

# PS4FS Monthly Newsletter - December 2012:

Dear PS4FS friends,

The Shawl Ministry's 12<sup>th</sup> annual gathering was another astounding success! Watching Vicky and Janet continue to gather momentum in their ministry is a marvelous blessing! Mutually, I feel that way with our ministry (a ministry which I pray will **not** be needed someday soon!). I took tons of pictures, and this time videos of our members who attended, including Janet and Vicky! I wanted you to be able to meet them in person, and what better way than a video! As there are six videos, only two will be included in this issue, and another two in the next two months. Why not spread out the fame and fun!

This issue includes the marvels of Janet and Vicky's newest book, "The New Prayer Shawl Companion" – and with the book still hot off the press, a 4<sup>th</sup> book is in the "works" scheduled to be out next year! **Who knew!!!** We knitters and crocheters are much more than the sum of the parts! Our work is blessed in many ways. Thank you for being here! Please share your stories and pictures with us - don't be shy! Enjoy the photos and videos from the Shawl Ministry's Gathering this past November 3<sup>rd</sup>! (Section II. *Communications From You*) Have fun getting to know Janet and Vicky, and some of our own ministry's members in upcoming issues!

Note: Please notify me if your email address changes or if you prefer to be removed from this list.

<http://webpages.charter.net/ps4fs/Shawls/>

Fondly,

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## I.) CURRENT STATISTICS:

# Prayer Shawls made since October 2007:	<b>6,396</b>	<i>Includes Dover prayer shawls (yellow numbers below)</i>
# sent to Dover since inception of program (Sept. 2009):	<b>3,286</b>	
# sent to Dover this past month:	<b>67</b>	<i>This number is included in above totals</i>
# Prayer Shawl Groups/Individuals:	<b>281</b>	

\*A Warm Welcome to New Groups/Individuals who Joined PS4FS in November 2012

Contact Name	Town	State	Group Name	Date Joined
Marian Meehleder	Grand Rapids	MI	Messiah Lutheran	11/10/12
Kathryn Aubry-McAvoy	Greenfield	MA		11/10/12
Leslie Schlemmer	New Milford	CT	The Chapel Stitchers from the First Congregational Church	11/19/12

### ARMY'S CASUALTY LIST:

There are a number of you who prefer direct contact with our families, so this list will once again be displayed in our newsletters. **Please remember to keep me up-to-date of how many prayer shawls you send to these families so that we may keep accurate statistics.** If you take a name/town, I will **not** mark a prayer shawl sent unless you follow-up and tell me you have done so.

The list of towns below includes "Next-of-Kin" of Army casualties who we have **not** delivered prayer shawls through our direct contact/mail program. It is likely a few members of these families have visited Dover Air Base and chosen a prayer shawl before witnessing the Dignified Transfer Ceremony. Often they return home wishing they had taken more, wanting to comfort a grief-stricken sister, grandparent, special aunt, uncle, or for the soldier's children. If you would like to contact these families to offer a prayer shawl, send me a list of the towns. *(Note: Repeat towns have been eliminated - multiple next-of-kin may be associated with a town.)*

