why I support women's role in today's armed forces."
4. Entry must have the Nominee's name, address, Unit Name and Number, and the signature of the Unit President or Past Presidents Parley Chairman.
5. One applicant for each branch of service (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard) per unit.
6. All entries must be post-marked by the deadline date and sent to the Department Past Presidents Parley Chairman.

### **ALA Scholarships**

Through the Past Presidents Parley Committee, the women who have served as Unit, District, Department and National President can continue in active service in the Auxiliary. It has no special activities in its charge besides its objective, "The Care of the Disabled Ex-servicewomen," unless so assigned by the Unit, District, Department or National Organization, but gives its support to the entire American Legion Auxiliary program. The training and experience of Past Presidents can be highly useful in any activity needing special training.

The Past Presidents Parley was considered a subsidiary organization of the American Legion Auxiliary until 1943, when its status was changed by National Convention action to that of a National standing committee. Payment of Parley dues and election of Parley officers were discontinued. Past National Presidents are appointed to serve as Chairman of the National Past National Presidents Parley Committee.

Rules pertaining to the Past Presidents Parley are as follows:

1. The Past Presidents Parley is a standing committee of the American Legion Auxiliary.
2. Its objective is the promotion of the activities of the Auxiliary, with special consideration given to ex-servicewomen.
3. Parleys may be organized at the Unit, District and Department Level.
4. A member of the Past Presidents Parley must be a member in good standing in her own Unit.

5. Poppy Funds may be allocated to the Committee if such funds are used solely for the direct welfare of ex-servicewomen.

### **Nursing Scholarships**

There are numerous ways to provide Nursing Scholarships in your area. You can contact your local colleges that have a nursing program and find out if there is a student in need. A scholarship for an individual could pay for her books and essentials.

There are also endowments that could be sent to a Nursing School to help them give out scholarships. Contact one of the schools in your area to find out what programs they have for donations.

See Resource page for Nursing Schools throughout Florida attached.

### **Remember the funds for Nursing Scholarships are sent directly to the school.**

A special focus of the Parley is serving active duty servicewomen. Each branch of service will be recognized by Department and at National Conventions through nominations as follows:

Rules for honoring Active Duty Servicewomen:

1. Nominees should be on active duty and willing to attend Department and National Conventions.
2. A narrative by the nominating person of the servicewomen not to exceed 750 words, or YouTube Video (3 minutes or less) must accompany the nomination form that shows the nominated servicewomen demonstrated exemplary service both in and out of uniform, making her the future face of women in the military.
3. Entry must have the nominee's name and address, Unit name and number, contact information for the servicewomen, and the signature of both the Unit President and Unit Secretary.
4. One applicant for each branch of service (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, the Reserves, and National Guard) per unit.
5. Final selection will be forwarded to the National Chairman for consideration of a National Award.

Servicewomen in need:

Past President's Parley helps veterans in many ways with:

1. Items needed for re-entry into the work force such as clothing, a computer, etc.
2. By helping them establish temporary or permanent housing for themselves and their children.
3. Each Unit is encouraged to adopt a veteran by paying the Legion and Auxiliary dues for them so that they can continue to be part of the military family.
4. By continuing to recognize their vital roles in serving our nation's military.

5. Poppy funds may be allocated to the Parley Committee, as such funds are used solely for the direct welfare of ex-servicewomen.

Resources:

Nursing Programs affiliated with VA Hospitals  
Bay Pines  
    St. Petersburg  
    University of South Florida  
    University of Central Florida  
Lake City  
    Gateway College  
Miami  
    Florida International University  
Tampa  
    University of South Florida  
Gainesville  
    University of South Florida  
    University of Central Florida  
West Palm  
    Florida Atlantic  
    Palm Beach State College

Form Included:

Application for Salute to Servicewomen Award

Remember Reporting is essential to our programs:

Reports are due as follow:

Mid-Year Reports: A progress report of year to date activity.  
    Unit Reports to District Chairman – December 1, 2019  
    District Reports to Department Chairman – December 15, 2019

Year-End Reports: A Summary of what was done during the year for this program.  
    Unit Reports to District Chairman by April 1, 2020  
    District Reports to Department Chairman by April 15, 2020

Department Chairman:

Shirley Fraser  
3460 Saddleback Court  
Port Orange, FL 32129  
386-295-2371

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*Past Presidents Parley Committee*

## **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, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard – including the National Guard and Reserve components of each branch.

One servicewoman from each branch of service will be recognized at the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention. Recipients attend the National Convention as guests of the Auxiliary.

### **Nomination Criteria:**

- A woman currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces (includes National Guard/Reserve).
- A written narrative or YouTube video that demonstrates exemplary service both in and out of uniform, making her the 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.
- All nomination forms must be submitted by June 1, 2019.

### **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 face of women in the military.
- The following form must be completed and submitted by June 1, 2019, to National Chairman Jan Pulvermacher-Ryan. Written narratives should be attached. YouTube video links should be pasted in the box provided on the following form.

### **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.
- is under 2GB in size
- is in .AVI, .MOV, .WMV, or .MPG file formats
- is 3 minutes or less in length

Servicewoman's Name:	
Servicewoman's Email:	
Servicewoman's Phone Number:	
Servicewoman's Branch of Service:	
Servicewoman's Rank:	
Servicewoman's Date of Enlistment:	
Servicewoman's Awards and Decorations, <i>if any</i> :	
Name of Person Making this Nomination, <i>if not the nominee</i> :	
Email of Person Making this Nomination, <i>if not the nominee</i> :	
Phone Number of Person Making this Nomination, <i>if not the nominee</i> :	
Is the servicewoman able to attend National Convention?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the servicewoman comfortable with public speaking?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Written Narrative: 1) please attach separate document to this form. 2) or type narrative directly into the box to the right.	
YouTube Video: copy and paste your video link in the box to the right.	

Return completed nomination form no later than June 1, 2020 (postmarked or emailed by 5:00 pm EST) to Past Presidents Parley National Chairman Carlene Ashworth, 2619 Norman St., Pasadena TX 77506, [carlene@flash.net](mailto:carlene@flash.net)