

## **Past President's Parley Committee Report**

The purpose of this committee is to utilize the experience and knowledge of past Auxiliary leaders for training and encouragement of future Auxiliary leaders. Through the committee, women who have served as Unit, District, Division and Department Presidents, have an opportunity to continue in active service to the Auxiliary by helping ensure strong future leadership for our organization. Each Past President is encouraged to contribute a minimum of \$1.00 each year to the Past Presidents Parley Recognition Fund. This money is divided yearly between our four VA Medical Centers, to purchase items for the women veterans.

It is the responsibility of this committee, to recognize and honor outstanding Unit Members through the UNIT MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD.

Each Auxiliary Unit throughout our great state, have members who are hard workers and always go the extra mile in order to get the job done. It is these members that need to be recognized and nominated for this special award.

### **Criteria for UNIT MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD:**

- (1) Open to Senior Members who are NOT in an elected or appointed leadership role higher than Unit President.**
- (2) Each Department may submit only ONE entry.**
- (3) A narrative of 500 - 1,000 words, describing the nominee's accomplishments and activities together with their name and address. Please include the Unit name, number and town with the name of the member making the nomination.**
- (4) Nomination form must be completed and returned to Past Presidents Parley Committee Chair, Shirley Thompson by May 1, 2020.**

This Committee also continues to recognize the military service of female personnel, including the National Guard and all Reserve components representing each Branch of Service at the National Convention. Units should seek candidates to nominate for this prestigious award. All nominees should also be honored by the Unit submitting the nomination.

### **Criteria for SALUTE TO SERVICE WOMAN AWARD:**

- (1) Must be currently serving in the US Armed Forces actively serving our country.**
- (2) Must submit a narrative of 750 words or less on the topic specified in the application and a U-tube video (3 minutes or less), that demonstrates exemplary service both in and out of uniform, making her the face of women in the military.**
- (3) The nominee must be willing to be the guest of the Auxiliary and speak to the general assembly of the American Legion Auxiliary National Convention in August of 2020, if selected as National Service Woman of the Year.**

**(4) Nomination Forms are due May 1, 2020 and should be sent to Shirley Thompson.**

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