

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA EDUCATION PROGRAM

## August 2023

Education Chairmen and Auxiliary Members:

It is my pleasure to welcome District and Unit Chairmen to the 2023 – 2024 Education Program. "Governor" Schultz has named "Be the One" as her special project. Her theme is "United as One", and her motto is "California – the Golden State." The Education Chairmen make up the Board of Education of California. As members of the state Board of Education, it is our job to pass on important educational information to make this a successful year for our students. This "Board President" will rely on you to keep your units up to date on all current affairs.

Agenda Item #1: "Give 10 to Education"

To promote the "Give 10 to Education", here are some suggestions from the National website on ways to learn what supplies to collect:

- Enlist the help of your members, friends or family members who are teachers.
- Reach out to your school contacts for ALA Girls State.
- Visit school websites for supply lists.
- Access the Give 10 to Education Suggested Donation Items and Tracking Sheet, available as an "ALA Members Only" resource on the National ALA Education Committee.
- Check out National's blog post, <u>Contacting School Leaders in Summer Months</u>, which includes hints for getting in touch before school is back in session. (If you can't find it, I can send it to you.)

Schools will soon be reopening, and school supplies will be on sale at low prices. What a great time to stock up on supplies!

Agenda Item #2: Poppy Seals

A sheet of 100 Poppy Seals costs \$2.00. The seals dress up your correspondence, draws attention to the American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Program and raises funds for the Education Program. Please purchase your Poppy Seals from Department so that we get credit towards our Education Program.

Agenda Item #3: Box Tops for Education or BTFE

Box Tops for Education now has a user-friendly app to download on your smart phone. You can pick the school where you want to send your box tops and it even keeps track of how much you have donated! There are contests where you and the school can win money. The app also tells you where specials can be found. As an example, there is a "Buy 4, earn \$4 at Walmart" offer that is valid until 9/8/23. All you do is scan your Walmart receipt and submit it.

I am looking forward to a very successful and enjoyable "school year". We'll meet right here at the same time for our September Board of Education meeting. If you need any assistance between now and then, please feel free to call or email me.

This meeting is adjourned!

Yours in Service,

