



Auxiliary

AEF Newsletter

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New AEF Pin Members helping Members



Happy St Patrick's Day

May we all find the luck of the Irish.

AEF PROGRAM INFORMATION

The weather has been very destructive this year already. We have had events that haven't happened in the past few decades. We have Blizzard warnings and flooding at the same time in California. Several feet of snow and blizzards in the Northwest and Central regions. Freezing and tornados in the South. Freezing rain across many states. This causes loss of power, loss of wages, loss of property and loss of lives. This is where the AEF is helpful, to help members when they need it most. Help relieve some of the pressures and stress of trying to rebuild after these terrible storms. If you have a member that has been affected by one of these storms let them know they can apply for one of these grants as long as they have paid their last 3 year's membership. The applications are available on line on the National website or contact your department chairman, division chairman or myself to help you.

New AEF Pin

This year we are introducing our new AEF Pin. The new pin is for individuals that donate \$100.00 or more to the AEF fund. All donations must be sent directly to the National Headquarters to be eligible for the pin. The pins will be mailed directly to you from our National office quarterly. You can also log onto the National website and make a donation on line. Just make sure to choose AEF as the recipient of the donation.

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Fundraising Ideas

Here are some simple things you can do to raise funds at your local unit meetings. Collect \$.25 for every grandchild, \$.10 for every pair of shoes the members have, \$.10 for every year they are a member, \$1.00 for every family member that is a Legion Family member or any other amount you decide on. Pass the basket at joint meetings. That loose change adds up fast. Have a donation can at your next Fish Fry. Have a bake less bake sale. Members can donate the dollar amount of what a baked item they would have made for a bake sale would have brought in. Do a raffle of a donated basket of local goodies. Just some simple ideas that any size unit can do.

Your Donations are Needed

Have you made your donation for the year? Consider making a monthly donation to the AEF. Make it part of your financial planning.

Now we need your ideas for fundraising. Let us know what you have done for fundraising. Maybe we will spotlight your ideas here in one of our newsletters. You can send your ideas to me at Kellyelli26@gmail.com Or you can post your ideas on our Facebook page AEF, American Legion Auxiliary Emergency Fund.

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