

Issue: NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND

Message Points:

- Total grants given to American Legion family members in 2014 totaled just under \$70,000 as of late September 2014, with total donations exceeding \$500,000.
- Fund is designed to assist our members who have been displaced or evacuated from their primary home due to damages sustained by a declared natural disaster.
- Grant monies are given to assist with out-of-pocket expenses incurred as are result of their displacement. Items covered include, but are not limited to, housing, food, gas, clothing and various and sundry items needed to sustain the family.
- Every dollar donated to the fund is used for the express purpose of rendering financial assistance to American Legion, Sons of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary members and posts.
- The total amount of grant monies awarded since the NEF was reinstated in 1989 is more than \$8.5 million.
- We continue to receive checks and electronic transfers on a weekly basis from our Departments, Districts, Posts, Squadrons and individuals.
- What makes the NEF program so unique is that our members know they can turn to The American Legion for immediate financial assistance without repayment requirements normally associated with other federal and state agencies.
- Our true story of “Mutual Helpfulness” is at work in the time of need.