

## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS

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Dear Members of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Texas,

With the recent devastation as a result of Hurricane Harvey and the displacement of many of our Auxiliary members and their families we are reminded that life can change in a blink of an eye. Many of those in the path of Hurricane Harvey close their eyes at night and wonder what they may wake up to the next morning.

Many of our Auxiliary members are in need of financial assistance and may not qualify for the American Legion Auxiliary Emergency fund due to their number of continuance years in our organization. We have several new Units and new members in the path of Hurricane Harvey and for that reason the Department of Texas has created a Texas Emergency Fund.

An application for the Texas Emergency Fund is attached. Our committee is working on creating the criteria on determining who gets funds and how much and through whom and to whom they will be paid. ALA Department of Texas has communicated with The American Legion Department of Texas and Commander Hince is pleased that we will be working together on this endeavor.

If you or your Unit/District/Division/Post/Squadron would like to donate directly to our Department, then we ask that you do so in the form of a check made payable to the ALA Department of Texas and <u>earmarked Texas</u> <u>Emergency Fund.</u>

For those Units that are helping on an individual basis in communities that have been affected with items in lieu of money, please take time to let us know what you are doing so we can report our numbers. If you are raising funds or donating funds we urge you to work through this fund so that everyone in need is treated equally.

Thank you for your caring and "Service Not Self" attitude. Please continue to keep all those in harm's way in your prayers.

## In the Spirit of Service Not Self for Veterans, God and Country,

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