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Upcoming Meeting Dates

10:30 a.m.

February 5th, 2005 –

John Gardner from Edward Jones will be with us to discuss financial issues.

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# 278 ACR Support Squadron HHT News

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*278th Family Support Group - Here to serve each other...*



We want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas. Our prayers and thoughts have been with you all through these difficult times. We would like to see the Family Readiness Group get stronger and become more like a family. For the upcoming year we challenge each of you to come to the meetings, make new friends and become one of the family.

### REJOICE, REJOICE

We have so much to be thankful for and are especially blessed that our soldiers have made it to Camp Caldwell. We want to thank everyone for their prayers and ask that you continue to pray for these soldiers. God is listening!!

### JANUARY MEETING

On Saturday, January 15, 2005, Cherokee Health Systems visited the Support Group. They offered their services for free and it was a wonderful opportunity to get some advice to help cope with our loved ones being deployed. They had numerous therapists there for adults and children.

Thanks to William Blount High ROTC for boxes donated to troops. We're in the process of trying to find sponsors for shipping.

We will have a drawing for a family pass to Dollywood at the February meeting, and you must be present to win.

We have had around 25 people attending on a regular basis. Our goal is to have everyone attend at least one meeting so you will know there is a SUPPORT GROUP. This group is here for you. Bring as many friends to this meeting as you would like and receive a gift for your efforts.

### 278th PARENTS NIGHT OUT

The Powell Church on Emory Road, is having a Parents Night Out for the 278th Families on Friday, January 28, 2005, from 6:30—9:30 p.m. They are planning to have many events for the 278th families, so please try to attend this event to show the church how much we appreciate their prayers and support for our troops and their families. RSVP 947-3868.

### GERMANY FLIGHTS

We would like to know how many people are interested in flying to Germany to visit their soldier on leave. As we understand, around the midpoint of their tour of duty, they will be allowed to take some time off. We will discuss this further at the meeting and hopefully have more details.

### PAST EVENTS

The 2004 Freedom Festival went very well and we would like to thank all who helped make it a success. It was lots of fun, even though it was a little chilly, the hot cocoa helped. The media coverage was wonderful and certainly helped in the awareness of the soldiers being gone. Total money raised was close to \$6,800!!!! We cannot send enough thanks to those who helped make the event possible. We are still working on thank-you notes and compiling

a list of participants. Once this is completed, we will publish them in our newsletter and we ask that you patronize their businesses in return.

Our "Pamper Yourself" meeting in December was lots of fun. Volunteers cut and styled hair, told the appropriate colors to wear according to skin type, painted nails, did hand massages and applied makeup. Thanks to all of you who came out to enjoy yourself and a special thanks to our Volunteers.

### NEWS FLASH

Please place a **RED** candle in your window to show support for our troops until they come home. Pass this on to all your friends and neighbors so they can also show support for our loved ones. We are wearing red on Fridays and would like you to pass this on also. Let us not forget these soldiers who are sacrificing so much for us.

**HATS FOR SALE** - We do have hats for sale as our ongoing fundraising. Remember this money is for our troops. The hats are \$8.00 and says Iraqi Freedom on the front. Contact one of the members if you would like to purchase one.

Also, you can receive a free bracelet by going online to the site [www.virtualarmory.com](http://www.virtualarmory.com)

We will be adding some patriotic/military items to our online store. Please be sure to check there often!  
[www.hhtsupportgroup.com](http://www.hhtsupportgroup.com)

### SERVICES

Liberty Tax Service will do taxes, for free, for soldiers that are deployed. All they ask is that they bring copies of orders, along with all other tax information, to prove the soldier is serving his country in Iraq. This applies to all Liberty Tax locations.

We would also like to thank **People's Mortgage** for their generous and continued support to our troops. They will donate \$100.00 to the 278th Soldiers, if you mention this ad, when using or closing a loan with them.

### ADVERTISEMENT S

#### The Giving Basket

Ribbons for Sale: Anyone wishing to view the ribbons can visit my website [www.tgbasket.com](http://www.tgbasket.com). Click on Search and type in yellow ribbon. The garden size is \$10.00 with the standard saying "Support Our Troops" and can include "278th" on the other side as well. The yard size is \$20.00 with the same standard saying. For either size you can choose the script or block font.

If you wish to personalize your ribbon, it is \$5.00 more. You can say anything you wish, but remember the more lettering, the smaller the font will have to be.

My husband is Staff Sgt. Andrew Pokelwaldt with the 278th HHT.

Michelle Pokelwaldt

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See attached advertisement for:

**Mary E Photographer**  
**Mary Waxmonsky**

"I VOLUNTEER, SIR"

