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**OritaniBank Charitable Foundation Awards \$20,000 Grant
To Adopt-a-Soldier Platoon**

Township of Washington, NJ – March 11, 2013 – The OritaniBank Charitable Foundation recently awarded a \$20,000 grant to Adopt-a-Soldier Platoon, Inc. for its Operation New Jersey program.

Operation New Jersey was specifically created to support over 1,000 Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen from the 508th Military Police Company in Teaneck and the 117th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion in Lawrenceville, NJ – all stationed now in Afghanistan – plus other units - to lift troop morale and welfare.

Adopt-a-Soldier has earmarked OritaniBank Charitable Foundation's \$20,000 grant for several initiatives:

- \$6,000 for Kindle Fire HDs to help "Adoptees" communicate back home, for personal entertainment purposes, and for cameras to record their experiences overseas
- \$4,000 for portable exercise gear from TRX Fitness Anywhere to stay in shape regardless where they are stationed or housed
- \$5,000 to support the 508th MP Company's Family Readiness Group in their work to assist families in need, especially after Hurricane Sandy
- \$5,000 for Christmas/Holiday supplies for Adoptees and their units down range in Afghanistan

“OritaniBank’s Grant has given us the ability to provide the kind of outstanding support during the Holidays that we otherwise wouldn’t have been able to deliver,” said Alan Krutchkoff, AaSP President. “It’s an incredible feeling, knowing that these gifts will bring such joy to our brave New Jersey men and women serving in harm’s way! Thanks OritaniBank!”

Adopt-a-Soldier Platoon, Inc. (www.adoptasoldierplatoon.org) is a grass roots organization created to improve the morale of U.S. military troops. Since April 2003, the non-profit 501(c)(3) public charity has been sending a bit of home to the brave men and women in our military to let them know how much America cares. Fully funded by private donations, the organization has an impressive record of using contributions for troop support. In 2011, 95.5% of every dollar donated to Adopt-a-Soldier Platoon went to the troops.

The soldiers were excited to receive the gifts, particularly the Kindle Fire devices, citing easier communication with their families over Skype at Thanksgiving, the ability to have more to read, and the fact that their efforts are not been forgotten.

Oritani Bank established the OritaniBank Charitable Foundation in 2007 to assist not-for-profit organizations that help to improve the quality of life for area residents, especially those members of its’ communities most in need. Since its inception the Foundation has donated more than \$3 million to local charitable organizations, primarily in support of education, health & human services, youth programs, and affordable housing.

Oritani Bank is a 102-year-old community bank with over \$2.8 billion in assets, based in the Township of Washington, New Jersey. Oritani Bank is a publicly held company trading on the NASDAQ with the trading symbol "ORIT." Oritani Bank offers a full line of deposit and loan services to both retail and commercial customers. For more information, call 888-ORITANI, or visit their website, www.oritani.com.

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