Anchorage	AK	Tucson	AZ	San Jose	CA	Baltic	CT
Beebe	AK	American Canyon	CA	South Lake Tahoe	CA	Hartford	CT
Fayetteville	AK	Arcadia	CA	Ventura	CA	Niantic	CT
Hamburg	AK	California City	CA	Victorville	CA	Suffield	CT
Little Rock	AK	Capistrano Beach	CA	Vista	CA	Uncasville	CT
Monticello	AK	Cathedral City	CA	Walnut	CA	Waterford	CT
North Pole	AK	Cupertino	CA	Westwood	CA	Willimantic	CT
Van Buren	AK	Dana Point	CA	Williams	CA	Winsted	CT
Warren	AK	Empire	CA	Yucaipa	CA	Washington	DC
Birmingham	AL	Garden Grove	CA	Alameda	CA	Hockessin	DE
Blountsville	AL	Glendale	CA	Bakersfield	CA	Auburndale	FL
Boaz	AL	Hayward	CA	Bell	CA	Bradenton	FL
Cullman	AL	Hemet	CA	Blythe	CA	Brooksville	FL
Enterprise	AL	Hesperia	CA	Brawley	CA	Chuluota	FL
Grady	AL	Huntington Beach	CA	Carson	CA	Clearwater	FL
Homewood	AL	Indio	CA	Citrus Heights	CA	Coral Springs	FL
Hoover	AL	Julian	CA	Fullerton	CA	Debary	FL
Huntsville	AL	Kelseyville	CA	Lucerne Valley	CA	Grand Ridge	FL
Millbrook	AL	La Grange	CA	Moreno Valley	CA	Homestead	FL
Montgomery	AL	Lake Elsinore	CA	Ontario	CA	Immokalee	FL
Oneonta	AL	Lancaster	CA	Riverside	CA	Jacksonville	FL
Peterman	AL	Lawndale	CA	Salinas	CA	Kissimmee	FL
Phoenix City	AL	Long Beach	CA	San Jose	CA	Lakeland	FL
Russellville	AL	Los Angeles	CA	Tustin	CA	Land O Lakes	FL
Trussville	AL	Lucerne	CA	Winchester	CA	Largo	FL
Cullman	AL	Lynwood	CA	Yuba City	CA	Lehigh Acres	FL
Jacksonville	AL	Marina	CA	Castle Rock	CO	Lithia	FL
Oneonta	AL	Menifee	CA	Colora]	CO	Lynn Haven	FL
Pine Bluff	AR	Murrieta	CA	Colorado Springs	CO	Maitland	FL
Star City	AR	New Cuyama	CA	Fort Carson	CO	Marianna	FL
Pago Pago	AS	Newman	CA	Fountain	CO	Matlacha	FL
Florence	AZ	Northridge	CA	Fruita	CO	Minneola	FL
Glendale	AZ	Ontario	CA	Parker	CO	Naples	FL
Kingman	AZ	Redding	CA	Salida	CO	Opa Locka	FL
Laveen	AZ	Reseda	CA	Thornton	CO	P.S.L.	FL
Litchfield Park	AZ	Riverside	CA	Westcliffe	CO	Palatka	FL
Phoenix	AZ	Running Springs	CA	Colorado Springs	CO	Palm Bay	FL
Sierra Vista	AZ	San Bernardino	CA	Denver	CO	Pembroke Pines	FL
Surprise	AZ	San Diego	CA	Larkspur	CO	Plant City	FL

