

**HOW TO HOLD WATER BOTTLE COIN COLLECTION DONATIONS
TO THE AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND**

Committee:

Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF)

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Water Bottle Coin Collection:

Hand out a free 20 oz. bottle of water at a meeting to all members in attendance and ask them to return the bottle filled with coins to the next meeting. A 20 oz. water bottle filled with dimes adds up to almost \$100!

Unit: Offer a prize to the member donating the largest amount.

Department: Offer an award for the unit that collected the largest amount the previous year.

Suggested label for bottles:



**MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS
FILL WITH COINS
FOR
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND
UNIT #xxxxxx**

Other AEF Fundraising Ideas:

It's a Wrap - Offer gift-wrapping services at Christmas time for families along with babysitting services for a small donation. Other ideas include: show a holiday movie, make cards for veterans and military or assemble Pocket Flags. A lot of activities could be rolled into one night! Imagine how this wonderful service would help families in your community deal with stress during the holidays.

Buy a Meal - Volunteers donate homemade meals to sell. Could be in conjunction with a bake sale. Or sell food and baked goods at local sports games or dances.

Eat for a Cause - Contact local restaurants and ask them to set aside a night where a percentage of the sales would be donated to AEF.

Talent Show - Hold a talent show and charge for admission. Sell light fare and refreshments. Note: A Delaware unit held a talent show, charged \$5 per person, sold food and 50/50 and raised almost \$2,000 for the USO!

Otterbox - Sign up and request product donations for your raffles and/or silent auctions at <http://www.otterbox.com/en-us/product-donations.html>. Requests can take up to 6 weeks to be processed.