

**Oceanside Rotary Second Round of Support for Third Battalion, First
Marine Regiment (3/1)
August 2005**

Oceanside Rotary Club presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Third Battalion First Marines on 5 August 2005 for their service to our community and our country. The certificate was accepted by two combat veterans, Sgt James Haslip and Cpl Timothy Perea. Sgt Haslip and Cpl Perea spoke about their experiences in Iraq. Both were wounded in battle while serving with distinction. They received a standing ovation from the club members after their presentation.

**A DIFFERENT WAY TO “SUPPORT OUR TROOPS”
September 2005**



Sergeant Haslip, Third Battalion, First Marines, spoke with Trish Spencer, Oceanside Rotary, regarding a 3/1 Marine that needed assistance. The Marine's family lost everything to Katrina in Pascagoula, Mississippi. There were eight family members living in a two bedroom house during their temporary relocation to Camp Pendleton. Sgt Haslip's presentation to the club on 30 September 2005 was profound and it touched the hearts of all who heard him speak. During the meeting, \$2,200 was collected for the Brown family. The story was so powerful that we decided to share it with the newly chartered Camp Pendleton Rotary Club and Camp Pendleton's Children, Youth and Teen Programs. As a result, the Camp Pendleton club raised \$565 and CYTP donated boxes of clothing to the Brown family. The Marines and Sailors from 3/1 are members of our Rotary family and as such we want them to know that we will always be here for them.

Thanksgiving Support for 3/1 Families

November 2005

The Oceanside Rotary Club in partnership with the Old Mission Montessori School adopted fourteen families from 3/1 for Thanksgiving. Each class at the Montessori School prepared beautiful Thanksgiving Baskets for the families. Marines from 3/1 picked up the baskets on 23 November. The Marines couldn't believe the generosity of the children and families. They filled a van and truck with the treasures from the children. What a wonderful way to honor the families of our heroes...

Thanksgiving Day with the Wounded Marines at Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton

November 2005

November 24 2005 was truly a day to give thanks for our many blessings. "Goodie bags" from the Oceanside Rotary Club were delivered to the wounded Marines at Naval hospital Camp Pendleton on Thanksgiving Day. The bags contained comfort food, water bottles, Marine Corps Community Services gift certificates and cards that were made by the children at Stuart Mesa Child Development Center at Camp Pendleton. The individuals that visited the Marines felt honored to be able to spend time with these heroes and to thank them on this very special day for their many sacrifices. Extra bags were also left for incoming wounded Marines and Sailors. That said, the club has contacted 1st Lt Harrington, Naval Hospital Liaison Officer, to visit again at Christmas.

Home for the Holidays and Adopt a Family

December 2005

Bill Bonney, 1st Marine Division Family Readiness Officer, was contacted regarding our club's Home for the Holidays project. Members of the club would like to share their Christmas with a wounded Marine or Sailor. Club members are also adopting military families through the Armed Services YMCA "Friends of the Family" program. Giving of our time is truly the gift that keeps on giving.
