

Arlington-Fairfax 2188 Delivers “Just in Time” to Reagan USO



Arlington-Fairfax 2188 makes 2 more deliveries to the Reagan Airport USO Lounge

Arlington-Fairfax 2188 Exalted Ruler Patti Graves and member Linda Gardner delivered ten boxes of frozen food items to the USO lounge at Reagan National Airport on November 21, 2014. When Patti and Linda arrived at the center, the freezer was empty and the lounge filled with military travelers. As USO volunteers Eric and Melanie assisted with unpacking the items, the travelers were lining up to make – and enjoy - their selections. A second delivery of six more boxes of items was made Friday, November 26th to ensure there were items available over the Thanksgiving weekend. USO Manager Linda Vine requested donations of travel sized shaving cream and deodorant and an assortment of these items was included in the delivery as well.

Our USO deliveries are an on-going program made possible by monetary donations from Lodge 2188 caring members and a recently approved Freedom Grant. We are gratified each time we fill the freezer that provides meals or hearty snacks for the military and veterans who stop by the Airport USO Lounge while awaiting connecting flights.

Due to the increased amount of visitors to the lounge through the upcoming holidays, we have scheduled future deliveries for December 5th and 19th and January 2nd, 2015.