

Support Our Troops receives flag flow in Afghanistan



Fred and Evelyn Christen present a special flag to SOT. Photo by Bonnie Glod.

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The Support Our Troops monthly meeting on April 17, 2010 included two very special events. Members Fred and Evelyn Christen presented a U.S. Flag that was flown over the Role 3 Multinational Medical Unit at Kandahar Air Field on November 11, 2009. The flag was provided by Christen's son-in-law, Lieutenant Commander Vaughn Swearngin, Nurse Corps, currently serving with the United States Navy in Afghanistan. The accompanying plaque reads "This Flag 24/150, is presented to Robson Ranch Support Our Troops for your support of Operation Enduring Freedom."

We were also honored with a visit by Sergeant Greg Israel, son-in-law of Robson Ranch residents Rich and Linda Kurita. Greg is assigned to the U.S. Army 789th Explosive Ordnance Detachment at Camp Echo, Iraq. He took time out of

his two-week R&R in the U.S. to thank the SOT members for their support of his unit. Gregg presented SOT with a unique brass coin in the shape of an improvised explosive device component. The flag and coin will be on display in the clubhouse on Memorial Day.

Support Our Troops currently has an active membership of over 125 Robson Ranch residents. I encourage the 2009 members who have not yet paid their annual dues of \$10 to do so before the end of May in order to remain on our email roster. The dues cover our administrative expenses. Dues can be paid at our meeting the third Saturday of each month or by mail to Quinn Sowell, 11413 Ridgedale Court, Denton, TX, 76207. I again wish to thank the Robson Ranch residents for their outstanding support of our organization and our military personnel. ☀