

SOLDIERSCAREPACKAGES.COM

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Soldiers we are currently serving:

A Fielding *in Kuwait*
M Spoke *FPO*
J McCormick *in S. Korea*
M Proctor *in Japan*
J Molina *in Jordan*
D Tisor *undisclosed*
E Cho *in Kuwait*
E Carman *in Kuwait*
C Johnson *in Afghanistan*
P Dixon *in Kuwait*
K Hasenstein *in Kuwait*
D Clark *on ship*
T Amra *on ship*
J Claypool *in Japan*
L Adams *in S. Korea*
W Wilcox *on ship*
K Ricketts *in Kuwait*
S Hallerman *on ship*
J Kesiner *in Bahrain*
W Carroll *in Japan*
R Paredes *in Saudi Arabia*
T Jackson *in Kuwait*

**Do you know of a deployed Soldier?
Would he/she like to receive
Care Packages?
Let us know at
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Cumulative Stats

58,000 lbs. of donations shipped since 2005.

258 Point Leaders since 2005 (some serving multiple times). Each Point Leader has a unit averaging from 6 to 600 Soldiers.



**Latest current cost to mail
one Flat Rate Priority Mail
package to a
Soldier is **\$17.20****

Great Notes From Our Point Leaders:

★ *We work in the Communications unit and provide communications to all users on the installation. Nearly none of the lower ranked Airmen have vehicles and are limited to shopping at the small Base Exchange and Commissary or taking a taxi to a shopping center off base and paying higher prices for items.... For many Airmen, this is their first base and first time being separated from family and the downside to being away from home are some of the essentials, snacks, quick eats, coffee. Board games and books are okay to send as well for those in the unit who like to read and play games to pass the time. The weather is already getting cooler so cold weather gear (thick socks, gloves, fleeces) will be a challenge. These are at the expense of each member which depending on quality, cost can be high for those members who survive paycheck to paycheck.... Hours are long and sometimes include the weekends; duties are indoors/outdoors. As a leader, I will always hand out care packages to my unit and disseminate them fairly. I am doing this for the morale of my Airmen. My morale increases simply by seeing my Airmens' morale at a high level. I also think care packages are more important now because all MWR's, USO's and gyms are closed or semi-closed due to the Coronavirus pan. — L Adams*

★ *We are a small shop on a small FOB in the desert. Days are HOT! We split our time inside and outside. We work 7 days a week at a minimum of 12hr shifts. Most of us are just missing home comfort. We don't have a lot to do here and our entertainment is very limited — H Avrianna*

★ *Living conditions are below standard. No running water or plumbing. Limited hot food availability. Austere environment. Sometimes electricity is available. — R Botashoff*

★ *We are a unit of over 125 service members of varying degrees of experience and acclimatization. We are at an altitude of approximately 7,000 ft, and subject to temperatures ranging from approximately 105 F to below 0 F. We have no organic Post Exchange, and rely entirely on mail. Our mail reception capability is severely degraded due to COVID-19, and the local economy is entirely off-limits. Our dining facility is limited on supplies. We are low on basic hygiene supplies, cold weather equipment, snack food, entertainment (board games, movies, etc.), and tactical equipment (eye protection, gloves, hand warmers, cold weather socks etc.) Thank you for your support; any contribution would really help morale. — C Johnson*

★ *You are so kind. I have re-integrated and am back home now. Thank you for everything you do. — H Teplicki*

PLEASE HELP US HELP THEM

Not even pandemics can stop SCPO. Thank you to all who didn't hesitate to step up to help our troops. We are grateful to be part of a community of steadfast support—even and especially during a pandemic.

A bright light certainly shines even in the darkest times.

Now, with all that is going on due to the pandemic, we are seeing regular support from our partners dwindle as they all struggle to keep their own food on the table.

However, we can't do it alone. So we are grateful to the kind and generous individuals who have already stepped in to help, and we welcome any and all support.

**You are still the foundation of this outreach.
You are extremely appreciated
during these unprecedented times.**



Current Donation Requests:

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



All donations are mailed in a timely manner.

For other supply suggestions go to: <https://www.SoldiersCarePackages.com/list.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 in the parking lot 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 500.

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. In addition, you can go to our website and use PayPal.



Each one of you is appreciated!

Special Request

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? It would be crisper and more colorful. 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!