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Congratulations and Thank You to all the Members, Units, and Districts who made the Education Program in the Department of Arizona a National Award Winner! We're already on the right track to do it again!!

Everyone is back in school. Each month I will focus on one of the areas mentioned in the National Education Committee's plan. This month: **Build a relationship with your local schools - focus attention on "Give 20 to Education," American Education Week and Teacher Appreciation Week.**

The "Give 10 to Education" program has been redesigned this year to celebrate the 20th anniversary of this program. "Give 20 to Education" is designed to allow our members to support education from different angles. Let's try for 100% participation, because this project can allow all members, juniors included, to participate. Here's how it works!

Determine what type of activity in which you would like to participate. Here are some suggestions:

1. Donate 20 minutes/hours/days of your time to volunteer in a classroom.
2. Assist with or donate 20 items to a backpack program held at many schools.
3. Donate 20 boxes of pencils or crayons to a classroom or school.
4. Provide a \$20 donation to a school library.
5. Help a teacher on the playground for 20 minutes.
6. Donate 20 flags and discuss the importance of the flag to a class.
7. Donate 20 pairs of shoes or socks to a kindergarten class.
8. Give 20 dictionaries to third grade students.
9. Support a scholarship fund (including National Scholarships) by donating \$20.

American Education Week is November 16-20, 2026. Visit the schools to promote the Auxiliary scholarships. Send a card to all local school staff, including all school personnel who children interact with, teachers, office staff, bus drivers, custodians, etc.

Promote Teacher Appreciation Week, May 3-7, 2027. Send cards to your local schools' teachers. Donate resources that teachers or needy children may need. Plan teacher appreciation events at your schools.

I'm looking forward to hearing about the creative ways in which your Units and Members promote the Education Program.

In the Spirit of Service, not for self,
For Veterans, God and Country,

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