



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA
Auxiliary Emergency Fund/Office of Emergency Services
2023-2024 End-of Year Report

Thank you Madam President for having the faith in me being able to handle this appointment. I have learned so much about this valuable program and what it offers to our members. I also appreciate all the District chairman that submitted end-of-year reports. I received more reports than at mid-year so I am able to report some impressive numbers.

The 23-24 AEF End-of-Year year reporting information was received from 21 Districts. That represents 70% reporting that included 73 Units reporting activity and 43 Units reporting no activity which represented over half the units in the Department (52.7%). Eleven Districts had 100% reporting.

Eight Districts donated and/or held fundraisers totaling \$2140.23 while 67 Units donated a total of \$7287 this year. There were seven individual members, five Districts, and twenty Units that donated \$100 or more to AEF.

Fifty-two Units have a line item for AEF in their annual budget and thirty Units discussed increasing their AEF budget. Five Districts and seven Units held fundraisers. Sixty four Units shared about the AEF program and thirty nine Units handed out AEF brochures. Eleven Units handed out AEF applications and ten members' submitted applications for grant assistance, seven emergency and three disaster.

I received six supplemental reports and was proud of what our Districts and Units have done to support the AEF program, their own members, and their community. In one instance a Unit member lost her home during the floods and her Legion family stepped in. A member lent her family a motor home to live in and she was given an AEF application and received a grant.

Other items of note are Units, for example District 22, Alpine Unit 258, where their junior members are integral to the activities supporting fundraising efforts with volunteering time, collecting recyclable items, and making facemasks. This Unit whose area was devastated by flooding provided lunch bags and disinfectant wipes to the homeless.

Want an idea for a unique fundraiser? Unit 81 Gonzales District 28 held a cupcake walk again this year – like an old fashion cake walk. For those of us old enough to know what that is, I liked the idea of the smaller version. Although the weather didn't cooperate this year, the 20 dozen cupcakes were a hit.

I applaud Districts where their Units actively provided AEF information to their members by having brochures and applications on hand. In addition to donating directly to the AEF, some Units maintain an individual emergency fund for members or causes they deem worthy to support. Example is District 21-Unit 574 Morrison Memorial in their support of the Hawaiian Relief Fund after the devastating fire in Maui.

Again I want to please say thank you to all our members for supporting the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. Consider holding a Unit or District fundraiser specifically to support these grants. Make sure you spread the word about this important program. When I was speaking with the National AEF program development manager, he restated that the AEF committee wants to support our members and wishes more members would apply.

Remember both application types and the donation form can be found on line at ALAforveterans.org. Our website also includes the donation forms.

The eleven Districts with 100% reporting received their certificates at our pre-con meeting – they were Districts 2, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 20, 23, 24, 26, and 27.

The 2nd and 3rd place awards for Unit Supplemental reports were also given out at that time.

Madam President, may I proceed with my awards?

The 1st Place Unit Supplemental report goes to District 21, Unit 574 Morrison Memorial, James Vass

1st Place District Supplemental report goes to District 28, Rebecca Glenn

Highest Monetary Donation from a District was \$500 from District 18

Highest Monetary Donation from a Unit is District 21-Unit 79 Riverside \$1500

Unit Supplemental reports were received from District 16-Unit 482, District 21-Unit 574, District 22-Unit 258, District 22-Unit 255, and District 28-Unit 81. One District [28] submitted a Supplemental report.

The first place supplemental reports and the statistical data are attached to this report.

In the spirit of giving there is a BIG container in the back of the room and I am asking for everyone to put your pocket/wallet change in the container. I know small things can and do make a big impact.

Again Madam President, thank you for allowing me to serve our organization in this capacity as this year's Department AEF Chairman. This concludes my report.

