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T Perkins in Afghanistan
D Millikan in Afghanistan
G Graham in Afghanistan
A Grubb in Afghanistan
T Peace in Afghanistan
R Fraulino in Africa
J Staats in Iraq
A Whitbeck in Cuba
J Kearney in Bahrain
B James in Korea
P Koenen in Italy
I Nadeau in Afghanistan
P Riordan in South Korea



Cumulative Stats

36,500 lbs. of donations have been shipped since 2005.

\$71,500 raised from community donations since 2007.

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



Soldiers we are now serving:

18
and growing



Current cost to mail a
Flat Rate Priority Mail
package to a Soldier is
\$17.40

Special Announcement

Hello to all Care Package Supporters,

First and foremost above all else I want to thank everyone who has welcomed me back “in the saddle” after my medical leave. It feels good to be back and know of how much you have supported our Care Package Outreach during all this time. From the bottom of my heart — thank you.

Another very recent news flash — our “Command Central” work station has moved. We now have a room within the main church that contains all of our supplies, donations, computer/printer, and misc. items in one place.... which is wonderful for us. The Gilman House beside the church used to house our offices but was recently sold. You will not go to that porch any more to leave your donations. We moved into the church basement and are settling in nicely. On top of this new event, we have received mega-loads of donations — financial (for postage) as well as supplies. We are very busy.

There is a lot of new energy for our Care Package Outreach which we hope to expand with your help. There is certainly a need for these self-sacrificing Soldiers to know that we care.

Faithfully,



Joy Thomson
Director

So where do you put your donations?

If you wish to drop off Care Package donations, there will be a marked 24/7 brown chest outside the bottom floor basement door on the right side of the church. Look for the sign below. Use the same driveway. There should be a doorbell installed soon too if you need personal attention.

All functions remain the same. It's just our location that has changed.



Great Notes From Our Point Leaders:

★ I am a second generation military service member, meaning my father also served in the military. I would normally receive packages from my wife when I am away, but she has also deployed. — **G Graham**

★ Thank you for the very generous and thoughtful packages you sent to the deployed members of the 438th TAAC-Air Wing in Afghanistan. We are a joint service (Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines) team, working with coalition partners (French, British, Czech, Polish, Greek, Australian, Swedish, German and Romania to name a few) to aid the Afghan Air Force and Army through a Training, Advising and Assisting mission, known as TAAC-Air. Our goal is to help modernize, train, and teach their military to become a stable, self-sufficient, defense force capable of protecting and serving a democratic government. The mission is both personally and professionally rewarding, and something that we will never forget. Although, sometimes it is challenging when trying to navigate through so many different tribes, cultures, languages and historical backgrounds, the mission and locals we work with present a unique opportunity to really make a difference in and for Afghanistan. // The hardest part of the deployment is the time spent away from family and friends. Most members are here on 12 month tours. Combined with the training to spin up for this task, the troops spend about 15 months away from home. As you can imagine, it is the dedication and support of people like you, our friends and families that are the real heroes in our hearts and minds. All of us greatly appreciate the time and effort you spent collecting and sending a care package to us overseas. It definitely brought a smile to our faces. I wish you could hear how excited we all get over the things you send and how they remind us of our lives back home. Many of these items we all take for granted and forget how much we miss them or how easy it is to run out to our local store and pick them up in the states. Your generosity humbles us and everyone said to pass along their thanks and appreciation. // Stay safe and thank you from all of us at TAAC-AIR for your time, thoughts, prayers, letters and snacks! You are in our thoughts and prayers. — **P Dorsch**

★ Hello from Kandahar Afghanistan! I am a Soldier on a ten Soldier team tasked to advise and accompany the Afghan National Army. I am humbly requesting some taste from home for my team members while we are in theater. We appreciate everything you do for the Service men and women currently deployed; it means the world to us. — **T Peace**

★ Hello from Afghanistan. I wanted to personally type this email to give thanks from my team and myself. Would of loved to write a letter, but we currently do not have the ability for outgoing mail. We are very grateful for your contribution, time and effort. Special requests: If possible, top ramen noodles and or packaged tuna. Food with source of protein are always a need, for your future soldiers packages. You guys are the heroes of the heroes, thanks again. God Bless. — **T Perkins**



Some
of our
deployed
Soldiers.

PLANTING A SEED

Thinking about a Labor Day party? Cookout?
What about a Care Package theme?

It's only a few weeks away. 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 for a full list of item suggestions.

What a wonderful and effortless thing to do for our deployed troops.



Great News.....

Team Narwhals of the Hingham Middle School donated over 1000 items to provide our deployed Soldiers with some support from home.

CONGRATULATIONS on such a tremendous success!



Watch out for **FAKE VETERANS CHARITY SCAMS....**

Parts of this material were published in a recent AARP email notification:

"All charity scams are deplorable, but those pretending to raise funds to support our nation's veterans are particularly shameful. Last week, the Federal Trade Commission, along with state charities regulators, announced a major takedown of fake veteran charities.... Let's hope these actions put a big dent in these scams, but chances are more will pop up.

Here's what you should know:

- ★ Fake charities use the same techniques as trusted charities to reach you—in person, by mail, over the phone, online, by text, or by e-mail—so be mindful
- ★ across all of these methods.
- ★ The name of the fake veteran charity may closely resemble the name of a real charity.
- ★ The fake charity might ask you to wire money, donate by gift card or give cash—see this as a red flag.
- ★ Scammers will put pressure on you to act quickly, before you have a chance to think through your decision or do any research.

When you do donate to a charity, use a check or credit card and keep records. If you are approached in person, ask for identification and details about the charity, including its full name and address, and how they will use the funds. If the person cannot furnish this information, close your door or walk away.

Easily check out a charity before you give money to one. See how at www.ftc.gov/charity.

When it comes to fraud, vigilance is our number one weapon. You have the power to protect yourself and your loved ones from scams. Please share this alert with friends and family."

Great News.....

**We have an extra new helper in "Command Central."
Welcome Barbie Morrow**

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

Current Donation Requests:

Protein bars, cans of fruit (small), hand sanitizer, Icy Hot patches, coffee. All donations are sent immediately.

For other 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 the FBC Office in the basement of the church. There will be 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 unit, focusing on the greatest need.

For those who prefer to send a financial contribution toward postage instead of shopping for items, it will be gratefully accepted. Please make a check out to First Baptist Church Benevolence Account and note "Care Package Postage" on the memo line. Mail to 85 Main Street, Hingham, MA 02043.

