

## **Issue: National Emergency Fund**

### Message Points:

- Total grants given to American Legion family members in 2009 totaled just under \$22,470 as of late September 2009, with total donations exceeding \$251,000.
- Fund is designed to assist our members who have been displaced from their homes by a declared natural disaster
- Each and every dollar donated to the fund is used for the express purpose of rendering financial assistance to American Legion, Sons of The American Legion members and posts.
- The total amount of grant monies awarded since the NEF was reinstated in 1989 is more than \$6.9 million.
- We currently have more than \$2.8 million available in the fund.
- We continue to receive checks and electronic transfers on a daily 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 the red tape or repayment requirements normally associated with other federal and state agencies.
- Our true story of “Mutual Helpfulness” is at work in the time of need.