

# PS4FS Monthly Newsletter - June 2012:

Dear PS4FS friends,

Our prayer shawl count generally falls lower during the summer months, but this month it has not: we sent 111 prayer shawls to Dover! Another milestone is we have now crossed the 6,000 mark – 6,078 since October 2007! I'm so proud to be a part of this group – you are all so caring and thoughtful. Please know that we must never feel rushed in what we do here – all I ask is that when you do send to Dover Air Base, to remember to attach a tag/card to each prayer shawl with your contact information. You may use the website for ideas (Directions page), or come up with your own.

We all have learned that often the recipients do not send us a thank you note, but that's not why we are here. When they do come, it propels us to work harder – so while the thank you notes are welcome and motivating, we tend to motivate each other, especially through this newsletter. Please send photos of you, your group, your beautiful work, and remember to share your thank you notes. Blessings to all for what you share and heal in this ministry!

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:**

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| # Prayer Shawls made since October 2007:                 | <b>6,078</b> | <i>Includes Dover prayer shawls (yellow numbers below)</i> |
| # sent to Dover since inception of program (Sept. 2009): | <b>2,842</b> |  |
| # sent to Dover this past month:                         | <b>111</b>   | <i>This number is included in above totals</i>             |
| # Prayer Shawl Groups/Individuals:                       | <b>278</b>   |  |

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

| Contact Name | Town       | State | Date Joined |
|--------------|------------|-------|-------------|
| Cheryl Evans | Snoqualmie | WA    | 5/23/12     |

Note: Below, under “Communications From You”, see Cheryl's photos of two beautiful prayer shawls she sent to Dover.

### **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 while there. Often they return home wishing they had taken more, wanting to comfort a grief-stricken sister, grandparent, special aunt or 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, so multiple next-of-kin may be associated with a town. In earlier days of this program, I received a monthly list of prayer shawl recipients from Dover Air Base. We no longer receive that list, and the Army's updated Casualty List is sporadic. This means we don't know who on this list has been to Dover and chosen a prayer shawl.)

