

Where Are They Now?

Glenn Peters

By Mary Ofenloch
Andover Service Club

When Glenn Peters graduated from Franklin High School in 1980, tuition for one year at University of New Hampshire (UNH) was \$4,000. So, when he won a \$750 merit scholarship from the Andover Service Club (ASC), Glenn said, "It was a great moment!"

Glenn is the son of Robert Peters and his wife Edna (a Service Club member) of Andover. Glenn played football for Franklin High and was a part-time member of the school band. While in his senior year, he was elected class president. When football season ended, Glenn worked during the summer months in the kitchen at Proctor Academy.

In 1980, Glenn attended UNH, majoring in Business Management. As a guitarist with the Martin/Barratt rock band, Glenn returned to Andover on numerous weekends.

After completing his freshman year at UNH, Glenn decided to attend UNH's two year school, where he earned an associate degree in Business Manage-

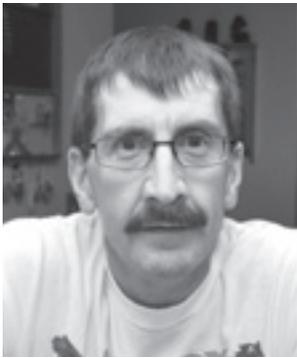


Glenn Peters, then ...

ment. Glenn says, "I kicked around a little bit, working at Proctor Academy and the Dunbarton Country Store. I also attended a semester at Plymouth State College, where I took music and computer classes."

The Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles in 1984 beckoned to Glenn and one of his old friends. So he bought and refurbished an old panel van for his cross-country trip to California, making stops at St. Louis, Missouri; Mt. Rushmore, South Dakota; Yosemite National Park; and Las Vegas, Nevada. "The Olympics were a great experience," said Glenn.

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Andover Serves!

Beacon, Lions Organizing Goody Packages For Troops

By Sue Christiansen
Beacon volunteer

Thank you to all of the people who are coming forward in support of our troops and their families! I am excited to hear from those of you in our community who have served or have a loved one serving now. It is really exciting to learn about the people of Andover and their service to our country.

We are in the process of getting some items together to send to our troops. I've been asked by many, "What things can we send? How do we send them? How much does it cost?" I've done my best, with the help of others, to get answers to your questions.

What Things Can We Send?

Chap Stick, baby wipes, deodorant, tooth paste and tooth brushes, bars of soap, hand sanitizer, shampoo, and powder. Powder laundry detergent and dryer sheets. Socks, wash cloths, and small bath towels. Snacks like beef jerky, tuna salad (in a can, ready to eat) and chicken salad with crackers, Life Savers, gum, ready-to-eat popcorn, chips, pretzels, granola, and trail mix. Playing cards, writing paper and envelopes (they don't need stamps), magazines. Air freshener (like Febreze).

This is a list of items we try to send in each package, but we also throw in a few things to make Alex (and his buddies that we've sent packages to) think of home. We've sent maple syrup in a small package, coffee for coffee makers that are already there, pictures of friends and family, and I even sent leaves from our yard ironed in wax paper. Alex said he ripped it open when he received the package and smelled the leaves, and he could smell East Andover!

The things you can send are only limited by your imagination. I usually take a box to the Dollar Store in Tilton and fill it full of the things listed above and then some silly stuff, too. I hope it makes them laugh and take their minds off reality, even if it is for just a few minutes.

I can send a well-stuffed package for

just over \$20. So well-stuffed, in fact, that my husband has to hold it closed just so it can be taped for shipping. I envision Alex and his buddies cutting into it with a jackknife and it popping open and shooting its contents into the air like the can of snakes we played with as kids. It makes me feel good to know that for such a small amount, we've made someone really happy and let them feel some love from home.

There is a box in the Andover Town Hall where you can place items that you want to send to our troops. Simply stop at the Town Hall and drop off your things. We'll be putting boxes together and sending them out. Please feel free to write a note to include that we can send along. Pictures taken locally can also be sent, as well as pictures your kids have drawn. Anything from home is always welcome!

How Do We Send Them?

Flat rate shipping boxes can be picked up at any USPS. They come in a variety of sizes. We use the biggest one we can and pack it as full as we can. I have been using the regular flat rate shipping box for use in the states and internationally.

I recently found that boxes marked by the USPS with the APO printed on them travel a little faster since they know the troops are waiting for them. That's a great new bit of information to know and pass along!

How Much Does It Cost?

To ship a package to our troops at an APO address is about \$12.50 per package. Because it is going to an APO address, there is a savings of about \$2!

I recently had the pleasure of meeting with the Andover Lions Club (see article on page 35) and sharing our desire to ship packages to our military. They would like to be part of our project, and we are happy to have them join in.

Anyone who wants to donate money and have someone else pick up things to send can make checks out to the Andover Lions Club and mail it to the Lions at PO Box 204, Andover 03216. We will use that money to ship the packages and purchase goodies for the boxes.

We are very excited to be teaming up with the Lions Club for our first troops package event and look forward to this being an annual event! We're a little late for packages to be delivered before Christmas, but who says we can only send them at Christmas? Why not send them throughout the year and remind our troops that we appreciate them each and every day?

I also wanted to remind everyone that if you have a loved one from our great town of Andover serving, send us their address so we can get a monthly copy of *The Andover Beacon* to them. Help them to stay in touch with their community. Contact us at Military@AndoverBeacon.com. Thank you!

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