

# 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*  
M Madden *in Afghanistan*  
R Mitchell *in Afghanistan*  
C Campbell *SW Asia*  
J Giordani *in S. Korea*  
L Haas *in Afghanistan*  
Y Izak (*undisclosed*)  
J Retzloff (*undisclosed*)  
A Alongi *FPO*  
J Mitrano *in Iraq*  
H Avrianna *in Kuwait*  
H Teplicki *in Kuwait*  
J McLarey *FPO*  
W Lewis *FPO*

## Cumulative Stats

**56,000 lbs. of donations shipped since 2005.**

**\$87,000 raised from donations since 2007.**

**240 Point Leaders since 2005 (some serving multiple times). Each Point Leader has a unit averaging from 6 to 500 Soldiers.**



Do you know of a deployed Soldier?  
Would he/she like to receive  
Care Packages?  
Let us know at  
fbc.hingham@verizon.net



Latest current cost to mail  
one Flat Rate Priority Mail  
package to a  
Soldier is **\$16.80**

## **Great Notes From Our Point Leaders:**

*Here is a little update on my group. We have really appreciated the support we have received so far. My group is doing well and staying busy. All of the snacks have really helped get through long days and helps keep the guys energy up. Our PX store here is still very limited. As well as all of the good snack stuff that everyone has been sending a few other things that we are running out of and having a hard time getting are small safety equipment items like ear plugs, and work gloves. Since we do construction we go through these items like crazy. Again thank you to everyone that has been and will continue to send to support us. We really appreciate everything. — M Ciesielski*

*I am a Specialist and have been active in the Army for 3 years. I am currently deployed in Kuwait in a location called Camp Arifjan. The conditions are rather stable and peaceful. I would say the biggest issue is the heat and lack of products in the exchange/PX here on post. Deodorant is definitely something we could use and a variety of snacks too; we have 24 hour shifts and it gets boring, so eating snacks helps pass the time in my opinion. We have a microwave so popcorn is always an option. Thank you all for the assistance! — F Carter*

*Living conditions are fair. We are living in warehouses on cots (no A/C-heat). Electricity is run by city off/on 220-240V and goes out often and for extended periods of time. We need: protein, beef jerky, protein bars, almonds, nuts. There is one microwave on base and in makeshift DFAC. I am representing the entire base as their chaplain. — James Burke*

*Our Soldiers have greatly appreciated the love and effort put into these care packages while we're overseas away from home.....We greatly appreciate all the care packages and the cards and letters. — B Brandt*

*We are currently a deployed hospital in Kuwait. Soldiers from all over the United States. We find ourselves much like the rest of the world locked in with no venue for entertainment. Being locked in base behind razor wire is especially difficult with no car or any entertainment since everything is closed. I am not certain whether this is the right venue or not but the Soldiers would certainly appreciate something to lift morale. — H Teplicki*

*We live in CHUs. We have small fridges, microwaves and water kettles. We have a self service laundry point, but we do not have the ability to do our own. We have a small trailer PX with limited items. I represent an Army detachment. We have female Soldiers and basic hygiene items are limited for everyone. — M Madden*

# **PLEASE HELP US**

Businesses, churches, and schools may have been empty but the **Soldiers Care Package Outreach work goes on.**

Who would have imagined we'd all be experiencing a global pandemic like this? But no matter what, our Outreach still provides for the needs of our troops, now more than ever.

It's been hard, just like everyone else is saying, and you will see in the content of this newsletter that donations have fallen off.

We know our supporters are still "out there," and we realize there are restrictions. Therefore we need to accept and adjust to that here. We will regain momentum in the natural progression of this pandemic.

**We just want to reassure all of our supporters that we are still operational during this pandemic and are in this outreach for the long-haul.**

**As soon as it is safe for you, we would certainly appreciate any supplies and cards/notes that you can offer.**

**We cannot help our Soldiers without your support**



# Honor Our Military

Let's honor our military,  
The men and women who serve,  
Whose dedication to our country  
Does not falter, halt or swerve.

Let's respect them for their courage;  
They're ready to do what's right  
To keep America safe,  
So we can sleep better at night.

Let's support and defend our soldiers,  
Whose hardships are brutal and cruel,  
Whose discipline we can't imagine,  
Who follow each order and rule.

Here's to those who choose to be warriors  
And their helpers good and true;  
They're fighting for American values;  
They're fighting for me and you.

—Anonymous



**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. 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>

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## **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](mailto:fbc.hingham@verizon.net) and give us your email address? Everything helps in running this outreach!