

PS4FS Monthly Newsletter – April 2013:

Dear PS4FS friends,

As you probably suspected, there is less activity since Dover asked us to stop sending prayer shawls for the time being. We did have two direct requests this past month. As usual, I contact all our participants from the respective states, and the first one to reply gets the name/information. I thank you all for continuing to be here for our families, even though our demand has slowed down.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed Easter. Thank you for having been here, and for continuing to do your good work!

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:	6,651	<i>Includes Dover prayer shawls (yellow numbers below)</i>
# sent to Dover since inception of program (Sept. 2009):	3,449	<i>This number has not changed in the past two months.</i>
# sent to Dover this past month:	0	<i>This number is included in above totals</i>
# Prayer Shawl Groups/Individuals:	283	

ARMY'S CASUALTY LIST:

This list allows direct contact with our families. For easy Instructions how to Google a military name and leave a message on the family's "message board", visit our website. **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.

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 loved one'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.

Hamburg	AK	Millbrook	AL	Florence	AZ	Cupertino	CA
Little Rock	AK	Mobile	AL	Glendale	AZ	Empire	CA
Monticello	AK	Oneonta	AL	Huachuca City	AZ	Glendale	CA
North Pole	AK	Opelika	AL	Kingman	AZ	Hemet	CA
Van Buren	AK	Peterman	AL	Laveen	AZ	Hesperia	CA
Warren	AK	Phenix City	AL	Phoenix	AZ	Huntington Beach	CA
Ashford	AL	Russellville	AL	Surprise	AZ	Indio	CA
Blountsville	AL	Wetumpka	AL	Tucson	AZ	Julian	CA
Cullman	AL	Cullman	AL	Winslow	AZ	Kelseyville	CA
Grady	AL	Jacksonville	AL	Arcadia	CA	La Grange	CA
Huntsville	AL	Oneonta	AL	Castaic	CA	Lake Elsinore	CA
Madison	AL	Holiday Island	AR	Cathedral City	CA	Lodi	CA