Port Charlotte	FL	Waianae	HI	Fort Branch	IN	Prince Frederick	MD
Riverview	FL	Bettendorf	IA	Rockport	IN	Saint Leonard	MD
Safety Harbor	FL	Blue Grass	IA	Valparaiso	IN	Silver Spring	MD
Saint Petersburg	FL	Cascade	IA	Fort Branch	IN	St. Leonard	MD
Tampa	FL	Davenport	IA	Fort Riley	KS	Upper Marlboro	MD
The Villages	FL	Eldridge	IA	Holton	KS	Urbana	MD
Valrico	FL	Glenwood	IA	Junction City	KS	Houlton	ME
Wellington	FL	Grimes	IA	Kansas City	KS	Ann Arbor	MI
Wesley Chapel	FL	Johnston	IA	Leavenworth	KS	Auburn Hills	MI
Zephyrhills	FL	Le Claire	IA	Manhattan	KS	Battle Creek	MI
Bartow	FL	Red Oak	IA	Milford	KS	Boyne City	MI
Homestead	FL	Shenandoah	IA	Olathe	KS	Brighton	MI
Jacksonville	FL	Bonnors Ferry	ID	Overland Park	KS	Chesterfield	MI
Lehigh Acres	FL	Crown Point	ID	Shawnee	KS	Corunna	MI
Lynn Haven	FL	East Chicago	ID	Wichita	KS	Ferndale	MI
Palm Bay	FL	Idaho Falls	ID	Georgetown	KY	Flint	MI
Tallahassee	FL	Jerome	ID	Louisville	KY	Fraser	MI
Acworth	GA	Kuna	ID	Alexandria	LA	Gaylord	MI
Atlanta	GA	Lewiston	ID	Arabi	LA	Grand Rapids	MI
Bonaire	GA	Nampa	ID	Covington	LA	Grandville	MI
Canton	GA	Preston	ID	Gueydan	LA	Granger	MI
Dearing	GA	Twin Falls	ID	Haughton	LA	Harrison Township	MI
Fort Stewart	GA	Bonnors Ferry	ID	Jonesboro	LA	Hazel Park	MI
Gainesville	GA	Jerome	ID	Lake Charles	LA	Jackson	MI
Griffin	GA	Rupert	ID	Metairie	LA	Kalamazoo	MI
Grovetown	GA	Aledo	IL	Pearl River	LA	Lansing	MI
Hampton	GA	Auroa	IL	Port Barre	LA	Midland	MI
Helena	GA	Cottage Hills	IL	West Monroe	LA	Muskegon	MI
Hinesville	GA	Decatur	IL	Assonet	MA	Owosso	MI
Jacksonville	GA	Effingham	IL	New Bedford	MA	Rochester Hills	MI
Kennesaw	GA	Fox Lake	IL	North Adams	MA	Romulus	MI
Kingsland	GA	Gurnee	IL	Springfield	MA	Saginaw	MI
Leesburg	GA	Lawrenceville	IL	Tewksbury	MA	Saint Clair Shores	MI
Ludowici	GA	Moline	IL	Arlington	MA	Saline	MI
Macon	GA	Mount Carmel	IL	Attleboro	MA	Sanford	MI
Marietta	GA	Nelson	IL	Fall River	MA	Shelby Township	MI
McDonough	GA	New Windsor	IL	Pocasset	MA	Southgate	MI
McRae	GA	North Aurora	IL	Taunton	MA	Sturgis	MI
Midway	GA	Oak Park	IL	Worcester	MA	Whitmore Lake	MI
Pooler	GA	Opdyke	IL	Baltimore	MD	Williamston	MI
Richmond Hill	GA	Round Lake Beach	IL	Brockton	MD	Ypsilanti	MI
Riverdale	GA	Sheffield	IL	Cabin John	MD	Saginaw	MI
Saint Marys	GA	Springfield	IL	Clinton	MD	Yale	MI
Tybee Island	GA	Taylorville	IL	Edgewood	MD	Apple Valley	MN
Valdosta	GA	Waukegan	IL	Germantown	MD	Carver	MN
Winder	GA	Winchester	IL	Glen Burnie	MD	Detroit Lakes	MN
Ewa Beach	HI	Xenia	IL	Hagerstown	MD	Duluth	MN
Honolulu	HI	La Grange	IL	Hughesville	MD	Inver Grove Heights	MN
Mililani	HI	Peoria	IL	Kensington	MD	Lengby	MN
Wahiawa	HI	Wheaton	IL	Port Tobacco	MD	Rochester	MN

