



NKY CHAPTER 5 – BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA, INC
APRIL 2007 NEWSLETTER

What a wonderful group of people gathered together on March 25th to pack 150 boxes to be mailed to Our Troops.

Everything went like clock work and we even had help from a handsome young man in uniform. Linda and Gene Hanley's son, Tim, was home on leave and he spent Sunday afternoon putting the boxes together for us and then taping them up after they were packed.

Each of US should be so proud of what Chapter5-NKY Blue Star Mothers have accomplished in such a short time. We have received many emails from all over asking for guidance and ideas of how they can become involved in supporting our Troops. Each of us have probably been involved in many different associations / organizations but I for one have never been involved in a more heartwarming association such as the Blue Star Mothers of America.

Volunteers are needed to march in the City of Florence Memorial Day parade as well as to help make flowers for the Star that will be on our float. Please see Kay, Peggy or Lorene for details.

Volunteers are needed to help with the planning of the June fundraiser. Please see Vicky and/or Kimberly for details.

Please inform Donna and Sherri of the mailing addresses of your military Sons and Daughters, as well as the dates of their (Birthdays, engagements, marriages, sickness, etc).....so we can send them a card from our group on a regular basis.

Orders are still being accepted for the BS white blouses with our logo. Sign up sheets will be displayed at the monthly business meeting or see Lorene.

Membership cards If you have not received your card please see Lorene.

Here are the emails that Chapter 5 has received to date from three of the young men that received a goodie box from the March shipment;

**I just wanted to let you know we received the care packages today and as soon as I can get them passed out and pictures taken I will get them sent out to you. Thanks again.*

Sgt Hester Bravo Co
1 149th Infantry Division Baghdad Iraq.
(paramarine1@yahoo.com)

* MY NAME IS KEITH RANDELL) AND I AM SERVING IN BAGDAD, IRAQ WITH THE 1/149TH INFANTRY BATALIAN OF THE KENTUCKY NATIONAL GUARD. LAST WEEK, WE RECEIVED SOME VERY KIND GIFTS FROM YOU AND YOUR ORGANIZATION AND IT WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED. THE GIFT BOXES CONTAINED MANY USEFUL ITEMS TO US AS WELL AS THINGS TO JUST REMIND YOU OF HOME. I CANT SAY IN WORDS HOW MUCH THIS MEANS TO US! IT IS VERY HARD BEING HERE DOING WHAT WE HAVE TO DO ON A DAILY BASIS, NOT TO MENTION BEING AWAY FROM OUR FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES BACK HOME. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU FOR YOU LOVE AND KINDNESS THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN TO US. WE NEED THAT SUPPORT SO MUCH. IT'S WHAT KEEPS US GOING OVER HERE!
THANK YOU AGAIN AND GOD BLESS YOU
SINCERELY,
KEITH RANDELL (blackhawk.32@hotmail.com)

* First of all I would like to thank the northern Kentucky blue star mothers organization for sending my fellow soldiers and myself the care packages. It really helps getting these packages because it gives a little something from home. My name is Sgt Joseph Brown and I am originally from Barbourville Kentucky, but I currently live in Cumberland gap TN. I have a wife of 3 years and a son whom is 22 months. I have been in the Kentucky National Guard for a little over 4 years and this is my first deployment to Iraq. Once again thanks for the goodie box's and the only thing I ask is to continue to keep my family, my fellow soldiers and myself in your thoughts and prayers, and pray that everyone makes it back to their family and friends.

Thanks
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IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL MEMBERS OF NKY CHAPTER 5-BSMOFA, INC.

The executive board has given this much thought and as of right now the decision is this.....our chapter has five maybe six of our own sons/daughter serving in a war zone at this time. The 150 boxes will be divided between those heroes. Each one of our sons/daughter will receive at approximately 25 to 30 boxes for them to share with others. This procedure will be used for every shipment and as our list of heroes increase so will the number of boxes that we will need to send or we can adjust the number that is sent to our kids. We are always open to suggestions but this is the best and the fairest way we can think of to show our love and respect to our kids serving in a war zone. You and I know in our hearts that our kids believe in what they are doing for **ALL OF US AND OUR COUNTRY.**

More Letters

Hi there Kim,

It's Natalie. So I heard from Anthony finally. I have been two weeks since I heard from him until this morning. It was so great... I cried so many happy tears just to hear his voice. I just wanted to know that he was okay. I just get so worried about him but I try to put my feelings aside. Anyway, he told me that he got really lucky to even call me this morning and that he most likely will not be able to call for the remaining of the time. It broke my heart but I understand. So we are going to look into buying a satellite phone, there are many men that he is with that want to talk to their loved ones and they are willing to pay him to use the phone. So we will get our money back eventually. Also, I sent you something from a website called Moto Mail. It is website that you can e-mail him and they print it off and give it to them usually within 24 hours. He told me he got mine really fast. They cannot respond back but they receive it. Oh and they do not have internet. The communication is so bad for the guys on the bottom. Of course he told me the higher up guys have satellites phones and talk to their families all the time while they are busting their butts. I just wanted to give you update on what was going on. I tried calling you earlier today but got some guy's voicemail. Well I hope all is well and I am doing my best to be strong without my better half. Love ya, Natalie

HELPFUL WEBSITES

www.dogbarneyproductions.com
www.prayercentral.net – Daily Prayer
www.bluestarmoms.org – Lowest Airfare

IF YOU HAPPEN TO RUN ACROSS A WEBSITE THAT WOULD OF INTEREST TO OUR CHAPTER...PLEASE SEND IT TO ME AND I WILL ADD IT TO THE LIST.

THE SAME APPLIES FOR ANY TIDBIT YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO OUR NEWSLETTER EACH MONTH.

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At three minutes and four seconds after 2am on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May this year, the time and date will be 02:03:04 05/06/07. This will never happen again.