

PS4FS Monthly Newsletter – January 2013:

Dear PS4FS friends,

May you all have good health and joy this coming year! May our country, may the world, find peace! Blessings to our troops who could not be home for the Christmas holidays. May they be safely brought home soon to enjoy time with their families who need them!

Once again I thank you for all your continued work in this ministry. Updating you on our back channel conversation this past month about GS ps – 17 of you came forward saying you would help, so we will *trial* this and see how it goes. I am always amazed working with you – thank you for being here. There is no pressure to perform one way or the other. Together we are amazingly awesome and always seem to get the job done! Don't you all just love it! Our work continues to add comfort, love, and even return much-needed smiles to our families! It doesn't get any better than that! Peace, blessings, love, and good health to you and your families at this blessed time of year!

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,

Cozette

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I.) CURRENT STATISTICS:

# Prayer Shawls made since October 2007:	6,501	Includes Dover prayer shawls (yellow numbers below)
# sent to Dover since inception of program (Sept. 2009):	3,339	
# sent to Dover this past month:	38	This number is included in above totals
# Prayer Shawl Groups/Individuals:	279	

ARMY'S CASUALTY LIST:

There are a number of you who prefer direct contact with our families. **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 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.)

Anchorage	AK	North Pole	AK	Cullman	AL	Mobile	AL
Beebe	AK	Van Buren	AK	Enterprise	AL	Montgomery	AL
Fayetteville	AK	Warren	AK	Grady	AL	Oneonta	AL
Hamburg	AK	Birmingham	AL	Homewood	AL	Opelika	AL
Little Rock	AK	Blountsville	AL	Huntsville	AL	Peterman	AL
Monticello	AK	Boaz	AL	Millbrook	AL	Phenix City	AL

