



September 19, 2013

Dear Beanie Angels of America,

Hoping this note will find you well. It has been long time since I wrote a note to you all.

Our Operation Beanies for Service Members is almost 9 years old and going forward strongly and with the same enthusiasm as 9 years ago. Some reason or another we do not loose our momentum and carrying our mission steadily. I thank you all for your support of OBFS and me.

As you well know that we have made a mark of shipping 100,000 beanies to our troops last year August, as I was recalling the shipping addresses I realized that we have never shipped to Navy in last 8 years. I talked to our beanies angel Barbara Means about it and she got on to finding out shipping address to Navy ships. We did ship so far 7,000 beanies to many ships and they were all well received. They sent us pictures that really make you proud of our accomplishment. I am listing some of them with this note today. Please enjoy and feel good about what we are doing.



Look at the Smiles that we brought to our sailors.

Our "Unspoilable Home made Cookies" are well received.

I was talking to an old Navy man and he was so surprised to see the sailors wearing our beanies with Uniform. In olden days this kind of picture was unthinkable.



**COMMANDING OFFICER**  
USS GARY (FFG 51)  
FPO AP 96666-1505

I received a hand written note from Commanding Officer James B. of USS Gray and he just captured exact mission of OBFS.

Miki,  
Thank you so much for including  
the Sailors of USS GARY in "Operation  
Beans for Service Members!" The efforts of your  
1,300 Bean Angels helps remind us why we  
Serve!  
Thank Again!  
Sail Safe  
James B. Gray  
Commanding Officer

Our web master is Susan B. and she will be working on more pictures and letters to put up on our site. USS Mobile Bay sent us 38 pictures and Susan will be busy working with them all.

Those of you who gave us your e-mail address will be getting this note by e-mail. Ginger Varin will be working on the project. It will cut our mailing and copying cost down. If you think we do not have your e-mail address, please contact us by e-mail so we can save your address properly and can use it to communicate. For those do not have computer access we will mail you a copy by USPS.



Here is another AWESOME picture from USS Ford

Which one should I get?  
See the big box we always use to ship looks smaller in ship.

I call this one "Christmas on July" and certainly this must be "A touch of Home"

Remember our mission is to boost our troops Morale and wellness.





A picture covers 1,000 words instead explaining with words I will display another.



As you can see our efforts been recognized by many and appreciated. I am hoping to gather more beanie angels and more beanies. Our production has decreased over the last couple years. There must be many reasons but I appreciate it if you can pick up needles again and produce few beanies for OBFS. 107,000 beanies are lot but there are over 1,500,000 service members and I certainly can not discriminate few not having our beanies. Thank you again for your help over the past 9 years hopes it will continue until we cover all the heads in our troops in all branches.

Miki is casting off for now