

## MILITARY HAPPENINGS

Rosann T



A new year, a new face ...

I hope to pack the same punch as Jan's woo-hoo did. Who knows, could be louder. Some of my past includes serving as a Navy wife for over 23 years, and now on my second tour as an Army mom. I have a vested interest in this honorable position. Our son, Michael, is currently deployed on his second 15-month tour in Iraq. As a parent with a son deployed in a war zone, I take every donation personally! This Chapter's generosity makes my heart swell with pride! As mentioned in the December 2007 HOG Express, this Chapter donated over \$10,000.

**YOU ARE AN AWESOME CHAPTER!**

# WOO-HOO !

A lot of things run through my mind as Jan steps down and hands the reins over to me. First off, I realize I have huge shoes to fill. Jan was an incredible force getting this program to what it is today. My goal is to keep the ball rolling, and to make this year the same or even better.

Our first military packing party will be in March with others following in May, July, September, and our holiday packing in November. Be on the lookout for exact dates in the HOG Express, email Blasts and at Chapter meetings.

I hope to have a few feather pin rides for the very emotional "Welcome Home" rides. I challenge all of our Big Bad Bikers (who have hearts of gold) to participate in these rides. I'd also love to get some volunteers to assist in completing the customs documents. Actually, any volunteering is welcome!

Below are a few letters from our soldiers who have received our care packages. In closing, I am honored to be filling this position, and my pledge to this Chapter is simple, to serve.

Thank you!

I want to take this time to thank Jan F & Biggs Chapter North County H.O.G. for the care package & knit hats. I gave out the contents to my fellow soldiers; it was greatly appreciated. I am especially appreciative because I am a North County native, born and raised in Oceanside. I am honored that your Chapter has taken time & energy to provide these packages. Because of caring people like you & your Chapter, we have strength and will to continue.

I am a U.S. Army pilot, flying intel/recon missions for Army & Marine units throughout Iraq. Again, I want to thank you for the gifts. North County San Diego County residents are the best!

Please tell all your members thank you too!

Jon J  
(Class of 1977)

Dear HOG

Thank you all for the boxes we received. All of the items were very useful to my platoon. The knit caps were an especially big hit with the cold weather we have been experiencing recently. I have barely taken mine off since I received it the other day.

Your love and support is felt by every service member over here, and it goes a long way in helping us accomplish our mission. Your support has contributed to the most peace and security that many Iraqis and all of our service members have experienced since the war started. People like you make me proud to be an American and you have truly brightened our holidays.

Merry Christmas!  
Kyle B

Hello,

My Name is Sgt Vega, I am one of Ssgt Escalante's Marines (he is a member of Biggs Chapter) and he has had our names submitted to Biggs since early February. My Marines and I have received countless packages since being deployed here (Okinawa, Japan) for almost a year, and have consistently received packages from Biggs Chapter. I wanted to send you, your members, and all those that donate a huge Thank You.

You all donate much of your money, and what's more impressive is you all donate your time and for that we thank you the most! All of your packages were greatly appreciated from things that we all needed (baby wipes, deodorant, toothpaste) to things that just plain made us laugh (aka Monkey Butt Powder!!!). Thank you all so much once again!

Thank You All, and God Bless You.

Thanks From,  
Sgt Vega  
Cpl Callagy      Cpl Murguia  
Cpl Medina      LCpl Fernandez  
Cpl Cordova