Linda Karnstedt
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Unit Supplemental report
1st Place District 21, Unit 574 Morrison Memorial, James Vass
2nd Place District 22, Unit 258 Alpine, Rosann McInnelly
3rd Place District 28, Unit 81 Gonzales, Connie Arellano

District Supplemental report- 1st Place – District 28, Rebecca Glenny

Units Donated	Amount						
			D21-79	1500		1st place	
			D21-200	25			
D5-293	50		D21-328	500		3rd Place	
total	50		D21-500	50			
D6-77	20		D21-519	75			
D6-233	200		D21-574	850		2nd Place	
D6-383	200		D21-742	126			
D6-521	50		total	3126			
D6-832	20		D22-146	85			
total	490		D22-258	2			
D7-130	200		D22-434	50			
D7-587	10		D22-282	25			
total	210		D22-310	35			
D12-83	200		D22-552	10			
D12-168	25		total	207			
D12-491	25		D23-639	10			
D12-872	25		D23-228	50			
total	275		D23-252	50			
D16-48	50		D23-578	150			
D16-136	50		D23-784	10			
D16-211	40		total	270			
D16-432	25		D24-43	100			
D16-482	100		D24-46	10			
D16-747	229		D24-283	250			
total	494		total	360			
D17-428	10		D26-238	50			
total	10		total	50			
D18-13	50		D27-118	385			
D18-30	10		D27-457	20			
D18-180	25		D27-476	100			
D18-241	25		D27-684	50			
D18-280	25		total	555			
D18-755	100		D28-31	50			
D18-790	100		D28-41	25			
total	335		D28-81	165			
D20-176	25		D28-512	25			
D20-311	40		D28-589	200			
D20-348	10		D28-694	50			
D20-377	15		total	515			
D20-817	50		D29-257	25			
total	140		D29-277	50			
			D29-295	100			
			D29-327	25		\$7,287	
			total	200			

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10 Members submitted applications (7E, 3D)

Line Item	Increase Budget	District Fundraiser	Units Fundraiser	Share AEF	Hand out Brochures	Hand Out Applications	Type-E,D
0	0	n	0	1	1	0	1D
4	4	n	0	6	6	0	
2	2	n	0	1	1	0	
0	0	n	0	1	0	0	
2	0	n	1	2	1	0	
0	2	n	0	0	2	0	
5	0	y-75	1	6	0	0	
0	0	n	0	1	1	0	
5	5	y-500	0	4	1	0	
3	0	n	0	6	2	3	4E
6	4	n	0	7	4	3	1E
5	3	n	1	6	2	3	1E 1D
5	5	y-40	0	5	5	0	
3	2	n	0	3	0	0	
0	0	n	0	1	1	0	
2	1	y-389.75	0	4	2	0	
6	1	n	1	5	5	1	1E, 1D
4	0	y-527	2	4	4	0	
0	1	n	1	1	1	1	
[52]	[30]	[5]	[7]	[64]	[39]	[11]	7E, 3D
		\$1,531.75					



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Narrative Report Cover Sheet

Complete the following if you are submitting a narrative report (Supplemental) to District or Department. Be sure to give the complete name of the member. The award certificate will be prepared using the information you include below. This form may also be forwarded to National.

District #: 28 Unit #: 694 Full official Unit name: Monterey Cypress

Name of the Program: Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Name of state where you are a member: California

Member Name: Rebecca Glenny ALA member ID#: 301751398

Phone Number: 717-810-7321 Email: rebecca.glenny@me.com

Unit President Name: Guadalupe Covarrubias-Martinez

District President Name: Rebecca Glenny

All awards will be mailed to the department office after ALA National Convention. Department presidents may wish to recognize award recipients by presenting them with the award at a department function.

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Rebecca Glenny
District President

Current Membership:
Juniors: 54 Seniors: 788

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

A Community of Volunteers Serving Veterans, Military, and their Families

District 28 American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) serves the tricounty area of Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito counties, boasting a membership of 54 junior and 788 senior members across nine units. This year, the district demonstrated its commitment by donating \$288.48 to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF), with six units contributing a combined total of \$515.00. While six units include AEF in their annual budget, one unit amplified its AEF budget. While the district D28 did not organize a specific fundraiser for AEF, they do collect donations at their bi-monthly district meetings. Throughout the year, units actively supported the AEF program by disseminating information through brochures and applications, advocating for its cause.

