



THE AMERICAN LEGION
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OPEN LETTER TO AMERICAN LEGION POST 303 MEMBERS/FAMILIES:

As most know, our Post was heavily damaged from the effects of Hurricane Ian. The storm surge, which devastated our coast and intercoastal communities, inundated our Post-303 home with over five feet of brackish saltwater.

Over the last two weeks, many have come together to assist our fellow Veterans, their families, and our neighbors, within our community. I am truly humbled by the compassion, dedication, and selflessness that so many have shown to our Veteran Community and our Post.

As we now start to plan for our recovery, we are going to be faced with many challenges ahead.

First, regrettably, it has been determined that our Post was not covered by our insurance for the storm surge damage we experienced. Because of this, recovery will be up to our Post Family.

It's going to be a long road ahead, but I know deep down in my heart, Post-303 will prevail and we will rise above the devastation, stronger as a Post Family and united by the common goal of returning to doing what we do best, serving our fellow Veterans, their families and the incredible community we live in.

As stated earlier, many have come together to assist our Post. My appreciation goes out to the Moose and Eagles who have opened their doors to our current paid up members and have given them a place to gather. In addition, I want to sincerely thank our fellow brothers and sisters at the VFW, who have graciously opened their doors to our Post, and are giving Post-303 the opportunity to hold some of our fund raising activities, drawings and meals.

Words can not begin to express my gratitude to the Officers and Membership of VFW Post-4254, for their gracious support and hospitality.



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Having said that, I would ask each and every one of you to consider, if your able, to come down to the VFW and not only patronize the events our Post will be holding, but also support their efforts, which also help serve our Veterans and their families. It's a great opportunity to make a difference. You can check Facebook or our Webpage for more information or reach out to one of your Officers for details.

Finally, I have received many inquiries regarding monetary donations, donations of various items, and of people wanting to pitch in and lend a hand. For those interested in making a financial contribution, checks can be made out to American Legion Post-303 and mailed to our Post Office Box. The address is:

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We will also be establishing a "Go Fund Me" account, for those choosing to utilize that avenue to donate. Any and all contributions are greatly appreciated as we start to enter the next chapter in our recovery.

For those wishing to assist in other ways, please keep an eye, once again, on our social media sites, or speak to one of our various Officers and provide us with your contact information. There are various opportunities to assist with supplies, clean-up, etc. I do truly appreciate everyone's dedication and eagerness to pitch in and start the process of moving forward.

As things progress, we will definitely do our best to provide as much information as possible, so our American Legion Family is aware of how things are going and progressing. I am aware many are not on Facebook or check social media, or have access to our webpage. For those of you that do, please spread the word to your fellow Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Riders Members.



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Thank you to everyone that has been involved thus far in working together and accomplishing all we have. Our American Legion Family is truly incredible, and I honestly believe that together, anything is truly possible!

For God & Country,

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