

American Legion Auxiliary  
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**EDUCATION**

Plan of Works 2023-2024

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As the Chairman of Education I would like Units to focus on Literacy for Children and Adults, give 10 to Education, promoting Veterans in the classrooms, sharing their experiences, and reaching out to Military Families to make sure their needs are being met and letting them know about (and the schools) know about the different Awards/Scholarships that are available on all levels of the American Legion and Auxiliary.

**American Education Week** is celebrated annually in the United States to recognize and appreciate the contributions of educators, students, and parents to the country's education system. This year, American Education Week will be held from **November 13 to November 17, 2023**. The week-long event is observed a week before Thanksgiving and involves various activities and themes for each day. The event was first celebrated on December 4-10, 1921, after a meeting was held in 1919 by the American Legion and representatives of the National Education Association (NEA) to create awareness about the need for education and garner support to fund schooling systems. Since then, American Education Week has gained sponsors that impacted the American education system and continues annually in every U.S. community to present the achievements and needs of local public schools and secure support for meeting these needs.

Please don't forget **Teacher Appreciation Week**

Teachers can credit former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt for laying the groundwork for what would ultimately become **Teacher Appreciation Week**. In 1953, Roosevelt urged Congress to create a day to recognize educators. But it didn't become a national day until March 7, 1980, after the joint lobbying efforts of the National Education Association and some state boards. In 1984, the National Parent Teacher Association designated the first full week of May as Teacher Appreciation Week. (May 6 to May 10 in 2024)

Remember "Education is year round, not just during the school year".

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