



Members of St. Frances X. Cabrini Circle 1512 in Bridgeport, Conn., look on as Army Spc. Amanda Lein demonstrates the proper method to fold the U.S. flag. The Squires participated in a vocations symposium at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield where Spc. Lein was one of the presenters. In addition to her flag demonstration, Spc. Lein spoke about her tour of duty in Iraq and how important her faith was to her in the combat zone.

Support the Troops

Robert E. Grannan Council 109 in Arlington, Mass., co-sponsored a benefit evening with the Arlington Police Department Patrolman's Association and American Legion Post 39. The event included entertainment and raffles, and raised \$10,000 for "Local Heroes," a charity that provides support to soldiers and their families.

Soldier Honored

Sgt. 1st Class Richard H. Lamonica, a soldier at the Anniston (Ala.) Army Depot and a member of William H. Zinn Council 3227, received the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal for his many works in the community through the Knights of Columbus. Sgt. Lamonica, a 15-year career Army chemical specialist, was also awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.

Voices Lifted High

At the request of a Catholic chaplain stationed at the Al Taji Army Airfield outside of Baghdad, St. Thérèse Council 13389 in Pensacola, Fla., donated a new tape player and tapes of traditional hymns to the base chapel. The request came from Father Robert Ramula, who also uses the portable player during field services.

Base School

Cristo Rey Council 13435 at the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Ariz., donated \$759 to Borman Elementary School. The school, which is located on the base, will use the funds to offset its operational expenses.

Continued Support

Since January, the Baghdad International Zone (IZ) Round Table, sponsored by St. Mary of the Grove Council 11138 in Tampa, Fla., has distributed more than \$4,000 and countless boxes of relief supplies to the parishes it supports in and around Baghdad. Among those supported are three Catholic Churches (Chaldean and Roman) and an orphanage for children with disabilities run by the Missionaries of Charity.

Wounded Warrior

The Texas State Council and St. Anthony Claret Council 10090 in San Antonio presented Jason Gamez with checks totaling \$600. Gamez, 26, is a U.S. soldier who was wounded in Iraq when his squad was attacked by a roadside bomb. He is recovering at Fort Sam Houston, and the funds will help his family with any financial burdens. Jason's father, Ted, is a member of St. James Council 14064 in Beeville.



Capt. Francisco Juame of Holy Family Council 11909 in Lawton, Okla., stands with Father Zavala in the improvised chapel at Camp Delta, Iraq. When Capt. Juame discovered that the chapel was without a crucifix, he contacted his brother Knights at home, who purchased and shipped a crucifix to Iraq. Father Zavala, a priest from El Salvador, serves as chaplain of the multinational outpost, which houses soldiers from El Salvador, Poland and the United States.



Gary Velasquez of St. Andrew's Council 11874 in Rock Falls, Ill., distributes toys and school supplies to Afghan children. Boy Scout Troop 902 and religious education students sent Velasquez several care packages for distribution to children in Afghanistan where Velasquez is stationed with the U.S. Air Force.



Members of Oakley (Kan.) Council 2866 flank a cauldron of Brunswick stew they cooked and sold to members of the community. Knights served 90 gallons of stew, which raised money to send care packages to soldiers in the Middle East.