Russellville	AL	Running Springs	CA	Hockessin	DE	Canton	GA
Trussville	AL	San Bernardino	CA	Auburndale	FL	Dearing	GA
Cullman	AL	San Diego	CA	Boca Raton	FL	Fort Stewart	GA
Jacksonville	AL	San Jose	CA	Bradenton	FL	Gainesville	GA
Oneonta	AL	South Lake Tahoe	CA	Brooksville	FL	Griffin	GA
Holiday Island	AR	Ventura	CA	Chuluota	FL	Grovetown	GA
Pago Pago	AS	Victorville	CA	Clearwater	FL	Hampton	GA
Florence	AZ	Vista	CA	Debary	FL	Helena	GA
Glendale	AZ	Walnut	CA	Debary	FL	Hephzibah	GA
Kingman	AZ	Westwood	CA	Grand Ridge	FL	Hinesville	GA
Laveen	AZ	Williams	CA	Homestead	FL	Jacksonville	GA
Litchfield Park	AZ	Yucaipa	CA	Immokalle	FL	Kennesaw	GA
Phoenix	AZ	Alameda	CA	Inverness	FL	Kingsland	GA
Sierra Vista	AZ	Bakersfield	CA	Jacksonville	FL	Leesburg	GA
Surprise	AZ	Bell	CA	Kissimmee	FL	Ludowici	GA
Tucson	AZ	Blythe	CA	Lakeland	FL	Macon	GA
American Canyon	CA	Brawley	CA	Land O Lakes	FL	Marietta	GA
Arcadia	CA	Carson	CA	Largo	FL	McDonough	GA
Capistrano Beach	CA	Citrus Heights	CA	Lehigh Acres	FL	McRae	GA
Cathedral City	CA	Fullerton	CA	Lithia	FL	Midway	GA
Crescent City	CA	Lucerne Valley	CA	Lynn Haven	FL	Pooler	GA
Cupertino	CA	Moreno Valley	CA	Maitland	FL	Richmond Hill	GA
Dana Point	CA	Riverside	CA	Matlacha	FL	Riverdale	GA
Empire	CA	Salinas	CA	Minneola	FL	Saint Marys	GA
Garden Grove	CA	San Jose	CA	Naples	FL	Tybee Island	GA
Glendale	CA	Tustin	CA	Opa Locka	FL	Valdosta	GA
Hayward	CA	Winchester	CA	P.S.L.	FL	Honolulu	HI
Hemet	CA	Yuba City	CA	Palatka	FL	Mililani	HI
Hesperia	CA	Castle Rock	CO	Palm Bay	FL	Wahiawa	HI
Huntington Beach	CA	Colora]	CO	Pembroke Pines	FL	Ankeny	IA
Indio	CA	Colorado Springs	CO	Plant City	FL	Bettendorf	IA
Julian	CA	Fort Carson	CO	Port Charlotte	FL	Blue Grass	IA
Kelseyville	CA	Fountain	CO	Riverview	FL	Cascade	IA
La Grange	CA	Fruita	CO	Safety Harbor	FL	Dakota City	IA
Lake Elsinore	CA	Parker	CO	Saint Petersburg	FL	Davenport	IA
Lawndale	CA	Salida	CO	Tampa	FL	Eldridge	IA
Long Beach	CA	Thornton	CO	The Villages	FL	Fort Dodge	IA
Los Angeles	CA	Westcliffe	CO	Valrico	FL	Gilmore City	IA
Lucerne	CA	Colorado Springs	CO	Wesley Chapel	FL	Glenwood	IA
Lynwood	CA	Denver	CO	Zephyrhills	FL	Grimes	IA
Marina	CA	Larkspur	CO	Bartow	FL	Johnston	IA
Menifee	CA	Baltic	CT	Homestead	FL	Le Claire	IA
Murrieta	CA	Hartford	CT	Jacksonville	FL	Red Oak	IA
New Cuyama	CA	Niantic	CT	Lehigh Acres	FL	Shenandoah	IA
Newman	CA	Suffield	CT	Lynn Haven	FL	Williams	IA
Northridge	CA	Uncasville	CT	Palm Bay	FL	Bonnars Ferry	ID
Ontario	CA	Waterford	CT	Tallahassee	FL	Crown Point	ID
Redding	CA	Willimantic	CT	Acworth	GA	East Chicago	ID
Reseda	CA	Winsted	CT	Atlanta	GA	Idaho Falls	ID
Riverside	CA	Washington	DC	Bonaire	GA	Jerome	ID

