AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA
Auxiliary Emergency Fund
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The Holiday time can be stressful for some and a financial hardship can amplify that stress. Although we think of the Auxiliary Emergency Fund being made available for emergencies during disasters, funds may be available to members at times of personal financial crisis. A change in marital status or their housing options could leave a member without resources to pay rent/mortgage and/or utilities, and no other source of aid is readily available.

Please reach out to any member that you may be aware of that could be in that situation. The application, instructions and common questions can be found on the National website (alaforveterans.org).

Members of the American Legion Auxiliary whose dues are current and who have maintained annual membership for three consecutive years (the current year in which the application is submitted and immediate past two years) and have not been awarded an AEF grant (disaster or hardship) in the previous twelve months are eligible to apply for a grant.

Additional specifics and information on the Auxiliary Emergency Fund can be found on the "My Auxiliary Member Portal" through the National website. I encourage all members to sign up to have access to the additional information (on this and all the other ALA programs) provided to members only. You just need to have your member number available (found on your membership card).

Since we are in the "Giving" season, consider making an individual or Unit or District donation to the fund. This fund is supported by donations and you may never know if you personally or someone you know may need to apply.

There is a beautiful new pin available to members who donate $100.00 or more. The Donation form – "AEF California Donation Form" - is on the Department website under the AEF Committee/Program page.

Wishing you a joyous, healthy, and safe holiday season.

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