

## Service Chair Report 2011

At the 2010 Province Retreat, we made rag dolls based on the classic "Nettie Doll" pattern for distribution to children in Haiti and Tanzania. The dolls were made from rolled rag strips of the kind used to make rag rugs. We filled a large basket and box with unique dolls that reflected the personal touch and ingenuity of DOK members. The work brought us together in fellowship. We also made cards with messages uplift and encouragement for the clients served by "Uncommon Grounds Cafe," a community action organization in Aliquippa, PA. The group assists individuals and families suffering from unemployment, addiction, or otherwise in distress. The cards and dolls were blessed at our Sunday service. We thank the host Diocese of Pittsburgh brought these opportunities for service to our attention.

At the 2011 Province Retreat, we are collecting items for armed forces personnel serving overseas and writing cards and letters of appreciation. Items collected will be given to the Wounded Warrior Project's Operation Homefront. Operation Homefront distributes Deployment Bags to department servicemen and women and Care Packages to returning injured service personnel.

Deployment bags contain treats and snacks for armed service members leaving for active duty. Groups deploy from various bases in Washington, Maryland and Virginia on a regular basis. Deployment bags are quart-size freezer bags containing:

- Gum and hard candy, i.e., Lifesavers, Jolly Ranchers
- Beef jerky
- Granola bars – crunchy, not soft
- Cookies or crackers in individual snack-pack size
- Drink flavor packets, very popular
- Other similar items

Returning service personnel receive more substantial care packages – 8" x 12" x 8" boxes that contain 5 or 6 of the following items:

- Playing cards
- Magazines, i.e., Forbes, Hunting & Fishing, Time, Newsweek, People
- Pop tarts
- Batteries – any size
- Hygiene items in Zip-loc baggies, i.e., toothpaste and brushes
- Razors
- Drink flavor packets
- Other similar items

Items will be delivered to Roseanne Coleman 703-421-9033 [roseanne.coleman@operationhomefront.net](mailto:roseanne.coleman@operationhomefront.net) at Operation Homefront, 45975 Nokes Blvd., Sterling, VA  
<http://www.operationhomefront.net/dcmetro/donate.aspx>

Thank you for your interest and participation.

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