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MEMORANDUM

TO: National Officers
All Departments
National Service Office Supervisors
National and Washington Headquarters Staff
DAV Auxiliary

FROM: Arthur H. Wilson, National Adjutant

SUBJECT: Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief

DATE: September 1, 2005

As you know, there is widespread devastation along the Gulf Coast and inland areas resulting from Hurricane Katrina, and the DAV will, of course, deploy disaster relief teams to the region to assist disabled veterans and their families.

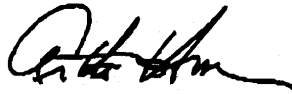
Mobile Service Offices staffed by National Service Officers will be dispatched as soon as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) deems it is safe for us to do so.

In accordance with our disaster relief procedures, NSOs will coordinate with Departments and Chapters in staging the MSOs once FEMA permits them to enter the disaster areas. They will be available at locations to be announced to meet with veterans who are victims of the hurricane and issue them a disaster relief grant. These funds can be used to purchase food, clothing, and temporary shelter or to obtain relief from injury, illness, or personal loss resulting from natural catastrophes that are not covered by insurance or other disaster relief agencies.

To be eligible for a DAV disaster relief grant, the following criteria must be met:

- The applicant must be a service-connected disabled veteran or the dependent thereof.
- The applicant must be the victim of a natural disaster.
- The applicant's claimed loss must not be covered by insurance.
- The applicant's claimed loss must not be covered by other emergency relief agencies.

All of us are anxious to help disabled veterans and their families in these storm-ravaged communities, and the DAV will do all in our power to help them meet their needs at this very difficult time. DAV has budgeted financial resources to assist disabled veterans in the devastated areas. If, however, departments, chapters and individuals desire to contribute to the assistance of disabled veterans in the affected areas contributions may be sent to DAV Disaster Relief Fund, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250.



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