

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS
2026–2027 PROGRAM ENGAGEMENT PLAN
PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY**

Recognizing Our Past • Mentoring Our Future • Honoring Those Who Serve

PURPOSE:

The Past Presidents' Parley (PPP) provides an opportunity to utilize the knowledge, experience, and leadership of Past Presidents at every level of the American Legion Auxiliary.

The primary purposes of Past Presidents' Parley are to:

- Mentor and encourage current and future Auxiliary leaders.
- Share knowledge and experience with members and officers.
- Provide leadership development and training.
- Encourage Past Presidents to continue serving the organization.
- Recognize outstanding Auxiliary members.
- Honor and recognize women who have served our country.
- Raise funds to support the Past Presidents' Parley Medical Scholarship.

2026–2027 PROGRAM GOALS

GOAL 1- MENTORSHIP & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Encourage Past Presidents to share their knowledge and experience with current and future Auxiliary leaders.

Suggested Activities:

- ☐ Establish or strengthen a Past Presidents' Parley Committee.
- ☐ Identify Past Presidents willing to serve as mentors.
- ☐ Pair experienced members with new Unit officers or members.
- ☐ Invite a Past President to provide leadership training or an educational presentation.
- ☐ Provide guidance on Unit responsibilities, procedures, programs, meetings, parliamentary procedure, and leadership.
- ☐ Encourage Past Presidents to participate in leadership development opportunities.
- ☐ Encourage members preparing for future leadership positions to seek a mentor.

GOAL 2- RECOGNIZE & RECONNECT

Recognize the experience and contributions of Past Presidents while providing meaningful opportunities for continued service.

Suggested Activities:

- ☐ Contact Past Presidents and invite them to participate in Auxiliary activities.
- ☐ Recognize Past Presidents for their continued service.
- ☐ Invite Past Presidents to share historical information and institutional knowledge.
- ☐ Ask Past Presidents to assist with special projects or programs.
- ☐ Create opportunities for Past Presidents to mentor members without requiring them to hold an office.
- ☐ Recognize significant accomplishments or years of service.

GOAL 3 — UNIT MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Encourage every Unit to recognize a member who consistently demonstrates outstanding service to the American Legion Auxiliary.

Suggested Activities:

- ☐ Establish a Unit Member of the Year recognition.
- ☐ Recognize a member who consistently volunteers and supports the Unit.
- ☐ Recognize a member who demonstrates the spirit of "Service Not Self."
- ☐ Encourage submission of a nomination for Department/National recognition when applicable.
- ☐ Publicize Unit Member of the Year accomplishments through newsletters and social media.

*****Applicants must include a narrative of not more than 1000 words due to the Department Committee Chair by May 1st.**

GOAL 4 - PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP

Promote, support and raise funds for the Past Presidents' Parley Medical Scholarship.

Suggested Activities:

- ☐ Promote the Medical Scholarship throughout the year.
- ☐ Conduct a PPP scholarship fundraiser.
- ☐ Encourage donations to the Medical Scholarship Fund.
- ☐ Promote the scholarship to eligible applicants.
- ☐ Provide information about the scholarship to Units.
- ☐ Encourage Units to help eligible applicants understand the application process.
- ☐ Publicize scholarship recipients.
- ☐ Recognize scholarship supporters and donors.

Guidelines will be included with Application for at the end of this Program Engagement Plan

GOAL 5 - EDUCATION & COMMUNICATION

Increase awareness of Past Presidents' Parley and its purpose.

Suggested Activities:

- ☐ Present PPP information at a Unit meeting.
- ☐ Include PPP information in a Unit newsletter.
- ☐ Share PPP information on social media.
- ☐ Promote the Medical Scholarship.
- ☐ Promote Unit Member of the Year.
- ☐ Promote Salute to Servicewomen.
- ☐ Share success stories from Units.
- ☐ Recognize outstanding PPP activities.

GOAL 6 - BUILDING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS

Use the experience of Past Presidents to develop members who are interested in future leadership.

Suggested Activities:

- ☐ Encourage members to participate in leadership training.
- ☐ Provide one-on-one mentoring.
- ☐ Invite members to observe or participate in committee work.
- ☐ Encourage members to learn the Unit Constitution & Bylaws.
- ☐ Encourage members to learn meeting procedures and parliamentary procedure.
- ☐ Encourage members to become involved in programs and committees.
- ☐ Help members identify leadership opportunities.

As we conclude our American Legion Auxiliary Past Presidents Parley Program Engagement Plan, we renew our commitment to honoring those who have served, supporting our veterans and military families, and strengthening the values of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Through mentorship, fellowship, and meaningful service, our past presidents will continue to share their experience while encouraging new leaders to step forward. Together, we will preserve the traditions of the Past Presidents Parley, increase participation, and ensure that our mission remains strong for generations to come.

Let us move forward with gratitude for those who came before us, confidence in those who serve today, and dedication to those who will lead tomorrow. Service Not Self.

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