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H Healey *in Germany*
P Dorsch *in Afghanistan*
M Scharfenberg *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*
J Kearney *in Bahrain*
B James *in Korea*
P Koenen *in Italy*
P Riordan *in South Korea*
T Mollmann *in Qatar*
D Yaccarino *in UAR*



Cumulative Stats

45,000 lbs. of donations have been shipped since 2005.

\$71,500 raised from community donations since 2007.

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



Soldiers we are now serving:

18

and growing



Current cost to mail a Flat Rate Priority Mail package to a Soldier is **\$17.40**

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!



Could you start a school Care Package donation project?



So where do you put your donations?

If you wish to drop off Care Package donations, there will be a marked 24/7 brown chest outside the bottom floor basement door on the right side of the church. Look for the sign below. Use the same driveway. There should be a doorbell installed soon too if you need personal attention.

All functions remain the same. It's just our location that has changed.



One of our Point Leaders is Master CPO R. Fraulino with **COASTAL RIVERINE SQUADRON 8**



Coastal Riverine Squadron (CORIVRON) 8 is responsible for maintaining unit-level readiness of its assigned companies, including training individuals to deploy in support of mission tasking.

CORIVRON 8 is a multiservice (Navy/Coast Guard) hardware-equipped, C4ISR embedded, deployable asset that provides centralized planning, control, coordination and integration of its Boat and Security Departments. CORIVRON

8's Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection (AT/FP) missions include harbor and homeland defense, coastal surveillance and special missions. CORIVRON 8 conducts Force Protection of strategic shipping and naval vessels operating in the inshore and coastal areas, anchorages and harbors, from bare beach to sophisticated port facilities.



★ HALLOWEEN CANDY ★

DON'T FORGET ...

Don't forget that we accept excess Halloween candy from the community every year. It's hard to believe but Halloween is right around the corner. Candy is shipped to all our Point Leaders who distribute everything to their units and even local children in Bahrain, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Africa, Iraq, and elsewhere. Just bring your goodies to the brown donation trunk in the parking lot to the right of the church, 85 Main Street (Hingham Square), Hingham.



Great Notes From Our Point Leaders:

★ The work you are doing for all of our soldiers does not go unnoticed! I am so happy to share this message with you. Anytime we get any kind of correspondence for soldiers it always warms my heart to see this, and I'm quite sure it will warm your heart as well!

You are a God-send! Thank you for your continued support!

From the bottom of my heart and on behalf of everyone here I can't thank you enough. Your contributions and love and support has found us safe and we appreciate all the little gestures. They may not seem like much to a lot of people we've come to love and appreciate the things you guys do for us. We also understand that though to you it might seem normal we couldn't be more thankful for y'all going out of your ways and inconveniencing yourselves to let us know we still matter and what we do means something. Thank you so much again from the bottom of my heart. — *T Norman*

★ I am in receipt of your letter and care package that our unit recently received and we are sharing it all with our squadron members.

Firstly, please let me express our most profound gratitude and appreciation for your kind gift. I know much thought, preparation and love went into your package. Thank you so much!

Most of our Airmen and Soldiers are away from their wives and children for well over six months, with some deploying for 9-15 months or longer. Our younger members also find it difficult, as for many of them, this is their first time away and out of our country for this long of a period in these conditions. Several of our members are missing their children's birth and others their children's first steps.

It is the kindness of folks like you, our fellow Americans, and with benevolence like yours that lifts the moral of our Airmen and Soldiers. While the mission is challenging, missing home seems to be the most challenging. It's something simple things like Jolly Rancher candies, deodorant, shaving cream, or even Q-tips that our Squadron members find so uplifting... the smell, taste and even hygiene of home.

Again, thank you so very much for your kind gifts. May God bless you. — *T Mollmann*

★ Sorry for the late update. Very stressful season. We have received tons of packages and so very grateful. We have plenty of school supplies and lots of top ramen to last us for a couple months. There were packages with a lot of input and thought. All packages have been shared across the camp. Thank you for your support and the opportunity to receive these packages. Will keep you updated next month. Thank you again, from our team. — *T Perkins*

★ 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 German, 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.

Power out here is 220V. 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 can not leave the post/base for any reason other than to advise Afghans & meet with them (so that means no shopping).

