



Operation "Christmas For Troops"

As you can imagine, the holidays are a tough time for soldiers who can't be at home to celebrate with their families. Please help in sending them some Christmas cheer! We send enough in each package for an entire unit. Last year, we sent out 40+ packages to men and women in the Marines, Navy, Air Force, and Army in Kuwait, Afghanistan, Fort Belvoir-VA, Cherry Point-NC, Minot-ND, Camp Pendleton-CA, and Camp Lejeune-NC!

How we get our addresses? There are two ways: 1) local folks give us addresses for friends/family members who are serving, and 2) We utilize www.anysoldier.com, www.anymarine.com, etc. to locate units/individuals who are in need. Representatives and commanders who are "in the know" reach out through this organization and list items that units need or to nominate soldiers who don't receive mail due to lack of family. We try to do a nice mix, hitting each of the military branches. What started out as a small group sending cookies, has now turned into quite the motivated and generous group—which is so exciting!

WE NEED:

- **Candy and gum**
- **Individually packaged snack food (trail mix, granola bars, nuts, snack size cookies, crackers, etc.)**
- **Cards, letters, kids drawings**
- **Travel size hygiene products**
- **Baby wipes**
- **Chapstick**
- **Hand/Foot warmers**
- **Fun holiday items (Santa hats, candy canes, etc.)**
- **Magazines (new or gently read)**
- **Batteries**
- **White Socks**
- **\$ Contributions toward shipping costs**

Packing party: Sunday, December 4 from 2pm-4pm at the Brandon American Legion, Brandon

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