



# Louisiana Post Receives 2022 National Community Service Award

## Raceland VFW Post 3665 provided vital assistance to its community after Hurricane Ida

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**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is proud to announce that Freddie John Falgout Post 3665 in Raceland, Louisiana, was selected to receive the 2022 VFW Fred C. Hall Memorial Outstanding Post Special Project Award, a prestigious award that recognizes VFW Posts for notable and exceptional community service projects.

VFW Post 3665 was selected for its tireless work aiding and supporting its hometown in the aftermath of Hurricane Ida in the fall of 2021. When the town took a direct hit, knocking out critical infrastructure, Post members jumped into action, opening the doors of the Post to provide shelter, collecting fuel, nonperishable foods, water, tarps and cleaning products to distribute to the community.

Going above and beyond, Post members fully committed to the recovery efforts and worked with other nonprofit organizations to provide more than 2,000 hot meals to the community. Because of their efforts, 84 brand new mattresses found their way to the homes of people impacted by the hurricane.

“Service to others is a founding tenet of the VFW, and what Post 3665 was able to accomplish in the chaos and destruction following Hurricane Ida is a perfect example of the VFW doing what it does best,” said VFW National Commander Fritz Mihelcic.

VFW National Commander Mihelcic will present VFW Post 3665 Commander James Prestenbach with the 2022 VFW Fred C. Hall Memorial Outstanding Post Special Project Award on Wednesday, July 20, during the 123rd VFW National Convention being held in Kansas City, Missouri.

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