



# HOMESTEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

*One Voice for the People of Homestead Valley*

**Next Meetings**  
• **Monday August 15**  
in **Johnson Valley**  
• **Monday September 19**  
In **Flamingo Heights**

## *From Homestead Valley to Afghanistan*

Treats, jerky, cookies, almonds, drink flavorings, pepperoni... this is just a partial list of the hundreds of goodies shipped out on July 28 to the VMU-3 Phantoms, an unmanned aerial reconnaissance unit deployed in Afghanistan from the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms.

This squadron is being sponsored by the Homestead Valley Community Council. Other VMU-3 Marines, plus VMU-3 spouses, joined the HVCC packing party to send 70 boxes overseas. Also helping to fill up care packages and fill out customs forms were HVCC members, Homestead Valley residents, Third District Supervisor Neil Derry and his Field Representative Alan Rasmussen.

Lucerne Valley Girl Scout Troop 926 donated 75 boxes of Girl Scout cookies to send to VMU-3, much appreciated!

Family Readiness Officer Gisela Lemon expressed everyone's gratitude for the community's generosity and support. Council members got hugs from VMU-3 Marines and family members; two VMU-3 infants charmed us all.

Kudos are due also to the efficient personnel at the Joshua Tree Post Office for expediting this shipment so promptly.

*After the packing party, VMU-3 Marines and family members line up behind some of the 70 boxes they helped pack to send to distant members of their unmanned aerial reconnaissance squadron in Afghanistan.*



*Elisha Wheeler holds message sent with Girl Scout cookies*



*Neil Derry and Alan Rasmussen pitch in*



*Family Readiness Officer Gisela Lemon at far right.*



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