

Past Presidents Parley

2009-2010 Celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the Auxiliary
National President's Theme: Reconnect and Energize!

Plan of Action: Past Presidents Parley Committee

Purpose: To recognize and honor female veterans and to utilize past Auxiliary leaders as ambassadors for the Auxiliary to ensure strong leadership at all levels of the organization.

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National-level Objectives

1. **Objective:** Reconnect by organizing Parleys to meet informally several times during the year to discuss the organization's growth, strengths, weaknesses, etc. in order to empower and encourage the present leaders.

Action Steps

- a. Encourage Past Presidents to share their wisdom of our organization as well as their heritage and learning experiences with all members.
- b. Support Unit activities and program interest to urge membership involvement and ensure a thriving organization.
- c. Provide ongoing mentorship for leaders with growth potential.

2. **Objective:** Energize by providing scholarships; contributing to monetary value of scholarships; and, pay tribute to an outstanding Unit Member of the Year.

Action Steps

- a. Provide scholarship applications to interested participants.
- b. Encourage contributions to increase scholarships in order to keep pace with the rising costs of higher education.
- c. Urge filing of applications for scholarships to help relieve the nursing shortage and at the same time improve the quality of health care in America.
- d. Provide access to financial aid information for nursing students.
- e. Assist Units in preparation of selecting and honoring an Outstanding Unit Member of the Year. (See the Awards section of this document for rules and deadlines.)

3. **Objective:** Reach out by honoring female warriors, past and present.

Action Steps

- a. Serve hospitalized female veterans and active duty servicewomen in our VA facilities, especially on February 14, National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Day.
- b. Salute five local active duty servicewomen, one from each branch of the service, at National Convention. (See the Awards section of this document for rules and deadlines for recognition of honorees during 2010 National Convention.)

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To be filled out by Department Chairman:

Department Goals relating to above. Should have no more than three department-level goals supporting the National objectives outlined above. Department Chair - please share these with your Committee and forward a copy to your National Chairman. (This process does not need national approval.)

1. Objective:

Action Steps

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2. Objective:

Action Steps

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3. Objective:

Action Steps

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Programs

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

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 nurses training. Develop resources to provide financial aid information for nursing students.

Committee Awards

Rules for saluting an active duty servicewoman or female veteran.

1. Nominees should be in active duty and willing to attend the National Convention, if possible.
2. A brief narrative of their military service should be included with the entry form.
3. A narrative by the nominee, not to exceed 750 words, regarding "Why I Support Women's Role in Today's Armed Forces."
4. Entry must have the Nominee's name and address, Unit Name and Number, and the signature of the Unit President or Past Presidents Parley Chairman.

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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 June 1, 2010 and sent to Phyllis Bachman, 817 Glenarthur Drive, Wilmington, NC 28412. (Award Entry Form #1)

Rules for honoring a Unit Member of the Year who provided outstanding service to our organization.

1. Only senior members in good standing are eligible.
2. Current membership dues must be paid.
3. The member cannot have obtained an elected or appointed leadership role higher than Unit President.
4. Selection is based on accomplishments, activities, etc. for the current administrative year.
5. Years of membership are not a part of the criteria; the nominee may be a new member.
6. Each Department may submit only one entry.
7. The Unit must submit a narrative of 1,000 words or less describing the Nominee's accomplishments and activities together with the nominee's name and address. 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.
8. All entries must be post-marked by June 1, 2010 and sent to Elsie Bailey, 14 Morning Glory Lane, Whiting, NJ 08759. (See Award Entry Form #2)

Annual Reporting: An annual report is not required; however, a year-end summary and a mid-year progress report are suggested as tools to gauge the direction and effectiveness of your program. Both items should be forwarded to National Chairman Elsie Bailey within time frames to allow for inclusion in a report to the NEC during the 2010 Awareness Assembly; and, in the Annual Report to Membership as of June 1, 2010.

Resources

See program page on www.legion-aux.org for additional resources.