|                  |    |                |    |                     |    |                |    |
|------------------|----|----------------|----|---------------------|----|----------------|----|
| Homewood         | AL | Bradenton      | FL | Winchester          | IL | Henderson      | NV |
| Hoover           | AL | Clearwater     | FL | Crown Point         | IN | Las Vegas      | NV |
| Huntsville       | AL | Debary         | FL | Indianapolis        | IN | Ballston Spa   | NY |
| Montgomery       | AL | Immokalee      | FL | Knox                | IN | Bronx          | NY |
| Peterman         | AL | Jacksonville   | FL | Plymouth            | IN | Oswego         | NY |
| Russellville     | AL | Lynn Haven     | FL | Winamac             | IN | Tyrone         | NY |
| Trussville       | AL | Maitland       | FL | Fort Riley          | KS | Wallkill       | NY |
| Bonnerdale       | AR | Matlacha       | FL | Holton              | KS | Watertown      | NY |
| Camden           | AR | Minneola       | FL | Junction City       | KS | Weedspport     | NY |
| Conway           | AR | Naples         | FL | Leavenworth         | KS | Akron          | OH |
| El Dorado        | AR | Navarre        | FL | Olathe              | KS | Ashtabula      | OH |
| Jacksonville     | AR | Opa Locka      | FL | Overland Park       | KS | Columbus       | OH |
|                  |    |                |    | Wichita             | KS | Hamilton       | OH |
| Russellville     | AR | P.S.L.         | FL | Eolia               | KY | Harrod         | OH |
| Pago Pago        | AS | Palatka        | FL | London              | KY | Marion         | OH |
| Litchfield Park  | AZ | Pensacola      | FL | Covington           | LA | Miamisburg     | OH |
| Phoenix          | AZ | Pinellas Park  | FL | Assonet             | MA | Nashport       | OH |
| Sierra Vista     | AZ | Plant City     | FL | Baltimore           | MD | Norman         | OK |
| American Canyon  | CA | Port Charlotte | FL | Kensington          | MD | Owasso         | OK |
|                  |    | Safety Harbor  | FL | Port Tobacco        | MD | Porter         | OK |
| California City  | CA | Tampa          | FL | Saint Leonard       | MD | Purcell        | OK |
| Capistrano Beach | CA | Valrico        | FL | Silver Spring       | MD | Sapulpa        | OK |
| Dana Point       | CA | Wesley Chapel  | FL | St. Leonard         | MD | Stillwater     | OK |
| Fresno           | CA | Acworth        | GA | Ann Arbor           | MI | Tulsa          | OK |
| Garden Grove     | CA | Atlanta        | GA |                     |    | Creswell       | OR |
| Glendale         | CA | Bonaire        | GA | Auburn Hills        | MI | Hillsboro      | OR |
|                  |    | Gainesville    | GA | Boyne City          | MI | Chambersburg   | PA |
|                  |    | Helena         | GA | Brighton            | MI | Connellsville  | PA |
| Hayward          | CA | Hinesville     | GA | Flint               | MI | Pawtucket      | RI |
| Huntington Park  | CA | Jacksonville   | GA | Harrison Township   | MI | Simpsonville   | SC |
| Lake Elsinore    | CA | Kingsland      | GA |                     |    | Warrenville    | SC |
|                  |    | Ludowici       | GA | Jackson             | MI | Lead           | SD |
| Lancaster        | CA | Macon          | GA | Romulus             | MI | Yankton        | SD |
| Lawndale         | CA | McDonough      | GA | Saginaw             | MI | Clarksville    | TN |
| Los Angeles      | CA | McRae          | GA | Saginaw             | MI |                |    |
| Lynwood          | CA | Midway         | GA | Southgate           | MI | Goodspring     | TN |
| Marina           | CA | Riverdale      | GA | Williamston         | MI | LaVergne       | TN |
| New Cuyama       | CA | Saint Marys    | GA | Ypsilanti           | MI | Murfreesboro   | TN |
| Northridge       | CA | Valdosta       | GA | Duluth              | MN | Nashville      | TN |
| Ontario          | CA | Winder         | GA | Inver Grove Heights | MN | Arlington      | TX |
| Reseda           | CA | Ewa Beach      | HI | Lengby              | MN | Brownsville    | TX |
| Riverside        | CA | Honolulu       | HI | Rosemount           | MN | Cameron        | TX |
| San Bernardino   | CA | Bettendorf     | IA | Shevlin             | MN | Copperas Cove  | TX |
| San Jose         | CA | Davenport      | IA | Baldwyn             | MS | Dallas         | TX |
| Santa Clara      | CA | Glenwood       | IA | Foxworth            | MS | Denton         | TX |
| South Lake Tahoe | CA | Grimes         | IA | Mooreville          | MS | Edcouch        | TX |
| Vista            | CA | Le Claire      | IA | Vicksburg           | MS | Edinburgh      | TX |
| Williams         | CA | Idaho Falls    | ID | Great Falls         | MT | Fort Davis     | TX |
| Castle Rock      | CO | Nampa          | ID | Charlotte           | NC | Fort Hood      | TX |
| Colora]          | CO | Decatur        | IL | Nashua              | NH | Forth Worth    | TX |
| Colorado Springs | CO | Effingham      | IL | Plaistow            | NH | Gatesville     | TX |
| Fort Carson      | CO | Moline         | IL | Blairstown          | NJ | Greenville     | TX |
| Baltic           | CT | North Aurora   | IL | Hamilton            | NJ | Harker Heights | TX |
| Hartford         | CT | Olive Branch   | IL | Espanola            | NM | Houston        | TX |
| Niantic          | CT | Opdyke         | IL | Roswell             | NM | Irving         | TX |
| Suffield         | CT | Taylorville    | IL | Santa Cruz          | NM | Kennedale      | TX |
| Willimantic      | CT |                |    |                     |    |                |    |

|           |    |             |    |                    |    |            |    |
|-----------|----|-------------|----|--------------------|----|------------|----|
| Killeen   | TX | Plano       | TX | Lynchburg          | VA | Darlington | WI |
| La Porte  | TX | Rowlett     | TX | Roanoke            | VA | Elkhorn    | WI |
| Lawn      | TX | San Antonio | TX | South Chesterfield | VA | Green Bay  | WI |
| Lumberton | TX | Seguin      | TX | Arlington          | WA | Horicon    | WI |
| Mansfield | TX | Sunset      | TX | Cheney             | WA | Jackson    | WI |
| McAllen   | TX | Watauga     | TX | McChord Air Force  |    | Marshfield | WI |
| Mesquite  | TX | Weslaco     | TX | Base               | WA | Neenah     | WI |
| New Caney | TX | Santaquin   | UT | Puyallup           | WA | Waukesha   | WI |
| Pharr     | TX | Bedford     | VA | Tacoma             | WA |            |    |
|           |    |             |    | Appleton           | WI |            |    |

## I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM YOU:

**PS4FS Robin Bunton**, who heads the **Springwood Presbyterian Church**'s prayer shawl group in Whitsett, North Carolina, joined us on April 25<sup>th</sup> of this year. They are a new group (only began one year ago), hitting the ground fast with our ministry! Along with the picture of their group, Robin shares some interesting info about them:

***Springwood Presbyterian Church's Prayer Shawl Group*** began in 2011. Currently we have seven committed weavers. Three are knitters; four women crochet.

**Mary Lockamy** (pictured 6<sup>th</sup> from left) is not only productive with her crochet hook, but she is also creative with colors, crochet techniques and yarn textures. Pictured are many of her completed masterpieces. The two in patriotic colors are shawls she worked specifically for PS4FS.

