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The American Legion calls for donations for Houston

INDIANAPOLIS – In response to residents displaced by Hurricane Harvey, The American Legion will deliver needed items to veterans affected by the hurricane in Houston, Texas.

Donations will be accepted at the Department of Indiana American Legion Headquarters located at 5440 Herbert Lord Rd., Indianapolis, Ind. on Monday, September 4, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Members of The American Legion National Headquarters will depart Tuesday, September 5 with the donated supplies. A command center will be in place at The American Legion South Houston Post 490 for distribution of donated goods on or after Wednesday, September 7.

Needed items include:

- Non-perishable and packaged food items
- Bottled water
- Adult incontinence products
- Baby diapers and formula
- Household cleaning supplies (bleach, window cleaner)
- Bleach
- Face masks
- Plastic and leather gloves
- Personal care items (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, towelettes, and baby wipes)
- Feminine hygiene products
- Paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, paper plates)
- First aid supplies and batteries (AA, AAA, 9V, C, D)
- Bug spray
- Hand sanitizer
- Cash donations are encouraged so that the most needed supplies can be sourced.

To date, more than 200 air mattresses have been donated by EHOB, Inc., a medical care company in Indianapolis.

Representatives from The American Legion will be on site to approve National Emergency Fund applications from American Legion family members.

The National Emergency Fund, created in response to Hurricane Hugo in 1989, has provided more than \$8 million in direct financial assistance to American Legion family members and posts. By providing this emergency funding, the NEF has prevented damaged posts from closing and enabled American Legion family members to recover from tragedy.

The fund provides up to \$3,000 for qualified American Legion family members and up to \$10,000 for posts. The eligibility requirements are:

1. Applicant must have been displaced from his or her primary residence due to a declared natural disaster.
2. Applicant must provide copies of receipts of items required to meet immediate needs such as temporary housing, food, water, clothing, diapers, etc.
3. Membership must be active at time of disaster and the time of application.

If you have any questions, please contact representatives of The American Legion: Scott Miller, 795-513-3289, smiller@legion.org or John Crosby, 317-416-5956, communications@indianalegion.org.

Caption: National American Legion Deputy of Strategic Alliances and Corporate Development, Historic Fort Benjamin Harrison Post 510 member Scott Miller and Indiana Legion Greenfield Post 119 Cmdr. Kurt Veters work together to load more than 200 air mattresses donated by EHOB, Ind., a medical care company, to Hurricane Harvey survivors in Houston, Texas.

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