



Auxiliary Emergency Fund

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IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR



The Holiday Season can bring stress to some members

DO YOU HAVE MEMBERS IN NEED?

You might! The American Legion Auxiliary Emergency Fund might be the only way for some members to make it through this holiday season and YOU might be the link to help a member get much needed assistance. Make sure to remind Unit members of AEF and the opportunity to apply for grants to help with unexpected emergencies. The applicant must be an American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) member. Applicant must have maintained ALA membership for three consecutive years (the current year and immediate past two years). One grant per grantee in a 12-month period will be awarded. Applicant must have exhausted all other financial options and be able to provide past due bills.

Raising Funds or Fund Raising?

However, you say it, we need money through donations and events to help the AEF fund! Encourage your Units to share their fundraising ideas with you and please share with us. Just imagine learning something new that you can share to help raise more money!

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Big News Topic

ZOOM meeting with the AEF National Vice Chairman Doreen Gallagher is set for the Western Division on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 7:00 pm EASTERN time. That is 4:00 pm PACIFIC, 3:00 pm ALASKA and 1:00 pm HAWAII. Be there to share info and receive info from our National leadership. The ZOOM link is included in this email.



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AEF CHALLENGE!

The Challenge is ON! I have heard from another Department who has accepted the challenge! BIG SHOUT OUT to Eva Wallace, Department of Washington who has accepted the challenge to request a \$1.00 donation from every Unit member. Now we have California and Washington who have notified me. Let's Go Western Division Department Chairmen! Join the challenge and let me know...



As a reminder: This is a challenge to all the Western Division Departments to request donations of a minimum \$1.00 or more per Unit member based on your membership at the end of July 31, 2021. We never know when disaster may strike. We must always remember that "There but for the Grace of God, go I".

FUNDRAISING IDEA CORNER!!

This is our corner to share fundraising ideas! Please send your ideas to me so we can share them with the entire Western Division! I have received these great ideas:

- 1) How about a bus trip to a local casino if you live near one? You might be able to get the casino to provide a bus at no cost or for a refundable deposit. You have the option of how much to charge each person!
- 2) A yard sale! Request donations of unwanted, gently used items and have a big yard sale for AEF!

LET'S STAY IN TOUCH

Contact me anytime with your questions or information.

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