Long Beach	CA	Waterford	CT	Marietta	GA	Springfield	IL
Los Angeles	CA	Willimantic	CT	McDonough	GA	Waukegan	IL
Lucerne	CA	Winsted	CT	Pooler	GA	Xenia	IL
Menifee	CA	Washington	DC	Powder Springs	GA	La Grange	IL
Moorpark	CA	Hockessin	DE	Richmond Hill	GA	Peoria	IL
Murrieta	CA	Auburndale	FL	Riverdale	GA	Wheaton	IL
New Cuyama	CA	Boca Raton	FL	Savannah	GA	Fort Riley	KS
Newman	CA	Brooksville	FL	Tybee Island	GA	Independence	KS
Oak Hills	CA	Chuluota	FL	Valdosta	GA	Junction City	KS
Ojai	CA	Clearwater	FL	West Point	GA	Kansas City	KS
Ontario	CA	Cocoa	FL	Honolulu	HI	Leavenworth	KS
Redding	CA	Davie	FL	Mililani	HI	Manhattan	KS
Running Springs	CA	Debary	FL	Wahiawa	HI	Milford	KS
Sacramento	CA	Grand Ridge	FL	Ankeny	IA	Overland Park	KS
San Bernardino	CA	Homestead	FL	Bettendorf	IA	Salina	KS
San Diego	CA	Hudson	FL	Cascade	IA	Shawnee	KS
San Francisco	CA	Inverness	FL	Davenport	IA	Wichita	KS
San Jose	CA	Jacksonville	FL	Eldridge	IA	Lexington	KY
Tehachapi	CA	Kissimmee	FL	Fort Dodge	IA	Louisville	KY
Ventura	CA	Lakeland	FL	Gilmore City	IA	Alexandria	LA
Victorville	CA	Land O Lakes	FL	Johnston	IA	Arabi	LA
Vista	CA	Largo	FL	Red Oak	IA	Fort Polk	LA
Walnut	CA	Lithia	FL	Shenandoah	IA	Gueydan	LA
Westwood	CA	Lynn Haven	FL	Williams	IA	Haughton	LA
Yucaipa	CA	Marianna	FL	Bonnors Ferry	ID	Jonesboro	LA
Alameda	CA	Matlacha	FL	Crown Point	ID	Lake Charles	LA
Blythe	CA	Ocala	FL	East Chicago	ID	Leesville	LA
Brawley	CA	Orange Park	FL	Jerome	ID	Metairie	LA
Citrus Heights	CA	Palatka	FL	Kuna	ID	Pearl River	LA
Fullerton	CA	Palm Bay	FL	Lewiston	ID	Port Barre	LA
Lucerne Valley	CA	Pembroke Pines	FL	Preston	ID	West Monroe	LA
Riverside	CA	Plant City	FL	Twin Falls	ID	Gloucester	MA
Salinas	CA	Port Charlotte	FL	Bonnors Ferry	ID	Mansfield	MA
San Jose	CA	Riverview	FL	Jerome	ID	North Adams	MA
Tustin	CA	Safety Harbor	FL	Rupert	ID	Springfield	MA
Winchester	CA	Saint Petersburg	FL	Aledo	IL	Tewksbury	MA
Yuba City	CA	Tampa	FL	Auroa	IL	Attleboro	MA
Aurora	CO	The Villages	FL	Berwyn	IL	Edgewood	MD
Canon City	CO	Valrico	FL	Carpentersville	IL	Germantown	MD
Colora]	CO	Wesley Chapel	FL	Chicago	IL	Glen Burnie	MD
Colorado Springs	CO	Zephyrhills	FL	Cottage Hills	IL	Hagerstown	MD
Denver	CO	Bartow	FL	Effingham	IL	Hughesville	MD
Fountain	CO	Homestead	FL	Fox Lake	IL	Hyattsville	MD
Fruita	CO	Jacksonville	FL	Gurnee	IL	Kensington	MD
Parker	CO	Palm Bay	FL	Lawrenceville	IL	Prince Frederick	MD
Salida	CO	Tallahassee	FL	Moline	IL	Saint Leonard	MD
Thornton	CO	Acworth	GA	Mount Carmel	IL	Silver Spring	MD
Westcliffe	CO	Atlanta	GA	Nelson	IL	St. Leonard	MD
Colorado Springs	CO	Canton	GA	New Windsor	IL	Upper Marlboro	MD
Denver	CO	Dearing	GA	North Aurora	IL	Urbana	MD
Larkspur	CO	Fort Stewart	GA	Oak Park	IL	Lisbon Falls	ME
Madison	CT	Griffin	GA	Opdyke	IL	Ann Arbor	MI
Suffield	CT	Hampton	GA	Round Lake Beach	IL	Battle Creek	MI
Uncasville	CT	Hephzibah	GA	Sheffield	IL	Boyne City	MI

