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Dear Department of Florida AMVETS Family,

I'm writing this on behalf of all the veterans in the State of Florida, and most particularly, the AMVETS family. As you all know, we recently dodged a bullet whose name was Dorian. The devastation in the Bahamas is incredible, and beyond anything we can imagine – and I went through Hurricane Michael just over a year ago, and thought that was horrible. That impact is still very difficult for the families in Bay County. It is ongoing. The Bahamas was way beyond that hurricane.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian, I started thinking about how very important the AMVETS, Department of Florida Disaster Relief Fund would be had central Florida or the coast suffered a direct hit. I'm sure you've heard of this fund, but don't know if you're aware of what it can, and would, do in case of such a catastrophe.

After Hurricane Michael, the fund helped two separate posts and several individuals in rebuilding and recovering from the significant financial losses not covered by insurance. The AMVETS, Department of Florida Service Foundation would like to be better prepared should a catastrophe like Hurricane Dorian hit our family. I really hate to think or say this, but I feel it's only a matter of time.

We have received donations from various posts, and a few individuals. I would like to appeal to individual members to

donate what they can so we will be better prepared in the event of a disaster. It could help you, your post, or your post family.

If you can find it in your heart to donate, please make your check out to: AMVETS, Dept of FL Service Foundation, and mail it to: AMVETS, Dept of FL Service Foundation, c/o Don Rhindress, Treasurer, 1529 Aqueduct Ln, Key Largo, FL 33037. Please place on the check or in a note that it is designated for the Disaster Relief Fund.

Thank you so much for your consideration of this plea. Every dollar adds up and could make a huge difference in the lives of our AMVETS family in the event of a natural disaster.

Yours in Service,

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