

PS4FS Monthly Newsletter – October 2013

Dear PS4FS friends,

Just a reminder, Dover continues to **not** need prayer shawls, this is very good news. For those of you looking for a needy place to send your prayer shawls, below is the information of a hospice group who is in need, especially for veterans. It is NOT necessary to give me the numbers you send, as I am not keeping track. Thank you all for continuing your crusade of love and caring!:

Attn: Elizabeth Ortiz, Administrative Assistant
St. Luke's Hospice House
2455 Black River Road
Bethlehem, PA 18015
610-997-7120

An important reminder is that as of June 1st, we no longer are receiving the Army's Casualty List, which means we are now working on an old list of casualties. I urge each of you to seek opportunities of names you may hear in the media, write down the name, look it up, contact that family to see if they'd like a prayer shawl. It's a noble thing to do; families are so touched by our work! There are countless ways to contact families - via Googling them using the military name (I like to add the words "guest book" – see our website for easy instructions), sending them a card, visiting them, or, as one of our members did this past month (see newsletter story), visit the funeral home and leave your work with them. Of course, attaching a card with your information is always a good idea, so they know who you are and may thank you IF they are not too grief-stricken to do so.

Once again the **Prayer Shawl Ministry in West Hartford** is having their annual Gathering on November 3rd! This is an outstanding event! I will not be able to go this year, but urge each of you to consider going! It's so much fun! Details are included in the newsletter under "*Communications From You*".

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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# Prayer Shawls made since October 2007:	6,708	Includes Dover prayer shawls (yellow numbers below)
# sent to Dover since inception of program (Sept. 2009):	3,783	
# Prayer Shawl Groups/Individuals:	281	

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" or "guest list", 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.

Note: 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.

Ashford	AL	Huntsville	AL	Oneonta	AL	Wetumpka	AL
Blountsville	AL	Madison	AL	Opelika	AL	Cullman	AL
Cullman	AL	Millbrook	AL	Phenix City	AL	Jacksonville	AL
Grady	AL	Mobile	AL	Russellville	AL	Oneonta	AL