Kuna	ID	Gueydan	LA	Gaylord	MI	Vancleave	MS
Lewiston	ID	Haughton	LA	Grand Rapids	MI	Vicksburg	MS
Nampa	ID	Jonesboro	LA	Grandville	MI	Black Eagle	MT
Preston	ID	Lake Charles	LA	Granger	MI	Charlotte	NC
Twin Falls	ID	Metairie	LA	Harrison Township	MI	Huntersville	NC
Bonnors Ferry	ID	Pearl River	LA	Hazel Park	MI	Raeford	NC
Jerome	ID	Port Barre	LA	Jackson	MI	Sanford	NC
Rupert	ID	West Monroe	LA	Kalamazoo	MI	Spring Lake	NC
Aledo	IL	Assonet	MA	Lansing	MI	Bismarck	ND
Auroa	IL	New Bedford	MA	Midland	MI	Milford	NH
Chicago	IL	North Adams	MA	Morley	MI	Nashua	NH
Cottage Hills	IL	Springfield	MA	Muskegon	MI	Plaistow	NH
Decatur	IL	Tewksbury	MA	Owosso	MI	Blairstown	NJ
Effingham	IL	Arlington	MA	Rochester Hills	MI	Browns Mills	NJ
Fox Lake	IL	Attleboro	MA	Romulus	MI	Cape May	NJ
Gurnee	IL	Fall River	MA	Saginaw	MI	Hamilton	NJ
Lawrenceville	IL	Pocasset	MA	Saint Clair Shores	MI	Jersey City	NJ
Moline	IL	Taunton	MA	Saline	MI	Albuquerque	NM
Mount Carmel	IL	Worcester	MA	Sanford	MI	Bayard	NM
Nelson	IL	Brockton	MD	Shelby Township	MI	Clovis	NM
New Windsor	IL	Cabin John	MD	Southgate	MI	Espanola	NM
North Aurora	IL	Clinton	MD	Sturgis	MI	Las Cruces	NM
Oak Park	IL	Edgewood	MD	Whitmore Lake	MI	Roswell	NM
Opdyke	IL	Germantown	MD	Williamston	MI	Santa Cruz	NM
Round Lake Beach	IL	Glen Burnie	MD	Ypsilanti	MI	Santa Teresa	NM
Sheffield	IL	Glendale	MD	Saginaw	MI	White Sands	NM
Springfield	IL	Hagerstown	MD	Yale	MI	Fallon	NV
Taylorville	IL	Hughesville	MD	Apple Valley	MN	Henderson	NV
Waukegan	IL	Kensington	MD	Carver	MN	Las Vegas	NV
Winchester	IL	Port Tobacco	MD	Detroit Lakes	MN	Reno	NV
Xenia	IL	Prince Frederick	MD	Duluth	MN	Alden	NY
La Grange	IL	Silver Spring	MD	Inver Grove Heights	MN	Ballston Spa	NY
Peoria	IL	St. Leonard	MD	Lengby	MN	Bronx	NY
Wheaton	IL	Upper Marlboro	MD	Rochester	MN	Brooklyn	NY
Shelbyville	IN	Urbana	MD	Rosemount	MN	Clarence Center	NY
Valparaiso	IN	Houlton	ME	Blue Springs	MO	Cohoes	NY
Fort Riley	KS	Ann Arbor	MI	Columbia	MO	Corning	NY
Junction City	KS	Auburn Hills	MI	Union	MO	East Atlantic Beach	NY
Kansas City	KS	Battle Creek	MI	Catawissa	MO	East Meadow	NY
Leavenworth	KS	Boyne City	MI	Highlandville	MO	Fort Drum	NY
Manhattan	KS	Brighton	MI	Baldwyn	MS	Fredonia	NY
Milford	KS	Byron Center	MI	Bay Saint Louis	MS	Geneva	NY
Olathe	KS	Caro	MI	Foxworth	MS	Getzville	NY
Overland Park	KS	Cedar Springs	MI	Gulfport	MS	Hewlett	NY
Salina	KS	Chesterfield	MI	Hattiesburg	MS	Loweville	NY
Shawnee	KS	Commerce Township	MI	Kiln	MS	Monroe	NY
Wichita	KS	Corunna	MI	Mooreville	MS	New York	NY
Alexandria	LA	Ferndale	MI	Moss Point	MS	Newburgh	NY
Arabi	LA	Flint	MI	Philadelphia	MS	Oswego	NY
Covington	LA	Fraser	MI	Union	MS	Patterson	NY

