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Soldiers served since our last newsletter:

J Kearney *in Bahrain*
H McCormick *in Kuwait*
W Smith *in Kuwait*
J Burke *in Iraq*
R Cruz *in Afghanistan*
R Lopez *in South Korea*
E Wang *(undisclosed)*
G Matthews *in Kuwait*
M Alexander *in Qatar*
T Page *in Afghanistan*
R Cash *in Iraq*
M Taylor *in Kuwait*
S Keene *in Kuwait*
H Healey *in Germany*
P Dortch *in Afghanistan*
M Scharffenberger *in Kuwait*
J Keller *in Afghanistan*
T Perkins *in Afghanistan*
D Millikan *in Afghanistan*
G Graham *in Afghanistan*
A Grubb *in Afghanistan*
T Peace *in Afghanistan*
R Fraulino *in Africa*
J Staats *in Iraq*
A Whitbeck *in Cuba*
T Rice *in Italy*
B James *in Korea*
P Koenen *in Italy*
P Riordan *in Bahrain*
T Mollmann *in Qatar*
D Yaccarino *in UAR*



Cumulative Stats

47,700 lbs. of donations have been shipped since 2005.

\$71,700 raised from community donations since 2007.

190 Point Leaders since 2005 (some serving multiple times).



Current cost to mail a Flat Rate Priority Mail package to a Soldier has just increased to **\$18.45**

Special Announcement

If you are receiving this newsletter via email, that's wonderful. We hope you are enjoying it.

If you are receiving this newsletter via postal snail mail, we have a question for you. Do you also have an email address? To help us save on the cost of postage, would you consider receiving our newsletter by email instead? If you don't have an email address or prefer not to use it, that's OK. But if you WOULD consider using it, could you contact us at fbc.hingham@verizon.net and give us your email address? Everything helps in running this outreach!



Donation Drop-offs

If you wish to conveniently drop off Care Package donations, there is a brown chest to the back of our parking lot on the right side of the church. Look for the sign below. There is a doorbell if you need personal attention during daytime hours.



Sign posted over donation trunk.

Would you write a short note of encouragement to our US deployed Soldiers?

IT'S VERY EASY

We currently have 20 Point Leaders plus the entire units that they represent. Personal comments and expressions mean as much to these troops as the supplies we send. We place these notes inside our Care Packages along with the supply contents.

Use any type of notecard. Expressions can be as short as:

"You are in our prayers"

"Thank you for your sacrifices and devoted service"

"We are praying for your safe return"

"Thank you for keeping us safe"

"We respect and support your dedication"

"Thank you for being so good to our country"

The more cards, the better. Perhaps invite your family and friends to write notes. Children draw wonderful pictures.

At your convenience you may place your cards in the brown donation trunk in the parking lot to the right side of the First Baptist Church. Or you can mail them to First Baptist Church, 85 Main Street, Hingham, MA 02043. They will be shipped immediately.

Your written words will brighten someone's day who is working so hard for all of us.

PINEHILLS DOES IT AGAIN....

The foundation of donations is growing in the Pinehills community in Plymouth. For years this drive has been spearheaded by Carole Ellis, a longtime Pinehills resident, with two collections being conducted each year. Additional Pinehills communities are joining the drive, and the last delivery took 3 SUV's and 2 sedans to transport all contributions. You can see the results in the picture to the right.

**Thank you
so much
Pinehills!**

(Pictured:) Judy and John Rogensenski, Pat Potter, Jack Walsh, and Carole Ellis.



Great Notes From Our Point Leaders:

★ We are the 1st Sustainment BDE; we are composed of different kinds of jobs mostly to sustain our troops in the battlefield; we are the movers, logistics, admin and transportation. We have different locations with teams that report the safe and the best logistical support from transporting personnel, equipment, and food for our troops. In your generous hearts the following items are mostly requested by our lower rank soldiers: razors, shaving gel, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorants, air fresheners, lotion, mouth-wash, bodywash, cotton buds, shower sponge, nail clippers, hand sanitizers, lip balm, female accessories, hand wash, after shave, perfume, baby wipes, batteries size AAA and AA, small flashlights, wall hooks, white or black crew socks, small towels (tan or brown.) — *R Cruz*

