

## CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS AND MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, SPOKANE CHAPTER KICK OFF CELL PHONE COLLECTION DRIVE IN THE SPOKANE, POST FALLS AND COEUR D'ALENE AREAS

**NORWELL, Mass.**, March 23, 2011– More than 150,000 troops are serving overseas and are away from their families. *Cell Phones for Soldiers*, and the Military Officers Association of America, Spokane Chapter are calling on all Americans to support these brave men and women by donating your unused cell phones. *Cell Phones for Soldiers* hopes to collect over 1 Million cell phones this year to help keep troops connected with their families.

"Over the past few years, we have been amazed by the generosity of others. But, we have also seen the need to support our troops continue." says Brittany Bergquist, *Cell Phones for Soldiers* co-founder. "It is easy for Americans to make a small sacrifice of support by donating their unused cell phones, and providing families with a much-needed connection to their loved ones overseas."

Local residents can support the collection drive by donating their phones at the following locations:

- All Global Credit Union locations: 1520 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Fairchild AFB, 9227 East Montgomery, 2401 West Wellsley, 315 South Sullivan Road, 726 West Riverside, Spokane area
- Global Credit Union 410 West Nelder, Coeur d'Alene and 3640 East Seltice Way, Post Falls
- Spokane Federal Credit Union, 601 West Mallon, Spokane
- Washington State Veterans Cemetery, 21702 West Espanola Road, Medical Lake
- Army Regional Readiness Center 1626 North Rebecca (by SCC)
- Vida Nails, 15607 East Broadway, Spokane Valley
- Coldwell Banker Northwest Group, 6519 North Maple

"We're proud to show our support for our United States Military, and to contribute to a worthy cause like *Cell Phones for Soldiers*," says Beth Ann Daigre, Auxiliary Liaison, Military Officers of America Spokane Chapter. The collection boxes will be available through August 2011.

The donated phones are sent to ReCellular, which pays *Cell Phones for Soldiers* for each phone – the money is used to purchase prepaid calling cards which are sent to troops.