



## *American Legion Auxiliary*

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### EDUCATION

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How is it possible that it is time to start another Auxiliary year, children, teachers, office staff, building support and bus drivers are also starting another education year? The American Legion Auxiliary is there to help with the classroom volunteering, literacy programs, scholarship promotion and support of education beyond high school, and military children.

October is American Legion Auxiliary Education month. What a great time to donate school supplies (They are all needed all school year) under the Give 10 to Education program. Use the attached form with ideas or check with your schools for what they need. Please take pictures and send them to me along with the attached form as they will be needed for reporting at Fall Conference.

### **Did you know?**

American Education week is November 12-16, 2018. It's never too early to begin your plans. Per the NEA, here is a suggested list of recognitions that you may wish to do.

- ❖ Monday, November 13, 2017: Kickoff Day
- ❖ Tuesday, November 14, 2017: Parents Day
- ❖ Wednesday, November 15, 2017: Education Support Professionals Day
- ❖ Thursday, November 16, 2017: Educator for a Day
- ❖ Friday, November 17, 2017: Substitute Educators Day

Once again, the American Legion was in the forefront to initiate a good cause. The following history of American Education Week was taken from the NEA (National Education Association) web page:

*The National Education Association was one of the creators and original sponsors of American Education Week.*

*Distressed that 25 percent of the country's World War I draftees were illiterate, and 9 percent were physically unfit, representatives of the NEA and the American Legion met in 1919 to seek ways to generate public support for education.*

*The conventions of both organizations subsequently adopted resolutions of support for a national effort to raise public awareness of the importance of education. In 1921, the NEA Representative Assembly in Des Moines, Iowa, called for designation of one week each year to spotlight education. In its resolution, the NEA called for: "An educational week ... observed in all communities annually for the purpose of informing the public of the accomplishments and needs of the public schools and to secure the cooperation and support of the public in meeting those needs."*

*The first observance of American Education Week occurred December 4-10, 1921, with the NEA and American Legion as the cosponsors. A year later, the then U.S. Office of Education joined the effort as a cosponsor, and the PTA followed in 1938.*

*Other co-sponsors are the U.S. Department of Education and national organizations including the National PTA, the American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, the American Association of School Administrators, the National School Boards Association, the American Federation of Teachers, the American School Counselor Association, the Council of Chief State School Officers, the National School Public Relations Association, the National Association of State Boards of Education, the National Association of Elementary School Principals, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals.*

*American Education Week is always celebrated the week prior to the week of Thanksgiving.”*

Veterans in Community Schools is another great program to promote respect for Veterans and their sacrifices. Check with your schools asking if they would like a Veteran to speak to the students. What a great way to have history come alive for the students. Veterans Day is November 11th.

Don't forget to save Box Tops for Education. Here are some websites to share with schools.

- ❖ Loaves for Learning UPCS [www.loavesforlearning.com](http://www.loavesforlearning.com)
- ❖ Milk Moola [www.milkmoola.com](http://www.milkmoola.com)
- ❖ Please note: Labels for Education ended January 2, 2018.
- ❖ Passive Fundraising is a great site to find ideas for schools as well as Auxiliary fundraisers.

Promote American Legion Auxiliary scholarships in your schools. The Department of Minnesota has scholarships to award. We do not receive outside funding. There are funded solely by contributions from our membership. Please remember to donate.

At this writing, the 2018 forms for National American Legion Auxiliary Scholarships are not yet available. All the scholarship criteria and forms (including the Minnesota scholarship) will be in the next Unit mailing.

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