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Mounds of Thank You Cards for the Guards!

Reedsburg, WI (September 10, 2009) – Operation Cards for the Reedsburg Guards a Huge Success!

In an effort to celebrate Reedsburg's Charlie Troop's halfway point of their deployment to Iraq, Kate Welter of the Reedsburg Utility Commission and SSG Jason McDonough of the National Guard organized a greeting card drive. Operation Cards for the Reedsburg Guards was a two-week drive to send a "thank you" greeting card to soldiers in Reedsburg's Charlie Troop.

The drive generated over 2500 greeting cards from Reedsburg area community members. The cards ranged from homemade greetings to patriotic portraits, all containing messages of thanks to the soldier for their service and sacrifice to our nation and to our community. "The greeting card drive was a huge success, and it was incredible to witness the community support for our local Charlie Troop Soldiers", said Kate Welter.

Reedsburg businesses had a chance to compete amongst each other to win a day of volunteer help from SSG Jason McDonough and their business featured on the Reedsburg Local Channel (the LC#11). As a result of their hard work Villari's Self Defense and Family Fitness Center was the grand winner, collecting over 800 greeting cards!

Welter and SSG McDonough thank the community members and the local businesses for their participation and dedication in the successful card drive. "There are many reasons I'm proud to be from Reedsburg," says SSG McDonough, "But the continued outpouring of support from this city is overwhelming. I know that when the soldiers read through all these cards they will have their spirits lifted. To think that someone you don't know took the time to make you a card is pretty amazing." The cards will be mailed from the Reedsburg Armory and will soon be putting smiles on the Charlie Troop Soldiers faces.

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About Reedsburg Utility Commission

Reedsburg Utility Commission, establish in 1894, is a community owned municipal utility providing electricity, water, local and long distance telephone, high speed internet, and cable TV, to its 4,500 urban citizens. More information is available at Reedsburg Utility Commission's website

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