

VFW Thanks Members Still Serving in the Wake of Disaster

The following is a message from VFW National Commander Al Lipphardt

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. – “Throughout our storied history, times of challenge and adversity have brought forth the opportunity for VFW and VFW Auxiliary members to demonstrate the true spirit of our great organizations. Hurricane Helene recently presented us with yet another opportunity, and once again, our community united in the essence of our existence to answer the call of service to others.

My deepest gratitude goes out to all VFW and Auxiliary members, and our supporters for the time, supplies, [financial contributions](#) and forward efforts in assisting those whose lives were suddenly thrust into devastation and despair in the wake of this natural disaster. Your tireless efforts and support are not only providing ongoing, much-needed relief to so many, but serve as a meaningful contributor toward healing and eventually, rebuilding.

From Brookhaven, Mississippi, to Kernersville, North Carolina, you have been a source of light for many in their darkest hour. Still serving despite the challenges, the physical and emotional toll, and at times, the danger, your continued willingness to put others first is truly an inspiration and represents the heart and soul of our organizations.

While our Hurricane Helene relief efforts will continue, we now turn our eye to Hurricane Milton as it bears down on Florida’s west coast and is expected to bring yet a new wave of needed support. God be with those in the anticipated path and I know VFW and Auxiliary members are standing at the ready for the call to serve once more.

Again, I thank you all for your many contributions, and for your strength and selflessness as we work to provide our fellow Americans with a hand up. Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliary members epitomize the mantra of ‘Believe in what you do - Do what you believe in ... Follow Me!’ I could not be any prouder to call you Comrades, Brothers and Sisters.”

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