



Reports from K of C units providing aid to members of the armed forces



Two fire trucks form an arch while attendees process to a Blue Mass hosted by St. Catherine of Siena Council 12686 in Metairie, La. Knights gathered to honor area police, fire and first responders.



Members of Mary, Queen of Angels Council 12384 in Philadelphia gather outside St. Martha Church to assemble care packages for troops serving overseas. Knights assembled approximately 30 care packages, each containing toiletries and snacks.



Representatives from the Knights of Columbus Northern California Chapter present the VA Northern California Health Care System with 50 new wheelchairs on behalf of the Wheelchair Foundation. The wheelchairs will be distributed among patients at four VA facilities in the area.



Members of Brunswick Assembly in Southport, N.C., stand with wounded Marines during a barbecue hosted by the Knights. The assembly treated 45 Marines from Camp Lejeune to a steak barbecue. All are recovering from wounds sustained in Iraq or Afghanistan.

In Need of Personal Care

Bishop Hickey Council 3623 in Barrington, R.I., and the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Luke Church assembled 12 boxes of personal care items for distribution to area veterans.

Honoring a Hero

Knights from throughout Maryland districts 8 and 29 turned out to pay their respects to Sgt. Ryan Baumann, a local soldier who was killed in Afghanistan Aug. 1. Knights and their families joined other local citizens who lined Maryland Route 5 as the funeral procession made its way to Arlington National Cemetery.

Liturgical Materials

Shepherd of Ars Council 6028 in Hacienda Heights, Calif., shipped ranger rosaries and liturgical materials to the St. Thomas the Apostle Round Table at Camp Victory, Iraq. At the request of the Catholic chaplain at Camp Victory, the council purchased more than 100 liturgical guides, sourcebooks and workbooks for Catholic soldiers stationed at the base.

Transportation for Vets

Members of Marian Council 3827 in Richfield-Bloomington, Minn., transport patients at the Minnesota Veterans Home to Mass each Saturday. Knights sometimes serve as lectors or eucharistic ministers at the Masses and provide snacks to all attendees afterward.

Coming to Visit

Edward Douglass White Council 2473 in Arlington, Va., provides transportation for World War II veterans and their spouses to the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. Since parking at the memorial can sometimes be difficult, council members arrange site-to-site transportation for elderly veterans or widows.

For the Long Haul

Bishop Baraga Council 1585 in Iron Mountain, Mich., coordinated efforts to raise funds for the local VA Hospital. After learning that the hospital was planning to purchase a new bus, but could not afford one with an entertainment system, Council 1585 began soliciting funds from Knights throughout the Upper Peninsula. The council raised \$8,000 toward the purchase of a bus with TV monitors and a DVD player.

Flea Market for Wheelchairs

Holy Family Council 6099 in Chattanooga, Tenn., hosted a giant outdoor flea market to benefit the Wheelchair Foundation. The event raised \$6,500 to purchase wheelchairs for veterans with disabilities.

Veteran Barbecue

Mother Anne Dengel Council 7925 in Huntingdon Valley, Pa., hosted a barbecue for residents of the Northeast Philadelphia Veterans Home.

World Day of Prayer for Peace

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On the seventh anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the Knights of Columbus will again observe a World Day of Prayer for Peace. Please remember all military personnel and first responders in your prayers.

