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Kathy Marable *in Afghanistan*
CH (CPT) Andrew Calvert *in Afghanistan*
CPT Matthew Hanlon *in Kuwait*
SSG Michael Rowland *in Afghanistan* 
SPC Luis Barrera *in HI*
SSG Donovan Swain *in Afghanistan* 
CPT Doug Wercinski *in Afghanistan* 
CPT Jonathan Laton *in Egypt* 
ENS John W. Beal *on USCG Mohawk*
Tracy Griffin *in Afghanistan* 
Eric Stone *in Cuba* 
Dan Yaccarino *in Cuba* 
PFC Jessica Kidder *in Afghanistan* 
Timothy Houldcroft *in Afghanistan* 
David Marriott *in Afghanistan* 
Mark Cazeault *in Afghanistan* 
Jennifer Shippy *in Afghanistan* 
Woody Shugart *in Kuwait* 
Cliff Houde *in Kuwait* 
Will Jenkins *in Cuba* 



Cumulative Stats

20,000 lbs. of donations have been shipped since 2005.

\$34,762 raised from community donations since 2007.

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

We have reached
a record number
of Point Leaders
who we are now serving:

20



Rejoice that the following Point Leaders have returned home to the US safely:

CH (CPT) Randy Curry *from Afghanistan*
SPC John Regina *from Afghanistan*
SPC Ian Nadeau *from Kuwait*
Todd Livingston, Jr. *from Afghanistan*
Eric Burns *from Afghanistan*

Recent emails from our Point Leaders:

- ★ Just a follow up regarding our living conditions... There are 22 males and 2 females here in a very remote and primitive location (that is soon to be VERY cold)... That being said, ANYTHING your organization sends will be very appreciated!! Thank you for keeping us in your continued prayers! — *T. Griffin*
- ★ I just wanted to let you know how much I have appreciated your care packages and how much the Soldiers have enjoyed them. I have moved bases and moved to Bahrain for my last month over here and just wanted to let you know I will be traveling and will not be able to accept packages anymore. Thanks again for everyone's support, it is something I will never forget. — *M. Hanlon*
- ★ I have deployed again. This time to the Sinai, Egypt. Our mission, unlike the one in Iraq, is about peace. We are here because of the Camp David Accord and the Treaty of Peace between Egypt and Israel. We are part of the Multinational Forces and Observers (MFO) and occupy the southern region. You can find additional information on www.mfo.org. It's a pretty interesting mission to say the least.
This time around I have a Battery Command position. I have about 80 Soldiers assigned to me. There are over 400 here. I have two female Soldiers in my unit and about 20 across the Battalion.
It would be great if I could get on the list for Care Packages from Hingham again. Last time around they made such a difference to the Soldiers. This time around would have a greater impact. The Force Exchange (FX) here has limited items and is very small. But the bigger issue is that mail takes more than the standard two weeks to arrive. Right now we are looking at 4 weeks for mail to come in. — *J. Laton*
- ★ Hello! I did receive your 5 packages and They definitely made an immediate on morale in my platoon. I'm a squad Leader and when I received your packages, My men and I had just got back in from 3 days in sector. We were tired and not in the best of spirits. However when I opened all those packages and told my men to help themselves, My men were smiling. Thank you so much for taking time and effort to think us over here..... Baby wipes are always useful. a funny request would be silly string. we would use it to mark cleared lanes behind the mine sweeper. Or the stick and spray paint they use to mark roads. IEDs are a bigger threat out right now than ever before. So anything we can use to quickly mark possible IEDs as well as cleared paths is a huge help. My men always enjoy things like beef jerky, trail mix and other easy dry foods. Once again, Thank you so much for your support and generosity! — *M. Rowland*
- ★ I received another 4 packages yesterday from the children of Hingham (*Halloween candy*) and I wanted to drop you a quick note of thanks to pass on to people responsible for the outpouring of care and concern for the troops. As you know mail is especially important to a deployed service member. I truly believe that a touch of home works wonders for the morale of the troops wherever they're stationed. So, when I opened up the packages yesterday I was shocked to see pounds and pounds of candy as were the troops that I delivered it to. Please pass my deepest gratitude to whoever made this happen. — *E. Stone*
- ★ Thanks again to you and your FBC Community for taking the time out of your day to tend and care for us in the time that we are apart from our family! — *D. Swain*
- ★ I am more stable as of right now at the PRT Zabul Base, and any packages are more than welcome. We do not have any store here for toiletries or any type of basic goods, and must take a 30 minute convoy out to receive mail. — *D. Wercinski*
- ★ There are seven of us living in a tent together (*Camp Justice is a tent city*). Our luxurious tent has a plywood floor, a few plywood walls, a small common area, and air conditioning. To add a little extra privacy we used Seabee ingenuity and hung shower curtains from rope so we each have our own "room." About 200 feet away from our living quarters is a tent with toilets, a tent with showers, and another with laundry machines. — *D. Yaccarino*
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MANY HAVE DONATED ...

