



American Legion Auxiliary

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

Hello to Idaho's Auxiliary members. I want to introduce myself as your Department AEF (Auxiliary Emergency Fund) Chairman. This year our Department President Kathy Barrow has asked each Chairmen to send a newsletter with tidbits of information monthly to each district president and then for her to distribute it to each of unit in her district. We're hoping that the more informed our members are about what the AEF Program does, that they will be more willing to stay engaged and become members helping members.

The Auxiliary Emergency Fund provides temporary emergency financial assistance to members in need. Assistance for food, utilities and shelter during a financial crisis or natural disaster. Assistance with education training costs. Hurricanes, floods and other natural disasters such as mud slides, fires, tornados, floods, and windstorms. These are just a few of the reasons women who need the help, may receive it thru the AEF.

Financial hardships may include divorce, loss of job, medical leave, and loss of a spouse. It is designed to aid in shelter, utilities, and food. These are examples of the reasons women apply for the AEF grants.

I would like to try and raise funds and increase the donations made in our department to the AEF program, which awards grants to members in need.

At your district and unit meetings if you'd ask each member to make donations to the AEF program. I'll be sharing ideas in my first newsletter concerning ways that MEMBERS can make the difference, we never know when one of us will need that assistance.

You should request membership on the National AEF Facebook page, as many great ideas and discussions are shared. I'd also encourage them to use the ALA National website by going to the AEF tab at www.ALAforVeterans.org. Reading about other important ways and inspiring ideas that can help Idaho members contribute to those who are facing hardships.

Thanks in advance—Toni Gimpel, PDP

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