★ Hello and Good Day to all, Thank you for all the support!!! We appreciate it more than we can express. We are an integrated/joint unit of over 100 Air Advisors working on and off secured locations (outside the wire) in Afghanistan. We work daily, shoulder to shoulder with them in attempts to help the Afghans build a sustainable Air Force. This has been one of my most rewarding positions and units because we are fully integrated with Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines & Civilians. We also have coalition partners from Germany, Sweden, Czech, Romania, Australia, and Great Britain. Any letters/packages sent will be shared with the entire team. We also share certain items with our Afghan counterparts to show them what people and products from America are like.... We do have a PX/BX but it is very, very limited. We live in hardened billets with 1-3 per room and eat at a dining facility/chow hall. We do have cooking facilities available to us if we want to cook or have something to cook. We cannot leave the post/base for any reason other than to advise Afghans & meet with them (so that means no shopping). — *P Dorsch*

★ Hello, Thank you taking your time to know a little about our unit and assisting us with sending a bit of home to bring up our morale. We eat, sleep and work in one building and have a separate gym across.... We do not have access to a nearby military base. Our drive is 45 min and once a week. We mainly lack personal hygiene items. Female toiletries (pads, hand lotion, lip balm). Male toiletries (razors, shaving cream, lotion, lip balm). Females love doing arts and crafts, and do holiday decorations for the barracks to bring up morale and remind them of our culture. We try to do birthday decorations each month. We enjoy playing soccer, football, and volleyball. We have karaoke nights and movies nights once a week as well. Thank you for your support/interest about us and looking forward to hearing from you. — *R Lopez*

★ First off let me say THANK YOU for the care packages I received today. As you have been doing this for as long as you have you must know (or I hope that you know) how much pleasure and sense of peace it brings to Soldiers like myself who are deployed away from home and loved ones. The care that you and the people who put these packages together are a GOD send. The items inside of the packages are just a bonus to just getting something from back home from loved ones and people who truly care about the sacrifices that Soldiers make, to hopefully make the World a better place for all. I would love to be a "point person" for as long as I can while I am here. I will also have the Soldier that takes my place get in contact with you as well so hopefully they can do the same. We only have a small unit here with a small amount of civilians working with us. Anything that we do not need at the time the package arrives we bring to the Red Cross, USO and MWR so that any number of about 9000 Soldiers here can enjoy the generosity of what is sent. Please thank everyone who was/is involved in putting these wonderful packages together. Especially Keith Jermyn. He also enjoys taking care of other Soldiers. I look forward to working with you and the church to keep this process as successful as possible. GOD BLESS. — *W Smith*

*We must never forget who gets the credit for the freedoms we have,
of which we should be eternally grateful.*

Great News.....

Many wonderful deliveries have been received to provide our deployed Soldiers with some support from home.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE
on such a tremendous success!

Linden Ponds
Sunrise Plymouth Beach and
MAP Academy
Jarheads MC SSC
Derby Academy
Hingham Middle School
Hingham High School
South Elementary School
East Elementary School
Plymouth River Elementary
School
Foster School
Old Colony Montessori
Volunteers of America
And more.....

Several Scout units
IBEW Local 103
American Legion Post 120
Satuit VFW Aux 3169
VFW Post 6053
Norwell Pediatric Dentistry
The Toy Box
Avon Baptist Church
Second Parish Church
First Baptist Church Hingham
South Shore Baptist Church
Compass Realty
Coldwell Bankers
William Raveis
And more.....



Current Donation Requests:

We have **newly requested** items needed by our Soldiers: Peanut butter, Beef Jerkies, nute, protein bars, cans of fruit (small with pop-tops), coffee, feminine needs, hand sanitizer, Icy Hot patches.



All donations are mailed in a timely manner.

For other supply suggestions go to: http://www.SoldiersCarePackages.com/html/needed_items.html

NOTES:

The First Baptist Church will pack and ship items for you. Donations may be brought to FBC where you will find for your convenience a 24/7 brown donation chest under a drop-off sign on the right side of the church. FBC is in Hingham Square on the corner of Elm and Main Street, 2 doors up from Loring Theater.

Our "Point Leaders" are Soldiers who receive our Care Packages. They distribute donated items to their units, focusing on the greatest need. We have had units as small as 3 and as large as 200.

For those who prefer to send a financial contribution, it will be gratefully accepted. Please make a check out to First Baptist Church Hingham and note "Care Packages" on the memo line. Mail to First Baptist Church, 85 Main Street, Hingham, MA 02043.

