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Soldiers currently serving:

J Kearney *in Bahrain*
H McCormick *in Kuwait*
W Smith *in Kuwait*
J Burke *in Iraq*
R Cruz *in Afghanistan*
R Lopez *in South Korea*
E Wang *(undisclosed)*
G Matthews *in Kuwait*
M Alexander *in Qatar*
T Page *in Afghanistan*
P Dorsch *in Afghanistan*
T Peace *in Afghanistan*
T Rice *in Italy*
P Riordan *in Bahrain*
T Mollmann *in Qatar*
M Fernandez *(undisclosed)*
A Gonzalez *in Kuwait*
A Nestor *in Kuwait*
J Turner *in Afghanistan*
B Lawson *(undisclosed)*
E Sims *in Turkey*



Cumulative Stats

47,700 lbs. of donations have been shipped since 2005.

\$71,700 raised from community donations since 2007.

190 Point Leaders since 2005 (some serving multiple times).



Current cost to mail a Flat Rate Priority Mail package to a Soldier has just increased to **\$18.45**

Great Notes From Our Point Leaders:

★ My name is Hassnean Hamood. I'm one of the people who received your gift package and it happened to be during Easter Day. It did make my day. I felt we are home and not forgotten. Thank you so much for all your support for us. God bless you and bless the USA. Best regards — *H Hamood*

★ I just want to thank you for sending a Care Package. Having mail is such a great day that always raises morale. — *S Banks*

★ Our conditions here are tolerable. We do have Air Conditioning in the majority of areas where we work, and our bunks are cool as well. There is a free laundry service option to use here, though it can take a few days. Due to limited options on where Soldier's can buy necessary items like toiletries and snacks, the PXs have inflated prices that can cause a real burden on our junior soldiers. Our dining facility food is acceptable, though of course gets old after a while. Snacks like cup of noodles, energy bars, and drink mixes go a long way for soldier morale. Because of the **elevated prices and limited choices at the PX**, we have been lacking some basic maintenance supplies. Since it gets so hot in the desert things tend to get smelly too, we have limited options for "smell good" items. The best thing we can receive are easy to eat snacks that can be kept in a fridge or freezer or warmed up in the microwave. Remember these packages have a long way to go, so crushable items such as chips, crackers, or crumbly granola bars do best to be in their own box with a little bit of packing. Ankle socks of any color are always appreciated as are green boot socks of any brand. It is extremely hot here, so wicking material is best. I know our females would appreciate some "spa day" type materials such as face masks, foot scrubs, hand cream, etc. Our whole group cannot express how much we appreciate your support. — *H McCormick*

★ We live in dorms. I am the kennel master to 11 dog handlers. If possible, Girl Scout cookies and other sweets and treats would be awesome. Thank you for everything that your organization does. — *E Sims*

We must never forget who gets the credit for the freedoms we have, of which we should be eternally

Special Announcement

If you are receiving this newsletter via email, that's wonderful. We hope you are enjoying it.

If you are receiving this newsletter via postal snail mail, we have a question for you. Do you also have an email address? To help us save on the cost of postage, would you consider receiving our newsletter by email instead? If you don't have an email address or prefer not to use it, that's OK. But if you WOULD consider using it, could you contact us at fbc.hingham@verizon.net and give us your email address? Everything helps in running this outreach!



Donation Drop-offs

If you wish to conveniently drop off Care Package donations, there is a brown chest to the back of our parking lot on the right side of the church. Look for the sign below. There is a doorbell if you need personal attention during daytime hours.



Sign posted over donation trunk.

Would you write a short note of encouragement to our
US deployed Soldiers?

IT'S VERY EASY

We currently have 20 Point Leaders plus the entire units that they represent. Personal comments and expressions mean as much to these troops as the supplies we send. We place these notes inside our Care Packages along with the supply contents.

Use any type of notecard. Expressions can be as short as:

"You are in our prayers"

"Thank you for your sacrifices and devoted service"

"We are praying for your safe return"

"Thank you for keeping us safe"

"We respect and support your dedication"

"Thank you for being so good to our country"

The more cards, the better. Perhaps invite your family and friends to write notes. Children draw wonderful pictures.

At your convenience you may place your cards in the brown donation trunk in the parking lot to the right side of the First Baptist Church. Or you can mail them to First Baptist Church, 85 Main Street, Hingham, MA 02043. They will be shipped immediately.

Your written words will brighten someone's day who is working so hard for all of us.



THANK you....

The foundation of donations is growing in the Pinehills community in Plymouth. For years this drive has been spearheaded by Carole Ellis, a longtime Pinehills resident, with two collections being conducted each year. Additional Pinehills communities are joining the drive, and on May 30 Carole delivered a multitude of contributions.

Thank you so much Pinehills!



On March 14 Dana Donnelly delivered 3 cases of Girl Scout cookies from her Troop #74005.

Thank you so much Troop #74005

Current Donation Requests:

Needed items requested by our Soldiers: Peanut butter, Beef Jerkies, nuts, protein bars, cans of fruit (small with pop-tops), coffee, feminine needs, hand sanitizer, Icy Hot patches.



All donations are mailed in a timely manner.

For other supply suggestions go to: http://www.SoldiersCarePackages.com/html/needed_items.html

NOTES:

The First Baptist Church will pack and ship items for you. Donations may be brought to FBC where you will find for your convenience a 24/7 brown donation chest under a drop-off sign on the right side of the church. FBC is in Hingham Square on the corner of Elm and Main Street, 2 doors up from Loring Theater.

Our "Point Leaders" are Soldiers who receive our Care Packages. They distribute donated items to their units, focusing on the greatest need. We have had units as small as 3 and as large as 200.

For those who prefer to send a financial contribution, it will be gratefully accepted. Please make a check out to First Baptist Church Hingham and note "Care Packages" on the memo line. Mail to First Baptist Church, 85 Main Street, Hingham, MA 02043.

