

Arlington-Fairfax 2188 Supports Reagan Airport USO



Pictured from L to R are: Al, USO Services Volunteer; Alicia, daughter of a military Member; and Patti Graves, 2188 Esteemed Leading Knight.



The frozen food deliveries to the Reagan National Airport USO center have been a welcomed program. USO Airport Services Specialist Linda Vine notified Arlington-Fairfax 2188 that the frozen food delivered before Thanksgiving was almost gone. Throughout the Holidays, a larger number of servicemen/women and families are expected to be visiting the USO center on their flights thru Reagan National. Elks members Linda Gardner and Leading Knight Patti Graves quickly planned their next food delivery. A list was made and then checked twice in true Christmas spirit.

On Friday, December 20, Linda & Patti sprang into action, making a stop at a local warehouse store to pick up tasty frozen entrees that can be easily microwaved, such as hamburgers, chicken sandwiches and breakfast croissants. With the purchases completed, the trusty sleigh (vehicle) flew away to the airport. With the Rudolph powered engine in full throttle, the destination was safely reached; and a wonderful parking space was found thanks to the assistance from a very thoughtful Elf, who just happened to be an airport policeman.

With their deliveries all bagged, Linda and Patti made their way thru the airport to the USO center, making a successful delivery and received a hearty round of applause from the hungry Servicemen/women and families at the USO Center. The sound of "Merry Christmas to All and to All a Good Night" could be heard as the ladies drove their sleigh back to the lodge for a long winter's rest. Their expedient response to the need on behalf of our lodge is truly appreciated by all 2188 members as well.