Hamburg	AR	Vista	CA	Largo	FL	Springfield	IL
Little Rock	AR	Walnut	CA	Lakeland	FL	Waukegan	IL
Monticello	AR	Westwood	CA	Auburndale	FL	Xenia	IL
Warren	AR	Yucaipa	CA	Matlacha	FL	La Grange	IL
Florence	AZ	Alameda	CA	Inverness	FL	Peoria	IL
Glendale	AZ	Blythe	CA	Ocala	FL	Wheaton	IL
Huachuca City	AZ	Brawley	CA	Brooksville	FL	Fort Riley	KS
Kingman	AZ	Citrus Heights	CA	Land O Lakes	FL	Independence	KS
Laveen	AZ	Fullerton	CA	Safety Harbor	FL	Junction City	KS
Phoenix	AZ	Lucerne Valley	CA	Kissimmee	FL	Kansas City	KS
Surprise	AZ	Riverside	CA			Leavenworth	KS
Tucson	AZ	Salinas	CA	Fort Benning	GA	Manhattan	KS
Winslow	AZ	San Jose	CA			Milford	KS
Arcadia	CA	Tustin	CA	Hinesville	GA	Overland Park	KS
Castaic	CA	Winchester	CA	Kennesaw	GA	Salina	KS
Cathedral City	CA	Yuba City	CA	Rincon	GA	Shawnee	KS
Crescent City	CA	Aurora	CO	Honolulu	HI	Wichita	KS
Cupertino	CA	Canon City	CO	Mililani	HI	Alexandria	LA
		Colorado Springs	CO	Wahiawa	HI	Arabi	LA
Delano	CA	Denver	CO	Waianae	HI	Fort Polk	LA
Empire	CA	Fountain	CO	Ankeny	IA	Gueydan	LA
Hemet	CA	Fruita	CO	Cascade	IA	Jonesboro	LA
Hesperia	CA	Parker	CO	Davenport	IA	Lake Charles	LA
Huntington Beach	CA	Salida	CO	Eldridge	IA	Leesville	LA
Indio	CA	Thornton	CO	Gilmore City	IA	Metairie	LA
Julian	CA	Westcliffe	CO	Johnston	IA	Pearl River	LA
Kelseyville	CA	Colorado Springs	CO	Red Oak	IA	Port Barre	LA
La Grange	CA	Denver	CO	Shenandoah	IA	West Monroe	LA
Lake Elsinore	CA	Madison	CT	Bonnors Ferry	ID		
Lodi	CA	Suffield	CT	Crown Point	ID	Dalton	MA
Long Beach	CA	Uncasville	CT	East Chicago	ID	Gloucester	MA
Los Angeles	CA	Waterford	CT	Jerome	ID	Mansfield	MA
Lucerne	CA	Willimantic	CT	Kuna	ID	North Adams	MA
Menifee	CA	Winsted	CT	Lewiston	ID	Tewksbury	MA
Mission Viejo	CA	Washington,	DC	Preston	ID	Westford	MA
Moorpark	CA	Hockessin	DE	Twin Falls	ID	Attleboro	MA
Murrieta	CA	Orange Park	FL	Bonnors Ferry	ID	Ann Arbor	MI
New Cuyama	CA	The Villages	FL	Jerome	ID	Battle Creek	MI
Newman	CA	Palatka	FL	Rupert	ID	Boyne City	MI
		Jacksonville	FL	Aledo	IL	Byron Center	MI
Norwalk	CA	Tallahassee	FL	Auroa	IL	Caro	MI
Oak Hills	CA	Debary	FL	Berwyn	IL	Cedar Springs	MI
Ojai	CA	Palm Bay	FL	Carpentersville	IL	Chesterfield	MI
Ontario	CA	Cocoa	FL	Chicago	IL	Commerce Township	MI
Redding	CA	Pembroke Pines	FL	Cottage Hills	IL	Corunna	MI
Running Springs	CA	Homestead	FL	Fox Lake	IL	Ferndale	MI
Sacramento	CA	Davie	FL	Gurnee	IL	Fraser	MI
San Bernardino	CA	Boca Raton	FL	Lawrenceville	IL	Gaylord	MI
San Diego	CA	Zephyrhills	FL	Moline	IL	Grand Rapids	MI
San Francisco	CA	Wesley Chapel	FL	Mount Carmel	IL	Grandville	MI
San Jose	CA	Lithia	FL	Nelson	IL	Granger	MI
		Plant City	FL	New Windsor	IL	Harrison Township	MI
San Luis Obispo	CA	Riverview	FL	North Aurora	IL	Hazel Park	MI
Tehachapi	CA	Tampa	FL	Oak Park	IL	Kalamazoo	MI
Ventura	CA	Saint Petersburg	FL	Round Lake Beach	IL	Lansing	MI
Victorville	CA	Clearwater	FL	Sheffield	IL	Midland	MI

