

Rising to the Occasion

Post in Texas collects donations for flood victims

Jul 21, 2025

When deadly flash floods swept across parts of Texas in early July, VFW Post 12235 in Salado stepped up to collect donations for those hit hardest.

In just a few days, Post 12235 members, with support from the Salado community, collected over \$10,000 worth of food, supplies, and clothing for flood victims in Kerrville, about four hours away.

“This is part of our duties as VFW members,” Post 12235 Commander Minnie Whitzel said. “To take action and assist people in times of need. I hope they were able to utilize everything that was needed.”

Post 12235 members advertised their need for supplies on their Facebook page. With four members splitting shifts on Sunday and Monday, the Post collected water, diapers, non-perishable food, wipes, blankets, pillows, clothing for men, women and children, batteries (all sizes), toilet paper, paper towels, toiletries, trash bags, pet food, disposable plates, bowls and silverware, first aid items and \$2,290 in Home Depot, Wal-Mart, and Visa Cards.

“It was amazing how fast the people in the Village of Salado responded to our request,” Whitzel said. “They even thanked us for putting it together so fast. Seeing so many come out even in the rain on Sunday afternoon was humbling.”

This article is featured in the 2025 July issue of Checkpoint. If you're a VFW member and don't currently receive the VFW Checkpoint, please contact VFW magazine at magazine@vfw.org.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

406 W. 34th Street
Kansas City, MO 64111

Office 816.756.3390
Fax 816.968.1157

WASHINGTON OFFICE

200 Maryland Ave., N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

Office 202.543.2239
Fax 202.543.6719

info@vfw.org
www.vfw.org