

**NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
MAY 2-3, 1995**

**Resolution No. 33: National Emergency Fund
Origin: Internal Affairs Commission
Submitted by: Internal Affairs Commission**

WHEREAS, The National Emergency Fund was established by NEC Res. 30 (October 1989) and further defined by NEC Res. 35 (May 1990); and

WHEREAS, The National Emergency Fund has as its purpose to:

1. Solicit and receive funds voluntarily given by Members, Posts and Departments of The American Legion and members of the general public; and to
2. Distribute said funds to our comrades in areas stricken by natural and other disasters in order to meet their most urgent needs; and to
3. Maintain at the ready all sums not distributed immediately for distribution in the event of future disasters; and

WHEREAS, American Legion Posts are eligible for assistance under guidelines adopted for the National Emergency Fund in the event of local, state or national disaster; and

WHEREAS, The act of terrorism inflicted on the Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and the resultant loss of lives and livelihood underscores the need for The American Legion to respond to disasters of many kinds which may strike at members of The American Legion and their families; and

WHEREAS, The Special Committee appointed by the National Commander to coordinate the solicitation and distribution of NEF funds diligently nurtured and developed the Fund to its current status as a successful and ongoing activity of The American Legion administered by the staff of the National Internal Affairs Commission; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the National Executive Committee that 100 percent of all funds contributed to the NEF be available for the sole purpose of direct aid and assistance to our stricken comrades in future local, state or national disasters; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The National Executive Committee of The American Legion in regular meeting assembled at Indianapolis, Indiana, May 2-3, 1995, That all Departments, Posts and individual members of The American Legion and members of the general public be and they are hereby urged to contribute to The American Legion National Emergency Fund for the aid of our comrades in stricken areas in the event of local, state or national disaster; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That all funds received in contribution to the National Emergency Fund, and all moneys earned by the management of funds remaining on hand between times of urgent need, shall be used for the sole purpose of providing aid to our comrades in stricken areas in the event of local, state or national disaster; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That Local, state or national disasters for the purposes of the National Emergency Fund are defined as unanticipated acts of God or man which result in physical and/or financial hardships to individual members or Posts of The American Legion as

determined by competent government authority and confirmed by officials of the affected Department(s) of The American Legion; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Special Committee appointed by the National Commander to oversee the National Emergency Fund is dismissed with the sincere and heartfelt appreciation of the National Executive Committee; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That National Internal Affairs Commission shall assume and bear from this point forward the responsibility to recommend and oversee the actions and accomplishments of the National Emergency Fund, to interpret and recommend action on needs which may from time to time arise as special cases not specifically addressed by the NEF, and to report same as may from time to time be required by The National Executive Committee; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That this resolution shall supersede and replace all earlier resolutions pertaining to The American Legion National Emergency Fund.