

194th



KARS



April Issue

Kids Awaiting Returning Soldiers &

Family Readiness Newsletter

KARS Meeting

194th Engineer Website

www.194engineers.com

*Come join the fun!!!
Picnic and Playtime*

Date: 4/30/05

*Place: Aldersgate
Playground Behind the
Church*

Time: 4p-6p

*Also see pg3 for
information regarding the 194th
meeting in Nashville*



CONGRATULATIONS!!!

*Congratulations Sergeant John Fuller and
Alisa! They are proud grandparents of a
BABY GIRL AT 10:11*

*4-05-05. She weighed 6LBS AND 10OZS 20
Inches long.*

This bill was introduced into the U.S. House of Representatives

H.R. 923

Title: To amend title 39, United States Code, to provide for free mailing privileges for personal correspondence and parcels sent by family members from within the United States to members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty in Iraq or Afghanistan! .

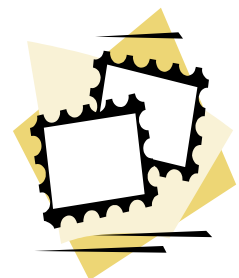
Sponsor: Rep Fossella, Vito (NY-13) (introduced 2/17/2005)

Latest Major Action: 2/17/2005 Referred to House Committee.

Status: Referred to the House Committee on Government Reform.

Please read about this legislation and contact your Congressperson.

Here is a link to email your representative: <http://www.house.gov/writerep/>



Messages To Our Soldiers

Andrew Moore-We miss you and can't wait to see you. We love you.
Lauren & Garrett



Jonathan Ulrich-Hi Jonathan, baseball has started. Emanuel is a better coach this year, I can't wait until you get home, I miss you, I love and wish you were here. Bye, love you Paul.
PS. I'm sending you a camouflage bracelet

John Edwards-I miss you I love you come home soon Kaitlyn

Todd-We would love to say hello Papa take care we love and miss you. Love Patty, kids and grandkids.

Goober-Shelly's got a big girl bed, she can't wait for you to see it. Love Jamie & Shellie.

Michael Wilson-I love you and wish you could come home soon so we could wrestle. Michael

Michael Wilson-I love you daddy, I miss you, I hope you come back soon and I hope you have a good birthday. Love Tyler

The General's Corner

I would like to thank all of the children, spouses and family members for the enormous support during the Easter Season. We were inundated with all sorts of Easter goodies, Girl Scout cookies, cards, letters and photos, which everyone shared in generous amounts. The outpour of your love made the special family holiday go by with a little less homesickness. We look forward to spending next Easter with our families back home. The passing of the Easter holiday reflected the many sacrifices that we have endured for our country, much like the sacrifices that God bestowed upon us during this season. I ask each of you to ponder on our daily sacrifices; both the soldiers' and the families' and to understand in your heart that although each day is difficult with new obstacles to endure, our cause will serve as a greater good for humanity. Again, I thank you for your unwavering support and love.

I GOT YOUR BACK

I am a small and precious child, my dad's been sent to fight...
The only place I'll see his face, is in my dreams at night.
He will be gone too many days for my young mind to keep track.
I may be sad, but I am proud.
My daddy's got your back.
I am a caring mother; my son has gone to war...
My mind is filled with worries that I have never known before.
Everyday I try to keep my thoughts from turning black.
I may be scared, but I am proud.
My son has got your back.
I am a strong and loving wife, with a husband soon to go.
There are times I'm terrified, in a way most never know.
I bite my lip, and force a smile, as I watch my husband pack...
My heart may break, but I am proud.
My husband's got your back...
I am a soldier...
Serving proudly, standing tall.
I fight for freedom, yours and mine, by answering this call.
I do my job while knowing, the thanks it sometimes lacks.
Say a prayer that I'll come home.
It's me who's got your back.

Thank you 194th!



194th Family Support Meeting

What: 194th Family Support Meeting
AND
Granddaughter's 3rd Birthday
Party Celebration

When: Saturday, April 23, 2005
Time: 12:00 noon - until...
Where: Karen Hoffmeister's House
9746 Clovercroft Road
Nolensville, TN 37135



Our next Family Support Meeting is going to be held at my house in combination with celebrating my granddaughters 3rd birthday. I'm just planning on having hot dogs, chips, drinks and birthday cake. I have rented a Scooby Dooby Doo jumper so the children can have a great time. So...just come and join in the fun. Will we also try to conduct a meeting while they are playing.

Please RSVP with how many adults and how many children will be attending by April 15th. You can call me at 615-776-5740 after 5:30 p.m. or email me at khoffmst@genesco.com.
Hope to see you soon!

Directions to house (you can get on mapquest.com)
If you know where Harding Mall is (on Harding and Nolensville Road) (Shoneys was on that corner) just come south down Nolensville Road - and keep coming
you will see a Kroger and a Walmart at Old Hickory/Bell Road intersection just keep going straight (go approximately 8 miles further down that road - Nolensville Road) you will come through the little town of Nolensville
DON'T pass the White Methodist Church or you have gone to far the street to the right just before the Church is CLOVERCROFT (I'm on that street) come on down that street about .8 mile house is on the right 9746 sits way back off the road but you can easily see it
YOU HAVE ARRIVED!
Any questions just call me!



Freedom Bands

Freedom Bands are now for sale!
The proceeds will go to the family support. If you are interested in selling these please contact Kim Brantley at 234-3268 or email her at Racekab1@aol.com



Service Project Opportunity

KARS is in the process of collecting items to send to the children of Iraq. Please bring any of the following items to the KARS meeting and we will ship them for you. We have received several donations for our KARS project that will help cover our postage needs. Thank you to those who are donating their time and funds to help make this possible.

Hard Candy
Gum
Matchbox Cars
Soccer Balls
Pencils
Paper
Colored Pencils
Gauze Pads
Antibacterial Ointment
Ace Bandages



Updated W2 Information

Everyone should have received your new W2C statements by now. If you have not or you have questions the information below can help.

The W2C's were issued because there were some 2004 wages earned while serving in a combat zone that were not adjusted on the original W2. The tax deductions will be refunded when you file your tax return. If you have already received a W2C, disregard this message.

Please call the Customer Service if you have any questions at:

1-888-PAY-ARMY
(1-888-729-2769)



Will's Sports Corner

Hello again everyone. Another month has gone. Not much as been going on sports wise for me. Mom and I did head to Bristol to the races. We went to some of the race shops in North Carolina before we headed to the track. I got to meet one of my favorite drivers, Rusty Wallace while we were there. That was way cool. He should have won the Bristol race but encountered problems with NASCAR. Oh well, there is always the fall. I know that base ball, soft ball and soccer have started. Let me know your scores and I will get in as much as possible. Until next time.

Will Brantley



All Baseball & Softball Players

DON'T FORGET to send Will your sports scores. We want to know how well you and your team are doing this summer. We're proud of all our 194th youth!! All of you are doing a great job during this time.



Diamond Jaxx Family Event

The West Tennessee Diamond Jaxx are planning a special event for military families. It will be a special day for all of us. The event is tentatively scheduled for July the 29th. Stay tuned for upcoming information regarding these plans