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EDUCATION PROGRAM – December 2025 Mailing

Holiday greetings to all,

Since the September mailing I have viewed the recorded meeting of the National Education Preconvention Committee meeting, participated in a zoom meeting with other National and Department Education Chairmen, watched National's Scholarship Webinar, and accessed the American Legion Auxiliary's website www.alaforveterans.org.

I am passing along ideas from other departments. After 10 for 10 Education, American Education Week activities and scholarship distribution (mailed out to schools by Department Secretary Marcy) perhaps you have the time to promote at least one more education project. Have you thought about Veterans in the Classroom? The information was in the September mailing.

Support The American Legion Education Programs. This includes the Oratorical Program and their scholarships. Ask your local Post how you can help. You can also access information at www.ndlegion.org. Engage local schools by making a connection with the school's principal, asking them what they need or if you can help with scheduled events. You may need to get a background check for which you pay. Be professional and dependable so that when you want to present an ALA program, you are more likely to be well-received.

Create a Classroom Scholarship distributing applications to local teachers who might want financial help with a specific project. Offer to help with the project. Again, this might get you a foot in the door for your auxiliary unit's program.

Several Departments participate in Box Tops for Education. Ask if your school participates and how you can help to start one. One Unit has an Auxiliary Pen Pal program set up with a specific classroom. Another supports a local ROTC with a scholarship. I have been giving \$5 a week in used books at a local thrift store. Has anyone or Unit taken me up on my challenge?

If you have projects that are not listed, please let me know what you are doing. Use the enclosed Education Program December Report.

Thanks for your support of ALA's Education Program. ALA National scholarships are only available online and are to be completed no later than March 1, 2026. Department scholarships are due April 1, 2026. It is never too early to turn them in! Consider writing a Letter to the Editor to your local paper promoting ALA's scholarships like the sample included in this mailing.

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