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HOMESTEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL PREPARES PACKAGES FOR MARINES

Members and supporters of the Homestead Valley Community Council got together yesterday to prepare special packages for marines and sailors deployed to Afghanistan. Reporter Derwood Andrews was there as the local care packages were assembled...

At the Yucca Mesa Community Center yesterday the next stage in delivering vital supplies of comfort to our serving Marines came together. In just one month the collective Homestead Valley Community Council, the HVCC which includes Flamingo Heights, Johnson Valley, Landers and Yucca Mesa organizations, raised over \$2000 to buy supplies such as, Lip Balm, Foot Powder, Face Wipes, Beef Jerky and even cards that the troops can send home, and packed it all into 60 packages, helped by County Supervisor Neil Derry and field rep Alan Rasmussen. The response from the public was overwhelming, struggling families and their children gave generously to show our troops on the battlefields, that they are in our thoughts. Rachel Sandlin, the Family Readiness Officer at the base came by to see the local volunteers packing the boxes and said 'This is a great statement as to the local support of our Marines'.