

## **VFW Post 7263 Reaches Out From Santa Cruz, California to flood ravaged Eastern Kentucky town of Hazard**



*Commander Jerry Shanks with Steve Bare*



*Jody Bare with Jama from VFW Post 7387*

I recently had the honor of carrying an \$1,100.00\* donation from Tres Pueblos, Capitola VFW Post 7263 in Santa Cruz California all the way to Eastern Kentucky where I presented our gift to the Hazard VFW Post 7387 to assist in their outreach to victims of terrible flooding. The VFW folks in Hazard were very appreciative and gratified that our Post here in Santa Cruz/Capitola would reach out in person with our donation. They were also very hospitable and put my wife and me up when all the lodging was full. The idea that a California VFW Post would reach out to the suffering in Eastern Kentucky was a great demonstration of comradeship and compassion at work. VFW Post 7263 makes a difference in our community and across America.

I've posted a picture of myself Steve Bare, with Hazard, Kentucky VFW Post 7387 Post Commander Jerry Shanks (left). Jerry is a really nice guy. VFW Post 7387 served as a relief/donation facility. Jama from VFW Post 7387, a new friend of my wife Jody and me, is pictured (right). The people there may be suffering, but they are very good people. I've added a photo of an unfinished mural there, and another of the devastation from flooding. Even two weeks later when we got there, the situation was dire. Cars still crowded the creeks and streams, and Post 7263's donation went a long way.

Comrades, thanks for the opportunity to help the people of Eastern Kentucky. I was proud to return to the home of my ancestors, and kudos to Post 7263!

**Steve Bare, RVN '69**

*\*Kudos to Post 7263 Jr. Vice Commander Bill Fitzgerald and his wife Kathy for adding \$100.00 to the \$1,000.00 donated by his Post.*