

# 'We Had to Move Quickly'

## Denton Post provides an entire truck load of water for local homeless shelter

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On July 18, VFW Post 2205 in Denton, Texas, got a call from Bobby Maes, an Army veteran of VFW Post 10460 and employee of the Denton-based homeless shelter Our Daily Bread. Maes was calling out to any local VFW Posts that could help assist the shelter that day — it was more than 100 degrees Fahrenheit outside and the shelter was low on bottled water.

Tim Middleton, commander of Post 2205, answered the call and began to reach out to other veteran-affiliated organizations in the area, including other VFW Posts to help assist with gathering water.

“There’s a lot of connective tissue with each organization in North Texas,” Middleton said.

He went to Sam’s Club and picked up 10 large cases of water, enough to cover his entire truck bed.

“We had to move quickly,” Middleton said. “It was becoming dangerously hot outside.”

Our Daily Bread is a “low-barrier” homeless shelter, meaning there are fewer obstacles for admission. The shelter also has priorities for past military service members, with 10 beds in the facility being dedicated to homeless veterans.

Middleton and Maes were successful in delivering the water to the shelter on time.

“We had the resources, we had the capability,” Middleton said. “Being able to address the immediate need was very fulfilling for our organization.”

Post 2205 and Our Daily Bread share a “strong bond,” according to Middleton. The Post provides a quarterly donation to the shelter, continuing to help homeless veterans in any way they can.

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