

# *The OPERATION: THANK YOU NEWSLETTER*

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### **OTY PLANNING “MEET THE TROOPS LUNCHEON”**

I hope all of you in the Cincinnati/Dayton will mark your calendars right now and plan to attend the “Meet The Troops” luncheon on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. It will be at the Kings Island Resort in Mason, about 25 miles out of Cincinnati. At this writing that is about all the details that are available. We are trying to locate our troops who have returned home and are still in this area. If you are the family or friend of someone we called one of our HEROES please pass their contact information on to me. I'd rather have the information given to me a dozen times than miss one person. Of course, many of our troops are active duty and returned to bases in TX, NC or even Hawaii. I understand that is a little far to ask them to travel for lunch. But if they are in the area I do not want to miss them. I will be contacting some of you who live close to the area to help with the plans and arrangements. I personally look forward to meeting the people I have worked with and formed friendships with, yet never had the pleasure of meeting. If you are in this area I hope you will try and come. Reservations will be taken from a form that will be in the May newsletter. If you have ideas or suggests has to how we can honor our brave HEROES please pass them on to me. Hey, girls! Think of the eye-candy!!! Our HEROES will be in dress uniforms! Maybe I ought to have the paramedics standing by. Come to think of it a couple of our HEROES is a paramedic. We are covered!!!

### **GIRL SCOUTS SELLING COOKIES FOR THE TROOPS**

The Girl Scouts have already received the deliver of their cookies for their sale campaign. Many of the troops will be selling boxes to send to the troops and OTY will be taking them for shipment to our troops. In fact, some have already been delivered to us. If you know a troop leader who has cookies but does not know how to get them to the troops please give her my name and number. OTY will take all we can get. Last year we had 300 cases donated. Last year we had more than we could afford to ship so we shared them with the VA hospital. They were over joked to receive them and enjoyed them very much.

### **NEWS ABOUT OUR SOLDIERS**

On February 1<sup>st</sup> **Jessup Burton** was promoted to Sergeant. His telephone calls to his Dad have been the only contact with Jessup for almost two months. His platoon was moved to a new location and mail could not reach him. His last call home was with good news. Jessup and his platoon will be returning to the States in mid-March. His Dad plans to be there when he arrives.

**Matthew Kuster** is now back in the US! It will be a few more months before he is back home. Rose, his mother, wanted me to send a thank you to everyone for all the cards, letters, gifts to cheer him, and especially keeping him in your thoughts and PRAYERS!



We have had a report from Elizabeth, the mother of **Josh Well**. Here is what she had to say: “Josh is doing wonderfully well! He has so much determination! He is exceeding in everything he is doing. They are even talking about making him the "Wounded Warrior" poster child. We are all so proud of him!!”

He enjoys getting cards from OTY. He and Brandi have an apartment at the guest house. She has joined him after her semester at school was over.

***Operation: Thank You One Person Joining With Many  
To Serve Our Troops While They Serve Us.***

"Never believe that a few caring people cannot change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have." - Margaret Mead