

**AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS  
DISASTER RELIEF COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by Chairman Delmar Buske with the following members present:

Thomas Chambers, 1<sup>st</sup> Div. Tom Marciciak and David Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Div. Denver Phelps and Delmar Buske, 4<sup>th</sup> Div. Wayne Madson and Steven Hermanson, 5<sup>th</sup> Div. Guest Present, Limey Nargelenas, 4<sup>th</sup> Div. Cmdr.

The Chairman mentioned that if you need a Disaster Relief vest or magnetic sign for your cars, please see him after the meeting if necessary, an order will be put in place for what we need. In addition, David Johnson mentioned that in the past, he had some problems getting in to the sites with out proper identification. Will there be any available?

In case of a severe weather related incident, the following three (3) items are required to start the NEF paperwork:

1. Must be Declared a Disaster, check with FEMA website for complete list.
2. Legionnaire is displaced.
3. Legionnaire or SAL member must be paid up and in good standing at the time of the disaster. If the member has paid and not received at national, an exception may be approved with Department Documentation. The deadline to report a claim is usually 90 days. National will work with Department on late aps.

NOTE: Please contact Chairman Buske or Vice Chairman Marciciak as soon as possible with details on any declared disaster.

The Chairman passed out some of the current NEF brochures together with the "What to do Before, During and After".

There was some discussion about a past tornado 2 to 3 years ago which was brought up by Wayne Madson, which a Legion member lost his life in Carmi Illinois. All the information was given to the surviving spouse and to date, there has not been any response from family or spouse. He mentioned that he will visit the Post in the near future and check again.

It was mentioned that a Media Contact in such disasters should be a representative from the Department Disaster Relief Committee first if they are available, to give an interview outlining the Department of Illinois and National programs. If not available, a District or Division Jr. Sr. or Commander can do so. This has been covered at all of the Officers Training at Department annually.

Denver mentioned that we might need some sort of signage to direct the media to where we are at.

Department Commander Carder, Sr. Vice Weber visited and offered their appreciation for what the Committee does to help our fellow American Legion Members in a time of need.

Adjutant Marty Conatser mentioned a new "100 year of service 4 Pillar Department Pin" that will be available for a \$100 supporting donation from Posts and Members which will help fund the Special Olympics, Boys State, Gifts to the Yanks and the Oratorical Contest.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Marciciak