



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA
Auxiliary Emergency Fund/Office of Emergency Services
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Spring is upon us and hopefully April showers will be gentle as I personally am not a “rain lover” and with the high winds and rain my area has been experiencing I will be glad when summer is here. April is also the month when Units typically provide their donations to the key Auxiliary programs, such as Children & Youth, VA&R, Education, etc.

I’d like to encourage you, your Unit, and District to consider a donation to the AEF program this year if you don’t normally donate and if you do donate, please consider increasing the amount this year. Remember to include all member, Unit, or District donation amounts on the AEF End-of-Year report form.

The Donation form – “AEF California Donation Form” - is on the Department website (calegionaux.org) under the AEF Committee/Program page. Remember all donations should go directly to National - address is on the form.

I had a wonderful opportunity to speak directly with the AEF grant administrator who complies all the required documentation from the applicant for either Disaster or Hardship assistance. This information is then provided to the AEF review committee. He works with the member directly to insure they apply for everything they would be qualified for. I found him to be passionate about the AEF program and got the sense he treats each applicant with compassion and dignity.

The application process is strictly confidential. An eligible ALA member (current paid member for three consecutive years) applies directly to National. The application and application process information can be found on the ALA website at www.ALAforVeterans.org/AEF. The applications on the National Organization’s website are the only applications accepted for processing.

Please, if you or you know someone in your Unit or District who may benefit from an AEF grant, apply now.

Remember AEF donations of \$100 made by ALA members directly to ALA National Headquarters within the ALA fiscal year (October – September), will receive by mail a beautiful “Members Helping Members” gold pin. AEF pins are sent quarterly from ALA National Headquarters to the member’s home address once a qualifying donation is made.

Keep in the spirit of “Members helping Members”.

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