

Free Kittens

Free Kittens, to a good home, someone who will love them and give them the life that they deserve. Two white kittens with orange rings down there tails, one girl and one boy. One fluffy orange girl with the craziest little personality. They were born on July 21st and they are already trained to use the litter box and they are eating kitten chow. Contact Jamie Stanley at jamiestanley24@yahoo.com or call 731-847-9248 for more info.



Don't Miss This Upcoming Event

We would like to invite you and your family to our **Fall Festival** to be held on **Saturday, October 29th** from **6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

Malesus United Methodist Church
448 Old Malesus Road
Jackson, TN
427-9195

FREE ADMISSION

FREE FOOD AND GAMES

Hot Dogs

Games

Lots of Candy

Cookies

Prizes

Chili

Chips

194th



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194th Engineer Website
www.194engineers.com



Kids Awaiting Returning Soldiers

Reunion Training

Thank you AmSouth Bank for providing dinner for those who attended the reunion training Sept 20, at Jackson State Community College. The meeting was informative and the kids had a great time on the jumpers and games which were also provided by AmSouth. Also a big thank you goes out to Mrs. Linda Norwood and Terry, Dennis, Mike and LTC Joe Lane for all their support on making the meeting a success once again. If you were unable to attend the training please look at the alternate dates the training will be provided and make plans to attend.

September 29, 2005

Clarksville, TN
LaFayette, TN
McMinnville, TN

If you need additional information regarding the location please contact Terry Black at the Jackson Armory.





Terry, son Glen, granddaughter
Mckenzie on golf course



Terry and son Aaron



Terry and Nancy



Terry with his Mom & Dad

CD Project of Our Troops

A CD is being compiled of pictures taken throughout the deployment. It has started with the day the soldiers left the armory in November and will end on the day they come home. Please submit pictures you would like me to use to wantlm@charter.net We will have enough CD's for all families to have as a keepsake when they return.

Pictures At Home

Email pictures from your soldiers R&R time at home along with the information to wantlm@charter.net and I will include it in the upcoming newsletters. Don't forget-as long as you can present a valid military ID you can meet your soldier at the gate when they get home.

Let Us Continue to Remember These in our Thoughts and Prayers...

230th McKenzie/Milan Company

Family of SSG Dustin Carroll

Family of SPC Christopher Lewis

1st Sgt Johnny Walker's wife Stephanie on the loss of her brother

Union City Company and families

(All 194th Soldiers)

All US Troops and Allied Forces

Karen Hoffmeister

Sarah Basham on the loss of her father

All soldiers and families of the 278th
LTC Jeff Gaylord serving in Afghanistan

A Special Letter To The Families

JOY... Webster defines joy as to experience pleasure or delight and also that the expression of joy is **gaiety**. For most of this year, I have felt a lot like Santa, making lists, checking twice. For example, assist in patriotic send-off from Jackson Armory (check); get good addresses and e-mail addresses on family members (check); gather information and get a procedure started for keeping families informed (check); have periodic meetings for family members (check); attend community outreach functions and represent the 194th (check) and maintain an open line of communication for families to feel there was always someone they could call upon (check, check). What a whirlwind these past ten months have been. I have been wonderfully surprised at the Jackson community and all the support that they have offered to our soldiers and to our families. There have been constant mailings from the Armory to Iraq of community gathered items, everything from eye drops and lip balm to newspapers and magazines. The families here enjoyed the Salute to the TN National Guard families by the Diamond Jaxx and various other sponsors and the meal and entertainment for the families provided by Am-South Bank prior to our Reunion training. These events just scratch the surface of what the community has offered for your benefit.

Not all of my involvement this past year has been joy-filled. There have been times of frustration and anxiety, wondering if we would have enough food or tickets or sponsors, finding the answer to questions we didn't even know to ask until one of you experienced it, and feeling completely inadequate at times to even offer empathy to you when I was not going through this time of separation and could not put myself in your place. All the same, I convinced myself that most of us just want someone to listen and help where we can, so I have made this journey with you using that as my guide. I am sure that we have missed out on some things and did not address every issue for every family, but I trust that we have made a good attempt at maintaining an active Family Readiness Group and one that positively reflects the unit we are so proud of! You are an amazing group of folks, strong and resilient and you are my heroes!

Now, I am nearing the item on my list that has been part of every conversation in every meeting that I have attended, **HOMECOMING!** Which brings me back to **JOY!** We do not have a definite date to mark on the calendar, but we are filled with anticipation as we turn the page of the calendar to another month. As we get closer, I invite and encourage you to take part in the planning and preparation. Watch your email and the newsletters for information and send any ideas to me at jlNorwood@charter.net.

This job did not come with a job description or a paycheck; we have made use of the training materials available and the rest, we made up as we went along. The challenges and rewards have been most rewarding to me and it has been an experience I will never regret.

GAIETY... I know that I won't have the exclusive rights to this expression on **HOMECOMING DAY** but if you want to see it expressed on the face of someone else, find **ME!** I will be rejoicing among you, happy to have everyone reunited and safely home!

- Linda Norwood

Pictures At Home....



Recently Billy Stepps daughter Brooklyn not only participated in the Miss Freedom Pageant at the Milan Unit to help raise money for their soldiers but walked away with a 2nd place trophy. Isn't she gorgeous!! We know her and her sister are missing their daddy but we thought this picture might just brighten Billy's day!! Good job Brooklyn! We are all proud of you.



More Pictures From Home



Arrival At Airport with Terry & wife Nancy/
granddaughter Aubrey



Lunch at Logan's with Terry's family the day of his arrival



Aubrey's first Day of School

I thoroughly enjoyed my return home to spend precious time with family and friends. I am thankful for the time I had with them even though it was so limited. I am looking forward to the day when our journey ends and our mission is complete here in Iraq. I am also thankful that God has sustained us thus far, and am confident "HE" will continue to do so in the remaining days of our deployment.
Terry Buckley

New Additions to the 194th Family



Kathleen Grace
McDaniel

Born: 9/7/05

Weight: 7lb 7oz

Inches: 19.5

Time: 12:23pm



Congrats to CPT Chris, Tay and Christopher McDaniel on the birth of Kathleen Grace.

Congrats to Elliott and Andrea Hughes!!!!!!! On the birth of Emma Katherine was born Saturday, August 20 at 1221am 6lbs 2 oz 18 3/4 in.

Upcoming Event

**Operation S.C.O.U.T. (Support our Community Overseas US Troops)
Jackson Masonic Lodge #45 F&AM**

You Are Invited To Our Friends & Family Picnic

October 9, 2005 1:00pm

Jackson Masonic Lodge

2911 Hwy 45 By Pass Frontage Road

Jackson, Tennessee

As part of our Operation SCOUT Program to support of community US Troops overseas, we would like to invite you, the friends and family of these heroes to join us, the Brothers, friends and families of Jackson Masonic Lodge #45 at our annual Friends and Family Picnic. We will have plenty of food and activities for the kids, including a Moon Walk and Climbing Wall. Your loved ones serving overseas will be receiving a gift box from Jackson Masonic Lodge #45 sometime after September 15, 2005. We would love to meet the brave families here at home of these brave troops. Please allow us the honor of meeting you.
The Masons of Jackson Masonic Lodge.