There are many people, organizations, and schools who have donated some marvelous contributions to our Care Packages. Some of you we thanked face to face. And some of you placed donations inside our Donation Trunk on our porch when we weren't here.

We want to THANK EVERYONE, whether we greeted you in person or not.

We caught some of you in the act and took photos (right).



Matthew and Caroline Bastardi from East School delivered "a haul."



Trevor Buckeridge and Andrew Schiffmann from Cub Scout Den 3 from Pack 4 out of South School. Over 240 lbs of Halloween candy was



Packages of Halloween candy (below) lined both sides of our entry hall. We could not get them all in the photo!



Thank You for **HALLOWEEN CANDY TO TROOPS**

Enthusiastic community support ensured that our US Soldiers in the Middle East had yummy Halloween treats. Many families, schools and Scout troops contributed excess candy to the Care Package Outreach sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Hingham. Bags and bags of candy were collected in the FBC office and then packed to be sent to Point Leaders who would distribute the candy to their units and even local children in Iraq and Afghanistan. We sent out a total of 95 boxes, totaling **1500 lbs** of candy. FBC appreciates everyone's support as do our Soldiers half way around the world.

We are charting new territory.....

If you think there is nothing you can do, think again.

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Imagine. You're a really good person. You decide to serve your country, family, friends and strangers by joining the military, knowing that you could be injured or even killed. Big decision with your life. When you come back home you hope to be appreciated. You know that different service people have different situations, but you find your own self without things other people normally have. No home. No steady food. Keith Jermyn, Director of Veterans' Services in Hingham, stated, "It's tragic that we're safe in our own home and these folks, they don't have a home to go to. Nobody who has served this country, or worn the uniform of this country, should be in that predicament."

So the First Baptist Church of Hingham has expanded its 8-year Soldiers Care Package Outreach to also include veterans, especially the Vets located here at the Commander Paul F. Anderson House on Fort Hill Street, Hingham. There are 5 current occupants and one more to go. On December 10, the FBC Outreach Team visited these Vets bearing Care Package Christmas Bags and food.

After what these Vets did for us, let's do something for them.

It's easy... for you as families, individuals, civic or professional groups, churches, youth groups. For example, just gather the normal items you would donate to our regular Care Packages, or cook a meal, or bake some cookies. Every time you celebrate a holiday or event during the coming year, do a little something for the Vets too. Even add a New Year's resolution to your list..."what can I do to help a Vet or a Soldier?"

Father Bill's & MainSpring delivers a range of programs and services to meet the needs of each person facing homelessness. The Anderson House is one of these satellites.

Contact Brent Soares, Case Manager, at 781-308-3178 or BSoares@helpfbms.org to arrange a visit and deliver your gesture of appreciation to their door in the rear of the Vet Home at 111 Fort Hill St.

If you would prefer to buy your donations you can call Lucille in the Development Office of Father Bill's & MainSpring at 617-376-2255 to get guidance on their current needs "wish list." Or you can go online to <http://helpfbms.org/page.aspx?pid=456> for a list of needed items and an overview of FBMS services. You can also talk to Lucille about volunteering transportation for the Vets.

Show these veterans you appreciate their sacrifices, and help them on their journey. You will certainly be rewarded with the gratitude in their smiles.



Brent Soares, Case Manager (left) and Vet James Quinn (right) with FBC Care Bags. ★

Cmdr. Paul F. Anderson Veterans House on Fort Hill Street, Hingham



We also want to thank all of you wonderful people who donated **financial contributions** to our Care Package Outreach. It is equally important to have funds with which to ship Packages. Many of you are faithful and generous and we are very

**grateful
and
appreciative**

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



Current Donation Requests:

Protein bars, cans of fruit (small), baby wipes, hand sanitizer, air fresheners, Icy Hot patches, Silly String.

All donations are sent immediately.

For other 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 the FBC Office in the building to the right of the church. There will be a donation box on the porch. 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 and always have a connection with Hingham. They distribute donated items to their unit, focusing on the greatest need.

For those who prefer to send a financial contribution toward postage instead of shopping for items, it will be gratefully accepted. Please make a check out to First Baptist Church Benevolence Account and note "Care Packages Postage" on the memo line. Mail to 85 Main Street, Hingham, MA 02043.

