

## Thanks for Your Generosity... Many Gifts Ship Out to a Marine Unit in Afghanistan



Visitors to the HVCC Booth at the Homestead Valley Park July 3rd Celebration were generous contributors. Working the booth that day were Nancy McHenry, Tory Preston, Maryan Barkley, Charlie McHenry, Jim Harvey, Cathy Janowicz

In just one month, people of the four Homestead Valley communities of Landers, Johnson Valley, Yucca Mesa and Flamingo Heights exceeded the goal of the HVCC to raise \$2000 to buy and mail gifts to Afghanistan.

HVCC sponsored VMU-1, an unmanned aerial reconnaissance unit of 140 Marines and sailors, 20 of whom are women. The idea was to send as many portable, non-perishable items as possible, such as face wipes, lip balm, foot powder, jerky, hard candies, crossword puzzles, cards and magazines, and even such items as greeting cards for them to send back home.

Careful bulk purchasing along with some donations of items filled 60 boxes!



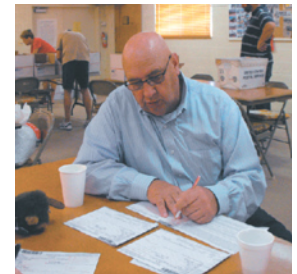
Above: County Supervisor Neil Derry, Lary Calandar and Rick Sayers assemble boxes

### *The Packing Party at Yucca Mesa*

Right: A big smile from Rachel Sandlin, VMU-1 Family Readiness Officer, when she sees all the goodies stuffed into the boxes



Below Right: Alan Rasmussen fills out customs forms



A very busy morning, July 26, at the Yucca Mesa Community Center saw around two dozen volunteers from the four communities, as well as County Supervisor Neil Derry and his Field Representative Alan Rasmussen, working to assemble the postal boxes, open the boxes of gifts and pack the postal

boxes, and make out labels and customs forms for each and every box.

HVCC plans to sponsor another unit soon; excess funds on hand now will go toward that effort. Log onto the website below for details, and how you can contribute money, time or personal messages.

[www.hvccsite.org](http://www.hvccsite.org)