Rosemount	MN	Cohoes	NY	Porter	OK	Yankton	SD
Shevlin	MN	Corning	NY	Purcell	OK	Chattanooga	TN
Blue Springs	MO	East Atlantic Beach	NY	Sapulpa	OK	Clarksville	TN
Columbia	MO	East Meadow	NY	Stillwater	OK	Elizabethton	TN
Union	MO	Fort Drum	NY	Tulsa	OK	Franklin	TN
Catawissa	MO	Fredonia	NY	Claremore	OK	Goodspring	TN
Highlandville	MO	Geneva	NY	Lawton	OK	LaVergne	TN
Baldwyn	MS	Getzville	NY	Miami	OK	Murfreesboro	TN
Bay Saint Louis	MS	Hewlett	NY	Newcastle	OK	Nashville	TN
Foxworth	MS	Loweville	NY	Baker City	OR	Woodlawn	TN
Gulfport	MS	Monroe	NY	Creswell	OR	Amarillo	TX
Hattiesburg	MS	New York	NY	Hillsboro	OR	Arlington	TX
Kiln	MS	Newburgh	NY	Tigard	OR	Austin	TX
Mooreville	MS	Oswego	NY	Baker City	OR	Bastrop	TX
Moss Point	MS	Patterson	NY	Alburtis	PA	Beaumont	TX
Philadelphia	MS	Pittsford	NY	Beaver Falls	PA	Brownsville	TX
Union	MS	Port Henry	NY	Bellefonte	PA	Cameron	TX
Vicksburg	MS	Ravena	NY	Bethel Park	PA	Copperas Cove	TX
Black Eagle	MT	Rochester	NY	Carlisle	PA	Corsicana	TX
Great Falls	MT	Selkirk	NY	Chambersburg	PA	Dallas	TX
Raeford	NC	Syracuse	NY	Connellsville	PA	Denton	TX
Sanford	NC	Troy	NY	Evan City	PA	Edcouch	TX
Bismarck	ND	Tyrone	NY	Evans City	PA	Edinburgh	TX
Milford	NH	Tyrone	NY	Hanover	PA	El Paso	TX
Nashua	NH	Wallkill	NY	New Freeport	PA	Fort Davis	TX
Plaistow	NH	Waterford	NY	Philadelphia	PA	Fort Hood	TX
Blairstown	NJ	Watertown	NY	Pittsburgh	PA	Fort Worth	TX
Browns Mills	NJ	Weedsport	NY	Seward	PA	Frost	TX
Cape May	NJ	Dublin	OH	Spring Grove	PA	Gatesville	TX
Hamilton	NJ	Genoa	OH	York	PA	Georgetown	TX
Jersey City	NJ	Hamilton	OH	Attleboro	RI	Greenville	TX
Patterson	NJ	Lancaster	OH	Central Falls	RI	Harker Heights	TX
Albuquerque	NM	Lebanon	OH	Cranston	RI	Houston	TX
Bayard	NM	Lewis Center	OH	North Providence	RI	Hurst	TX
Clovis	NM	Lorain	OH	Pawtucket	RI	Irving	TX
Espanola	NM	Morrow	OH	Providence	RI	Kellar	TX
Las Cruces	NM	Oberlin	OH	Bluffton	SC	Kennedale	TX
Roswell	NM	South Lebanon	OH	Columbia	SC	Kileen	TX
Santa Cruz	NM	Stow	OH	Easley	SC	Kyle	TX
Santa Teresa	NM	Troy	OH	Goose Creek	SC	Lawn	TX
White Sands	NM	Upper Arlington	OH	Hopkins	SC	Lometa	TX
Fallon	NV	Lebanon	OH	Jackson	SC	Lumberton	TX
Henderson	NV	Troy	OH	Lexington	SC	Mansfield	TX
Las Vegas	NV	Checotah	OK	Lyman	SC	Mc Gregor	TX
Reno	NV	Durant	OK	North Charleston	SC	McAllen	TX
Alden	NY	El Reno	OK	Simpsonville	SC	McKinney	TX
Ballston Spa	NY	Lawton	OK	Swansea	SC	Mesquite	TX
Bronx	NY	Noble	OK	Warrenville	SC	Mission	TX
Brooklyn	NY	Norman	OK	Lead	SD	Moody	TX
Clarence Center	NY	Owasso	OK	Piedmont	SD	New Caney	TX



Nolanville	TX	Santaquin	UT	Lacey	WA	Marshfield	WI
Pflugerville	TX	Alexandria	VA	Lakewood	WA	Neenah	WI
Pharr	TX	Fredericksburg	VA	McChord Air Force Base	WA	Shullsburg	WI
Rowlett	TX	Greenbackville	VA	Olympia	WA	Waukesha	WI
Salado	TX	Lexington	VA	Puyallup	WA	Wilmot	WI
San Antonio	TX	Norfolk	VA	Seattle	WA	Hazel Green	WI
Seguin	TX	Prince George	VA	Spokane	WA	Orfordville	WI
Sugarland	TX	South Chesterfield	VA	Tacoma	WA	Glen Daniel	WV
Sunset	TX	Stafford	VA	Walla Walla	WA	Grant Town	WV
Temple	TX	Virginia Beach	VA	Port Orchard	WA	Huntington	WV
Texarkana	TX	Williamsburg	VA	Appleton	WI	Cheyenne	WY
The Colony	TX	Yorktown	VA	Darlington	WI	Rawlins	WY
Three Rivers	TX	Arlington	WA	Elkhorn	WI	Rivertown	WY
Uvalde	TX	Centralia	WA	Green Bay	WI	Shelly	WY
Waco	TX	Cheney	WA	Hazel Green	WI	Sheridan	WY
Watauga	TX	College Place	WA	Horicon	WI	Shell	WY
Weslaco	TX	Edmonds	WA	Hudson	WI		
Yantis	TX	Everett	WA	Jackson	WI		

