



Support Our Troops! Absolutely!

Old Republic in Tampa is doing its part to support our troops in Iraq. Three of our employees have relatives stationed in the war zone, and we've done our part to keep them well-fed and somewhat comfortable by sending "goodie" boxes with everything from bug spray to beef jerky.

Gary Wynn, Supervisor of Policy Production in the Tampa Title Plant, has a son overseas. Pfc. Gary Wynn, Jr. is serving his country in the 101st Airborne Air Assault Unit of the 2nd Brigade in Baghdad. His very proud mom and dad are praying for his safe return.

Darlene Olver, Residential and Acreage Examiner in the Tampa Title Plant, has an unusual situation. Her niece, Sgt. Heather Mallard, and her niece's

husband, Sgt. Earl Mallard, are both in Iraq. They had to leave their 5-year-old son, RaShawn, with the head of the day care center in Germany

while they are serving overseas, and luckily, RaShawn has been at the day care center for years, so he's very comfortable.

Boxes of goodies went not only to Heather, but also to RaShawn. Unfortunately, Earl wasn't able to receive packages at his location.



Sheila Brown, Underwriting Assistant, also has a relative overseas. Her brother-in-law, Pfc. Chris Class, is in the Third Infantry stationed in Baghdad!

Chris's biggest request was for beef jerky, so plenty of beef jerky was sent overseas.

We all pray for the safe return of these and all our troops.

Our Duty Under the Patriots Act

■ *Michael S. Davis, Florida State Counsel*

Executive Order 13224 was signed by George W. Bush shortly after the September 11 attacks on our country. The Executive Order freezes property and prohibits transactions with terrorists or parties that support terrorism, according to the government's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (SDN) list. Specifically, the order states that "any transaction or dealing by United States persons or within the United States in property or interests in property blocked pursuant to this order is prohibited, including but not limited to the making or receiving of any contribution of funds, goods, or services to or for the benefit of those persons listed in the [SDN list] to this order or determined to be subject to this order."

As professionals involved in the property transfer process, this is where we get to draw our line in the sand. This message was reinforced by the passage of the USA Patriot Act. The Act requires "financial services organizations," which

appears to include title insurance and real estate attorneys, to implement procedures for matching client's names against the "Special Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons" list.

The war against terrorism has many fronts. Our marching orders are to be alert to prohibited transactions. Should we encounter a transaction involving a person or entity on the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control, our duty is to take action.

Executive Order 13224 contained the original list of blocked persons. That list is being continuously updated by the offices of the Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of State, and Attorney General. Should you settle a transaction involving a person or entity on the list, you may be subject to personal sanctions for violation of this Executive Order. This is a duty imposed on the party filling out the HUD-1.

The SDN list is available (in alphabetical order) on the Department of

Treasury's web site which is www.ustreas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/sanctions/terrorism.html.

While Old Republic National Title does not impose requirements as to the manner in which our agents and their applicants comply with Executive Order 13224, compliance is mandatory. The Treasury Department is still drafting the regulations for implementing the USA Patriot Act. All should become familiar with the list and run searches on sales or cash out refs to remove any concern.

Should you encounter any transactions involving suspected names on the Blocked Persons list, you should contact the OFAC for guidance at:

Office of Foreign Asset Control
U.S. Department of Treasury
Washington, DC 20220
HOTLINE: 800-540-6322
Fax: 202-622-1657