

CHICHESTER, NH CUB SCOUT PACK #85 IN EPSOM, NH

I have attached a Press Release and two pictures. The Concord, NH Monitor did an article on this last Sunday.

I initially received this request from Robert Hennings of our Grand Lodge as he is the Director. He asked all his State Chair people to get this message out to their Lodges. Our Exalted Ruler, Michael Broderick made the request with me to the Cub Scouts and they answered for the Veterans at their meeting at the Concord-Epsom Lodge 1210 on November 18th.



There were 15 Cub Scouts (picture attached). Kimberly Mitchell is the Committee Chairperson who organized it on behalf of the Cub Scouts Pack 85 Chichester. Our VAVS Rep from Tilton, Patsy Dail was there also along with Exalted Ruler Michael Broderick along with Jon Harkness, Cub Master. Some of the writings composed by the Cub Scouts are as follows: (I tried to keep their spelling of words - too cute)



"Thank you for serving our Country. You are great hero's and Thank You for your sacrifice."
"I hope you stay safe. I hope you can get your mind off of your familys. I am sorry you can't see them much often, but thank you so much".
"Even though you are away from your family, they are still there in your heart"
"Thank U for sacrificeing your live. When i lay down i see all you guys in my dreams. have a grate crismas".
"Thank you for serving our Country. Protecting the Country. When I lay my hed down ever night I now all is well. You are veary thoughtful".
"Thank you for serving are Country. You are very Brave to serve are Country and i thank you for are freedom."
"Thank you for sacrificing your lives for us. I hope you see your family soon."
"Thank you for all that you risk to give the USA peace and for risking your lies tosave ours."
"Thank you so much for serving our County - you ROCK!"
"You are my hero - You rock my life everyday I can aly myhead down and fall asleep knowig everything is well while you are standing on your feet. Thank You. You are all heroes."

It goes on and on with the Cards from the **hearts** of 6 - 12 year olds. They drew Suns, hearts, boats, ships, Smiley's, flags, rainbows, pictures of people and families, traced their hands and put messages in them thanking the veterans.

I don't know about anyone else, but, I am humbled.

Last Friday, Michael and I shipped three big packages out for these Cub Scouts to the Soldiers in Afghanistan. They donated everything from DVDs, Beanie Babies, Junk Food, Coloring Books, Crayons and last but, not least those WONDERFUL CARDS!!! I said it to them, if this is any indication of the next generation, WE ARE IN GOOD HANDS - These kids already know what it's about. Thank you to their Parents - It's a credit to them and their Teacher Karen McCormack at The Broken Ground School in Concord, NH.

They are making Mittens now to give out to the Homeless...If anyone can donate to that, please let me know..

If anyone else has answered this request for the Soldiers in Afghanistan, please let me know.

Thank you.

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CHICHESTER CUB SCOUTS REACH OUT TO VETERANS IN AFGHANISTAN

Epsom, New Hampshire, November 25, 2011. We sent a special request to our Cub Scouts and they answered. The request was for our soldiers -- They are our soldiers and they are atop a 7k foot mountain peak where OP Mustang is. An isolated and frigid mountain top OP and these men need some serious love. These soldiers are on the front line Infantry unit in the mountains of Afghanistan and it is one of the most dangerous areas. They are engaging the enemy on a near daily basis. They are all football fanatics and aren't complaining about anything. If you can help them, please let me know and I would be happy to ship a package out to them. They are under the command of CPT M P. Brabner. They need **DVD'S, SNACKS COLORING BOOKS & CRAYONS (They give these to the kids in the area). & LETTERS OF SUPPORT.**

Well, these Cub Scouts answered. They came to the Elks on November 25th and held the cards they wrote to the soldiers who need our love and support. Those cards were written from the heart. We thanked their parents as they are a credit to what their children are. If this is any indication of the upcoming generation, we are in wonderful shape in this country, because these kids already know what's important. They also presented us with a bag full of DVDs, SNACKS, etc., and those Wonderful Cards.