## II. COMMUNICATIONS FROM YOU:

The Shawl Gathering was **so** much fun! Held at St Patrick-St Anthony's Franciscan Center in Hartford on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, there were 300 in attendance; reservations closed two weeks before the event! (Note: Vicky says in the future, they will reserve waiting lists!) Foremost in my mind was the attendance of four of our members who all traveled about four hours each way from New Jersey, despite the devastation of Hurricane Sandy, which left them without power for the past six days. This did not deter our New Jersey sisters from traveling to Hartford to be with us! (They told me they didn't expect to have electricity or heat till at least November 11<sup>th</sup> – that's about TWO weeks!) I cannot help but think of them every day, and how painful it must be, yet they did not complain once! They all graciously smiled and enjoyed our time together!

In this issue, you will finally meet (via video) Janet Bristow and Vicky Cole-Galo, co-founders of the Shawl Ministry, authors of three books, and in another year they will have a fourth! This book includes three of us: a short poem from me, and two patterns: **PS4FS knitter Janie Lester, who heads the St Paul prayer shawl group from Boca Raton, Florida**, submitted the gorgeous cross pattern we all know on our website! Janie designed this pattern! I was so fortunate to have met Janie several years ago. She is a very sweet person and a true friend! **Loretta Wortmann and Pat Droege**, members of that group, contributed stories of their own! You are all familiar with **PS4FS knitter Cheryl Scallon, who heads St Julie Billiart Shawl Ministry in Tinley Park, Illinois**, and her inspirational Dover Gold Star prayer shawl, also available on our website. We all remember our friend, **Chaplain David Sorensen**, who called us on October 2009 to ask if we'd like to contribute our prayer shawls to Dover? An entire page of his story about our relationship is included! If you would like to order this book, go to Amazon or click on the link below. They are only \$15 including S&H!

[http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb\\_sb\\_ss\\_i\\_0\\_16?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=the+new+prayer+shawl+companion&prefix=The+New+Prayer+S%2Cstripbooks%2C0](http://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_ss_i_0_16?url=search-alias%3Dstripbooks&field-keywords=the+new+prayer+shawl+companion&prefix=The+New+Prayer+S%2Cstripbooks%2C0)

It is my extreme pleasure to introduce you to Janet Bristow and Vicky Cole-Galo in the following video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b05GQCUf9og>



Above from L-R Row 1: Statue of St. Francis of Assisi, watches over us as we knit! The room holds 300 pairs of clicking needles and crochet hooks! Mary Bossie from Knitting Angels and Angel Hookers (don't you just love that name to include the crocheters!), St. Leo & SS Peter & Paul, Waterbury, Connecticut, holds up one of their unique patterns, a 9-square prayer shawl called "Angels Squares of Love"! What a beautiful title!

Row 2: Vicky and Janet in all three photos, the third, they are signing books of their third edition of "The New Prayer





Above Row 1 from L-R: Women knitting/crocheting during the Gathering. Nancy Markowski, Doris Bauman, and her daughter, Carol Weber, all from Teaneck and Old Tappan New Jersey, hold a flag prayer shawl. It was displayed on the front table, and lovingly made by Anamelba Cabanillas, of Mary Bossie's Knitting Angels and Angel Hookers from Waterbury, Connecticut. Mary's group is very patriotic, with many beautiful designs on the front table.

Row 2: Another patriotic display of prayer shawls; Anna Briggs, from Liverpool, England. Anna did a video which will be featured in this issue. The next two photos display prayer shawls in "The New Prayer Shawl Companion" book.

Row 3: First two photos show prayer shawls in "The New Prayer Shawl Companion". Nancy Markowski shows a unique lap shawl (she did not knit it), called "Rosary Beads" which has real beading sewn in! It's very unique and precious! (Ideas!!!) The last photo shows Vicky Galo listening to guest Anna Briggs from Liverpool, tell us about her pattern which is also in the book.

