



Department of Arizona

Auxiliary Emergency Fund

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15805 Members Strong

The members of the Department of Arizona embody the powerful vision of "Service not Self", conducting activities to assist and serve those in need both locally and nationally. Arizona members volunteer their time and energy to fundraise for this wonderful program.

With the hurricanes, flooding after said hurricanes went inland and the devastating fires in Southern California, along with smaller wildfires and tornados across our great nation. Arizona was their raising funds and helping members in need.

We cannot forget about those that life handed them challenges this past year, and for those, Arizona helped too.

Units across Arizona held 50/50 raffles, bar bingo nights, dinners, and dances. Pat Tillman Unit 117 in Phoenix held a left, right, center tournament,(dice game) in September and once again in January. Unit 29 in Glendale, Arizona held a Sweetheart Dinner Dance and served pork roast, with potatoes, carrots and onions, a green salad with cake and ice cream for dessert.

In doing these activities \$14,997.75 was raised and sent to the National AEF fund. Seven members reported making personal donations totaling \$1365.00 of that amount.

Six members filed for and received help through the National AEF Fund totaling \$18,000 in grants received.

Twenty-one Units have their own unit AEF Fund and they in turn helped nine members with utility bills, deductible for medical procedure, rent for a member escaping an abusive relationship, hotel room for a member to visit her ill son out of state, to name a few.

Instructors of Arizona Mission Training taught members about the program and how they can help others with their donations, and the importance of members helping members. Through these efforts the Department of Arizona has actively promoted the AEF program, ensuring that its benefits are understood and appreciated. By balancing local and national support, units in Arizona strive to provide the highest quality of assistance to those in need, reinforcing the commitment of "Service not Self."

For God and Country,

Katherine Pittman

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