

2014 - 2015 Education Plan of Action

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Department of North Carolina American Legion Auxiliary believes that education is essential for all adults and children of America for the future of our nation and we are asking each unit member to renew her commitment to the education for each of our children, especially the children of our military personnel, in classroom activities, literacy programs, scholarships and thru support of education beyond high school.

What Can We Do?

Goal 1: Promote Literacy Programs for Youth and Adults:

You can help improve literacy in your community by introducing students and adults to local library's and local literacy programs.

Units can have fundraisers to raise monies to purchase books for local Community Literacy Programs; have a book drive by designating a certain drop off location on a certain day and time. These books could be donated to a literacy program of your choice.

Volunteer for reading or tutoring to children in need in schools and libraries.

Give 10 to Education by contributing school supplies to local schools, and wherever possible, schools on military bases and military support groups.

Do something special for teachers and staff during American Education Week, November 17 - 21, 2014.

Goal 2: Enhance respect for the sacrifices of our military heroes among schoolchildren by scheduling Veterans in the Classroom programs in our local schools.

Encourage Units to collaborate with their American Legion Post to present Veterans in the classroom programs in their local communities.

Units can reference "Veterans In The Classroom: History in the First Person" which can be found on the Legion's website for helpful hints on starting this program in your community.

Members can volunteer transportation to and from the school for the veteran speaking in the classroom.

Contact local schoolteachers to see if they would be interested in hosting a Veterans in the Classroom event.

Goal 3. Assist and support veterans pursuing education and vocational education.

Collaborate with a local Student Veterans of America chapter and other campus student veterans groups in community colleges, colleges and universities in your community.

Work with research foundations, civic organizations, and other potential providers of scholarships to insure the Veteran's priority consideration.

Goal 4: Promote American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship Opportunities.

A. NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS:

1. Children of Warriors National President's Scholarship
2. Spirit of Youth Scholarship for Junior Members
3. Non-Traditional Student Scholarship
4. Samsung Scholarship

Applicants must present the completed application to the local American Legion Auxiliary Unit President **ON OR BEFORE 1 March 2015.** Rules and applications can be obtained at www.alaforveterans.org/Scholarships.

B. DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Nannie W. Norfleet Scholarship - Only one (1) \$1,000 scholarship is awarded each year. Contact the department office (1-919-832-4051) for an application.
2. Applicants must present the completed application packet to the local American Legion Auxiliary Unit President **ON OR BEFORE 15 MARCH 2014.**

EDUCATION REPORTING:

Mid-Year Reports:

Each Unit Education Chairman is asked to submit a narrative report to the Department Education Chairman by 15 December 2014.

Year-End Reports:

Each Unit Education Chairman is asked to submit a narrative report to the Department Education Chairman by 15 April 2015.

AWARDS (Personal):

1. A special award will be presented to the unit that best describes---in a written narrative---its overall activity during American Education Week.
2. An award will be presented to the unit that provides a written narrative judged to be the most outstanding Veterans in the Classroom Program in the Department.
3. Recognition certificates will be given to each unit that participates in the Give 10

To Education program.

4. An award will be presented to the unit selected as the overall best in the Education Program category.

RESOURCES

1. Veterans In The Classroom:

www.alaforveterans.org/Programs/Education

2. American Legion Auxiliary scholarship applications:

www.alaforveterans.org/Scholarships

3. Educational resources through the Americanism and Children & Youth Commission of the American Legion:

www.legion.org/education

4. Free online tutoring for military children:

www.tutor.com/military

5. Student Veterans of America:

www.studentveterans.org

6. Your national committee members.

7. Department Education Committee:

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