*"Take a deep breath, center yourself, and imagine a shawl wrapped over your shoulders and across your chest. Close your eyes and listen to the gentle whisper in your ear – a soft voice telling you to let go and trust that everything will be okay and that you are being held in the loving arms of the Creator in the heart of a caring knitter. This is how it feels to wear a handmade prayer shawl."*

From The New Prayer Shawl Companion by Janet Severi Bristow & Victoria A Cole-Galo, page 3, Taunton Press





Row 1 from L-R: (Note: All women in this row belong to PS4FS) Teresa Knipper, from Knitting And Prayer of St. Paul's, Princeton, New Jersey. Teresa will be seen in a video in a later issue. Nancy Markowski and Carol Weber display a gold star prayer shawl made by "Angel" Pat Depatie of Mary Bossie's Knitting Angels Group from Waterbury, Connecticut. All of these women will be featured in a video in another issue. Third photo shows Mary Bossie and Terri Longo, from Knitting Angels, Waterbury, Connecticut, also in another issue's video displaying their beautiful patriotic work.

Row 2 from L-R: Pat Dorio, St. Andrew's and St. John's Episcopal Church in Meriden, Connecticut, displays her beautiful prayer flag which is going to Dover Air Base, along with additional prayer shawls. Pat expressed an interest in joining our ministry! They were already sending to Dover! Why not belong to us too! Third photo is Anna Briggs, Liverpool, England, telling us about her Eyelet Hole Shawl, featured in "The New Prayer Shawl Companion" Anna delivers these shawls all over Great Britain, and told us stories of sending them to Oslo, Norway for a horrendous shooting event there, and also to Belgium, when 22 students were killed in a bus in Switzerland. She is a saint, and also agreed to do a video. Click below to enjoy meeting Anna and hearing her story of giving around the world! Anna is yet another example of "build it and they will come" – one never knows where an idea will lead us!

To view Anna Briggs' video, click below:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nv3od04dWBU>



PS4FS knitter/crocheter Mitzi Christian, from Alexandria, Virginia, shares a photo of a lovely pink prayer shawl she sent to Dover this past month. Mitzi joined us May 5, 2011, and to date has sent 10 of her handmade prayer shawls to Dover Air Base. That's amazing when you consider Mitzi works alone, and has only been with us for 1 ½ years! Thank you, Mitzi, for your compassion for our families! Together, we all make a huge difference! I've been told our families smile when they walk into the Fisher House and see our prayer shawls! Can you imagine we are able to do that for them! And can you imagine those smiles will fade back and forth for years to come with our loving prayer shawls! Oh the power of a little yarn! (1 photo right)



PS4FS knitter/crocheter Kathryn Aubry-McAvoy, from Greenfield Massachusetts, just joined us this month. We welcome you with open arms, Kathryn! We want to thank PS4FS knitter Shirley Hunting, Greenfield, Massachusetts, for "recruiting" Kathryn! Shirley is one of our veterans, having been with this ministry since November 27, 2007! That's only one month after we began! Below are some pictures Kathryn shares with us and an introduction from her! (1 photo below left, 2 below right)



*My husband is a wounded warrior and we're both members of our local DAV group, so what you do is near to our hearts. I'm honored to be invited to participate in your wonderful knitting ministry. I am part of a small group of men and women who knit and crochet in our church. We respond to the need - premie hats and socks, chemo caps, warm hats and mittens for school kids, and of course prayer shawls. One family lost their 7-day-old infant, born prematurely. The family asked that premie caps be made in his memory and sent to our neonatal intensive care unit. We sent 12 hats. I've attached some photos of my recent projects. I'm afraid my output might be meager; I'm up to my ears in*



*projects for church and the holidays. I'd love to get your newsletter and I have cast on one shawl for you! Blessings, Kathryn*

## II. DOVER PROGRAM:

Many of you will remember Chaplain Dave Sorensen, the man who made the call to request we send prayer shawls to Dover – we owe him a huge thank you for setting up the program and the relationship we have with Dover Air Base. I told him how well I remember that day when he called to request our help. It will always be very special to me, as I hope it is with each of you!