Pittsford	NY	Philadelphia	PA	Fort Hood	TX	South Chesterfield	VA
Port Henry	NY	Pittsburgh	PA	Fort Worth	TX	Stafford	VA
Ravena	NY	Seward	PA	Frost	TX	Vienna	VA
Rochester	NY	Spring Grove	PA	Gatesville	TX	Virginia Beach	VA
Selkirk	NY	Attleboro	RI	Georgetown	TX	Williamsburg	VA
Syracuse	NY	Central Falls	RI	Greenville	TX	Yorktown	VA
Troy	NY	Cranston	RI	Harker Heights	TX	Arlington	WA
Tyrone	NY	North Providence	RI	Houston	TX	Centralia	WA
Walden	NY	Pawtucket	RI	Hurst	TX	Cheney	WA
Wallkill	NY	Providence	RI	Irving	TX	College Place	WA
Watertown	NY	Bluffton	SC	Kellar	TX	Edmonds	WA
Weedspport	NY	Columbia	SC	Kennedale	TX	Everett	WA
Stow	OH	Easley	SC	Kileen	TX	Joint Base Lewis-McChord	WA
Troy	OH	Goose Creek	SC	Kyle	TX	Lacey	WA
Wooster	OH	Hopkins	SC	Lawn	TX	Lakewood	WA
Troy	OH	Jackson	SC	Lometa	TX	McChord Air Force Base	WA
Checotah	OK	Lexington	SC	Lumberton	TX	Olympia	WA
Durant	OK	Lyman	SC	Mansfield	TX	Puyallup	WA
El Reno	OK	North Charleston	SC	Mc Gregor	TX	Seattle	WA
Haskell	OK	Piedmont	SC	McAllen	TX	Spokane	WA
Lawton	OK	Simpsonville	SC	McKinney	TX	Tacoma	WA
Noble	OK	Swansea	SC	Mesquite	TX	Walla Walla	WA
Norman	OK	Warrenville	SC	Mission	TX	Tacoma	WA
Oklahoma City	OK	Lead	SD	Moody	TX	Appleton	WI
Owasso	OK	Piedmont	SD	New Caney	TX	Darlington	WI
Porter	OK	Yankton	SD	Nolanville	TX	Deer Park	WI
Purcell	OK	Chattanooga	TN	Pflugerville	TX	Elkhorn	WI
Sapulpa	OK	Clarksville	TN	Pharr	TX	Green Bay	WI
Stillwater	OK	Dover	TN	Plano	TX	Hazel Green	WI
Tulsa	OK	Elizabethton	TN	Rowlett	TX	Horicon	WI
Claremore	OK	Franklin	TN	Salado	TX	Hudson	WI
Lawton	OK	Goodspring	TN	San Antonio	TX	Jackson	WI
Miami	OK	LaVergne	TN	Seguin	TX	Marshfield	WI
Newcastle	OK	Murfreesboro	TN	Sugarland	TX	Neenah	WI
Baker City	OR	Nashville	TN	Sunset	TX	Shullsburg	WI
Creswell	OR	Woodlawn	TN	Temple	TX	Waukesha	WI
Hillsboro	OR	Amarillo	TX	Texarkana	TX	Wilmot	WI
Tigard	OR	Arlington	TX	The Colony	TX	Hazel Green	WI
Baker City	OR	Austin	TX	Three Rivers	TX	Orfordville	WI
Alburtis	PA	Bastrop	TX	Uvalde	TX	Glen Daniel	WV
Beaver Falls	PA	Beaumont	TX	Waco	TX	Grant Town	WV
Bellefonte	PA	Brownsville	TX	Watauga	TX	Huntington	WV
Bethel Park	PA	Cameron	TX	Weslaco	TX	Cheyenne	WY
Carlisle	PA	Copperas Cove	TX	Yantis	TX	Rawlins	WY
Chambersburg	PA	Corsicana	TX	Santaquin	UT	Rivertown	WY
Connellsville	PA	Dallas	TX	Lexington	VA	Shelly	WY
Evan City	PA	Denton	TX	Norfolk	VA	Sheridan	WY
Hanover	PA	El Paso	TX	Petersburg	VA	Shell	WY
New Freeport	PA	Fort Davis	TX	Prince George	VA		

I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM YOU:

As promised in the last newsletter, below are two additional video links taken at the November 3rd Shawl Gathering in Hartford. (The final two will be in next month's issue.) Below, it's my honor to introduce you to two very active members of our ministry, **Teresa Knipper's group, Knitting and Prayer of St. Paul's, Princeton, New Jersey**, joined us on November 17, 2008. In that time, Teresa's group has sent 16 prayer shawls to Dover Air Base, and they are excited about making the GS prayer shawl. You all remember the devastating effects of Hurricane Sandy? Well, Teresa was without power for several days, but that did not stop her from driving up to Hartford to be with us that day! She told me it was so nice to be in a Hartford hotel overnight with hot water and electricity! It has been my pleasure to meet Teresa twice at the Shawl Gathering!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YCwBPhk6b_8

