

Mid March update

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Greeting to all,

I want to update you all on a couple of things.

1. Marine gala has been rescheduled until June. When I spoke with the chaplain, he told me the number of recipients may vary from the original number.
2. The new hospitals/installations we are sending our qovs to are very appreciative of our efforts. There are the usual potholes. One in particular is the marine base in Hawaii. I just got off the phone with the Gunny Sergeant and he assured me the qovs have been distributed. He has just returned from Iraq and is currently receiving the rest of his troops. Presently he has 242 wounded marines who have NOT received qovs and he added he had 52 marines killed in action. He is expecting another 150 marines this week and there are wounded among them. He sounded very tired and lamented that several of his marines would never come back to the installation because of the severities of their wounds/injuries. We left it that he would get an accurate account of his wounded and get back to me with a number. I will be sending out a new contact list with updated information.
3. I have orders for 183 qovs not counting the gunnies. Our numbers are only going to increase in spite of the lack of televised battles.
4. I know postage is costly and can be problematic. Filling out custom forms for Landstuhl is time consuming. Sending packages to Hawaii and Alaska pricey. Lisa is working on some plans to facilitate shipping to Germany. I am asking you all to let go of your worries about shipping outside your region. Our wounded kids NEED our qovs. They are all our kids.
5. Does anyone out there have a burden to find a point of contact for our homeless Operation Iraqi freedom vets? I have heard their numbers are increasing.
6. I am trying to streamline at my end so I can start to look for funding. Paperwork for 501c is in the works.
7. I have looked at your qovs on the photos page and they are truly remarkable. We are indeed a blessed nation and even more so that you take the time, money, energy to give something which is priceless to our wounded.

May God give us all the strength, the vision and fortitude to forge ahead comforting our wounded in spite of non-headlines. I leave you with this email from Janice.

Catherine

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Catherine,

I have attached a Word document which is a copy of an email and pictures I received from Chaplain LeFavor today. I haven't stopped crying since I opened it. What an honor it is to be involved in this worthy project.

Janice:

On behalf of Navy Seabee Pete Herrick and his wife Diana, let me thank you for the beautiful quilt. I gave it to him today because it was his birthday. Even though he was a little sick today and had to be on the vent, he loved it. Here is a picture of him with the quilt, and also him and Diana on a good day when he is up and about.

Thank you very much & God Bless

Sincerely,

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