Dave was asked to write in “The New Prayer Shawl Companion” about our Dover program. It's a great story! I encourage you to buy this book for reasons beyond the patterns – it has some lovely poems, inspirational ideas, shared stories of interest! I was happy to hear from Dave, now back home in Wisconsin. He says:

*That was a blessed time for me, too. In the midst of all the pain and heartache, my contact with you helped to lift my own spirits as you reached out with your gift of knitting and love that touched not only the families coming through Dover but also encouraged me. I will never forget the looks on the faces of mothers, wives, sisters, fathers, brothers, and other relatives as they welcomed the prayer shawls, taking the one that spoke to them in a way that would serve to help them remember not only that there were people praying for them, but also would help them to remember their deceased loved one. I was blessed to be a link in your outreach to them. I will go to the website and buy a copy of the book. In church today, I led the people in prayer for the many people on the East Coast suffering in the wake of Sandy. Blessings, Dave*



#### IV. THANK YOU NOTES AND MESSAGES:



We received a direct request from Linda Weeks, loving mother of SGT Roger L. Adams, Jr., DOD 6/29/09. Linda lives in Mayfield, Kentucky. As usual, an email was sent to all our groups in that state, and the first to reply was PS4FS knitter/crocheter Janet Kay Brown, who heads the First Baptist Church's Prayer Shawl group in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Janet Kay's group has been active with our ministry since January 7, 2008. Below Linda writes: (2 photos left, 2 right including Roger and his sister)

*love to have a shawl please.*



PS4FS knitter/crocheter, Sandra Koehler, who lives in St. Michael, Minnesota, graciously agreed to make a gold star prayer shawl for Ann Tarter, proud mother of SPC Chad Clements, DOD 8/30/10. Anne lives in Huntington, Indiana. Below is our request. (1 photo left)

*Hello I was wondering how I could go about getting a Dover Gold Star Shawl - they are beautiful. I am a Gold Star mother of SPC Chad Clements, killed in action in Afghanistan on August 30 2010. He was only 26 years old. I would like to purchase one if possible. Thank you so much - it means a lot to me. I will be patient as I know it takes a lot of time to make. Thank you, Sandra, for doing this for me!*

PS4FS knitter Carol Weber, who heads the Grace Lutheran Church and Christ Episcopal Churches prayer shawl group in Teaneck, New Jersey, agreed to make a prayer shawl

for Florence McSween, who lives in Dallas, Georgia. Florence is a proud Gold Star mother of Navy EOD1 Joseph Adam McSween, DOD 4/6/07 (Notice early DOD). Florence writes: (1 photo left, 2 right) *I would like to have one of the Gold Star Shawls in memory of my son, Navy EOD1 Joseph "Adam" McSween, KIA on April 06, 2007 in Iraq. Thank you. My Father in heaven controls all things. Florence McSween, Dallas, Georgia*



Below is a video of Adam's funeral....it is very moving. He was a naval ordinance officer.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oOChp6xy88w>





Another direct request comes from Florence McSween, proud mother of EOD1 Joseph Adam McSween, DOD 4/6/07. Florence lives in Dallas, Georgia, and writes: (4 photos below including a picture of Adam's mother, Florence)

*I would love to have one of the Gold Star Shawls in memory of my son, Navy EOD1 Joseph "Adam" McSween KIA on April 06, 2007 in Iraq. Please let me know if I might get one, another Gold Star Mother, my friend showed me hers and it is just lovely. My Father in heaven controls all things. Florence McSween*

PS4FS knitter/crocheter Carol Weber, who heads the Grace Lutheran Church and Christ Episcopal Church prayer shawl group from Teaneck, New Jersey, agreed to attempt this project for Florence! Thank you, Carol!



PS4FS knitter/crocheter Terrie Hostmark, who lives in Morehead City, North Carolina, was the first to reply to a direct request sent to all members of our ministry from that state. Cheryl Baynard, who lives in Naples, North Carolina, inquired about our prayer shawls for her son, SGT S. Matthew Baynard, DOD 7/22/12.

Cheryl wrote: (1 photo left)

*My son, Sgt. S. Matthew Baynard, passed away on July 22, 2012. We would like more information on the prayer shawls you offer, please. Thanks, Cheryl Baynard, Naples North Carolina*

Thank you for responding, Terrie! Terrie has only been with our group since May 3, 2011!

