

Members of a VFW Post in Kentucky Raise Funds to Help Flash Flood Victims in Texas

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When torrential rainfall in early July caused devastating flash floods to rip through Kerrville, Texas, fellow VFW Post 5480 members in Madisonville, Kentucky, sprang to action.

Separated by nearly 1,000 miles, Post 5480 members held a donation drive throughout the month that culminated with \$25,000 toward the Kerrville Relief Fund, with an additional \$4,000 for its local VFW Post 1480 on July 21.

“The impact of the events motivated us to take decisive action,” said Post 5480 Quartermaster James Werfelman. “Our Post’s donation drive was a testament to the power of community spirit in response to the devastating events in Kerrville.”

On July 4, heavy rain caused the Guadalupe River to rise 36 feet, severely impacting Kerr County, Texas. The flash floods left 119 people dead and caused additional destruction to property and infrastructure, from which the county continues to recover.

“We were blessed to have been able to hopefully relieve some burden, though we know no amount of money can make up for the loss these families have experienced,” Werfelman said. “We pray these families find peace in their time of need and hope they know they have love and support from their brothers and sisters across the country.”

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