

Virginia Elks Association News

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Arlington-Fairfax 2188 Does December Food Runs to Reagan USO



Pictured are (L to R): Rose, ER Patti, and Linda on December 19; USO volunteer Jim receiving the December 26 delivery; and USO volunteer Melanie and ER Patti on December 31.

Arlington-Fairfax 2188 Veterans Committee members made four frozen food deliveries to the Reagan National Airport USO facility on December 5, 19, 26, and 31 of 2014. Each delivery included ten boxes of frozen sandwich selections to keep the USO freezer stocked over the holidays. ER Patti Graves participated in three of the deliveries and member Linda Gardner participated in all four. PER Rose Thiebaut accompanied Patti and Linda for the December 19 delivery.

Linda Vine, USO facility manager, presented Patti, Linda, and Rose with a special handwritten thank you note and a container of chocolate covered pretzels at the December 20 delivery. She expressed appreciation to our members for the diligence in keeping the freezer well stocked and reiterated the gratitude of traveling military members and their families. The lounge has experienced a thirty percent increase in visitors over the past few months.

USO deliveries are an on-going lodge program made possible by monetary donations from many caring 2188 members and a recently approved Freedom Grant. This program fills the USO freezer storage and provides meals or hearty snacks for the military and veterans who stop by the Reagan National Airport USO Lounge while awaiting flight connections. Deliveries are scheduled for every 2 weeks: January 2015 deliveries will be made on the ninth and twenty-third.

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