Morley	MI	White Sands	NM			Lometa	TX
Muskegon	MI	Fallon	NV	Roseburg	OR	Mc Gregor	TX
Owosso	MI	Henderson	NV	Tigard	OR	McAllen	TX
Rochester Hills	MI	Las Vegas	NV			McKinney	TX
Saginaw	MI	Reno	NV	Woodburn	OR		
Saline	MI	Alden	NY	Baker City	OR	Mercedes	TX
Sanford	MI	Brockport	NY	Philadelphia	PA	Mesquite	TX
Shelby Township	MI	Bronx	NY	Ridgeway	PA	Mission	TX
Sturgis	MI	Brooklyn	NY	Shenandoah	PA		
Whitmore Lake	MI	Clarence Center	NY	Uniontown	PA	Montgomery	TX
Williamston	MI	Corning	NY	Attleboro	RI	Moody	TX
Ypsilanti	MI	East Atlantic Beach	NY	North Providence	RI	Nolanville	TX
Saginaw	MI	East Meadow	NY	Warwick	RI	San Antonio	TX
Apple Valley	MN	Fort Drum	NY			Spring	TX
Carver	MN	Fredonia	NY	Easley	SC	Texarkana	TX
Detroit Lakes	MN	Geneva	NY			The Colony	TX
		Getzville	NY	Kershaw	SC	Three Rivers	TX
Saint Paul	MN	Loweville	NY	Chattanooga	TN	Uvalde	TX
Cabool	MO	Newburgh	NY	Clarksville	TN	Waco	TX
Columbia	MO	Oswego	NY	Dover	TN		
Essex	MO	Pittsford	NY	Elizabethton	TN	West Jordan	UT
New Bloomfield	MO	Port Henry	NY	Franklin	TN	Centralia	WA
Platte City	MO	Ravena	NY			College Place	WA
Union	MO	Rochester	NY	Knoxville	TN	Edmonds	WA
Catawissa	MO	Selkirk	NY	Memphis	TN	Joint Base Lewis-	
Highlandville	MO	Troy	NY	Oak Ridge	TN	McChord	WA
Baldwyn	MS	Waterford	NY			Lacey	WA
Bay Saint Louis	MS	Weedspport	NY	Shelbyville	TN		
Ecru	MS	Cleveland	OH	Woodlawn	TN	Olympia	WA
Gulfport	MS	Glouster	OH	Alvarado	TX	Puyallup	WA
Hattiesburg	MS			Amarillo	TX	Seattle	WA
Kiln	MS	Greenfield	OH	Arlington	TX	Spokane	WA
Mooreville	MS	Murray City	OH	Austin	TX	Tacoma	WA
Moss Point	MS			Bastrop	TX	Walla Walla	WA
Philadelphia	MS	Washington	OH	Beaumont	TX	Deer Park	WI
Union	MS	Checotah	OK	Brownsville	TX	Hazel Green	WI
Vancleave	MS	Claremore	OK	College Station	TX	Horicon	WI
		Durant	OK	Copperas Cove	TX	Hudson	WI
Ballantine	MT	Edmond	OK	Corpus Christi	TX	Marshfield	WI
Black Eagle	MT	El Reno	OK	Corsicana	TX	Shullsburg	WI
Great Falls	MT	Fort Sill	OK	Dallas	TX	Wilmot	WI
Fletcher	NC	Haskell	OK	El Paso	TX	Hazel Green	WI
		Lawton	OK	Fort Hood	TX	Orfordville	WI
Hope Mills	NC	Noble	OK	Frost	TX	Casper	WY
		Norman	OK	Harker Heights	TX	Cheyenne	WY
Morganton	NC	Oklahoma City	OK	Houston	TX	Evansville	WY
		Purcell	OK			Rawlins	WY
Trenton	NJ	Shawnee	OK	Jarrell	TX	Rivertown	WY
Albuquerque	NM	Claremore	OK	Kempner	TX	Shelly	WY
Bayard	NM	Lawton	OK	Kennedale	TX	Sheridan	WY
Espanola	NM	Miami	OK	Kileen	TX	Shell	WY
Farmington	NM	Newcastle	OK	Kyle	TX		
Las Cruces	NM	Baker City	OR	Lamesa	TX		
Santa Teresa	NM			Little Elm	TX		

Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering

**Saturday
November 2nd**

10am – 2pm

Doors open at 9:30am

**St. Patrick ~ St. Anthony
Church – Hartford, CT**



13th Annual Gathering

Location 285 Church Street
Hartford, CT
Franciscan Center
for Urban Ministry

*Free parking across
the street*

Share Ministry tips and
ideas. Learn about
what other ministries
are doing.

Friends Connect with old
friends – meet new
ones!

Reflect Meditate
Pray
Center
Time for yourself

“You created every
part of me, knitting
me in my Mother’s
Womb. For such
handiwork, I praise
you. Awesome this
great wonder!”

Psalm 139: 13-14

Gathering the Circles

Please join us for our annual ecumenical
gathering of the various Shawl Ministry
circles in Connecticut and beyond.

During our time there will be an
opportunity for knitting/crochet, prayer,
storytelling, and sharing. Bring your
knitting/crochet, stories, ideas, tips,
prayers and shawls.

If you wish, bring a bag lunch. Soup will
be donated again this year from the

House of Bread. Beverages and dessert
will be available – see registration form if
you’d like to donate a dessert.

This event is recommended for
established prayer shawl
knitters/crocheters.

