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Wednesday Edition

Reach Out and Touch "Any Soldier"

A concept begun by a U.S. Army Sergeant
has grown into a World-Wide effort

Man threatens to blow up Dollar Store, Florida Governor Jeb Bush, and the President of the United States

Machine gun fired at RaceTrac gas station

S.W.A.T. called out for suicidal man

Near drowning off Egmont Key; man goes into respiratory arrest

Double murder trial rescheduled

Woman, 80, struck and killed by City of Sarasota dump truck driver

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Sexual Battery arrest leads to two other suspects in Philadelphia Murder

Couple accused of torturing kids will be tried together

Arrest warrant issued for Mayor of Kissimmee for Sexual Battery

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U.S. soldiers are shown at the site of attacks in central Baghdad, November 21, 2003.

BRADENTON, Florida [NMT] -- A loyal reader recently sent us an e-mail suggesting we provide a link to AnySoldier.com, a website devoted to supporting our troops overseas who are fighting the war against terrorism.

We said we'd go one better: we'd run the story on our Cover page. As a Crime and Public Safety website, we reason we can find no better public safety story than to provide help to our soldiers who are keeping our public safe.

Sergeant Brian Horn from LaPlata, Maryland, an Army Infantry Soldier with the 173rd Airborne Brigade was in the Kirkuk area of Iraq when he started the idea of Any Soldier to help care for his soldiers. He agreed to distribute packages that came to him with "Attn: Any Soldier" in the address to the soldiers who were not getting mail. Brian is in Afghanistan now, and Any Soldier, Inc. continues with the support of people who care about the men and women who are protecting us.

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Sgt. Brian Horn

Any Soldier, Inc. started in August 2003 as a simple family effort to help any soldier in one Army unit, thus the name "Any Soldier." However, due to overwhelming requests, the website says, in the beginning of January 2004, the Any Soldier effort was expanded to include any member of any of the Armed Services in harms way. They now have 3,646 military contacts who are helping approximately 114,521 soldiers.



Click on the "Any Soldier" logo above to go to their website

Marty Horn, Brian's dad, agreed to help. Marty now serves on the Board of Directors of Any Soldier, Inc. Born in Philadelphia and raised in the Chicago suburb of Deerfield, Marty Horn spent 20 years in the Army as a Military Policeman. After retiring in 1993, he got into Internet technologies. Together with his wife, Sue, they worked the concept of Any Soldier with their son, Sgt. Brian Horn, when he was in Iraq. Marty built the web site and maintains it. The success of AnySoldier.com has far exceeded the expectations and continues to grow with the invaluable help and guidance of other board members.

Almost two years later, Any Soldier, Inc. now helps nearly 115,000 American soldiers in all branches of the military, both active duty and reservists, and has become one of the leading efforts in making sure the men and women who have been deployed for the war are cared for, via letters and packages from "home."

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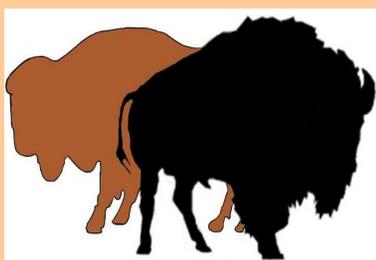
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AnySoldier.com features emails from different military personnel regarding the type of support needed in the field. The support could be in the form of a simple letter or package, or it could be toiletries, food or even newspapers and magazines. Donors address their letters and packages to the writer's name, but also add the words "ATTN: Any Soldier" on the second line. The writer shares the mail with fellow servicemen and women. If there is "any soldier" who is not receiving a lot of mail from home, that soldier will be the first person to receive the letter.

Please take the time to visit their website. You can link to it by clicking on the logo in the center of this page. Or you can visit the site independently by logging on to www.AnySoldier.com/.

There you will find where to send, what to send, how to send and information about other efforts. On their FAQ page, you can also find out how to avoid arguing with your postmaster about sending packages when he or she says, "You can't do that."

Support our troops.

As the motto of Any Soldier, Inc. says, "Freedom isn't free! Just ask any soldier..."

[Ed. Note: Our thanks to Shannon Kryston for asking us to tell the great story of "Any Soldier." We are honored by the request and we, in turn, truly honor and respect our men and women of the United States Armed Services.]

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