Byron Center	MI	Fayetteville	NC	Checotah	OK	Corsicana	TX
Caro	MI	Fletcher	NC	Claremore	OK	Dallas	TX
Cedar Springs	MI	Bismarck	ND	Durant	OK	Denton	TX
Chesterfield	MI	Milford	NH	Edmond	OK	El Paso	TX
Commerce Township	MI	Nashua	NH	El Reno	OK	Fort Davis	TX
Corunna	MI	Plaistow	NH	Fort Sill	OK	Fort Hood	TX
Ferndale	MI	Blairstown	NJ	Haskell	OK	Frost	TX
Fraser	MI	Jersey City	NJ	Lawton	OK	Harker Heights	TX
Gaylord	MI	Albuquerque	NM	Noble	OK	Houston	TX
Grand Rapids	MI	Bayard	NM	Norman	OK	Hurst	TX
Grandville	MI	Clovis	NM	Oklahoma City	OK	Kempner	TX
Granger	MI	Espanola	NM	Purcell	OK	Kennedale	TX
Harrison Township	MI	Farmington	NM	Shawnee	OK	Kileen	TX
Hazel Park	MI	Las Cruces	NM	Claremore	OK	Kyle	TX
Kalamazoo	MI	Santa Teresa	NM	Lawton	OK	Lamesa	TX
Lansing	MI	White Sands	NM	Miami	OK	Little Elm	TX
Midland	MI	Fallon	NV	Newcastle	OK	Lometa	TX
Morley	MI	Henderson	NV	Baker City	OR	Mc Gregor	TX
Muskegon	MI	Las Vegas	NV	Creswell	OR	McAllen	TX
Owosso	MI	Reno	NV	Tigard	OR	McKinney	TX
Rochester Hills	MI	Alden	NY	Baker City	OR	Mesquite	TX
Saginaw	MI	Brockport	NY	Erie	PA	Mission	TX
Saint Clair Shores	MI	Bronx	NY	Minersville	PA	Moody	TX
Saline	MI	Brooklyn	NY	Philadelphia	PA	Nolanville	TX
Sanford	MI	Clarence Center	NY	Ridgeway	PA	Pharr	TX
Shelby Township	MI	Cohoes	NY	Seward	PA	San Antonio	TX
Sturgis	MI	Corning	NY	Shenandoah	PA	Spring	TX
Whitmore Lake	MI	East Atlantic Beach	NY	Attleboro	RI	Sugarland	TX
Williamston	MI	East Meadow	NY	North Providence	RI	Temple	TX
Ypsilanti	MI	Fort Drum	NY	Pawtucket	RI	Texarkana	TX
Saginaw	MI	Fredonia	NY	Warwick	RI	The Colony	TX
Yale	MI	Geneva	NY	Charleston	SC	Three Rivers	TX
Apple Valley	MN	Getzville	NY	Florence	SC	Uvalde	TX
Carver	MN	Hewlett	NY	Piedmont	SC	Waco	TX
Detroit Lakes	MN	Loweville	NY	Varnville	SC	Weslaco	TX
Duluth	MN	Monroe	NY	Piedmont	SD	Yantis	TX
Columbia	MO	New York City	NY	Chattanooga	TN	Santaquin	UT
Essex	MO	Newburgh	NY	Clarksville	TN	Centralia	WA
Platte City	MO	Oswego	NY	Dover	TN	College Place	WA
Union	MO	Patterson	NY	Elizabethton	TN	Edmonds	WA
Catawissa	MO	Pittsford	NY	Franklin	TN	Joint Base Lewis-McChord	WA
Highlandville	MO	Port Henry	NY	Memphis	TN	Lacey	WA
Baldwyn	MS	Ravena	NY	Pleasant View	TN	McChord Air Force Base	WA
Bay Saint Louis	MS	Rochester	NY	Woodlawn	TN	Olympia	WA
Gulfport	MS	Selkirk	NY	Alvarado	TX	Puyallup	WA
Hattiesburg	MS	Troy	NY	Amarillo	TX	Seattle	WA
Kiln	MS	Tyrone	NY	Arlington	TX	Spokane	WA
Mooreville	MS	Walden	NY	Austin	TX	Tacoma	WA
Moss Point	MS	Wallkill	NY	Bastrop	TX	Walla Walla	WA
Philadelphia	MS	Waterford	NY	Beaumont	TX	Darlington	WI
Union	MS	Weedsport	NY	Brownsville	TX	Deer Park	WI
Vancleave	MS	Cleveland	OH	College Station	TX	Hazel Green	WI
Black Eagle	MT	Glouster	OH	Copperas Cove	TX	Horicon	WI
Great Falls	MT	Murray City	OH	Corpus Christi	TX		

Hudson	WI	Orfordville	WI	Casper	WY	Shelly	WY
Marshfield	WI	Charleston	WV	Cheyenne	WY	Sheridan	WY
Shullsburg	WI	Glen Daniel	WV	Evansville	WY	Shell	WY
Wilmot	WI	Grant Town	WV	Rawlins	WY		
Hazel Green	WI	Huntington	WV	Rivertown	WY		

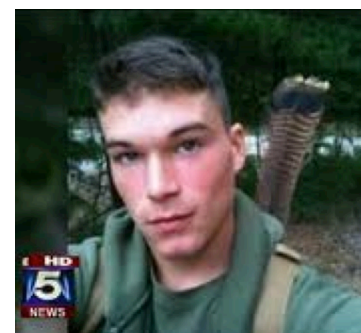
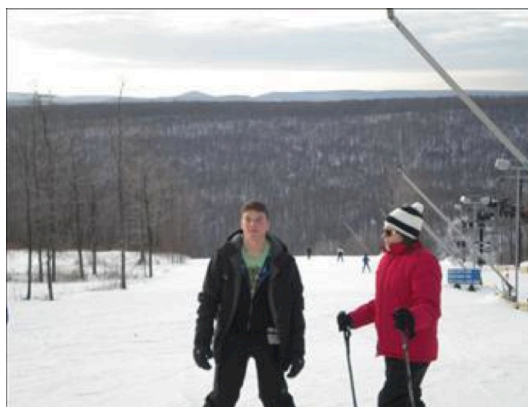
II. THANK YOU NOTES AND MESSAGES:

