

Fayetteville Observer, December 14, 2006, "Letter to the Editor:"

Many thanks to the Observer for getting the word out on Operation Bandanas for Bragg! My main objective is acquiring enough donations to order thousands of bandanas to have "in stock" so that when I learn of a deployment, I will have them to distribute to chaplains. From an outpouring community response, Fayetteville, North Carolina could, indeed, put itself on the map as the All American City. And although this is a local effort because of our proximity to Ft. Bragg, the soldiers here represent families all across America.

Not only can a soldier be comforted, inspired, and encouraged receiving the Psalm 91 bandana, they are useful too; ideal for sun, wind, and dust conditions to cover the nose, mouth and forehead. And it makes a great sweat wipe, sling or emergency wrap to hold a splint or use as a tourniquet.

This is, and will be, an ongoing effort from now and throughout 2007. Ft. Bragg and its families have carried more than their fair share. These constant rotations have taken physical, emotional, and spiritual tolls on them. Let's continue to let them know we are supporting them with this uniquely inspired "tool."

The train is moving! I have felt led to be the engine, but I need lots of passengers to pay the way to reach its destination. All the way to Iraq and Afghanistan! If you are ready to hop aboard, contact me at 910-578-8840 or at bandanas91@yahoo.com.

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