

## A Visit to Camp Shelby!

On March 17, Southern Division Americanism Chairman Janice Crosby and I went to Camp Shelby (Miss.) and visited with several key personnel who support the troops who are training at the facility. Not only did we talk about distribution of our Pocket Flags, but we found out about some other comfort needs for our troops.

We met with the Chaplains and got several ideas on ways we can support their efforts. The Chaplains place tubs of hard candy around the base, particularly in areas where soldiers must stand in line, waiting to process. Also, in the processing center, which is a large room in the Headquarters building, the Chaplains have a big Popcorn machine. They told us that they use the tithes they receive at services to buy supplies to keep the Popcorn in supply for the soldiers who are processing in and out—sometimes it's a long wait. The popcorn keeps them occupied.

We can help these Chaplains, can't we? I told the Chaplains that I would bring this to you, our Units, to see if we, ALA in Mississippi, can provide hard candy and popcorn supplies for our troops.

By the way, the Chaplains are helping us distribute our flags. We gave them Cleveland Unit 165's flags to hand out as they see the troops.

### Here's the list of needs:

- Bags of hard candy, individually wrapped—and just not peppermints!
- Popcorn (Sam's has 50 lb. bags/Act II for \$16.58)
- Popcorn bags (Sam's has 500 bags in a box for \$5.88)
- Popping Oil—buttery (the Chaplains use Act II Popping oil)
- Salt (Act II brand seasoning salt)
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*The above quantities are just suggestions. Donations of any size would be appreciated.*

Next, we met with the Red Cross and Family Support—a great group of ladies who are dedicated to serving our troops. Anyway, they told us they liked to keep individually wrapped snacks and bottles of water in their offices for troops who come in and need their assistance. We saw their tray of goodies when we entered the office with a note that the goodies were for the soldiers.

We left Pocket Flags made by the juniors of Unit 112 in Jackson with these ladies to give out to troops that visit with them.

### List of needs for this important troop support area:

- Individually wrapped snacks, i.e., chips, crackers/peanut butter, Rice Krispie treats, etc.
- Bottles of water



## ARE YOU GETTING THE PICTURE?

Want to support this project? Just call or email me at (601.876.6161; [angelakilcrease@bellsouth.net](mailto:angelakilcrease@bellsouth.net)). We will need to coordinate this project carefully so as to not overload items or have supplies run low at any given time.

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