

LATEST NEWS ABOUT OUR SOLDIERS.....

Hello Supporters,

Here is the fourteenth update for the First Baptist Church's **Care Package** outreach for our US Soldiers serving overseas.

Faithfully,

Joy Thomson, Coordinator

CURRENT POINT LEADERS

- ★ **Eric Burnes** in Afghanistan
- ★ **Brett Finn** in Afghanistan
- ★ **LCpl Justin Ropke** in Afghanistan
- ★ **1SG James Primo** relocated to ?
- ★ **SPC John Marquardt** in Afghanistan
- ★ **SPC Ian Nadeau** (redeployed) in Kuwait
- ★ **Sgt George Malouf** in Afghanistan
- ★ **Paul Mancuso** in Afghanistan
- ★ **SPC John Regina** in Afghanistan
- ★ **CPL Timothy Ebbs** in Afghanistan
- ★ **CPO Peter Maxon** in Middle East Fleet 

CUMULATIVE STATS

36 Point Leaders since 2005, some serving multiple times
\$23,440 raised from our Community since 2007
15,500 lbs of donations have been shipped since 2005

CURRENT NEWS:

Military mail to Iraq

Packages and letters for troops deployed to Iraq had to be in the mail by yesterday, November 17. In anticipation of the military's withdrawal from Iraq, the US Postal Service has stopped accepting mail addressed to military post offices in Iraq. However, mail already in the postal system through November 17 will be processed and delivered to troops in Iraq.

APO mail that arrives in Iraq after a service member has redeployed will be redirected to the new mailing address provided by that individual. If no mailing address was provided, the mail will be returned to sender.

PLEASE BE ADVISED, HOWEVER, that there are many, many other Soldiers in other areas who need our Care Packages and we will continue to serve them with the continued enthusiasm that we have always had.



Linden Pond's generous support

For years now many of the residents at Linden Ponds has been consistently sending Care Package contributions to us, unselfishly delivered by Ed Walter. Almost every week there are bags and boxes in our Donation Chest from these generous friends. We want to thank all of you for your continuing compassion and concern, and we truly appreciate your confidence and support of our efforts to help our brave Soldiers.

Military Family Month = November 2011

A PROCLAMATION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

With every step we take on American soil, we tread on ground made safer for us through the invaluable sacrifices of our service members and their families. During Military Family Month, we celebrate the exceptional service, strength, and sacrifice of our military families, whose commitment to our Nation goes above and beyond the call of duty.

Just as our troops embody the courage and character that make America's military the finest in the world, their family members embody the resilience and generosity that make our communities strong. They serve with heroism in their homes and neighborhoods while they are without the comfort of having loved ones nearby. Day after day, week after week, spouses resolutely accomplish the work of two parents, sons and daughters diligently keep up with homework and activities, and parents and grandparents patiently wait for news of their child and grandchild's safe return. To these families, and to those whose service members never come home, we bear a debt that can never be fully repaid.

As Americans, we are at our best when we honor and uphold our obligations to one another and to those who have given so much to our country. Earlier this year, First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden challenged all Americans to serve those who sacrifice in our name with the Joining Forces initiative. Joining Forces strives to enlist support for our men and women in uniform and our veterans not only when they are away at war, but at every stage of their lives. My Administration is dedicated to doing more for our military families by enhancing learning opportunities for our military children, championing our military spouses as they advance their careers and education, and providing better mental health counseling to heal the wounds left in war's wake.

Our service members swore an oath to protect and defend, and with each step we take on this land we cherish, we remember our steadfast promise to protect the well-being of the family members they hold dear. Every act of kindness we can offer helps cultivate a culture of support for our military families, and I encourage each American to make a difference in the lives of these patriots.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2011 as Military Family Month. I call on all Americans to honor military families through private actions and public service for the tremendous contributions they make in the support of our service members and our Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this first day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-sixth.

BARACK OBAMA

Beware!

The following non-profit organization is soliciting donations from Hingham Residents:

VETERANS OUTREACH CENTER

This organization currently has NO Certificate of Solicitation on file with the AG office.

ZERO PERCENT of your donations will benefit Hingham Veterans who are in need.

2011 USPS holiday deadlines

If you are sending your own holiday Care Packages, cards, and letters to your service member, the US Postal Service encourages you to mail your items early for the holiday season. The 2011 USPS holiday deadlines for shipping items are listed below according to APO/FPO zip codes.

Destination APO/FPO/DPO	Express	1st Class	Priority	Parcel Post
AE 090-092	17 Dec	10 Dec	10 Dec	12 Nov
AE 093	N/A	03 Dec	03 Dec	12 Nov
AE 094-098	17 Dec	10 Dec	10 Dec	12 Nov
AA 340	17 Dec	10 Dec	10 Dec	12 Nov
AP 962-966	17 Dec	10 Dec	10 Dec	12 Nov

Source: Military Postal Service Agency

Old Colony Youth Football contributions

We want to acknowledge the generosity and leadership of the Old Colony Youth Football Program, including Marshfield, Hingham, Duxbury, Rockland, and more, for their donations of 700 pairs of socks for our troops. Delivered by Jake Silva, the organizer, the delivery filled our whole entry hall. Socks are items that are genuinely needed but only occasionally donated. This donation certainly fills a need and the personal commitment in your donation drives is admirable. You have helped us reach a goal. Thank you from all of us.



OK.... in care you missed the drum roll in the last edition we have a BIG announcement

Our Care Package Outreach now has an official website for you to check out:

www.SoldiersCarePackages.com

We're in the modern age, folks. Please spread the word. It's a lot easier to do so now with a website.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO EVERYONE

Current Donation Requests:

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



EACH ONE OF YOU IS APPRECIATED!