



Bob Fabrizio of Ramapo Valley Council 5846 in Oakland, N.J., throws his horseshoe during a council-sponsored tournament to benefit the Wounded Warrior Program. More than 250 people attended the event, which also included refreshments and a raffle. The tournament raised \$18,000 for the Wounded Warrior Program, which provides services and support to wounded veterans and their families.

Flag Presentation

U.S. Army Capt. Armin Jose Reyes presented Shepherd of Ars Council 6028 in Hacienda Heights, Calif., with a U.S. flag and certificate of appreciation for hosting a rosary for the troops and for shipping liturgical materials to the St. Thomas the Apostle Round Table at Camp Victory, Iraq. The flag was flown over the U.S. Army headquarters in Baghdad. Knights have been praying the rosary in solidarity with the round table on the first Saturday of each month. Capt. Reyes is a member of the round table, which is sponsored by St. Paul Council 11634 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Halloween Party

Twenty-Six Martyrs Council 12970 at the Atsugi Naval Air Facility in Japan co-hosted a Halloween party for children at the Chosin Orphanage with its ladies' auxiliary, the Camp Zama Round Table in Sagamihara and St. Francis Xavier Circle 4769. Knights and Squires created a haunted house and provided candy for all those in attendance.

Serving Veterans

Members of Bishop Charles B. McLaughlin Assembly in Brandon, Fla., regularly visit the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital as part of the Fourth Degree's "Serving Those Who Served" program. Knights visit with patients and deliver care packages.

Alumni Memorial

Bishop Thomas W. Drumm Assembly in Council Bluffs, Iowa, provided an honor guard for a new memorial in honor of St. Albert High School alumni who have been killed while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. The memorial was undertaken by a local Boy Scout as he worked toward achieving his Eagle Scout rank.

Veteran Honored

Ed Green of Santa Maria Council 4999 in North Palm Beach, Fla., received the French Legion of Honor Nov. 16 at a council-sponsored Communion breakfast. Green was presented with the award one month earlier for his part in the liberation of France as a soldier in World War II, and was one of 40 local veterans honored. In addition, Green also serves as his council's volunteer coordinator at the West Palm Beach VA Hospital.

Merry Christmas

The staff of *Columbia* magazine would like to wish all of our men and women in the Armed Forces a safe and merry Christmas. In the words of Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, "It is by your actions that freedom is preserved and extended." Knights of Columbus around the world pray for peace and for your safe return.



Scott Weatherford (kneeling) and Dan Marnell (white shirt) of Sweetwater Council 10821 in Douglasville, Ga., present Adams Manager (second from left) of the Hartsfield International Airport USO with a check for \$500. Knights held a pasta dinner at St. Theresa Church to benefit the USO, which serves U.S. soldiers passing through Hartsfield Airport.



New Knights from Camp Liberty and Camp Victory in Iraq pose for a photo after taking their First Degree. With help from the existing St. Thomas the Apostle Round Table at Camp Victory, 16 officers from both bases were initiated into the Order.

A PROPER SEND-OFF

Abram J. Ryan Assembly in Dallas provided an honor guard for the soldiers of the 345th U.S. Army Reserve who were returning from active duty in Afghanistan, and for those preparing for deployment. During the ceremony, soldiers received their Joint Services Commendation medals as well as individual awards for meritorious service. • **St. Francis of Assisi Council 5218 in Verdigre, Neb.**, held a potluck supper in honor of Brian Stark, a council member who will undertake a one-year tour of duty in Afghanistan with the U.S. Armed Forces. At the dinner, the council presented Stark with several patriotic and religious gifts. • **Our Lady of Sorrows Council 6302 in Wahiawa, Hawaii**, sponsored a breakfast in honor of departing soldiers from the 25th Infantry. Knights fed 150 soldiers and their families prior to their deployment overseas.