trained in damage control

from hurricanes, mudslides,

and earthquakes. They are

thieves, and scavengers, who

steal from victims of calami-

ties. They are boots-on-the-

rebuild and restore what has

With respect to each

team member's privacy and strict guidelines to equally

honor every member on the

charter fishing boat owner

must remain nameless when

mentioned in the media. His

team, this local man and

also trained in providing

protection from looters,

ground ready to repair,

been destroyed.

Coconut Telegraph Spotlights A Local Hero

Bringing Us a Higher Love - Helping Communities in Crisis

rescue trained K-9 German Courageous, spontaneous, shepherd, he recently relentless, resilient, and returned from a mission to brave, are just some of the help the people of Lake words that describe the Charles, Louisiana who were volunteers helping with the devastated by Hurricane Nomad Humanitarian Works mission. NHW is a non-profit Laura. He drove a truckload organization of first respond- of supplies from the Key ers who have handled relief Largo Moose Lodge, Bayside Gourmet, and other donors. efforts following disasters in to the hardest-hit area. Puerto Rico, Louisiana, and Texas. These 'natural disas-Hurricane Delta is now ter warriors' are specially headed to the same battered

Hurricane Laura hit the Louisiana coastline August 27th; the first of his comrades arrived on August 28th. N5A approached the storm-ravaged area at night on the 29th with no gas stations available and no power working, in complete darkness. He recalls dodging downed power lines, trees and debris; the challenges to reach the area were difficult. In the two weeks he was there, he had six flat truck tires, from driving around the team name is 'Nomad 5 Alpha,' storm-ravaged area. The tent he stayed in had no air conditioning, was flooded by rain, and was even run over by a volunteer! He gave his tent to a homeless person when his

area of Louisiana and he is

deployment there.

readying himself for another

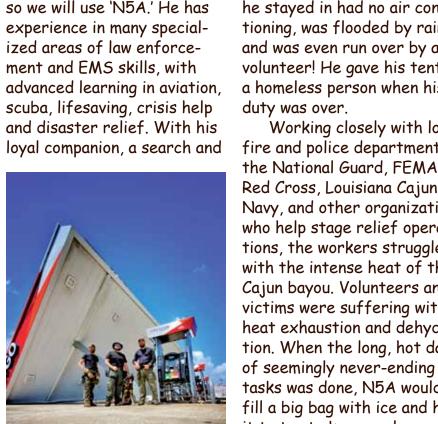
Working closely with local fire and police departments, the National Guard, FEMA, Red Cross, Louisiana Cajun Navy, and other organizations who help stage relief operations, the workers struggled with the intense heat of the Cajun bayou. Volunteers and victims were suffering with heat exhaustion and dehydration. When the long, hot day of seemingly never-ending tasks was done, N5A would fill a big bag with ice and hug it to try to keep cool enough to sleep. They worked up to



by Marilee Free







Helping Communities in Crisis, continued

20 hours per day, providing people who had just lost everything 3,000+ meals daily. He had many assignments, including welfare checks, clearing trees from streets and houses, and putting tarps on damaged roofs. Families and friends of the storm victims would contact the authorities via phone calls and social media. Then the teams would go on search and rescue missions to save people and pets from horrific conditions.

"Bring Me a Higher Love," sung by Whitney Houston, was one of the songs N5A featured in his YouTube video, "Disaster Relief Mission - Hurricane Laura." An up-close and personal reflection of the trials and tribulations of handling the aftermath of this category 4

storm. His video shows how he reached his life-saving, life-changing epiphany, how he found his true purpose. His "higher love" is helping others with his expertise in crisis situations, also inspiring and mentoring others to get involved. His video captures the aftermath of the devastation and destruction Hurricane Laura left behind. You get an inside look at what really goes on after the storm with the many stages of relief assistance. It shows the true determination and dedication of those who volunteered, and the touching, heartfelt appreciation of the victims they assisted. youtu.be/HzXyfZwrAbc.

On behalf of the Coconut Telegraph, we would like to extend gratitude and congratulations to the Nomad

Humanitarian Works on a job Are you up for the chalwell done helping those in lenge of helping those in need. A heartfelt thank you crisis? Ready to live a life to all the volunteers and with purpose? You could find donors, who fight the good your 'higher love' by contactfight to restore and rebuild ing Nomad Humanitarian Works Organization, go to communities after natural disasters happen, THANK www.facebook.com/nomadhu **YOU!** manitarianworks/



