



Help us Send Santa to the Troops!

WHEN: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6th, 2015

WHERE: SMFCU MICHIGAN AVENUE OFFICE

TIME: ALL DAY 7 A.M. – 6 P.M.

Donations accepted for non-perishable food items, powdered drink mixes, games, Nerf footballs, frisbees, nuts, granola bars, coffee, dry soups, snacks, eye drops, bandaids, Chap Sticks, personal hygiene products, puzzle books, etc.

Donations of cash also accepted!

THESE ITEMS CANNOT BE SHIPPED

GLASS BOTTLES or JARS

AEROSOL CANS or SPRAYS

EXPIRED FOOD

LIGHTERS, MATCHES or LIGHTER FLUID

HOTEL SAMPLES

VHS TAPES

HARD-COVER BOOKS

MOST POPULAR ITEMS REQUESTED BY OUR TROOPS

Beef Jerky / Slim Jims

COFFEE (Ground or whole; instant or drip), Hot

Chocolate packets, Herbal teas

Instant Drink Mixes (Gatorade, Kool-Aid, Crystal Light)

Pumpkin Seeds / Sunflower Seeds (salted)

Tuna in foil pouches (no cans)

Protein Powders / Protein Bars / Cliff Bars

Hard Pretzels / Cheetos / Fritos / Chex Mix / Wheat

Thins

Gum and Hard Candy (individually wrapped)

Granola Bars / Power Bars / Cereal Bars

Small Packs of Fig Newtons, Oreos, Cheese-Its

Trail Mix, Dried Fruit, Granola, Fruit Roll-Ups /

Fruit By The Foot / Fruit Gummies

DRY SOUP: (Ramen Noodles / Cup-O-Soup: just add water)

NUTS: Peanuts, Mixed Nuts (salted)

MICROWAVE FOOD (Popcorn, Chef-Boy-R-Dee, Mac'n'Cheese...)

COOKIES / Girl Scout Cookies (with chocolate:

Oct. - Feb. only!)

Cheese & Cracker packs

Oatmeal Packs (Instant: just add water)

Cereal (Small, individual boxes)

Rice Krispie Treats (Store-bought only)

Caffeinated gum or candy (to stay alert)

TOILETRIES: NO HOTEL SAMPLES!

Baby wipes (travel size)

Body Wash, Liquid Soap, Facial Cleanser

Shampoo /Conditioner (travel size)

Hair Gel (for female troops to pull hair back)

Combs / Brushes, Bobby Pins

Eye Drops (i.e. Visine)

Nasal Spray

Deodorant

Razors (disposable: "Intuition" or "Mach 3" type)

Shaving Cream / Shaving Soap (in boxes or tubes;

NO CANS of Shaving Cream, please!)

Cotton Swabs (i.e. Q-tips)

Band-aids, Gauze Pads, First Aid Kits

Lip balm / Chap Stick

Baby Powder & Foot Powder

Loufa Sponges / Buff Puffs / Washcloths

Sunblock, SPF 45, Zinc, Vitamin E, Aloe Vera Gel

Hand & Body Lotion / Moisturizer

Toothpaste & Toothbrushes & Dental Floss

Breath Mints / Breath Strips

Lozenges / Cough Drops

Nail files / Emery Boards / Nail Clippers

Feminine Hygiene Products

Tylenol, Motrin, Advil or Aspirin Packets

Moleskin

Shoe Insole Cushions (gel kind is best)\

ENTERTAINMENT and SPORTS

Batteries: "AA" "AAA" and "C" are the most requested

DVD Movies (new or used - recent releases)

Xbox Games (new or used)

PS2 Games (new or used)

Portable CD players / head phones

Small homemade gifts - little comforts of "home"

Pens & mechanical pencils

Stationery & Envelopes; blank cards to send home

Crossword Puzzles / Word Search Books / Math

Puzzle books / MAD LIBS / Logic Problems /Sudoku

Yo-Yo's, Dominoes, playing cards, poker chips, dice

Board games (UNO, Othello, checkers - travel size is great, too!)

Nerf footballs / Whiffle balls / Mitts / Sports equipment

Frisbees / Hackey sacks

Electronic handheld games

35 mm disposable cameras

Flash Drives, Thumb Drives for laptop computers

OTHER:

Laundry Detergent

Air Fresheners

Socks: Black, Olive Green & White (cotton and/or wool)

Patriotic knick-knacks: USA flags, flags from your state, bandanas, baseball hats, football jerseys, banners.

bug repellent in plastic pump bottles only (NO AEROSOL CANS, PLEASE!)

Holiday Decorations

CARDS & LETTERS

The troops love to hear from all of us and Mail brightens their days! These are the MOST IMPORTANT items we can send the troops & we can never have too many, so please keep writing! Consider making a patriotic banner or poster to send in one of our care packages!

Note: Our troops do not need stamps as they're in war zones & may send mail home to their loved ones at no charge