



December 2011 Edition

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to our Tell Them Thanks family! It's hard to believe that we have another year behind us and Tell Them Thanks is still going strong. 2011 isn't quite over yet, but this has been a wonderful year for us! Just think of all the letters and care packages and emails that have been sent to our Troops who are serving away from home! That's a lot of TLC!! Thank you to our members, our family... this is about telling YOU thanks! We couldn't have had such a good year without you! We wish you the very best for 2012 and a Happy Holiday Season!



Our Stocking Project was a big success, as always! Thank you to everyone who contributed to the stockings, whether it was gifts or help with shipment, thank you for all that you did! We shipped 50 stockings to a unit of Marines in Afghanistan. Lana hosted the stocking packing at her house and, as always, it was a wonderful day. If anyone lives near Williamsport, PA, or is willing to travel to join us next year, please consider doing so! We make quite a day of it with friends, food (always too much food!), card making and of course, stocking packing!



The Assembly Line!



Shhh.... That's Lana counting out something for the stockings! She didn't know I snapped her picture!



Fifty finished stockings, each topped with a hand-knitted watch cap... ready to be shipped!

From MGySgt Randy “Tool Time” Tootle, our “Stocking Marines”:

TELL THEM THANKS,

On behalf of all the Marines, Sailors, Soldiers, Airmen, British and other Coalition Forces within the entire Regional Command South West, I want to take the time to tell all of you THANK YOU! It is people like you and your group that helps lift the spirits and boost the morale of many people being so far away from home. It is those efforts that give each of them time to look back at things that they receive from complete strangers and think how lucky they are and how generous people still are in supporting them.

It gives them a few moments to reflect back on times from home and to clear their minds of things going on around them here. If it draws a smile then I know for sure that they are relaxed and thinking about how lucky they are and for those efforts and support....I thank each and every one of you.

For ALL THE LADIES WHO PUT THESE CHRISTMAS BOXES together and stuffed all these stockings.....you would have laughed to see GROWN MEN and WOMEN going crazy and having the biggest smiles to see something like this given to them. So you have more than made a tremendous impact on many lives.

You are all GREAT Americans! :o)

Best Regards, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Tool Time



Just a little reminder that you do not have to send us an update whenever you write to your Service Member. We did away with that policy. And I know I need to remove that part from the new member application... sorry new members!

Cookie/Hygiene Item Drive

We have never before had a contact person for our Wounded Warriors, but recently we received a request for homemade cookies and hygiene items for these special Heroes. We put the word out, and 80 of our members and friends responded! The cookies and hygiene items are arriving at the Wounded Warrior Barracks in Afghanistan pretty much every day and are very much appreciated. Right now our contact person is preparing to come home early, but he has given us the name of his replacement so those cookies and hygiene items can continue on their way. What a wonderful taste of home you bakers are providing, and how nice it must be for these men to receive a fresh supply of personal care items.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who participated in this project.

~ Lana

Thank you!

We would like to wish all of our members and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thank you for such an amazing year and here's to a wonderful 2012 for all!

*Thank you!
Mary Ann, Lana and Susie*



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