

Packages for Patriots

Dear Fellow American,

Throughout the year, let us continue to remember our servicemen and women that are far from their country and families. This is the fourth year I have had the privilege of helping you to serve these brave souls with “Packages for Patriots”. By sharing a touch of home, through a box filled with toiletries, food, candy, snacks, comfort items, uplifting reading materials, and a card with a message of thanks; we **let them know that their country appreciates and honors their dedicated service.**

As the mother of an Army soldier, I have seen the sacrifice our men and women make as they serve our country. **They will humbly tell you they are “simply doing their job”, and yet we know they are part of a volunteer force second to none in the world.** They are facing situations that few of us have or will ever experience. The military is currently shutting down the PX (post exchange) stores, so basic supplies are even harder to obtain. They need your support, more than ever.

Many soldiers sent heart-warming notes that expressed how much these packages meant to them personally. One soldier, SFC Daniel M. Bronk, US Army, send a letter thanking Packages for Patriots on behalf of his soldiers. He said, **“Maybe more important than the package itself, is the knowledge that it was assembled and sent by the hands of someone, and in some cases many people who support us, care deeply for our welfare, and appreciate the knowledge that is the true morale-boost for soldiers with every care package we open and every encouraging word we receive.”** We sent packages to Chaplains who distributed these to the soldiers who received little or no mail. Many families cannot afford to send a package to the ones they love. It's amazing to find that this one box supplies many soldiers. We received a thank-you not signed by three women who had shared one female box.

This is a **100% voluntary effort** and **100% of your tax-deductible funds** will provide a touch of cheer to an **Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine, or Coast Guard** service person. All donations given will be used to purchase supplied (please see our packing list), or cover the **\$13.45 postage** to mail the **USPS flat-rate box**. If you are able to **sponsor a box for a hero, it is \$60.00**. Please make your check out to Grace Chapel Ministries and write “Packages for Patriots” on the memo line.

If you know a soldier serving in harm's way overseas, please email your contact information along with the soldier's name and address to packagesforpatriots@gmail.com.

God bless you for your thoughtful consideration and generosity of spirit. **Please remember** to lift them up in prayer as they serve faithfully.

In His Hands,

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