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Well Spring is here so weeds are getting “wacked”, gardens are getting planted, and hopefully the rain and winds are over. April was also tax season and is now over for most everybody. I personally usually have to pay and occasionally get a refund. I am reminded though that there are members that for circumstances not under their control may suffer some financial hardship if even just for a short time.

These members are the one most deserving to consider applying for a hardship AEF assistance grant. The funds you would be eligible for could give you peace of mind until your situation can be resolved.

I encourage all Unit members to make sure you know where to find the information and applications for AEF grants should you ever need it. 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.

If you itemize on your taxes, donations to ALA programs count as a charitable donation. AND 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.

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.

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

Keep in the spirit of “Members helping Members”.

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