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Kentucky Tornado Relief

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I cannot call this an after-action report because this is an ongoing effort and will be for quite a while. On 10 December 2021 at 2049hrs, Central time a Tornado with up to 190 mile an hour winds touched down in Graves County Kentucky and traveled over 150 miles east and south. Duration was 2hrs. 59min. An updated report this past week from Governor Breshear stated that the tornado claimed 80 lives. Immediately after the tornado touched down relief efforts began. Kentucky 1st Lady Brittainy Breshear started at Toy Drive in conjunction with Toys for Tots. The Veterans Club of Louisville, Detachment 729 Toys for Tots (TFT), Bowling Green TFT and Paducah TFT, and Kentucky State Police. It was 14-18 December. I know that Paducah, Ky collected over 50,000 toys. Det. 1040 Lagrange, GA gave a TFT monetary donation which was given to the Paducah TFT coordinator. On Christmas Eve, Detachment 1390 found out about a family that lost everything, the Detachment used funds collected to purchase clothing and toys for the family.

I cant name all of the Departments and Detachments that contacted me and wanted to provide relief for the tornado victim's. I did provide drop off information for goods collected. The Louisville Veterans club and Detachment 729, North Carolina and Florida dropped off relief goods on several occasions. Detachment 1390 collected monetary Donations from Det. 1459 Redlands, CA, Det. 871 Ferdinand, IN, Det. 623 Beloit, WI, Det. 947 Charleston, WV, Det. 1345 Greenup, KY. Detachment's. On 12 February Det. 1012 Richmond, KY, Det 96, Madison County, OH Veterans Committee, Richmond, KY Toys for Tots, Richmond, KY Fire Dept. and Dept of KY MCL, delivered donations received to the community of Bremen, KY. The City had a gathering the children was lead to one of the trucks and were given toys. I was honored to help with clean up by volunteering with Team Depot and Team Rubicon. Cleanup is still a priority. Two weeks ago Det. 1390 Sr. Vice, Paymaster and I visited a Detachment

member that had all the nails taken from the roof shingles and did structural damage to the roof as well. We are accepting Donations for our Detachment member to replace his roof, he received some insurance money, but not enough to totally repair the roof. While in Mayfield we noticed that it is going to take a long time to cleanup Mayfield. Det. 1012 is planning a workday/week in July and will be accepting building materials and monetary donations for Bremen, KY. Local Contractors are going to volunteer their services during this time. Louisville Veterans Club and Det. 729 are planning more relief as well. A great Big Thanks to all who have helped with the relief efforts and please keep Kentucky in your thoughts and prayers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Semper FI,

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