



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA EDUCATION PROGRAM

A hectic time of year is upon us! And the Education Program is just as busy.

Give 10 to Education, Poppy Seals, and Box Tops for Education are year-round activities. Keep track of these as they are reportable in the Mid-Year and End of Year Reports.

The Agenda items for discussion this month are:

Agenda Item #1: October is Education Month

One major pathway to success is education. It is important to support education and learning at every stage of life. Education is not just for kids. There is no expiration date to learn and educate ourselves. In fact, it is critical to us, ALA members. Don't assume others will do the hard work for you. *Take the initiative, never stop learning and share what we learn with others.*

Auxiliary members are encouraged to acknowledge educators and support staff by thanking them for their commitment in providing the best educational experiences possible for students. A few ideas for Units are:

- send cards to local teachers or schools,
- provide snacks and goodies for break time,
- check the Youth Education supplies available through Emblem sales (rulers, educational comic books, educational coloring books, flag education) that teachers may want to add to their lesson plans.

Agenda Item #2: Scholarships

There are many scholarships available that are listed on the Education page on the website. A list of the scholarships with rules is also included with this bulletin. The National scholarships will be updated this month. Word has it that the Spirit of Youth and Non-Traditional scholarships will have some exciting changes!

Agenda Item #3: My Challenge

The Education Program provides up to \$13,500 in scholarships each year. This money is raised entirely on Unit and District donations. To meet this goal, I have a challenge:

1. Each Unit that donates a minimum of \$50 to Education will receive a Certificate of Appreciation.
2. Each District receiving 100% of their units donating \$50 will receive a Certificate of Appreciation.

Our next Board of Education meeting will be the November bulletin. Thank you for all you are doing for the Education program. Happy Halloween, stay safe.

This meeting is adjourned!

Yours in Service,

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