

“NCD AIRPORT WELCOME HOME PROJECT”

Do You Want To Help Welcome Home Returning Military Personnel?

Click on the link below:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ud1Bk3Ns-E&feature=email>

Hello ELKS Volunteers,

"SO LONG AS THERE ARE VETERANS
THE B.P.O. ELKS WILL NEVER FORGET THEM"

I am asking you to volunteer to help honor this Pledge by participating in a 'Welcome Home' program for returning military personnel at Sacramento International Airport. Wayne Bellows from Sacramento 6 Lodge and I are compiling an 'E-mail Alert' notification list to let ELKS volunteers know of pending flight arrivals with troops. We realize that not every volunteer will be able to respond to each arrival notice. Therefore, a large group of volunteers is needed to assure a good sized 'Welcome Home' turnout of volunteers from the 11 Lodges in NCD.

Wayne has been participating in a 'Welcome Home' program for the past year with Soldier's Angels, Blue Star Moms, Gold Star Moms, Patriot Guard Riders, U.S.M.C. Motorcycle Club, V.F.W. and American Legion Post personnel. It is truly wonderful to see the smiles and surprised faces of our returning troops when they see OLD GLORY waving and WELCOME signs greeting them. Many times there are tears of joy as family members rush to give them a big HUG!.

A video is attached showing a similar program in Dallas, TX. You will find it inspirational.

Please let me know if you will join us and help make this 'WELCOME HOME' project another ELKS success story. Simply 'reply' with an A.O.K. to rusty95670@yahoo.com to become part of the ELKS WELCOME HOME TEAM.

We envision each of the NCD Lodges having a volunteer 'call out' E-mail list, with one responsible person at each lodge to take care of notification. As it stands now, Wayne Bellows usually gets such notices (sporadically) from some of his networking buddies. If we are successful in establishing a 'call out' list, he is willing to forward the notices he receives to each Lodge's Welcome Home coordinator. The local lodge is better equipped to maintain an updated E-mail address list rather than having a central point.

Thank you.

Fraternally,

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