Another extremely active member of our ministry is **Becky Bowers, who heads the Belmont Baptist Church's prayer shawl group from Charlottesville, Virginia**. Becky's group also joined us way back in December 5, 2008. In that time they have delivered twenty-four prayer shawls to Dover Air Base - in several cases, they drove to Dover from Virginia to hand deliver our gifts! They too have come forward to help us make GS ps. This is a dedicated group gives prayer shawls for various causes, including ours! I believe this is the fourth time I have had the pleasure of meeting up with Becky and Martha Lynch at the Shawl Gathering! They are amazing to make the trip all the way from Virginia! Check out Martha's lovely red/white/blue crocheted "Stars and Stripes" prayer shawl (including directions) on our website!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WQL4callf-U>

II. DOVER PROGRAM:

One of the best parts of "The New Prayer Shawl Companion" book is being able to reconnect with former Army Chaplain Dave Sorensen. I thought you'd like to see what he wrote when I sent him a link to last month's newsletter. He continues to spread good will with prayer shawls in his "afterlife" post Dover Air Base. Dave now lives in Wisconsin and writes:

One of the ongoing results of my contact with you and appreciation for what PS4FS does is my interest in people who make prayer shawls here in Wisconsin. We have volunteers who provide us with prayer shawls at the Lutheran Home where I serve so that I am able to offer prayer shawls to new residents and to residents as they come to the chapel and need one to stay warm. As I do, I inevitably am reminded of the good work we did together and that PS4FS continues to do. I think the interest in the 'gold star' prayer shawl is very touching. All the best to you in the New Year. Dave

IV. THANK YOU NOTES AND MESSAGES:



Below we have a "dual-request", first from a mother, and then (on the next page) from her daughter. Their requests came in separately, and ended up being fulfilled by two different groups!

PS4FS knitter/crocheter Terrie Hostmark, who lives in Morehead City, North Carolina, agreed to make a prayer shawl for a direct request from mother, Cheryl Baynard, who lives in Naples, North Carolina. Cheryl's son's name is SGT S. Matthew Baynard, DOD July 23, 2012. Cheryl writes: (2 photos, 1 left, 1 right)

Thanks so much. I plan on giving the prayer shawls to his son, my grandson, who is 4-years-old. I will explain the process to him: that wonderful people, like you, made this in honor of his dad! Again, thank you so much!

Upon receiving the prayer shawl, Cheryl writes:

The shawl arrived yesterday and it is gorgeous! It's so ironic that his favorite color was Carolina Tarheel blue - that's the color of the shawl! I can't even tell you how much comfort this will bring to his son. Is there a way I can request two more shawls, one for myself and one for his wife? If not, I understand. Thanks again! Cheryl

(This story continues on the next page with a second member of our ministry)



PS4Fs knitter/crocheter Annette Swartwout heads two prayer shawl groups, one in Rocky Mount United Methodist Church in Mooresville, North Carolina, and the second at St. Mary the Virgin Church in Falmouth, Maine. She has belonged to our ministry since April 22, 2008. Annette is among our most prolific members sending cards to at least 30 names each month. She contacts me each month asking for names from the newsletter's Casualty List. We thank you for what you do here, Annette and the wonderful knitters and crocheters of your two groups! You are truly a trooper among us!

Mother, Cheryl (in story above) told her daughter Zebbi Baynard-Sampler about us. Zebbie, from Hendersonville, North Carolina, felt it would also bring her some much needed peace! She writes:

I'm the sister of Sgt. S. Matthew Baynard. He was a first sergeant in the US Army Airborne. He passed away in his home in Seattle, WA on July, 23, 2012, at 23 years of age. My mother told me to make sure to give you my address. Thank you so much. Your gratitude is highly appreciated and forever praised. God Bless, Zebbi Baynard Sampler

Upon confirmation she would receive a prayer shawl from Annette's group, Zebbi writes:

Thank you so very much. You have no idea how much this means to me. This is one hard loss that no one could've prepared for. He was taken from us too soon. Any comfort is enough for us. Thank you so much, and please let us know how we can help out with your ministry. We would love to donate and get involved in any way. Thank you again.



