

THANK-YOU NOTES

Support of troops is appreciated

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed, either money or supplies, to send packages to our adopted service men and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

We have adopted nine service men and women. We are currently stepping up our campaign in supporting our troops. We have formed a nonprofit organization called C.H.O.M.P. (Citizens Helping Overseas Military Personnel). Donation canisters or barrels have been placed at the following locations: Scooter's Hardware, Mix Hardware, Springfield Do-It Center, Pancake House, Brady's Pub and Irish Pub.

If you have a loved one serving in the military, we would be happy to adopt them. Please contact John or Brenda Foltz at 962-2043.

We thank you in advance for helping us in our continued support of our troops.

**C.H.O.M.P.
Committee**

Irish Pub adopts local Marine Justin Vore

The Irish Pub has joined the Adopt A Marine program and adopted local Marine Justin Vore. John and Brenda Foltz, owners of the Irish Pub, and the rest of the crew will be collecting items to be shipped to Vore to share with his unit, currently serving in Afghanistan.

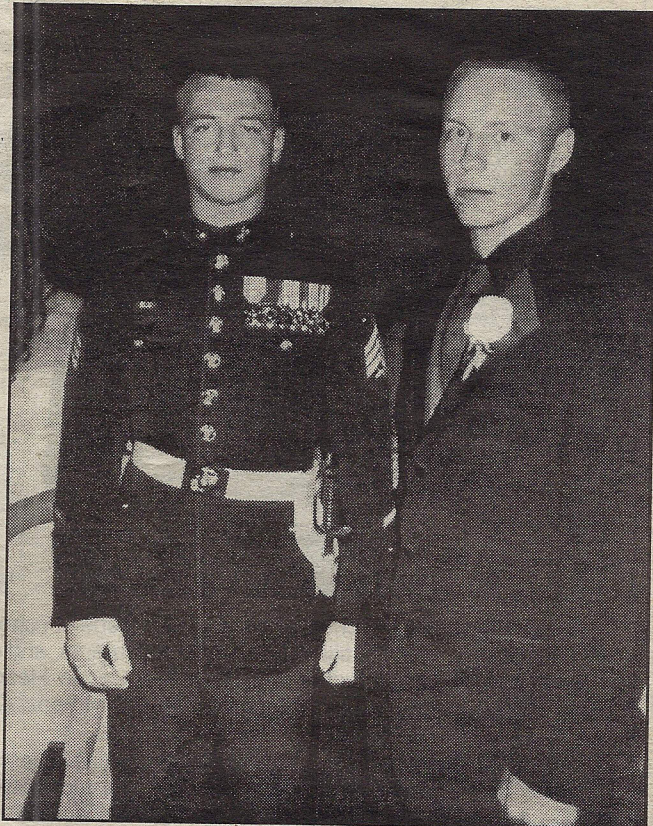
"Sometimes we go through our daily routines and forget about the thousands of young men and women in the military who put their lives on the line for us everyday," said John. "We wanted them to know we are proud of them and that we care."

Marines often request items like newspapers, magazines, snacks, hard candy, beef jerky, comfort foods such as Spaghetti O's and Ravioli, black and white over the calf socks, soap, toothpaste, razors, and especially hand sanitizers and wipes.

In their spare time, they play checkers and chess and other board games, Sudoku and crossword books. They enjoy giving the Iraqi children wrapped candy and sidewalk chalk, soccer balls for the boys, and dolls and hair bows for the girls.

Vore and the rest of his unit hold paper, pens, stamps, and envelopes in high regard for writing home. Letters are near and dear to all the Marines fighting in a foreign land.

"There is no telling how long we will have Marines deployed in the Middle East, but as long as we do, we'll be adopting other Marines," said the adopters.



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"We appreciate and thank you for any donations for Justin and his unit."

For more information or a list of items, visit the Irish Pub, 883 North Ave., or contact Brenda or John Foltz at 962-

2043 or 962-5561. Pub hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday through Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and 4 to 10 p.m. on Saturday. Packages will be mailed monthly.