Pre-registration is required and space is
limited (first come-first serve basis.
Monies are non-refundable).

~~~ Annual Yarn Swap ~~~

In an effort to encourage shawls made from leftover yarn, please bring your extra or leftover remnant balls and skeins of yarn to swap for different colors and types of yarn. These shawls have been given various names:

Anawim Shawls Joseph's Coat Shawl Odd Ball Shawls Remembrance Shawls Gypsy Shawls

As a guideline, each knitted shawl uses about 18 oz. of yarn, crocheted about 24 oz. If you have already made these types or similar types of shawls please bring them to display!

Directions to St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church and The Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry 285 Church Street Hartford, CT 06103 - Free parking in the Metro Lot across the street.

(Directions taken from: <http://www.spsact.org/sites/about/directions.html>)

Location - St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church and the Franciscan Center for Urban Ministry are located at 285 Church Street in downtown Hartford, on the corner of Church and Ann Ucello Streets. They are one block west of the Hartford Civic Center and two blocks east of Union Station.

Coming from points west of Hartford (West Hartford, Farmington, Waterbury): Traveling on I84 - Take Exit 49 (Ann Ucello). At the end of ramp turn right onto High Street. At the 1st light, turn left onto Church Street. The church and center are at the end of the block on the right.

Coming from points east of Hartford (East Hartford, Manchester, Tolland): Traveling on 84 - Take Exit 50 (Main Street). Go to the 3rd light and turn left onto Trumbull Street. Go to 2nd light and turn right onto Church Street. Go one block to Ann Street. The church is across the intersection on the left. The center is just beyond.

Coming from points north of Hartford (Windsor, Enfield, Springfield, MA): Traveling on I91 - Take Exit 32 (Trumbull Street). At the end of the ramp go straight ahead; this is Trumbull Street. Follow Trumbull Street to Church Street (including the light at the end of the ramp this is the 6th light). Turn right onto Church Street. Go one block to Ann Ucello Street. The church is across the intersection on the left. The center is just beyond.

Coming from points south of Hartford (Wethersfield, Rocky Hill, New Haven): Traveling on I91 - Take Exit 29A (Capitol Area). Merge into the traffic circle, staying on the right and take the second right (Jewell Street). Follow Jewell Street, keeping Bushnell Park on your left, to the 2nd light and turn right onto Ann Ucello Street. (YMCA on corner). Go two blocks to Church Street. The side of the church and center are on the left.

Mail-in registration must be post-marked no later than *Friday October 25th OR, until capacity is reached**
 *** Cutoff deadlines are subject to change - Check our website: www.shawlministry.com for announcements prior to mailing checks.
 Once registration is closed we will not accept walk-ins.

Make checks payable to: St. Patrick ~ St. Anthony Prayer Shawl Ministry 285 Church Street Hartford, CT 06103

Pre-registration is required and space is limited (first come-first serve basis. Monies are non-refundable).

Registration Form (please print):

Your Name: _____

*Church/Group Name (optional): _____

*Only one slip is needed for each church/group. This should be done by the Shawl Ministry Coordinator for the group.

Contact Phone No.: _____ Contact Email Address: _____

Number of People Attending: _____ X \$7.00 each = Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Check here if you or your group would like to donate dessert: _____

Autographed Book Request (note prices vary):

2012 - The New Prayer Shawl Companion (9/18/12): _____ X \$23.00 each = Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

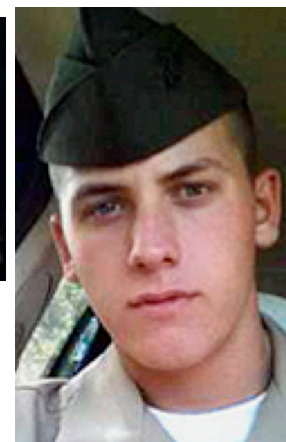
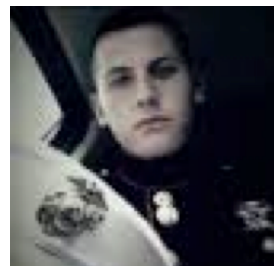
2010 - The Crochet Prayer Shawl Companion (9/7/10): _____ X \$20.00 each = Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

2008 - The Prayer Shawl Companion (9/23/08): _____ X \$20.00 each = Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

II. THANK YOU NOTES AND MESSAGES:

