



Christmas for Soldiers Holiday Care Package Project



Jerky



Dried Fruit



Nuts



Snack Crackers



Hand & Face
Wipes



Hand
Sanitizer



Socks
black or white



Batteries
AA / AAA



Blank
Holiday Cards

Purchase **NINE REQUIRED ITEMS** for the box, pictured above. You don't have to purchase exactly as shown, these are examples only. Focus on individual/travel size packaging.

REQUIRED ITEMS

- Beef Jerky or Slim Jim
- Assorted Snack Crackers
- Nuts (can or bag)
- Socks - black or white, cotton or wool (1 or 2 pair)
- Hand & Face Wipes (like Kleenex Splash-'n-Go)
- Dried Fruit
- Blank Christmas/Holiday Cards (at least 6)
- Hand Sanitizer
- Batteries - AA or AAA

If you have room, include **SUGGESTED ITEMS** from the list on the back side of the paper.

Include a personal note of encouragement and thanks as well as enclosing a "you've been served" card from the KIP display.

Get a **Large Flat Rate Priority US Postage Box** at church (12" x 12" x 5½") starting **Sunday, November 20, 2011**. Keep the size of the box in mind when you purchase items, as your space is limited. You are not limited on weight in the box - if it fits, it ships. This box must be used. If you turn the items in without this box, we will package/repackage it for you. Buy in bulk and fill several boxes if you can. Concentrate on small/travel size items to fit more in each box.



The USO is working to obtain specific soldier names, but we don't have them yet. If you create a package that is for a specific gender, please mark the box with a removable tag.

Return filled boxes to church by noon Tuesday, November 29.

The church will seal and label the boxes beginning at 1p on that date - come and help if you can.

Cicero Christian Church will pay for the postage (last time we did this we asked you to pay for the postage) and work with the USO to send the boxes to the soldiers.

- Don't send homemade baked items.
- Make sure all price tags have been removed.
- Do not send expired items.
- Wrap a couple items in holiday paper or decorative bag.
- Hygiene and liquids need to be in leak-proof sealable bags.
- No carbonated drinks, pork products, chocolate, or aerosol cans.
- Travel size hygiene items (NO hotel samples).

SUGGESTED ITEMS

food

- Easy Mac and Cheese
- Summer sausage
- Chicken or tuna salad kits (foil pouches)
- Sunflower or Pumpkin seeds
- Protein Powder or Bars
- Granola bars / power bars / cereal bars / cliff bars
- Rice Krispy Treats (store bought only)
- Instant oatmeal packets
- Trail Mix
- Fruit Roll-Ups
- Pretzels/Cheetos /Fritos (single serving)
- Pringles (single serving cans)
- Chips / salsa (plastic jar)
- Microwave popcorn
- Ramen noodles
- Presweetened powdered drink mix
- Instant coffee / hot chocolate packets
- Instant soups
- Condiments (hot sauce, mayo, mustard, ketchup, sugar, salt, pepper...)
- Spices: garlic powder, onion powder, lemon pepper, horseradish, all spice... (plastic containers)
- Hard candy (individually wrapped, no chocolate)
- Jolly Ranchers (to flavor bottled water)
- Chewing gum
- Mints / Certs / Tic Tacs

toiletries

- Body Wash (liquid soap)
- Shampoo/conditioner combined
- Deodorant
- Body powder
- Foot powder/cream
- Toothpaste/tooth brush (with protector cap)
- Dental floss
- Comb / brush
- Disposable razors
- Shaving cream (in tube)
- Lip balm
- Icy/Hot patches
- Eye drops
- Nasal spray
- Lozenges/cough drops
- Biofreeze (any pain reliever cream)
- Aleve
- Band-Aids
- Antibiotic Cream
- Q-Tips

miscellaneous

- Shoe insole cushions (gel)
- Inflatable pillow
- Stress relief squeeze ball
- Hand warmers (reusable if possible)
- Foot warmers
- Emergency blanket
- Batteries (all sizes)
- DVD movies (new or used - recent)
- Music CDs
- Paperback books (action/thriller)
- Recent magazines
- Electronic handheld games
- Disposable camera
- Travel-size board games
- Pens / small note pads
- Stationary / envelopes
- Crossword puzzles / word search / sudoku
- Playing cards
- Checkers / chess / dominoes
- Holiday decorations (small wreaths, garland, etc.)

for local children

- Beanie babies
- Dum Dum suckers
- Bubble gum
- Balls, balloons
- Individually wrapped candy (no chocolate)

