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AFTER ACTION REPORT

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ACTIVITY:

Officers of the Royal Artillery of the Royal Hutt River Army participated in the US Relief efforts for victims of Hurricane Katrina, one of the deadliest and costliest storms to ever hit North America. Major William B. Speir, Jr., Chief of the Royal Artillery and Adjutant of the 1st North American Royal Guards, reached out to the office of the Adjutant General of the Connecticut 1st Governor's Foot Guards (US Army National Guard) to see how the RHRA could participate in the relief efforts. We learned from the Armory personnel that all of the items being donated from across the state were being taken to the Foot Guard Armory in Hartford for processing, sorting, boxing, and shipping. The Armory was in desperate need for volunteers to help get the donations organized and ready to ship to the victims of Katrina in Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, and Louisiana. They were grateful for our assistance. Major Speir, who was joined by his family, helped organize volunteers from the local business community to help, and then rolled-up his sleeves and pitched in wherever the Armory personnel needed him. The volunteer activity took place Saturday and Sunday, the 10th and 11th of September 2005.

PURPOSE:

Participating in humanitarian activities is part of the core mission of the 1st North American Royal Guards and the 1st Regiment Royal Artillery. We are always looking for ways we can provide practical assistance and build closer relations with local communities on behalf of Prince Leonard and the Hutt River Province Principality. And, when a natural disaster of this magnitude occurs in our own back-yard, how can we not rise to the call and lend our support?

RESULTS:

The volunteer activity provided opportunities to talk about the RHRA and the HRPP with military personnel at the armory, as well as provide recognition of the RHRA and HRPP's involvement in humanitarian efforts world-wide.