PS4FS knitter/crocheter Lynne Neibert, who heads the Trindle Spring Lutheran Church group in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, shares a request from a family member, Teresa (aunt), for Faye Tuttle, who lives in Porter, Indiana. Faye is grandmother to Lance Corporal Benjamin W. Tuttle, DOD 7/14/13. Ben, from Gentry, Arkansas, was only 19 years old when he died in Afghanistan. Lynne and everyone at Trindle Spring Lutheran Church, thank you for continuing to Google names and seek out so many families who are elated to hear from you. They are so happy to know we exist, and still care, as shown by Teresa's note below: (2 photos right)

I am Ben's aunt. If you could please send a lap robe to my wonderful mother in law, Faye Tuttle, who raised Ben, that would be wonderful. She is an amazing woman who raised this brave young man. All the support and outpouring of prayers for our family at this hard time is so overwhelming. I cannot begin to express my gratitude! It truly has restored my faith in humanity. People like you are appreciated more than you know. God has a special place for you I am sure. Although many family members would like a gift, I am only asking for one for my mother in law. Thank you and God bless you! Teresa



Below is a link to a video about Ben:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qgXZL-YPqml>



PS4FS knitter/crocheter Becky Bowers, who heads the Belmont Baptist Church's prayer shawl group in Charlottesville, Virginia, has been an extremely active group with us since December 5, 2008. Becky, her husband, Willie, and members from her group often see a name in the newspaper and then drive to personally give them prayer shawls. It's a true mission of love with them! They have also made several trips to Dover Air Base, and have attended the Prayer Shawl Ministry's Gathering each November! Just think of all that driving for their mission of love! We thank you, Becky, Martha Lynch, and others from the group, including important driver Willie! On this occasion, Becky called to tell me they delivered three prayer shawls to the funeral home (thus they did not meet the family this time). The funeral home gave the three prayer shawls to the family of Master

Sgt. George A. Bannar, Jr.'s family (DOD: 8/21/13). Martha explained in a follow-up email: (3 photos above left, including MSG Bannar's ceremony at Dover Air Base.)

I tried to call you over the weekend to let you know about Master Sgt. George A. Bannar Jr.'s death. Since his hometown (Orange, Virginia) is not far from Charlottesville - Martha, my husband, Willie and I delivered three red, white and blue shawls to the funeral home for his wife, mother and father. Warmest regards Rebecca D. Bowers (Becky)



PS4FS knitter/crocheter Julie Aamot, who lives in Custer, Washington, was the first to answer a direct request from Hannah White, loving sister (and currently in the Navy) of SPC Joseph Valere White, DOD 9/24/09 (notice earlier DOD). Hannah lives in Bellevue, Washington. Our ministry has seven members in the great state of Washington. Our database shows that Julie also sent a prayer shawl to Joseph's wife, Jessica. So it was appropriate for Julie to be the first to reply to this request. Below is Hannah's request for her mother: (4 photos: 1 left, 3 right)

Hello! My name is Hannah White, you posted on my brother's guest book online. I'm Joe's little sister, and in the Navy. I was wondering if I could order a shawl for my mom back home. Joe was an specialist, airborne infantry. His date of death is September 24th 2009. Thank you so much for what you do. Y'all

are amazing. Hannah White





PS4FS knitter/crocheter Diane Landmesser, who works with St. Theodore's Episcopal Church's prayer shawl group in Bella Vista, Arkansas, shares a moving story. Once again, the tragic story line she refers to is one I well remember hearing about in national news. The prayer shawl request comes from Karen S. Lubbers, loving mother of SGM William Leo Lubbers, DOD 11/15/12. Karen lives in Holiday Island, Arkansas. Diane writes: (4 photos, 1 left, 3 below)

Today I received a thank you note from Karen Lubbers, mother of William Lubbers. After contacting her, I sent a prayer shawl to Karen. William was one of the injured veterans who were riding on a float at Midland, TX for a parade in a benefit sponsored by the local charity Show of Support/Hunt for Heroes. The flatbed was struck by a train as it crossed the track with four killed and sixteen injured. Karen expressed her gratitude for the support and comfort which the shawl provides.

