



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA
Auxiliary Emergency Fund/Office of Emergency Services
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As our Department of California ALA year comes to a close, I want to say thank you to all the Unit and District AEF chairman for getting the end-of-year reposts into me. I am proud of all the efforts you have done for the good of our organization and to support the Auxiliary Emergency Fund throughout the year. I hope to see many of you at Convention and will be able to hear all the wonderful things I have to say about your support for this program.

Although my time as chairman comes to an end I would encourage all of you to keep supporting the AEF. As these AEF grants are for the benefit of our members please continue to donate as a time may come where you personally may be in need and it will be there for you.

Continue your fundraising efforts, consider establishing a line item in your budget or increasing the amount to enable this fund to be able to serve all eligible applicants. This year several of our California ALA members were able to receive grants.

As I mentioned before, 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 the National – address on the form.

The application process is strictly confidential. If you personally need further information or want to find the applications for AEF grants and meet the eligibility requirements (are an ALA member and current paid member for three consecutive years) go to the ALA website at www.ALAforVeterans.org/AEF. The applications on the National Organization’s website are the only applications accepted for processing.

Thank you all again for all your support and making my year a memorable one.
Keep in the spirit of “Members helping Members”.

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