



## Office of Emergency Services (OES)

### October Bulletin

We are members helping members. Please encourage your districts and units to give to the AEF fund. We know there will be a great need this year. Remember, you must go to the National website to go to the link for the applications for the grants (*AEF Temporary Hardship Assistance fillable grant application* or *AEF Disaster fillable grant application*).

**No other AEF application type will be accepted.** Be sure to let your Unit and District members know where to find the link.

I hope by now all the District AEF Chairmen have read the code found on the Department of California website ([calegionaux.org](http://calegionaux.org)) and looked at everything concerning the AEF Fund on the National website ([alaforveterans.org](http://alaforveterans.org)).

There is a new **Program Engagement Plan (PEP)** on the national website, I recommend you look at it, it is an updated renamed Program Action Plan. It has links for the applications for assistance, frequently asked questions, donations link and a link for the AEF Facebook Group.

AEF Pins are distributed quarterly directly to the individual meeting the eligible donation level of \$100 or more.

National Department and Unit Annual awards are as follows:

*Unit Award:* Awarded to Unit contributing the largest amount per capita between October 1 and June 1

*Department Award:* Awarded to department contributing the largest amount between October 1 – June 1

*Department Award:* Awarded to department contributing the largest amount (per capita) between October 1-June 1

Do you have a family emergency plan? There is a lot of information on emergency preparedness on the internet. The ALA blogs on AEF refer to having a plan for the family

in case of emergency, a disaster kit and where to find community assistance. Check out the American Legion Auxiliary National website under AEF and the [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) websites. The Ready.gov website has checklists for various emergencies, it has a basic emergency supply kit list that includes non-sparking wrench or pliers to turn off utilities, a can opener, a whistle, dust mask, flashlight, extra batteries, water, & local maps. Additional items are also listed to add to your emergency kit. Being prepared and knowing where to get assistance when disaster strikes helps alleviate unnecessary stress.

I will talk about suggested fund raisers next month. Please don't hesitate to call or email me with any questions you have.

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