Other members – **Arlene Ingle** (1<sup>st</sup> on left), **Ann Jennings** (3<sup>rd</sup> from left), and **Rev. Dr. Genie Martin** (in robe) do beautiful work with knitting needles. Arlene and Ann have given many shawls to local retirement facilities and shut-ins from our church. Genie has a special knitting technique. She knits strips of different colors; then crochets them

together. Lovely!

**L'Wanna Donnell** (4<sup>th</sup> from left) crochets her shawls. Her work is dazzling with bright yellow and orange. Recently, she decided to try the Granny Square pattern. No surprises – it was striking.

**Valerie Ingle** (5<sup>th</sup> from left) is an enthusiastic weaver. She chooses to crochet and prefers the multi-colored, chunky yarns. Her enthusiasm for making shawls is contagious. After numerous requests from some of the church youth, Valerie has begun teaching these young girls how to crochet.

I (pictured 2<sup>nd</sup>) learned to crochet and knit as a young child. My grandmother taught me. My knitting never evolved the way my grandmother assured me it would. Therefore, I use my crochet hook; and the yarn and I get along just fine. There are many different patterns and techniques that I want to try one day. For now, I enjoy using the Cross Stitch for my shawls. This stitch works up quickly and looks nice.

It has been a pleasure preparing these shawls for PS4FS. Currently we are handwriting notes to attach. We will be sending twenty shawls to Dover the week of May 7, 2012.

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, we had a new member join us, **Cheryl Evans**, from **Snoqualmie, Washington**. Cheryl was good enough to share two pictures of



From L-R: Arlene Ingle, Robin Bunton, Ann Jennings, L'Wanna Donnell, Valerie Ingle, Mary Lockamy, and Rev. Dr. Genie Martin





her gorgeous work. I generally crop photos in order to save space in this newsletter, but her pictures are so creative and beautiful, you must see the prayer shawl and the flowers in the background! Cheryl is off and running! She sent both of these prayer shawls to Dover Air Base! Thank you, Cheryl!

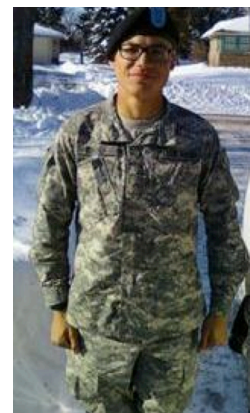
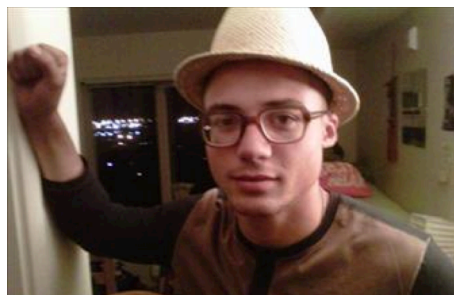
## II. THANK YOU NOTES AND MESSAGES:

PS4FS knitter/crocheter Julie Aamot, from Custer, Washington, is not just a knitter, but also a mother of one of our fallen, SPC Aaron Seth Aamot, DOD 11/5/09. Her passion is admirable! Recently Julie sent one of her prayer shawls to Charlotte Cox-Turner, loving mother of PFC Neil Isaac Turner, DOD 1/11/12. Charlotte and Leland, Neil's parents, live in Tacoma, Washington. Charlotte writes: (2 photos right)

*Thank you Julie for the beautiful shawl! I put it over my shoulders as soon as it came out of the box. I love the color and softness. It carries comfort and love within each stitch. Blessings to you for your care and also for your full understanding of my hurt and what my family and I are experiencing following the loss of Neil. God Bless you in your unique ministry to families that are reeling from loss. Charlotte*

Julie tells us: *"The shawl I made for Charlotte was done with Red Heart Fiesta in a silvery gray color. She told me she liked gray and blue and this yarn worked up so soft and beautiful!"*

Thank you, Julie, for being here and caring about others who now walk in your shoes!



I could need your help to solve a mystery – this time it's who knitted the prayer shawl! Last month I received a thank you message from Mary Wyscarver, loving mother of Marine Sgt. Joseph Fankhauser, DOD 4/22/12. Mary lives in Temple, Texas. She received a prayer shawl from a "Ms. Campbell" from Massachusetts after her son's funeral. I don't know if Ms. Campbell is one of us or not. Mary says her favorite photo (below) is of Joe with the pinwheel as he was leaving for Afghanistan – so typical of a loving mother! She writes: (1 photo left, 3 below)

*Thank you for the prayer shawl I recently received from Mrs. Campbell in Massachusetts. I used to crochet, so I know how much work it takes to produce even a small afghan. Thank you for remembering my only child, Marine Sgt. Joseph Fankhauser, in this manner. It is especially important to me as I am a Christian. Yours in*

*Christ, Mary Wyscarver*