Gonzales Unit 81 recognized the importance of bolstering support for the AEF program and having funding readily available to aid members. This year, the membership discussed and approved an increase to \$450.00 annually, a significant boost of \$300.00. Additionally, they were able to donate a surplus of \$165.00 to the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) of California Emergency Fund. Furthermore, Unit 81's AEF Fundraiser showcased their dedication to the cause. Organizing a cupcake walk fundraiser during Gonzales' Holiday of Lights event on December 2, 2023, demonstrated their commitment. Despite cold weather affecting participation, the event succeeded in raising awareness and funds. Eight Auxiliary members and two juniors volunteered to bake, contributing a total of 24 hours to ensure the event's success. Although participation in the cupcake walk was lower than anticipated, the unit's members persevered, selling the remaining cupcakes at a discounted price and spreading awareness about ALA's mission. Through this event, they not only raised funds for AEF but also educated the public about the organization's noble purpose, inviting potential new members to join in their cause.

Our widow Unit, Cecil M. Anderson Unit 589 also actively engaged in promoting the AEF program. With a robust AEF account exceeding \$20,000, the unit ensures financial stability by maintaining a \$5.00 direct deposit from the general account. While no emergency funds were required this year, the unit generously donated \$200 to the Hawaiian Relief Fund for disaster victims, demonstrating their commitment to aiding those in need beyond their immediate community. They also donated \$200 to the AEF fund. Members also have the opportunity to contribute to an AEF piggy bank at meetings, with funds collected at year-end donated to the department. Moreover, 2 to 5 members regularly attend District meetings, contributing to the yearly donation total of \$75.00. These collective efforts reinforce Unit 589's dedication to supporting the AEF program and its beneficiaries.

In summary, District 28 American Legion Auxiliary and its constituent units have demonstrated unwavering support for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund program, both through financial contributions and active engagement in fundraising and awareness-building initiatives. These efforts not only provide crucial assistance to veterans and their families in times of need but also strengthen the sense of community and camaraderie within the ALA.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Glenn

District 28 AEF Chairperson & District President 2023-2024



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District #: 21 Unit #: 574 Full official Unit name: Morrison Memorial Unit 574

Name of the Program: Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Name of state where you are a member: California

Member Name: James Vass ALA member ID#: 302518303

Phone Number: (951) 223-1410 Email: ala.ca.d21secretary@gmail.com

Unit President Name: Jana Akers

District President Name: Ellen Fedorowski

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The 1st Place Unit Supplemental report
Morrison Memorial, Unit 574, District 21, James Vass

As the news of the devastating wildfires in Hawaii spread, American Legion Unit 574 knew they had to act swiftly. The images of homes destroyed, families displaced, and landscapes scorched weighed heavily on their hearts. They understood the pain and suffering that the people of Hawaii were experiencing, and they were determined to help in any way they could.

Gathering for an emergency meeting, the members of Unit 574 discussed how they could best support the relief efforts. They knew that the American Legion Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) would be on the ground providing essential aid to those affected by the wildfires. Without hesitation, they decided to donate \$500 from the unit's funds to support the AEF's efforts in Hawaii.

But their commitment to helping their fellow Americans didn't stop there. Throughout the year, Unit 574 had been dedicated supporters of the AEF, knowing the vital role it played in providing assistance to veterans and their families during times of crisis. Through various fundraising efforts and events, they had already contributed \$350 to the fund.

Their combined donation of \$850 would make a significant impact on the lives of those affected by the wildfires. It would provide much-needed relief, including food, shelter, clothing, and other essential supplies, to those who had lost everything in the disaster.

As they made the donation, the members of Unit 574 felt a profound sense of pride and solidarity. They knew that, as part of the American Legion family, they had the power to make a positive difference in the lives of others, even in the face of the most challenging circumstances.

Their actions demonstrated the core values of the American Legion: service to community, state, and nation. They were honored to be able to support their fellow Americans in their time of need and were grateful for the opportunity to serve their country and their communities.