



Armed Forces Families Foundation



Welcome!

Welcome to the first issue of the Armed Forces Family Foundation newsletter.

The Armed Forces Family Foundation, also known as the AFFF, aims to update and create facilities for service men and women to enjoy, as well as their families.

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On Nov. 10, 2010, Taco Bell kicked off a two-week fundraiser that raised more than \$300,000! Participating restaurants sold a die-cut icon for \$1 (or more) to customers during the promotion. In return, participating customers received a coupon good for a free taco. All of the proceeds went directly to the Armed Forces Families Foundation.

With this incredible number of donations, the AFFF has eleven current projects in the southeastern United States.

These projects, which are on Military bases and/or VA Hospitals, have been carefully considered by the Foundation to make sure these areas meet the needs of the service members as well as the foundations mandate.

The Armed Forces Family Foundation, even though relatively new, has already completed several projects that have greatly benefited military families.

In Fort Gordon, Ga., the AFFF donated \$21,000 to fund a mobile computer lab for the elementary school on the base.

In Ft. Irwin, Calif., the Foundation built a family wellness center to be used by military families that live on the base.

In Jacksonville, Fla., at the Naval Station Mayport USO, the AFFF upgraded and remodeled both the family communication center and the children's development room.

In addition, the Armed Forces Families Foundation has provided these three locations with computers that are equipped with web cameras so that families can web chat with their deployed loved ones.

Delina Ednes, whose husband is in Afghanistan and whose son is in Iraq, has greatly benefitted from the AFFF's project at Mayport.

"When Taco bell upgraded the Computer lab at our local USO, it was great. I was the first person to use the Skype capability. I had not talked to my son in almost a year. I got to see him and meet a few of his buddies that were there," she said. "Since then I have used it several times to speak with my son and husband. I frequent the USO for various reasons. I use the USO for meetings, family events etc.. I enjoy knowing I can use the computers, the meeting areas and I make good use of the NO dough dinners that they have."

The Armed Forces Families Foundation has helped so many families with past and current projects that another fundraising event will be held from **June 29 - July 12**. With your help we can raise funds and create more projects that our service men and women as well as their families can enjoy.



Renovated children's play area at Jacksonville Mayport USO Center



New computer installed with Skype at Jacksonville Mayport USO Center