

## 2010 Support Our Troops Silent Auction November 11, 2010



*When the weather cleared, Bravo Company was happy to receive the SOT unit shipment.*

### Charles Runner

Our 2010 Silent Auction will take place on Thursday, November 11, from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. in the clubhouse. If you are interested in donating to the auction, please pick up a SOT auction donation form in the clubhouse kiosk or request one by e-mail from [charlesrunner@grandecom.net](mailto:charlesrunner@grandecom.net). You may give your tax deductible donation at any time to Charles Runner, 11404 Ridgedale Court, at 262-3161; or to auction co-chairs, Barbara Runner at 262-3161 and Mark Aberbach, 9617 Callaway Court, at 262-0901. Beginning October 18, you may also pick up auction donation forms and drop off donations at the auction table that SOT representatives will staff in the Robson Ranch clubhouse from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday until November 8.

The auction is our primary fundraising event each year with 100 percent of the funds raised going directly to our mission of providing for the "material, physical, and emotional needs of our military men and women at home and abroad." Our efforts are repeatedly gratified by the thank you notes we receive from the service men and women we support.

Last month, SOT received an e-mail from Company First Sergeant Rusty Baker,

USMC, Bravo Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 2, located on a base in a remote area of Afghanistan that only has a 100x25-foot post exchange to service thousands of Marines, soldiers, airmen, British military, and civilian contractors. Rusty noted that sand storms had prevented mail from reaching his unit for over a week. The shipment contained requested baby wipes, razors, Q-tips, deodorant, tooth brushes and paste, foot powder, soap, lip balm, hand sanitizer, batteries, dried fruit, powdered drink mixes, tuna and salmon packs, and other healthy snacks. Rusty described it as an invasion of packages. He noted how he started ripping the boxes open and sorting the items to be distributed to his Marines, some of whom were positioned at forward operating bases with little to no resources. A short time later, a thank you note signed by members of Rusty's unit was received by SOT.

All we do would not be possible without the generous and ongoing support of the residents of Robson Ranch. We would appreciate your continued support for this year's Silent Auction. If you have any questions, please contact Charles Runner, president of Support Our Troops, Inc., at 262-3161, or by e-mail at [charlesrunner@grandecom.net](mailto:charlesrunner@grandecom.net). ☀