

Arlington-Fairfax 2188 Gets Thank You Letter from USO



In response to the USO support in the article, *Arlington-Fairfax 2188 Supports Reagan USO in January*, (go to: <http://bit.ly/1hyAiLe>), Patti Graves received the following email from Linda Vine, USO Airport Services:

Patti & Members of Elks Lodge 2188,

Thank you for your donations to the USO Metro Lounge at Ronald Reagan National Airport! Your donations were so very much enjoyed by our guests!

One of our volunteers on the 6:00 – 10:00 PM shift told us a story about your sandwiches. A young Marine came through our doors at 9:40 PM. The lounge was deserted and the volunteers were cleaning up. The Marine had missed his connecting flight to the West Coast due to weather. He had no money and although the airlines offered him a voucher for food, it was for restaurants at the other end of the airport. As it was he was carry two duffle bags plus a ruck sack on his back. Being almost dead on his feet, the last thing he wanted to do was head out again. The volunteers offered him some of the food you had supplied us with. He very hungrily ate 4 burgers! The volunteers then loaded him up with snacks, juice and water. He was going to stay in the airport so they also gave him blankets and a pillow, and showed him where he could sleep before catching his very early morning flight. He was so very grateful!

So, on behalf of the young Marine, thank you! You are making a difference!

Warmest regards,

Linda

It is so gratifying to know that what we do means so much! Our mission continues

WE ARE PROUD OF OUR MILITARY & PROUD THAT WE WERE ABLE TO "ANSWER THE CALL"!!

Thank you Patti Graves for all you do representing our lodge in supporting our military members.

Brenda Slingerland