

# SOLDIERSCAREPACKAGES.COM

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CH (CPT) Andrew Calvert *in Afghanistan*  
SPC Luis Barrera *in HI*  
CPT Doug Wercinski *in Afghanistan*  
ENS John W. Beal *on USCGC Block Island*  
Will McPherson *in Afghanistan*  
SGT James Yourell *in Afghanistan*  
Nicholas Ordonez *in Japan*  
David Marriott *in Afghanistan*  
Mark Cazeault *in Afghanistan*  
Jennifer Shippy *in Afghanistan*  
William Lopez *in Afghanistan*  
Clayton Bridges *in Afghanistan*



## Cumulative Stats

**24,151 lbs. of donations have been shipped since 2005.**

**\$46,961 raised from community donations since 2007.**

**62 Point Leaders since 2005 (some serving multiple times).**

Point Leaders  
who we are now serving:

**12**



**Congratulations to the following Point Leaders who have returned home to the US safely:**

CPT Cliff Houde *from Kuwait*  
CPT Jonathan Laton *from Egypt*  
SSG Donovan Swain *from Afghanistan*

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND SACRIFICES!**

## Great Notes From Our Point Leaders:

Thank you so much for your support! My soldiers and I enjoyed all the Care Packages you and your great church sent us. I know it took a lot of time, money, and effort. I want you and your congregation to know that we enjoyed the contents of every Package and we made use of all the thoughtful items. From candy to hygiene items, everything was used and shared amongst the soldiers in our unit. Also, we did use the silly string on patrol and it undoubtedly served to preserve the lives of US soldiers while maneuvered through an IED laden battlefield. We can't thank you or your church enough!

P.S. My wife and three children send their thanks as well. — *M. Rowland*

Good morning! I was deployed to the Middle East over the past year. Your care packages were always timely, thoughtful, and full of useful things for myself and my team. The notes that were included were touching as well. I praise God for you and the work He is leading you to do. As I am home now, you can remove me from your mailing list. Thank you again, — *C. Houde*

## Want a reason for a party?

### Are you thinking about Veteran's Day yet?

A party? A fall cook-out? Honor our veterans. **If you know a veteran, invite him/her as guest of honor.** It's only a few weeks away.... November 11.

So in theme with the holiday, how about asking your guests to bring a Care Package donation?

Send them to [www.soldierscarepackages.com/html/needed\\_items.html](http://www.soldierscarepackages.com/html/needed_items.html) for a full list of item suggestions.

What a wonderful and effortless thing to do for our troops as well as remembering the men and women who served in the US Armed Forces.



# Veterans Day

November 11

# Word Search



See how many of these newspaper related words you can find in the puzzle.  
The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

Created by Sue Lindlauf  
Grand Forks Herald 2011

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|-------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1. Veterans | 5. Armistice | 9. Holiday    | 13. Medals  |
| 2. Honor    | 6. Character | 10. Courage   | 14. History |
| 3. Service  | 7. Soldiers  | 11. Wars      | 15. Hero    |
| 4. Military | 8. Americans | 12. Sacrifice | 16. Thanks  |

## *Don't forget...*

Don't forget that we accept excess Halloween candy from the community every year. It's hard to believe but Halloween is right around the corner. Candy is shipped to our Point Leaders who distribute everything to their units and even local children in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere.



## *Just a reminder...*



*Thank You to  
Leif Thureson*

Retire your American Flag with respect. There are repositories installed at the library and the town landfill. Leif Thureson of Troop 52 is responsible for placing these repositories, creating them as a part of his Eagle Scout project. Each box includes the history of the Flag and the Flag Code.

## Amazing Grace Veterans Day Tribute

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFHX5CMOnnQ>

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## Thank You Veterans

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wgl7eAVs4Jc>

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After our last Update we received many generous and welcomed contributions, both financial and supplies.

We want to acknowledge how important you are.

Thank you for empowering us.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ctVI5baftFo>

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# Military holiday mail deadlines around the corner



Halloween is still more than a month away, but it's time to start thinking about getting cards, letters and packages to your overseas service member in time for Christmas or Hanukkah.



The first recommended deadline is Nov. 12, if you want to send it the slowest way — parcel post — according to Naval Supply Systems Command postal policy division officials. The services work to coordinate the dates with the Military Postal Service Agency. If you want your package to arrive before the start of Hanukkah on Nov. 27, send it 28 days earlier — by Oct. 15.

The following are deadlines recommended by military postal officials for sending to APO/FPO/DPO AE zips. Remember to subtract 28 days from each deadline to get it there before Hanukkah.

**First-class mail (letters, cards and priority mail): Dec. 10; Dec. 3 for items going to Afghanistan and other contingency areas**

**Parcel Airlift Mail: Dec. 3**

**Space Available Mail: Nov. 26**

**Express Military Mail: Dec. 17 (Check with your local post office to see if it is available to your location. It is not available for contingency locations.)**

Officials advise that the nine-digit ZIP code format should be used for all military FPO/APO mail to ensure delivery.

To understand some of the difficulties last year (2013) of getting the holiday mail and packages to the troops in Afghanistan, watch: <http://live.wsj.com/video/a-santa-claus-for-us-troops-in-afghanistan-/E8671028-825D-4A93-B4A8-2C3462DB400A.html?KEYWORDS=Innovative+Logistics#!E8671028-825D-4A93-B4A8-2C3462DB400A> (CTRL + Click to follow link)

**Your Care Package supplies will be a piece of home regardless of what they are, but here are some more clever ideas to really make the recipient feel at home:**

Nice shoe inserts for sore feet, odor-eliminating shoe powder, and Febreze to help with uniform freshness. Toilet paper is supplied by the military, so save your money and our package space.

Non-perishable food toppings such as hot sauce, seasonings and spices (ex. garlic salt, oregano) to use with meals, peanut butter or Nutella.

Colorful Christmas tree ornaments. Yes, it's coming before you know it!

Crackers and powdered dips that can be made with water.



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ui4-65MCv\\_Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ui4-65MCv_Y)

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## Current Donation Requests *(it has been a while so we are actually in need of everything:*

Coffee *(make sure the coffee container can fit into a 12x12x5½" box)*, protein bars, cans of fruit (small), baby wipes, hand sanitizer, air fresheners, Icy Hot patches. All donations are sent immediately.

For other suggestions go to: [http://www.SoldiersCarePackages.com/html/needed\\_items.html](http://www.SoldiersCarePackages.com/html/needed_items.html)



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## NOTES:

*The First Baptist Church will pack and ship items for you. Donations may be brought to the FBC Office in the building to the right of the church. There will be a donation box on the porch. 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 and always have a connection with Hingham. They distribute donated items to their unit, focusing on the greatest need.**

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

