

FATHER VINCENT CAPODANNO ASSEMBLY ADOPT A SOLDIER PROGRAM

As Fourth Degree Knights, we are dedicated to supporting those who serve our country. Many soldiers are deployed overseas for long periods of time away from family and friends. These brave soldiers need to know that their sacrifice is both recognized and greatly appreciated. One way to show them is by "Adopting" a soldier or soldiers. A simple card or note of appreciation could significantly raise the moral of these men and women. We have an opportunity right now to do just this.

A neighbor of mine is deployed to Kuwait for a one-year tour. As leadership, he is in a position to recognize soldiers who may be having a difficult time either emotionally or financially. Many of these soldiers are young men and women who are just starting to build their lives and families. They have put their own lives and lives of their families on hold to serve our country.

A simple goodie box or gift card would mean so much to them.

We cannot get names of individual soldiers due to privacy laws. However, my neighbor has provided his overseas address. He has agreed to receive generic letters and packages and will distribute them to those most in need. Most of the soldiers will have access to email so if you are comfortable including a return email address that is not prohibited. Some soldiers may welcome a pen pal but do not be discouraged if there is no reply. They will not have a lot of free time while deployed.

Packages with socks, personal care items, snacks that travel well, or playing cards are welcome items. There is a PX on base so a small gift card would come in handy and be easy to mail.

The mailing address is:

CW4 Hise, William

1st TSC/310ESC

(G4)

APO AE 09366

(A note on the bottom or back of the package, To Any Soldier, would let Bill know how to distribute the package.)

Please keep track of any packages sent for reporting at assembly meetings. Any questions can be directed to Ed Malec, emalec@verizon.net, 917-428-3914