



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA EDUCATION PROGRAM

November 2023

Happy Thanksgiving!

Oh, my goodness! The Mid-Year Reports are due to your District Education Chairman no later than December 1 – only a month away! The Education Mid-Year report is on the website if you do not have a copy that was mailed to all units.

Additionally, your Agenda items for discussion this month are shown below.

Agenda Item #1 – Education Week

American Education Week is always the week before Thanksgiving. This year it is the week of November 13 through 17. I have attached steps for organizing “veterans in the classroom” activities from the National website for your information and to give you some great ideas.

Agenda Item #2: Scholarship Updates from National ALA

The National *Children of Warriors President’s Scholarship* rules and application has been updated and found on the National website. Three \$5,000 scholarships are awarded to the Western Division applicants.

The Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship has also been updated and posted on the National website. There will be two \$2,500 scholarships awarded in the Western Division.

The *Spirit of Youth* and *Non-Traditional Student scholarship* applications and rules are not available as of the writing of this bulletin. The Spirit of Youth Scholarship previously awarded scholarships per division. This year they will be awarding a \$1,000 scholarship to each department.

Agenda Item #3: – Public Law 118-19

Friday, October 6th, S. 2795 was passed and became Public Law 118-19. It has three parts with Part I giving VA health care professionals 2 additional years to complete training. ***Part II provides students who are affected by the closure or disapproval of educational programs with 2 extra years of applicability for relief. Currently, National Legislative Division Weekly October 13, 2023, if a student transfers fewer than 12 credits of a closed or disapproved programs, those credits are not considered to be received, and therefore nothing will be deducted from the individual’s VA education assistance as long as the program closure or disapproval occurs before September 30, 2023. Under S. 2795, this allowance will be extended until September 30, 2025.*** Part III addresses home loans for active and reservists. For more information, this information is from the “American Legion Legislative Update” dated October 13, 2023.

Our next Board of Education meeting will be the December bulletin. Thank you for all you are doing for the Education program. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, be safe and stay healthy.

This meeting is adjourned!

Yours in Service,

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