



American Legion Auxiliary
Department of California
District 28

Auxiliary Emergency Fund
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Madame Department President Dee Ann, Madam President Liz, Members, and Guests:

By now the District 28 Donut Shops should be open for business and ready to assist currently paid Auxiliary members with temporary financial assistance (TFA) should the need arise. Hopefully, Units have an established amount set aside in their annual budgets for the express purpose of providing temporary financial assistance to a qualifying member in need. TFA funds up to \$2400 can also be obtained from National as the result of an act of nature or other personal crisis. The applications and eligibility criteria were included in the November Unit packets, and will be found on the Department website. A member in need should contact their Unit AEF Chair – or President, for help in navigating the application process. Please note that all such requests are confidential.

The AEF Challenge is on! National Western Division Chairman Anita Biggs has challenged all Departments in the Western Division to make Unit donations at a minimum of \$1 or more per Unit member based on your membership as of July 31, 2021, so if on that date your Unit had 50 members, the Unit would need to send \$50 to AEF National to meet Anita's challenge. To help offset what could be a huge cost for some Units, this Chair is encouraging all Unit Presidents or AEF Chairmen to take up a collection at each meeting. You'd be surprised how quickly the spare change adds up! Then, before the close of books in May, units should send their contributions to the **American Legion Auxiliary, National** at the address noted on the AEF Contribution Form which was also provided in your packets at the November meeting. The form can also be found on the Department website.

In case you missed her at our November meeting I'd like you to meet "Lovely Lulu". Lulu is my AEF collection companion – Lulu is hungry and needs to be fed, and she is most happy to receive your spare change today – so please load her up with your quarters, dimes, nickels, and pennies.. At our November meeting, Lulu collected \$37.71 for AEF. Let's see if we can top that today! I would very much like the District to send at least \$100 to the National AEF in May.

The National Auxiliary Emergency Fund is sponsoring the following awards this year – so get those donations in, and make an effort to win a Unit Award or help with a Department award:

1. **Unit Award:** Unit Contributing the Largest Amount (per capita)
Deadline June 1st for contributions
2. **Department Award:** Department Award: Largest Contribution
Deadline June 1st for contributions
3. **Department Award:** Department Contributing the Largest Amount (per capita)
Deadline June 1st for contributions

Until our March meeting please save your spare change for Lulu so we can plump her up and increase the size of the District 28 donation.

This concludes my report.

Susan Baker, Chair
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