

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

January 20, 2009

Today our country has Inaugurated the 44th President of the United States. Our new president has many challenges to face, but even with all those challenges he has inspired many to have hope in the future. However this hope will only be realized if we all work together to improve the world as we know it. Much like our new President, our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron have also asked us to work together during this "One Great Year of Giving". We hope that with this call to service you find it in your hearts and minds to once again support our military.

Two years ago we collected many many items that were donated to the fighting men and women of our country. These men and women have gone through things that most of us can only imagine. In this small way we hope that their lives may be made just a little bit easier.

Hoffner Chapter is once again collecting as many items as possible to give to our servicemen. We hope that with your help we can surpass what we collected 2 years ago. Just as a reminder, our District (that's all of you) collected over 500lbs and several boxes to give to the Yellow Ribbon Group. If all our Chapters donate just a little bit more we are confident that we can easily surpass that amount.

We will collect items all the way through Memorial Day. The last day we will collect items will be at District 20's June District Meeting. We will be more than happy to collect items whenever possible. A member of this committee will be at all the District events between now and then.

We have enclosed a few copies of the list of items to be collected. However there are just a few restrictions that MUST be followed:

- Toiletry items need to be unscented, so not to attract more bugs
- Each item needs to be in an individual Ziploc bag
- NO aerosol cans
- NO pork or pork by-products
- NO alcohol based products (no hand sanitizer, medicines or other items w/alcohol)

We hope that all Chapters and Members will participate over the next few months to make this project a large success. Please contact any member of the committee if you have any questions or would like to make arrangements to have items picked up.

Thank you for your time and support.

Star Love,



Debbie Nungester

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List of Items needed for service personnel in Iraq

Unscented toiletry items are best so not to attract more bugs.

Do not send anything in aerosol cans

Pack every item in a Ziploc bag, double bag soap and bug repellent.

NO pork or pork by-products

NO alcohol based products (no hand sanitizers)

Food items

Beef jerky with USDA beef label

Canned soup

Chewing gum

Chex mix

Crackers and Easy Cheese

Cup a Soup

Dried fruit

Fast food condiments

Girl Scout cookies

Granola bars

Hard candy

Home baked goods

Individual servings of:

Chips, canned fruit, dry cereal, nuts, oatmeal, trail mix

Instant soup

Instant coffee

Kool-aid (pre-sweetened)

Little Debbie snack cakes

Lollipops

Marshmallows

Microwave popcorn

Powdered Gatorade

Powdered hot chocolate

Power bars

Ragu express

Rice Krispie Treats

Sardines

Slim Jims

Spices

Summer Sausage

Sunflower seeds

Teas bags

Tuna or Chicken (canned or pouched)

Non Food Items

Adhesive hooks to hang items

After Shave lotion (no alcohol)

Baby powder

Baby wipes

Bandanas

Big fluffy towels

Breath mints

Bug spray

Chap stick (a big request item)

Clorox wipes

Combs and brushes

Contact lens cleaner

Cotton balls

Crossword puzzle books

Dart boards and darts

Dental floss

Deodorant

Disposable razors

Disposable cameras

Dr. Scholl's Moleskin footpads

Eye drops

Foot powder Frisbees

Hand warmers

Icy/Hot patches

Insoles for shoes and boots

Jock itch cream

Joke and comic books

Jump ropes

Lip balm

Mouth wash

Nail clippers

Nail files

Nyquil & Dayquil (no alcohol)

Pain relievers (creams, Tylenol...)

Paper and envelopes

Paperback books

Saline nasal spray

Shampoo and conditioner

Shaving brushes or blush brushes

Skin so soft

Soap or body wash

Stress ball

Sun block (SPF 30 and waterproof)

T-shirts, underwear, socks

Yo Yo's

Ziploc bags

no alcohol