Some people have asked what items are not available or continuously limited/out of stock out here so I hope the below helps:

-Coffee (medium blend both ground & K-cups/pods), DVDs, tuna/salmon/chicken salad cans, spices to jazz up the meals or MREs, hot sauce, Thai chili/Sriracha/wings sauce & over the counter cold medicine supplies.
-The troops would always welcome sports memorabilia from your home town or fav team, X-box or playstation games, classic books, hair ties for women, soap/deodorant, toothpaste, powder, tampons/pads.

Thank you & stay tuned for more Air Advisor updates. — *P Dorsch*

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

A NEW SOLDIER.....DAN YACCARINO

Subject: Greetings from the United Arab Emirates

Family and friends,

I can't believe it has already been five months since leaving home for my latest deployment with the Navy. Over the course of the next several months I will do a better job of keeping in touch. Back in April I was mobilized as part of a group of 125 Sailors assigned to Coastal Riverine Squadron Three (CRS-3), based in San Diego. CRS-3 is an active duty squadron whose mission is to conduct maritime security operations by defending high value assets (mainly US warships), critical maritime infrastructure, ports and harbors, and when commanded conduct offensive combat operations.

Pre-deployment training started with our arrival in San Diego in mid-April. We spent three months working on qualifications and training for our mission. While in San Diego we lived on Naval Air Station North Island, which is a small base in Coronado. CRS-3 is based in Imperial Beach which is about 20 minutes south of Coronado and close to the Mexican border, and where we completed a majority of our training. During our free time I went to a Padres baseball game, ran in a local road race, enjoyed dinner in little Italy, visited the San Diego Zoo, hung out at the beach, and spent some time hanging out with two of my close North Haven friends Matt and Kevin who have each made San Diego home for many years now. Ashley, Olivia, and Violet flew out for 10 days in July, which was the highlight of my summer. We spent the 4th of July at the parade in Coronado and at a party on the beach. We took the girls to the San Diego Zoo, spent a day at Disneyland, and enjoyed exploring different areas of the city together as a family. Coronado is a beautiful place and with the exception of being away from my girls, was a great place to spend the summer.



During this deployment CRS-3 is supporting missions in Guam, Panama, Rota (Spain), Bahrain, and two locations in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). We left San Diego in early August, and our long flight to the UAE included a brief stop in Ireland where I was able to enjoy a Guinness at the airport bar! I am part of a detachment in the Emirate of Fujairah, which is located on the east coast of the country on the Gulf of Oman. My role for the deployment is working as part of the team that operates 34 foot patrol boats to provide escort and static security to US Navy ships making port stops in the United Arab Emirates.

Unlike the modern and very populated city of Dubai, Fujairah is a conservative Emirate whose culture mainly revolves around the religion of Islam and traditional Arab culture. However, the local population is far outnumbered by foreign nationals from India, Europe, Pakistan, and Bangladesh. It's a mountainous area that sees more rain than the rest of the country, allowing more farming to take place. The daily high temperature has been in the upper 90's (although the 'feels like' temperature is usually over 110 degrees). We are fortunate that the later months of the year cool off so we should start to see temperatures drop to the 80's sometime in October. The amount of construction that is happening throughout the country is staggering. There are tower cranes hovering over many new commercial and residential buildings, new highways being built, and masses of foreign workers on all of these projects. Although Fujairah isn't quite the vacation destination, it has been interesting to see and experience the local culture.

In July I was selected for promotion to Chief Petty Officer. In the Navy this is a very significant promotion, and with it comes significant responsibilities. This promotion included six weeks of training, which started shortly after my arrival in the UAE. Most of the training took place in Dubai, where I worked closely with another five Sailors who were also promoted. Our pinning ceremony was held on September 14th, and I moved back to Fujairah the following day to join back up with my team. For the remainder of the deployment I expect to keep busy out on the water with missions and training.

Back home Ashley has been doing an amazing job managing the home front. She has been keeping Olivia and Violet busy with swim lessons, playdates, dance school, and pre-school. It's amazing how many things can go wrong or break around the house during a deployment. Each month there has been some issue that she has had to tackle, and she has handled it all with grace. The support we have received during this time has been very much appreciated, and we are fortunate to have friends who have gone above and beyond by ensuring our lawn is cut each week, and by providing a cleaning service to come to the house monthly. I couldn't be more thankful for everyone's continued support of me and my family.

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer, and I look forward to hearing from each of you.

Dan

Current Donation Requests:

These continue to be the most popular: protein bars, cans of fruit (small), hand sanitizer, Icy Hot patches, coffee.

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 basement of the church. There will be 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 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 Package Postage" on the memo line. Mail to 85 Main Street, Hingham, MA 02043.

