



All Ahead, Full

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OUR HEARTFELT THANKS AND TIP O⁴HE WHITE HAT TO OUR REGULAR CONTRIBUTORS AND FINANCIAL DONORS WHO MAKE OUR CARE PACKAGE PROJECT GO. WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOUR HELP AND GENEROSITY.

Bob & Willie Cable DE 538 started a drive among their friends and neighbors in Peoria to collect health and comfort items, snacks, beanie babies, coloring books and crayons and other items then packing and contributing a total of five **care packages and \$90.00** to our cause. Some of us remember that Bob is a past skipper of our association. Recently he and Willie have not been able to attend meetings but, it's plain to see, they're still active. A past skipper is not allowed to retire.

Members and guests of the National Truck & Heavy Claims Council at their annual meeting 3 OCT 09 in Colorado Springs made a huge contribution to our project as did our regular donors & Honorary Members **Mark & jimmy Warriner**. We received contributions from donors living in Utah, California, Arkansas & New jersey as well as locally.

Our membership contributed cash & health & comfort items & snacks at our last meet, 12 OCT, which totalled 56 boxes shipped afterwards. Joan Sisley, Sun Bird Golf **Resort**, is the catalyst behind Harry and Marti's, DE 148, labors requiring them to pack 15 boxes. Added to that was Ron Tullgren's DDE 499 shopping spree that filled the back of his van. John Weber **DD 730** brought in 4 or 5 boxes of items including several locks the troops asked for. Regrets for the names not mentioned for your hefty contributions, but it is all appreciated as are the work party "Humpers" who pack the goodies.

In addition, when **Harry & Marti DE 148** recently returned from the Tin Can Sailors Bull Session in San Diego they found Joan Sisley awaiting them with a van load of items that took those loyal members a while to pack into 35 boxes for shipment. Joan says she has "Not Yet Begun to Fight." Add the 5 boxes from Bob & Willie DE 538 and we total 40 boxes with our meeting coming up on the 9 NOV. We should make 400 boxes shipped this year to easily fulfill Ron Tullgren's DDE 499 prediction. As of this date we have shipped 339 boxes, which is pretty good for an association of 36 members, of which, usually between 20 & 25 attend our "Meetings with a Purpose." There can be no question the troops appreciate what we and other patriots are doing.

Del Krause DDE 847 reports that one of "our kids" recently came in second to an IED in Afghanistan and is having his feet and ankles repaired at Bethesda Naval Hosp. we'll be shipping his care packages to him at his new address. Dave Rimbach DE 365, our "national member" of Portland, Oregon (the skipper knows him well) reports his granddaughter's husband, **SSG Bradley Lee, one of "our kids"** is home for 2 weeks from the combat zone. Brad took a round in his Kevlar helmet which snapped his head back, sending the helmet flying with him thinking maybe his neck had been broken. Fortunately it wasn't, thus Brad, a 15 year army vet, hardly a kid, sustained no injury. For that we are most thankful and hope that occurrences of this nature will come to a screeching halt.

Twenty one members and one guest attended the 12 OCT meet. Chaplain & Picnic Chair Al Guier DDE 719, at the NOV meet, will report on picnic arrangements sked'd for 16 NOV at Papago Park starting at 1100 till we leave or 1700, whichever comes first. John Rusinek DDR 808 and Bob Smithson **DD 763** are ably assisting Al. (**See attached map for directions**) Chairman Al DDE 719 has donated the **\$35.00** fee to use Ramada 16 at the park. Thanks Al for your help. Y'all come to the NOV meet for further details on **the picnic. *Won't cost you nuthin' to attend the meet and the picnic.***

If you can donate clothes for needy vets call Art Sloane 480 802 6810. Art's a retired Coastie who has a column in the *Phoenix Republic* section of *The Arizona Republic*. Whenever they choose to publish him, that is.

Harry & Marti Stanton DE 148 invite all to attend Sun Bird's Community Day on Thursday 5 NOV. Del Krause DDE 847 and Bud Fronk plan on attending. Our association will be well represented and the more the merrier.

The 50/50 Pot of \$72.00 was won by Chaplain Al Guier DDE 719 who returned his share to the treasury. Thanks Al.

