**Past Presidents Parley**

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**Programs/Activities:**

*Active service by Past Presidents*:

All past presidents at all levels are encouraged to continue their support to the organization by accepting responsibility that the knowledge and wisdom as a past leader can make a difference in the developing and mentoring the life of one member. As past leaders, we can 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.

*Nursing Scholarships*:

Assist deserving students who are pursuing an education in the nursing field. Undertake fundraising efforts to provide scholarship benefits to individuals entering or attending nursing training. Develop resources to provide financial aid information for nursing students.

*Servicewomen:*

The Past Presidents Parley will continue to recognize the military service of active duty personnel representing each branch of service at the national convention.

**Past Presidents Parley Awards**

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Rules for honoring Active Duty Servicewomen:

1. Nominees should be in active duty and willing to attend National Convention,

 if possible.

2. A brief narrative of their military service should be included with the entry

 form. A YouTube video can take the place of a written narrative. Please see

 awards form for details.

3. Entry must have the nominee’s name and address, unit name and number (if

 applicable) and most importantly, contact information for the servicewomen.

4. One applicant for each branch of service per unit.

5. All entries must be postmarked by the April 1.

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**Objective: Unit Past President Parley Responsibilities**

**Step-by-Step Instructions:**

Offer to escort a new member to your meeting.

Introduce her to the president as well as other members in attendance. Ask her to share a little about

herself. The information could be helpful in determining in which committee she may have the greatest

interest. Have each attendee introduce herself.

As each program report is given, request that the chairman explain the purpose of the program and how

the unit supports it. Explain the duties of the officers, the chairmen and the committee members.

Help maintain a positive attitude and assist in avoiding controversy during the meeting. Interject some

occasional humor to help make the meeting fun.

A prospective member is more likely to join if she feels she is joining an organization that is fun and

whose activities support their community. All members will be more willing to attend meetings and assist

with activities if the meetings are short and interesting. Remind the members to try new ideas without

criticism if they fail. Suggest trying something else. Help keep the meeting moving toward a positive

conclusion.

Evaluate your new member’s capabilities. If you feel she is ready to participate, ask her which of the

programs holds her greatest interest. Discourage naming a new member as an officer or a chairman but

instead suggest she be given the opportunity of working on a committee with an experienced chairman.

Let her know you are willing to mentor her and assist by answering her questions. Remember to praise

her efforts.

Past presidents should advise when asked, but preferably not serve as a chairman. Chairmanships

should be held by other members so they may learn the programs and become good unit leaders that

may develop an interest in moving into district, county or department positions.

As a past president, you may wish to promote the nomination of a unit member of the year. You may take

the lead in recommending active-duty servicewomen to submit for an award. Develop a fundraising

activity for donations to the nursing scholarship program.

**Objective: Establishing a Past Presidents Parley in your Department**

**Step-by-Step Instructions:**

Departments are encouraged to establish a Past Presidents Parley (PPP) group consisting of their past

department presidents. These groups can continue their support of the organization by using their

experience, knowledge and wisdom in being goodwill ambassadors to strengthen our organization and

help maintain its growth.

PPP groups can play an important part in the mentoring of current members to develop knowledgeable

leadership within the department. They can support and assist in a recruitment effort for new members.

They are encouraged to select a mission-outreach project of interest and support the program with time

and/or financial contributions. They may choose to have a courtesy fund and chairman to remember past

presidents when the need arises.

They should make themselves available to current officers as well as potential candidates for office. Their

guidance and constructive feedback should help the department maintain continuity and good

cooperation.

This group could hold a luncheon during department meetings and share current news of all past

department presidents. They may choose to donate or raise funds for ex-servicewomen and PPP nurses

scholarships. They may discuss making specific donations or how they could assist with issues within

their department to help create a positive result. A discussion could be held about ideas for proposing a

resolution to help clarify a questionable Constitution or Bylaw article. They may decide to take a

leadership role regarding a proposal from the national organization. Some members of the Parley may be

serving at the national level.

They could invite the current department president and any national guest who may be in attendance at

their meeting.

Your knowledge can be invaluable on the Department Finance Committee, as PPP Chairman, or as

Parliamentarian if appointed.

Continue to be involved: You are a valuable department member.

*Past Presidents Parley Committee*

*SALUTE TO AN ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICEWOMAN*

Established in 2003 by the Past Presidents Parley Committee, this award has evolved from

honoring women veterans to honoring women who are actively serving our country in the

United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard (including Army

National Guard and Reserve components of each branch).

One active-duty 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.

**In order to make the *SALUTE TO AN ACTIVE-DUTY SERVICEWOMAN* nomination**

**process more accessible, we are now accepting video applications via YouTube.**

**Nomination Criteria:**

Nominee must be currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Marine

Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard).

A written narrative (750 words or less) or YouTube video (3 minutes or less) that

answers the question “Why Are Women Vital to Today’s Armed Forces?” must

accompany the nomination form.

The narrative or video can be created either by the nominating party or by the

servicewoman.

Membership in the American Legion Auxiliary is desired but not required.

**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

**If your video contains inappropriate or copyrighted material, YouTube will remove**

**your video and your nomination will be disqualified.**

*Nomination Form*

*Past Presidents Parley Committee*

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**For information on making this nomination, contact the PPP chair.**

**SCHOLARSHIP RULES**

**PAST PRESIDENT PARLEY**

 (The PPP Nurse’s scholarship is awarded in the name of the Parley from money contributed to this fund from Units and individuals to the Nurses Scholarship Fund through the ALA Department office)

1. A $500.00 scholarship is awarded annually to a high school graduate who has chosen nursing as their vocation.

a. The applicant must be a resident of Missouri and shall have graduated from high school in the mid-term or immediately before the Missouri Department Convention.

b. The applicant must be a member of a Veteran’s family.

c. An application must be submitted through an Auxiliary Unit to the Past President Parley Chair by April 1st.

d. The application must include:

 ***Name, address and age of applicant***

 ***Photograph***

 ***Four ( 4 ) letters attesting to the character, scholarship, and qualification for the nursing profession and basis of need. The letters should be from the following:***

**1. One letter from the high school principal or counselor of school applicant graduated**

**2. One letter from the clergyman or a High School teacher from their school**

**3. One letter from a citizen of the applicant’s hometown**

**4. A personal letter from the applicant explaining**

 **“What a nursing profession means to me”**

All applicants received by the April 1st deadline will be given every consideration and judged by a three member panel.

The scholarship awarded must be taken and used the year awarded.

The winner of the scholarship shall be a guest of the Department Convention for the purpose of reading the winning essay and being received by the Convention body.

**Deadline April 1, Mail to:**

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