

NEIGHBORHOOD BOYS CLUB



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For Better Men

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Dear Parents:

Approximately 150 former members of the Neighborhood Boys Club are now serving in the united forces of the U. S. A. We have been informed that your son is one of these boys, who are giving their best efforts for our freedom and liberty.

Mr. Robert Buehler, our sponsor, wishes to do something for these boys -- something that would keep them together even though they are scattered over distant parts of the world -- something that would be of interest to all. After consulting several of the boys in the service we decided to edit a weekly paper. In this way it will be possible to keep the boys posted as to the locations of their former teammates, their activities and experiences.

During the past six months we have heard from many of our boys and they have related quite a number of experiences through their distant travels all over the world. Incidents have occurred on several occasions where boys have met up with each other after being apart for quite a few years. Two of the boys met in a ball game in Honolulu. Another, after arriving during the night in a California camp, woke up the next morning to see one of his boyhood rivals in the next bunk; two boys enlisted in the Marine Corps and to their amazement found themselves under the leadership of one of their former teammates of 8 years ago. There are other similar incidents which have been brought to our attention.

To successfully accomplish our purpose it is necessary that we secure some reading matter which would be of interest to your son's boyhood teammates. Please return the enclosed card with the necessary information inserted. We would also appreciate your writing us a letter, stating your boy's experiences since entering the service.

Your early reply will help to speed this news around the world to your boy and our boys. May we count on you?

Sincerely yours,

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Richard B. Valentini