

NEWS FROM BOY SCOUT TROOP 113
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Eagle Scout “Cares” About Troops Stationed Overseas

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Eagle Scout Candidate Brian Golden of Somerset is helping US troops stationed in Iraq, Afghanistan and other parts of the world. His Eagle project involves filling “care” boxes for men and women with gum, candy, sun block, deodorant, Twizzlers, playing cards, writing materials, and all sorts of things they can use to eat, drink and bathe.

Brian is senior patrol leader of Troop 113, which is sponsored by Somerset Presbyterian Church in Franklin Township, Somerset County. He collected enough things to fill 116 boxes for the troops. Each box weighs about 40 pounds. Brian worked with the people from “Operation Jersey Cares” to coordinate filling and shipping the boxes over the past weekend (March 5 and 6).

To do all of this Brian had to sit down and think about it, and come up with a plan, all by himself. Then he had to ask scouts to volunteer. Scouts from Troop 113 provided the help in lifting and packing the boxes. They also helped collect donations of items from people at Stop and Shop in Bridgewater and at Shop Rite in Somerset.

Friday night the troop sorted all the donations into separate boxes. Saturday they completed the packaging. The scouts had a chance to pack the donations for the troops, and to let them know we are there for them no matter what happens.

All the boxes were shipped to the troops by the US Postal Service. Mr. Tom Cunningham from “Operation Jersey Cares” was so impressed by the scouts’ work that he wants us to help again!