PS4FS knitter/crocheter Lynne Neibert, who runs the Trindle Spring Lutheran Church's prayer shawl group in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, shares several thank you notes. You've heard Trindle Spring's name many times in our newsletters, because they are highly active with the direct contact program. (Directions how to do "direct contact" of our families are on our website. It is a most rewarding way to contact our families.) Lynne shares with us a message from the family of Lance Cpl. Niall W. Cotisears. Mother, Susan Coti, lives in Arlington, Virginia and writes:

Re: Lance Cpl. Niall W. Cotisears, DOD 6/23/2012

Lynne, I don't know if I ever responded to your beautiful effort to get those prayer shawls out to us, but if I didn't, I want you to know how much it meant to me and our family. Thank you for being here for us even though you never knew us in person. The spirit of your project DOES show us that you know us and we in kind have the opportunity to know you too. All blessings!

Visit Guest Book for Lance Cpl. Niall W. Cotisears.

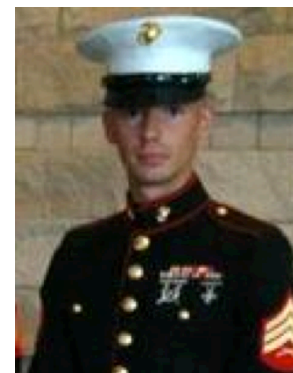


The Trindle Spring group (above) also sent a prayer shawl to Linda Staub, loving mother of SGT Francis J. Staub, DOD 8/9/2005 (Notice early DOD). Linda lives in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Mary Fertenbaugh is a long-time member of Trindle Spring's knitting group – she made the prayer shawl for Linda Staub. Below is a message from Lynne about Mary: (1 photo left)

Please keep Mary in your prayers. She has suffered several strokes, but is now up and around. She is so hoping that she can get back to knitting again. She has made many, many, many shawls and lap robes for our ministry. May God bless her with returning health.

Friends in this ministry, please hold Mary Fertenbaugh's name in your prayers!

A third prayer shawl sent by Lynne Neibert's Trindle Spring group was for the family of SGT Richard A. Cummings, Jr., DOD 7/8/2012. Knitter Linda Kunkle lovingly knitter a prayer shawl for Odette Cummings, mother, who lives in Deal, New Jersey. (1 photo right)





A fourth prayer shawl was sent to the family of PFC Cory C. Kusters, DOD 3/5/2007 (notice earlier DOD). A thank you note was written by Senta Kusters, mother of Cory, who lives in Woodlands, Texas. Senta declined the kind offer of prayer shawls because her family has already received several! Writing from the heart, she tells us: *(1 photo left)*

Dear Lynne, First, I would like to thank you for contacting me regarding such a sweet & thoughtful gift. Honestly, after 6 years, it still amazes me how many thoughtful people out there still take the time to contact us regarding Cory's death. Your note alone made my day! It touches my heart even more than strangers, yet sisters in Christ, would take the time to reach out and show God's love in such a special way. Having said that, we are sooo blessed with (currently) 5 lap blankets/throws and that is not counting the one given to my mom or the one given to my mother-in-law! Each one has a special place of honor in my home and each one is a treasure because of the love and thoughtfulness sewn (or crocheted) into each stitch. I cannot

help but think that with our troops still being killed almost weekly that there may be a mother or wife out there that would be more comforted by your prayer shawl than I would be at this time. But thank you so very much, again, for your kind thoughtfulness!

At this time, we are blessed and moving forward in our lives. Cory just joins us in a different way than before as he is always in our hearts. We long for the day when we will be reunited with him and our Savior. But until then, there is still much work to be done here. May our gracious Lord bless you and those at Trindle Spring Lutheran, as well as those at Prayer Shawls 4 Fallen Soldiers for your labor of love. May you continue to bless those grieving the loss of their soldier in such a precious and thoughtful way. Senta Kusters