



Auxiliary Emergency Fund Bulletin #2

Greetings Allers!

American Legion Auxiliary Fund made headline news on our August 2011 magazine. "Members Helping Members Rebuild, and Recover through A.E.F". This month is a good time to bring up "Betterments" which are the improvements made to new lands by cultivation and erection of buildings this is often needed after disaster strikes and "Bees" a gathering of friends, family, and neighbors to get a specific job done. Auxiliary members are much like women of the old west in that we are of great character and have a strong desire to survive.

We are lucky to no longer live in the times that brought limited legal rights to women and accepted customs of the times when women were mostly expected to not only honor their husbands but toil in rugged conditions and were primarily expected to do all the cooking, tending of children, household chores and farming and animal care. We are proud women to honor our husbands and we have great pioneers to have "cut new trails" and make contributions to society that allow us the lifestyles we live today.

The "Betterment Bee of Allers" can help raise "Actual" a term for money. The need for AEF is greater now than in the history of this fund. Natural disasters have long made devastating impacts to our country and "passing the hat" this year seems to be a good place to start at monthly meetings, district meetings, and other post and auxiliary events. National AEF needs our donations so they may be available to our members. All donations, no matter the size are needed and appreciated.

I had the opportunity to "pass the hat" at President Linda's workshop in Salinas and \$113.93 was collected. I shared with members in attendance the National objectives which is to familiarize each unit within our department of the purpose of AEF and where to locate the most current application and have each department submit at least 3 resources in their state to assist members and most importantly to have each department increase its donation to National by 10% more. Our department goals are to have each unit have a chairmanship for this vital program and to distribute information to every member when they get their membership card, and make applications available on the website and to encourage contributions through unit memorials and other fund raising opportunities as well as offering AEF brochures to our members. An AEF pin is available with donations from \$15-\$25. I will provide more information for those interested.

Next month I will introduce some Pioneering Women who made contributions and were just "Plain Ol' Interesting in Personality" In our first mailing there were forms for all department donations and those to National. Please share with this chairman any donations made. I will give a report upon my return from National Convention as well and look forward to seeing all those visiting Area 1 in September.

Yours in Service, Kathleen "Kat" Conrad 2680A McDowell Ct Arcata, CA 95521 (home) 707-633-5315 or Hoopa Unit 415 PO Box 1406 Hoopa, CA 95546 (cell) 707-496-3401. Together this year we will strive to make National and Department goals. Have fun learning about the ol west and those who made an impact in their world just as we make an impact in our world today! Yee Haw until next time!