HOW TO HELP

The American Legion's National Emergency Fund is set up to quickly and efficiently provide money to affected Legion Family members and posts. A full 100 percent of donations to NEF are turned into grants. Donations are not used to cover administrative and promotional costs.

TO DONATE:

Visit **www.legion.org/NEF** to make a tax-deductible contribution electronically, using your credit card. Checks may be mailed to **The American Legion, National Emergency Fund, P.O. Box 1954, Indianapolis, IN 46206**

TO RAISE MONEY:

NEF relies on donations to help Legionnaires, Auxiliary members and Sons recover from disaster. Fundraisers such as motorcycle runs, fish fries or raffles are great ways to gather donations. Another Legion post, Auxiliary unit, Sons of The American Legion squadron or Riders chapter could assist in sponsoring or promoting a fundraiser for NEF. Proceeds from fundraisers may be donated to NEF by the website or mailing address listed above.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

News and additional information about the program is available at **www.legion.org/NEF**.

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Donations help provide necessary grants to those recovering from disasters

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NEF NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND

Volunteers get ready to work on the post-Sandy renovation of American Legion Post 143 in Highands, N.J.

Illinois Post 235 serves as a staging area for victims of flood damage in the community of Marseilles. Photos by Eldon Lindsay.

" When you're in a dire situation, everything is hard. It's always fun to give the check out. It means so much to me to see the expressions on their faces. I didn't get paid, but seeing their joy was worth everything. That was my pay." – NEF coordinator Jim Clifford, who assisted flooding victims in North Dakota

ABOUT THE NEF

From large disasters such as Superstorm Sandy to lesser-known instances of flooding in a small Illinois town, The American Legion provides financial relief to Legionnaires, Auxiliary members, Sons and posts.

The National Emergency Fund, created in response to Hurricane Hugo in 1989, has provided more than $8 million in direct financial assistance to American Legion Family members and posts. By providing this emergency funding, NEF has prevented damaged posts from closing and enabled American Legion Family members to recover from tragedy.

NEF provides immediate monetary assistance up to $3,000 for Legion Family members and up to $10,000 for posts.

SCORECARD

Here are some notable disasters and NEF donations:

Tornadoes, Moore, Okla., May 2013	
*Grants: **264**	Payouts: **$242,050**
Superstorm Sandy, N.Y. and N.J., October 2012	
Grants: **429**	Payouts: **$428,087**
Hurricane Isaac, Southeastern United States, August 2012	
Grants: **198**	Payouts: **$170,170**
Flooding, Minot, N.D., summer 2011	
Grants: **95**	Payouts: **$105,910**
Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Gulf Coast, August-September 2005	
Grants: **2,105**	Payouts: **$1,705,520**

*The Legion made grants available to nonmembers as well as members.

HOW NEF HELPS

From coast to coast, Legionnaires and posts have received NEF grants that assist their recoveries. Post 143 in New Jersey was devastated by Superstorm Sandy, taking on 5 feet of water. But thanks to NEF assistance and efforts by volunteers, the post re-opened 143 days later.

Individuals often use funds to help pay for immediate needs: food, hotel, clothes and other necessities wiped out by disaster.

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