

(This email is from a woman who runs the Faulkenburg Theater in Baghdad. It is a movie theater for our troops while they are deployed.)

Judy" I sent you a Christmas card letting you know how much the soldiers loved your letters and gifts. Here are a few picture's for you and all your volunteers. THANKS so much, Andrea at the Faulkenburg Theater

I would like to take this time to **Thank you, ALL**, once again, for helping to make our "**Stockings for Soldiers**" such a great and successful project this year. You **ALL** have helped to bring some extra smiles to our wonderful Troops for the Holidays. **Thank you** for making such a great difference in the lives of some of our Troops.

I would like to try to mention **EVERYONE** who has helped us this year. There were so many wonderful people, so please accept this **Thank You** as:

OUR OFFICIAL *THANK YOU* List. ***

***** (I apologize, in advance, if I have omitted anyone's name.)**

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In case some of you might have missed our publicity, here are some links:

2007 TV story: Our NBC-10 link is on our web site.

2006 TV website LINK <http://cbs3.com/video/?id=33551@kyw.dayport.com>

DE National Guard 2007 article website LINK:

<http://www.delawarenationalguard.com/home/new/content/dngnews/2007/dec/xmasstocking.cfm>

DE National Guard 2006 article website LINK:

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<http://www.kodakgallery.com/Slideshow.jsp?mode=fromshare&Uc=iqgrmp2.7fclzwuy&Uy=vtf8bk&Ux=0>

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<http://www.militarycity.com/valor/2474381.html>

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It has been my privilege to coordinate this wonderful project. **Thank You**, everyone, for all your support and assistance. We are getting ready to start our planning for our 2008 project. If anyone would like to assist us, there are many ways to start:

1. Sewing Stockings now would be very wonderful.
2. Knitting hats for our troops. See website for the pattern.
http://www.west-point.org/family/support-our-troops/hat_directions.htm
3. Purchasing and donating Holiday fabric, while on sale. (Please hold on delivery until September.)
4. Collecting gently-used paperback books, DVD movies, Music CD's. (Please, no hard cover books and please hold until September.)
5. Tell your Friends to join with us in September to help make the Holidays Special for our Troops.

With sincere appreciation and gratitude,

Judy

Judy Travis
Delaware Project Coordinator

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Have a Happy & Healthy New Year. Hope we'll see you all next September.