ValOUR-IT Marches On

Description

FbL has the after action report of the Soldierâ€™s Angels Conference in San Antonio, TX, specifically on the ValOUR-ITfront. Can you believe it? In 2 years, 1200 laptops have been passed out to those needing them? Take one wounded geek, put in a blog blender with a school teacher and push the â€œliquifyâ€• button. See what happens in two years:

> Last weekend was the 2007 Soldiersâ€™ Angels Conference, and the highlight of the event for Angels was a party at the Brooke Army Medical Centerâ€™s (BAMCâ€™s) Fisher Houses in which 78 Valour-IT laptops were distributed to wounded Soldiers and Marines. This brings Valour-ITâ€™s total laptop distributions to over 1200 in two years, and an additional 22 laptops are on standby at BAMC.
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> Valour-IT was able to distribute the 78 laptops at once thanks to a $150,000 grant [warning, PDF file] from the San Antonio Area Foundation (SAAF), which is by far the largest donation Valour-IT has ever received. The money must be used exclusively in Texas, but that will free up other donations to be applied to locations around the country. SAAF has five million dollars to distribute and this was the first round of grants. Valour-IT received the largest grant of this round (about $80,000 of it remains at this time).
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> In related news, Circuit City has been working with Valour-IT for some time now, helping us to stretch our donated bucks. They negotiate with their major suppliers to get the best dealer incentives and bulk rates available at any given time and pass that savings directly on to us. [â€¦]

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Read the rest of the story, for thereâ€™s plenty of great things happening around the SA/ValOUR-IT program! andâ€¦if you have a few spare bucks, I bet thereâ€™s a service member support charity that might appreciate them!

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