



# VA Boston Healthcare System OEF/OIF Bulletin

*"Your interest and participation is the strength of this bulletin."*

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\*\*\*\*\*Welcome Home and Thank You for Your Service\*\*\*\*\*



*Happy Holidays*



During the Holiday Season, several years ago, I was making my way toward a relative's house when I realized I had a flat tire. I pulled into an area where I could assess the situation. It was the parking lot of a well-known fast-food burger chain. While I was looking at the tire, I noticed a gentleman with 3 young children. He glanced at me and remarked, "Looks like you got a problem." I thought to myself- I sure do. He went ahead inside with the kids while I was thinking of my options. At this point, it started to snow. To my surprise, the gentleman returned as I was setting-up to put on the spare. He asked if I was hungry and if I could use some help. Before I could say anything else, he handed a bag which contained a burger, fries and a soft-drink. The children with him remarked that their Dad is a **Master Mechanic** and loves helping people. I went over to assist him and he said, "Just relax and eat that food up before it gets cold- I've got this covered." When he was finished, I thanked him and offered him some cash for the food he provided to me and the assistance. He stated that he was not looking for anything in return. He went on to remark that the *good will* he shared with me- he wanted me to remember. Remember- for a time when I could do *good will* for someone else. Later, as he was driving away, I noticed a bumper sticker on his vehicle- it read: **Vietnam Veteran**.



In Memory of **SSGT Bill Callahan**: We are coordinating donations for the **Toys for Tots Campaign**. If you would like to donate- you can drop off a new, unwrapped toy (for boys and girls --newborn to 12 years of age) to VA Police Headquarters at Brockton, West Roxbury, Jamaica Plain, Causeway, Worcester and Lowell Outpatient Clinics, Brockton Building #5 Lobby. Donations will be accepted from **November 17 until December 14**. All toys will be delivered to the Toys for Tots Distribution Centers on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.

Thank You!

### Photo of the Month:

I welcome what you believe is a great photo. There will be a vote on the best photo from the past year. I look forward to receiving your photo.

### Before sending a photo:

Please contact me for photo requirements and specifications.



### This Month's Photo:

Features Army Captain Tim Litteral. Capt. Litteral and I first met while preparing to deploy to Iraq in 2003. The photo features Tim and well-known singer/songwriter Elton John at a concert during the Holiday season a couple of years ago. Tim explains that Elton wanted to meet a Soldier and thank him for his service.

As always, keep the submissions and pictures coming. Thank you for your interest and submissions. Have a great Holiday Season.  
Anthony Falvey

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