



Tom Shaver of Father Emil J. Kapaun Council 11987 at the Sembach Air Base in Germany looks on as Father Michael Morris blesses a grill laden with food. Knights cooked for the base's annual Catholic community picnic, serving steak, bratwurst, hamburgers and hot dogs to more than 600 attendees.

Wheelchairs Donated

Prince of Peace Council 8791 in Ormond Beach, Fla., donated a new wheelchair to the Emory L. Bennett Veterans Nursing Home in Daytona Beach through the Order's partnership with the American Wheelchair Mission. Meanwhile, Our Lady of the Rosary Assembly in Bonita Springs, Fla., donated six new wheelchairs to the Fort Myers Outpatient Clinic of the VA Health Care System. The chairs will be used to comfortably transport veterans to various treatment centers throughout the clinic.

Hospital Visit

Members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council 8096 in Houston traveled to the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center to visit with patients there.

Outreach to Veterans

The Knights of Columbus Chapter in Columbus, Ohio, voted to extend its outreach to military veterans, especially those with vision impairments. Besides collecting talking watches, radios and canes, Knights also sponsored a group of five veterans to attend the National Veterans Tee Tournament in Iowa.

Chalice Honors Chaplain

Abram J. Ryan Assembly in Dallas, with the assistance of the Vogel family, presented a memorial chalice in honor of Father J. Carl Vogel Jr. to Bishop Kevin J. Farrell of Dallas. Father Vogel was a Fourth Degree Knight and the assembly's faithful friar from 1969 until his death in 2008. A priest for 58 years, Father Vogel also served as a U.S. Army chaplain for more than two decades. Bishop Farrell is a member of St. Joseph Council 8954 in Richardson, Texas.

Help for Heroes

Father Joseph O'Connell Council 3481 in Oceanside, N.Y., hosted a benefit gala that raised \$24,000 for the Wounded Warrior Project, which provides programs and services to severely injured soldiers and their families while they transition back into civilian life.

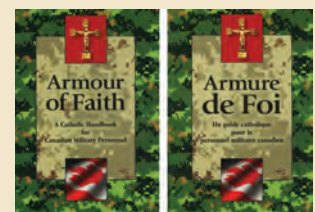
Catholic Prayer Books

Holy Spirit Assembly in Simpsonville, S.C., donated 100 Catholic prayer books to the Catholic chaplain at Fort Jackson in Columbia. The books will be distributed to Catholic soldiers as they process through Fort Jackson to military posts around the world.

'Put on the armor of God'



Immediate Past State Deputy Wally N. Streit of Alberta presents Father Jim Brown of Canadian Forces Base Edmonton with several copies of Armour of Faith/Armure de Foi, a Catholic handbook for Canadian military personnel. When Streit and Joe Smith of Edmonton Council 1184 learned that the Canadian Armed Forces had run out of religious medals for deployed soldiers, they immediately collected \$4,500 from area councils to purchase 8,000 medals of St. Christopher and St. Michael. These were delivered along with 4,000 copies of Armour of Faith/Armure de Foi.



Armour of Faith/Armure de Foi is a double-sided Catholic handbook for Canadian military personnel that features prayers in both English and French. The book is available to members of the military free of charge through sponsorship by the Knights of Columbus. Due to high demand, priority is given to deployed military personnel. For more information on ordering, contact the Diocese for Military Services, Canada, at 613-998-8661.



Telephone Calling Cards Help Troops, Families

by Bern Zovistoski

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Seeking a “tangible, yet cost-effective way to help both our troops and their families,” Brett Beltzer of St. Martin de Porres Council 6848 in Tucson, Ariz., found an answer: telephone calling cards.

“It’s not a lot of money for priceless conversation,” noted Beltzer, who said the K of C is seeking donations for a new program called “Calling Cards for Troops.” For \$10, he said, a service member assigned to a war zone can talk with loved ones back home for about 30 minutes.

On the first weekend, parishioners at St. Francis de Sales Church in Tucson donated generously.

“After only one weekend, we were able to collect enough donations to purchase 140 calling cards for our soldiers,” Beltzer said. “The generosity of St. Francis de Sales parish has been awesome.”

He added, “We hope to expand this program by incorporating all the other K of C councils.”

Beltzer said he believes Americans are “extremely willing” to help troops and their families, “to let them know we have not forgotten them and to make sure they



Knights Dennis Fesenmyer, Doug Doonan and Brett Beltzer of St. Martin de Porres Council 6848 in Tucson, Ariz., stand with personnel from the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base after Knights delivered 140 calling cards for use by U.S. troops.

know we care about them.”

Beltzer explained that his family has a long history of military service: his grandfather served in World War II, his father was in the Air Force and two of his three brothers were in the Navy. His neighbor, too, is an A-10 pilot who recently served in Afghanistan.

Being “surrounded” by military men and women, he said, “has given me a deep appreciation for what they do.”

Every penny donated in support of the project will be used to purchase calling cards at Davis-Monthan Air Base be-

cause “they have the resources to make sure troops from Tucson receive the cards,” Beltzer said. He added that he hoped other parishes would join St. Francis de Sales in the effort.

“The more parishes we have participating, the better chance we have of being able to make a significant donation,” Beltzer said. ♦

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Knights Honor Servant of God Capodanno

Fourth Degree Knights provide an honor guard at a Mass honoring Servant of God Father Vincent Capodanno Sept. 3 at the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. More than 40 Knights from area councils attended the Mass, which was sponsored by Catholics in the Military. Father Capodanno was a U.S. Navy chaplain serving with the Marines who was killed while ministering to soldiers in Vietnam.