

Africa Care Package Program

(Article for the Lucky Bag)

Two weeks before Christmas we discovered two military outposts located in remote areas of Africa in Kenya and Somalia, where Navy and Air Force special forces men & women were living in tents or huts sleeping on small twin sized cots in very austere conditions.

We were fortunate to have contacted the senior enlisted USAF Chief Master Sergeant responsible for their care. He provided us with an APO address for both units along with a wish list of 27 items ranging from sling shots, seat cushions and fishing gear to shower shoes and shampoo.

Richmond Council quickly went to work with a blast email informing our entire membership of this unique and timely opportunity to enact one of our primary missions – to provide care package to needy forward - deployed military of all branches of service.

We commend our members who responded right away with enough funds to cover some of every item on the wish list. This was an overwhelming response for which we are grateful. This resulted in five large care packages shipped to both facilities on the last day of the year.

Congratulations to our membership, as this was truly a team effort and a wonderful example of the Richmond Council Navy League's motto, "They serve; we support!"

