My name is Shauna Dubuque and I am excited to be your education chairman for the 2019-2020 administrative year. One project I am promoting is the “Veterans in Community Schools” program which entails finding veterans and educators in your community that would be willing to present stories and experiences for local school children. If your local school is not able to host an event, consider holding it at a community center or church. Providing these opportunities helps the next generation learn about the importance of our veterans, the military and patriotism. Find out more information in upcoming unit mailings or online at ndala.org/education/

The Auxiliary also has several scholarships available through the education program. One is the Department education scholarship application, which is due to me by April 1st, 2020. Other scholarships available through the National office include: children of warriors, non-traditional, spirit of youth, junior member loyalty and Samsung. The Samsung scholarship is restricted to juniors that attend American Legion Auxiliary Girls State or American Legion Boys State. These national applications need to reach the Department Office no later than March 15th, 2020. Unfortunately, late entries will not be considered for awards. Also, only one application from each scholarship class will be accepted from any one unit. This means that if you receive several applications to your unit for the spirit of youth scholarship, they need to be judged at the unit level and the winner should be sent on to Department level. Unit members, please assist the applicants with the submission process. Any incomplete submissions will not be considered for awards. These are prestigious scholarships and there was a winner from North Dakota in 2019. Good luck and please contact me if you have questions regarding the scholarships. Application forms are available at ndala.org/education/ and have also been mailed out to the guidance counselors of all ND schools. Please share the forms with all youth in your communities.

By the time you read this, National Education Week will have passed. However, I still encourage you to do something special for the educators and school staff in your communities. Consider having students make special thank-you cards or have a tea and dessert bar to thank those who work so hard to educate and inform.

Thank you for supporting the education program through the American Legion Auxiliary. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at education@ndala.org or by phone at 701-491-8776.

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