USS Iwo Jima Troops Receive Supplies from Town of Brookhaven
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Service members onboard the USS Iwo Jima receive their supplies donated to them by Brookhaven employees and Town officials.

Farmingville, NY - Officials and employees from the Town of Brookhaven recently donated 23 boxes of supplies, totaling in over 330 pounds, to service members onboard the USS Iwo Jima, which is currently in Afghanistan. The boxes contained a variety of items, from food to hygiene products to clothing, as well as hand drawn cards from children for those on board the ship. The program was initiated by Brookhaven Town employee Meg Shutka, whose daughter is stationed aboard the ship.

"I thank the Town of Brookhaven employees for their generosity to our service men and women overseas. The donations will give our heroes a piece of home as they fight to protect our freedom," said Supervisor Mark Lesko.

Deputy Supervisor/Councilwoman Kathleen Walsh, who serves as the Town Board’s liaison to Veteran's Services said, "The outpouring of support from the members of our Brookhaven community is simply inspiring. These care-packages are just small tokens of appreciation for the extraordinary work that these individuals do to protect our cherished freedoms, both here and abroad. I sincerely thank all of those Town employees and officials who made a donation for their support of America’s true heroes."

The USS Iwo Jima is scheduled to return to its homeport in Norfolk, Virginia from abroad this fall. There are 1,897 Marines, 1,009 Navy enlisted personnel and 73 officers aboard the ship, which is the third in the history of the United States Navy to have been named after the historic 1945 World War II battle on the island of Iwo Jima. The current incarnation of the USS Iwo Jima was commissioned into active service in June of 2001.

The Town of Brookhaven’s Division of Veteran's Services offers a variety of programs for members of the United States Armed Forces, including educational training, health services, property tax exemptions, discharge upgrades, and more. For more information, please visit www.brookhaven.org/veterans or call (631) 451-6574.