

STAGE RIGHT

STAGE RIGHT ASKS "WHEN IS A SHOW MORE THAN JUST A SHOW?"

By: Steven Wong

Last month we talked about the Montgomery County Animal Shelter and Ginger - the dog who is portraying Sandy in Annie. If you haven't seen Annie you still have time to bring items to support the Animal Shelter and enjoy this fabulous musical at the historic Crighton Theatre. Performances run until August 8, 2010.

This month we are preparing for **No Time for Sergeants**, the season opener for STAGE RIGHT. The hero is a husky and good-natured hillbilly who finally gets into the Air Force despite his father's tendency to tear up his draft papers. His determination to be transferred to the infantry soon spells trouble among generals, sergeants and his fellow service men. Our hero is soon sent off on what becomes a comic voyage in an airplane manned by some weary flying officers - most suffering from hangovers. Come and see how our hero survives an atomic explosion in Yucca Flats! Performances are September 10-26, 2010.

US Troop Support Foundation

In a place far away from the Crighton Theatre a soldier had a simple wish. Marshall missed something you and I take for granted: Frito Pie. So last Christmas our photographer Nikie Brown and the cast of the Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge collected Fritos, cheese, chili, and condiments to make Frito Pie for Marshall and his squad in Iraq.

During the run of No Time for Sergeants we will be partnering with the local chapter of the US Troop Support Foundation which provides care packages for our troops. Our partnership with the Texas Chapter of US Troop Support Foundation will allow our patrons to boost the morale of not just one squad but many who have volunteered to serve our country. There are many ways for patrons to show their support:

Bring donated items to the Crighton Theatre before the No Time for Sergeants performances. The most requested items are:

- Pouched meats, tuna, chicken, turkey
- Protein bars

- Cereal / Fiber bars
- Instant Oatmeal
- Hickory farm type items
- Jerky
- Cigarettes
- Check the website at www.ustroopssupport.org for a more complete list

The US Troop Support Foundation is a registered 501c3 charity and has been operating since January of 2003 when Joshua, son of Co-Founders Linda & Jeff Relitz deployed to Iraq. It started as a loving mother simply wanting to support her son. Sound familiar? Her efforts snowballed to sending care packages to his friends. The active list includes over 8000 service men and women. Both Linda & Jeff are former military and can easily relate to the issues facing our deployed military.

The Texas Chapter of US Troop Support Foundation came into being as a result of one of the members of our local community getting involved with Linda and her work in 2007. Dennis Bernhart (bernhartd@comcast.net)



Kristy Sexton, Michele Nye, and Donna Bopp, preparing shipping labels for care packages.

- 832-515-0333) is the Director of the Texas Chapter. 99% of all items and funds raised go to the benefit of troops deployed or in providing assistance to their families here in the U.S. All those working for USTSF are 100% volunteer.

Since early 2010, several businesses (Brooklyn Café, ACE Hardware, Merrill Lynch, The Woodlands Country Club, Adcetera, etc.) have hosted collection points and fund raising events. Once the items have been collected, packing parties are scheduled to organize the items in USPS Large Flat Rate Boxes, prepare customs forms, and then ship to individual troops. After boxes have been readied for shipment, they are then offered to members of the community to adopt and pay the postage.

Once our troops have received the care packages, some of them are able to take the time to send a note of appreciation:

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Annie

July 23-August 8, 2010



NO TIME FOR SERGEANTS

September 10-26, 2010

To ALL my fellow Texans at Starbucks, USTSF, Box It, and COL Bob Poland (RET) we wish to say thank you very much for your support, and your piece of heavenly coffee you sent us!

We are literally blown away by you taking the time, care, and money to support us. It is through your support that helps make the separation from our families, a little more bearable.

Please do take care and stay safe, and again thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

CW4 Bobby R. Deiss
244th AVN BDE (FWD)
Aviation Safety Officer

Come and see **No Time for Sergeants** and bring your care packages to support the troops at the same time! Dennis and his friends will be staffing tables to answer any questions about the US Troop Support Foundation. ♦



Barbara Taylor, Kay Orner, Allen Potter of Box It Store at another Adopt A Box Event.



Bill White, John Wertz, Sgt. Hollingsworth at ACE Hardware for Adopt A Box



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