




# SOLDIERSCAREPACKAGES.COM

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CH (CPT) Andrew Calvert *in Afghanistan*  
SSG Michael Rowland *in Afghanistan*  
SPC Luis Barrera *in HI*  
SSG Donovan Swain *in Afghanistan*  
CPT Doug Wercinski *in Afghanistan*  
CPT Jonathan Laton *in Egypt*  
ENS John W. Beal *on USCG*  *Mohawk*  
CK Crystal Wray *in Afghanistan*   
Will McPherson *in Afghanistan*   
SGT James Yourell *in Afghanistan*  
PFC Jessica Kidder *in Afghanistan*  
Timothy Houldcroft *in Afghanistan*  
David Marriott *in Afghanistan*  
Mark Cazeault *in Afghanistan*  
Jennifer Shippy *in Afghanistan*  
Cliff Houde *in Kuwait*



## Cumulative Stats

**20,500 lbs. of donations have been shipped since 2005.**

**\$37,414 raised from community donations since 2007.**

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



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

Kathy Marable *from Afghanistan*  
CPT Matthew Hanlon *from Kuwait*  
Woody Shugart *from Kuwait*  
Will Jenkins *from Cuba*  
Dan Yaccarino *from Cuba*

## Great Notes From Our Point Leaders:

★ Once my leave time ends in early April I will be officially off active duty, and will return to being a drilling reservist for the Navy. At that time I will also return to my job with US Customs and Border Protection in Boston. I will also focus on my next big trip, which is to marry Ashley in Italy this June. — *D. Yaccarino*

★ The packages made it and I was able to take them out to the out posts during the holidays. We only get mail about once or twice a week (usually once) and I try to get everything out to the Soldiers within a couple days. Usually the platoon sergeant gets a box or two and takes to the sites for the guys to look through for items. So far I have heard nothing but great comments from them and a tons of thanks. Please share this with Hingham.

We are pushing out again to the outpost this week. We spend half our time there and the other half on the small base with the rest of the unit. I have a group out on an island. I usually fly there once a week and take them something. Hope all is well. Again, thanks for all the support. — *J. Laton*

★ Thank you very much for the delivery. We just returned from a two-month patrol, so during this in-port period I will try to disperse these goods amongst the crewmembers. Thanks for thinking of us.

Our unit is a 270 foot medium endurance cutter. Please feel free to share our website: <http://www.uscg.mil/lantarea/cgcMohawk/> since there is a good deal of information about our unit. — *J. Beal*

★ Thank you for your continued sacrificial support of Soldiers all around the world. Your contribution means a great deal to the Soldiers and helps to maintain a high level of morale. — *A. Calvert*

★ Thank you all for blessing me with all the packages I have gotten from Hingham. It brightens my whole week when I get a package....Please keep my battle buddies and me in your prayers. It means a lot to all of us. P.S. The (Christmas) candy was great. I shared it with my fellow Soldiers and even the civilians over here too. — *J. Kidder*



Dan Yaccarino's tent city in Cuba

Delivered to FBC Donation Box from the Jewish Community at Linden Ponds



Office Porch



"George"



# *Planting a patriotic seed...*

## **Are you thinking about Memorial Day?**

A party? A cook-out? It's only a very few weeks away! Hard to believe.

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 died while serving in the US Armed Forces.



## *Did you know...*

If you are a war veteran, a spouse or a widow over the age of 65, then it is likely that you qualify for Aid and Attendance benefits. If you are interested in finding out more information, contact the Veterans Office at the Hingham Town Hall.

## *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 recently 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.



## ***We are indebted to SUN MULTISPORT EVENTS***



Sun Multisport Events (SME) presented our Soldiers Care Package Outreach with a check for \$1650 earlier this year!

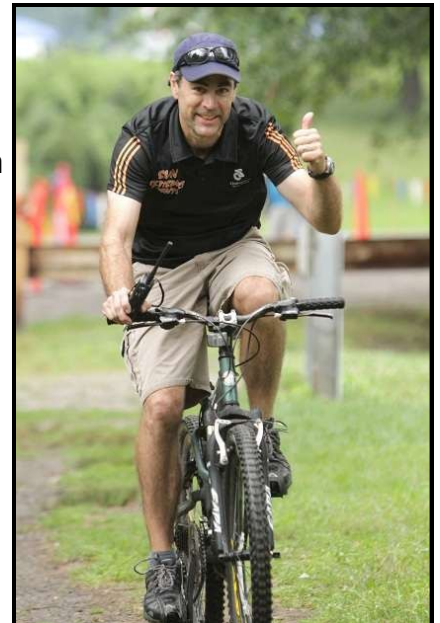
SME is the premier multisport event production team in New England offering a unique set of events for endurance athletes of all levels of experience. Their line-up includes the TRI-MANIA Summit and Expo

(formerly known as the Multisport World Conference and Expo) which kicks off the new season in the Boston, New York City and Washington DC markets plus nine multisport races including sprint, olympic and half iron distance events as well as youth-focused races. Collectively, more than 10,000 athletes will sign up for a 2013 SME event.

[SoldiersCarePackages.com](http://SoldiersCarePackages.com) was featured as a charity slot.

Sun Multisport Events is led by **Mark Walter**. A certified USA Triathlon Race Director since 2006, Mark's passion for the sport of triathlon began with his first race, the inaugural Mooseman at Waterville Valley, NH in 2004. After 6 years of nurturing the Sun Multisport Events business during late nights, early mornings and weekends while holding a full-time job, balancing the needs of a wife and four kids and trying to squeeze in some training, Mark successfully transitioned to full time management of Sun Multisport Events in February 2012. Mark continues to race triathlons when he's not behind a megaphone directing them.

**We are exceedingly grateful for Mark's support of our deployed Soldiers and our efforts to reach them.**



If you would like to know more about SME, go to  
[www.SunMultisportEvents.com](http://www.SunMultisportEvents.com)



We also want to thank all of you wonderful people who  
donated **financial contributions** to our  
Care Package Outreach. It is equally important to have  
funds with which to ship Packages. Many of you are  
faithful and generous and we are

**empowered  
and  
grateful**

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), 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)



### 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.*

