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**MAY 4-8, 2026**

Teacher appreciation week started as one day back in 1953 thanks to Eleanor Roosevelt. The Parent Teachers Association (PTA) elevated it to a week in 1984. This is an amazing opportunity for The American Legion Auxiliary to show teachers across the country how much they are valued. It is a wonderful way to honor educators for their lasting impact on student lives and the vital role they play in society.

Planning is important! Whether you plan something each day or focus on Teacher Appreciation Day (May 5, 2026) if you start now, you will be ready.

Contact the PTA President at the school to see if you can collaborate with them to reach more teachers.

Involve your juniors to make thank you cards, write letters to their teachers or make collages of fun events at the school. Post thank you notes on social media and tag schools with #Thankateacher or #Teacherappreciation.

If considering a gift card for teachers, consider cards that can be redeemed for items needed in their classrooms. Teachers often spend their own money to have supplies on hand for projects.

Like Veterans, teachers are frontline serving their community daily. Honoring teachers shows respect, appreciation and that the American Legion Auxiliary is here to help.

**Submitted by** Nancy Babis, Education Committee Member



**View the webinar here -**  
<https://member.legion-aux.org/member/online-training>



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**Education Dates**

**Q3 Zoom - April 7, 2026, at 7:00 PM Eastern --- Registration link below:**

[https://legion-aux.formstack.com/forms/20252026education\\_quarterlymeeting](https://legion-aux.formstack.com/forms/20252026education_quarterlymeeting)

**Purple Up for Military Kids - April 15**

**Teacher Appreciation Week - May 4-8, 2026**

**Department Chairman Reports due to Division Chairman May 15, 2026**

**Awards submissions due June 1, 2026**

**Q4 Zoom - Before National Convention**



**SCHOLARSHIPS**



Thank you for your diligence supporting the four national scholarships. We had 1,086 scholarship applications this year!

- ❖ 901 Children of Warriors from 50 departments
- ❖ 60 Non-Traditional from 33 departments
- ❖ 73 Spirit of Youth from 26 departments
- ❖ 52 Member Loyalty from 27 departments



Thank you to all the Department contacts who attended the February 3 Webinar for judging scholarships.

**Samsung Scholarship Essay Questions**

Please share these essay questions with your eligible Girls/Boys State delegates to help them get a head start on the Samsung scholarship application.

**Question 1:** Share a memory or incident from your qualifying veteran and what impact it has had on your life.

**Question 2:** In celebration of our nation's 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Which of the signers of the Declaration of Independence would you like to sit down with, and what would you like to ask them?



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### “NEWS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY!”

If you would like to share your stories and pictures or see what others are doing to support the Education programs, join us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALAEducation/>



Delivering supplies, clothes, classroom materials and \$1,000 to the school on base at Fort Irwin, CA.

*Canyon City, CA Unit 180*



“Read Across America” was a success and great fun for our American Legion Auxiliary members and students at local elementary schools.

*Loganville, GA Unit 233*



*Peoria, AZ Unit 62*



"Adopt A Teacher" program - We were able to visit her classroom along with member Veterans, talk with the students and deliver items from her Classroom Wish List!

*Windsor, CO Unit 109*