Left: Annette Swartwout (in red jacket on left) with her knitting group. We thank you all for your wonderful "praying hands" filled with yarn!

PS4FS knitter Roma Anderson, who belongs to the Needle Nippers, Westminster Presbyterian Church in Vero Beach, Florida, graciously accepted a direct request from Linda Schumann, from Port St. Lucie, Florida. Linda is the proud mother of SPC Jordan C. Schumann. She writes: (2 photos, 1 left, 1 right)

I am requesting a prayer shawl. My son, SPC Jordan C. Schumann, US Army, was KIA July 5, 2011. He and two other soldiers were killed on a rescue mission by an IED. The only thing that has gotten our family through this loss is tons of prayers and the grace of God. Thank you for your consideration, sincerely, Linda Schumann, Port St Lucie, Florida

Upon hearing Roma would send her the prayer shawl, Linda wrote:

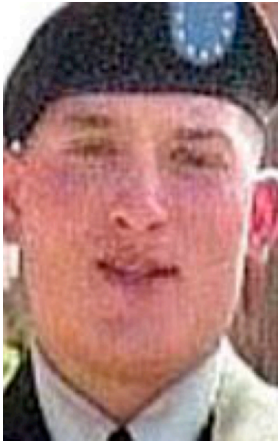
Cozette and Roma, I feel so honored by your willingness to make this prayer shawl. It will be extra special due to the closeness of the knitter. Jordan's birthday is this week so it has been really tough not even considering Christmas. Jordan will be celebrating Jesus's birthday with him. We

continue to walk in faith and pray for the day that all God's saints are reunited. Bless you both, you will never know what a blessing you are to us. Have a Merry Christmas, Linda

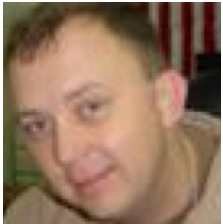
Below is a moving YouTube tribute video of Jordan, including his wedding day:

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





PS4FS knitter/crocheter Nancy McCarty, who heads St. Luke's Lutheran Church's prayer shawl group from Williamsport, Pennsylvania, graciously accepted a direct request from Sunny Porterfield, not for Sunny herself, but as a surprise for her stepfather in memory of SPC Justin Robert Jarrett, DOD October 2, 2006. (Notice earlier DOD) Justin's father's name is Gary Jarrett, and he lives in Locust Grove, Pennsylvania. As Sunny writes below, Justin's mother had received one from us, but not the father. We are always grateful to fulfill these requests! Sunny writes: *(1 photo left)*
Hello, I saw your post on my brother's memorial page/legacy guestbook from 2009. I don't know if you ever received information on sending a prayer shawl. His mother and father are divorced, so you may have just received his mother's. I would love if his father (my step father) could have one as well. Thank you for all you do. Sunny



PS4FS knitter/crocheter, Robin Lambert, who lives in Vinemont, Alabama, has been with our ministry since the beginning, joining us October 25, 2007. She was the first to come forward to answer a direct request from Faye Ausborn, proud mother of Air Force MAJ Jeffrey Ausborn, DOD 4/27/2011. Faye lives in Gadsden, Alabama and writes: *(2 photos, 1 left, 1 right)*

Hello, I was just looking thru the comp. and I had never heard of the prayer shawl. My son, Major Jeffrey Onial Ausborn, was murdered in Afghanistan on April 27, 2011. He was my only child. And he also leaves behind three children here in Alabama. If possible I would like to receive four prayer shawls. Thank you! Faye Ausborn, Gadsden, Alabama

