



Members of the newly chartered Commodore John Barry Council 14534 at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., stand with District Deputy Guilfred Boisvert, State Deputy Edgar D. Haynes and Cmdr. Aidan Logan, council chaplain. The council at the Naval Academy joins other military college councils already established at the U.S. Air Force Academy, the U.S. Military Academy and The Citadel.

Veterans Tourney

St. Patrick's Council 13307 in Sarasota, Fla., held its annual golf tournament to benefit several veterans associations. The tournament and silent auction raised funds for Southeastern Guide Dogs and for American Veterans Adaptive Golf, (AVAG), a rehabilitation program for veterans with disabilities.

Rosaries for Soldiers

Chesapeake (Va.) Council 8240 and All Saints Assembly supplied 200 rosaries to outgoing soldiers at Naval Station Norfolk. Knights supplied the rosaries after learning that soldiers on their way to Asia and Africa did not have access to any.

Home Again

St. Bernard Council 12545 in Rockaway, N.J., and Walter J. Barrett Assembly in Boonton donated \$3,400 to the Sgt. James Benoit Fund. Sgt. Benoit is an Iraq veteran who was seriously injured when his

Humvee struck an improvised explosive device (IED). Since his return from Iraq in 2005, the town of Wharton has rallied around Sgt. Benoit to build a new home for him and his family. The home, which required hundreds of volunteers and donations from civic organizations (like the Knights) and businesses, is wheelchair accessible to accommodate Sgt. Benoit's special needs.

Archbishop's Visit

Spc. Casey A. Sheehan Council 13534 at Fort Hood, Texas, played a key role when Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, visited Fort Hood to confer the sacrament of confirmation. Thomas P. Shields Assembly in Harker Heights provided an honor guard for the Mass. Later, Council 13534 treated Archbishop Broglio to breakfast and presented him with a gold watch on behalf of the Knights of Columbus Insurance field force.



Joey Koomen of Mother Teresa of Calcutta Circle 4457 in Charlotte, N.C., interviews Steve Ferraro (left) and Chuck Alberto during a circle history project. Squires interviewed members of St. John Neumann Council 7343 who served during World War II, recording their stories for future generations. The circle also provided food for the five veterans who participated.



Duane Simpson (right) of St. Patrick's Council 7934 in Oak Bay, B.C., presents a letter of support to Lt. Gen. Walter J. Natynczyk, vice chief of defense staff for the Canadian Forces. At its annual state convention April 27, the British Columbia/Yukon State Council drafted a resolution in support of Canadian soldiers and their families. Lt. Gen. Natynczyk accepted the letter on behalf of Gen. R. J. Hillier, chief of defense staff.

Military Support

Lancaster (Pa.) Council 867 and its ladies' auxiliary crafted hand-made rosaries to send to U.S. soldiers stationed overseas. The ladies also made quilts and blankets for disabled veterans who are currently homebound or reside in extended-care facilities.

Helping Another Refugee

The Baghdad International Zone (IZ) Round Table, sponsored by St. Mary of the Grove Council 11138 in Tampa, Fla., helped an Iraqi translator obtain refugee asylum in the United States. Knights aided "Sarah," who worked as a translator with the U.S. military for four years, obtain a Special Immigrant Visa after her life was threatened repeatedly. Previously, the round table assisted two Iraqi families apply for refugee asylum in the United States.

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