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From the State Commander

Comrades and Auxiliaries,

I have been in discussion with American Legion's State Commander Autrey James about partnering and combining forces, with Legion Posts to provide support in meeting the needs of those impacted by the fires across California. I understand that some of you are already partnering with your Legion counterparts, thank you for that.

We are in process of collecting monetary donations from Posts/Districts for organizations that are assisting in their AOR. Some of you may prefer helping by collecting items being requested. If you share a home with a Legion Post, I encourage you to work with them in that effort. We're being told the items being requested include:

Tents – Sleeping Bags – Blankets – Hygiene Items/kits – N95 Masks – Box fans w/AC filters (for makeshift air filters) – Gift Cards for groceries/fuel – Can Openers – Water – non-perishable food items

The Legion Post in Elk Grove is currently being used as a collection point for items and they are delivering goods by truck to areas most in need. I urge you to also work with them in this effort whether it is by donating, organizing, and/or delivering. We are stronger and can be more impactful if our organizations work together.

Contacts for the Elk Grove collection site are: Henry Sanchez (916) 205-9296 and District Commander Brian McGuinness (916) 670-9846. Please reach out to them and extend a helping hand.

If need be, the Legion also has collections sites in Sanger and LA. Reach out to the Posts in those locations and offer your assistance.

Some of these fires are growing day by day with little relief in sight anytime soon. Currently the Dixie, McFarland, Monument, and Calder fires are exploding right now.

This is our game; it is what we do to assist and support our communities. Let's play!

Dusty Napier  
State Commander