KENTUCKY REMEMBERS

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ADOPT-A-SOLDIER
CARE PACKAGE PROJECT OVERVIEW

THINGS TO INCLUDE

- Most appreciated are the letters and pictures
- Food/drink items (including snacks, candy, and drink mixes)
- Personal care items (including clothing)
- Entertainment items (includes reading material, games, and electronics)
- Communication items (paper, envelopes)
- Reminders of home (comics, news clippings, personal letters, and pictures)

THINGS NOT TO INCLUDE

- Aerosols or items under pressure including hair sprays, shaving cream, etc
- Air bags
- Dry ice
- Fresh fruits and veggies
- Nail polish
- Home baked goods (this includes those delicious chocolate chip cookies)
- Pork or pork by products – includes some brands of jerky
- Political or religious materials
- Candies that could possibly melt

BE CREATIVE

Consider a theme for your box. For example, if your hero enjoys football, include two or more items related to football such as small soft football or logo item, etc. You can also add art and color to the outside of the box to match your theme. The first round of boxes will be near Christmas. Possibly include a small ornament or holiday decorations. See attached list of themes and ideas. Depending on size, most boxes can only hold between 10-15 items so choose carefully. **Remember the most appreciated are the letters and pictures from the heart.**

REMEMBER TO….

- Use plastic clear bags to separate personal items from food items
- Write letters / draw pictures / possibly include a class picture and at least one point of contact information per class for return communication
- Include a list of all contents
- Include at least one point of contact (email address, facebook, mailing address)
- Do not seal box – this will be completed at the Packing Party
- Print **SOLDIER'S NAME** prominently on the top of the box
- If you do **NOT** have a specific soldier's name, write **AMERICAN SOLDIER OR HERO**

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THEME IDEAS

TROPICAL	4TH OF JULY	SUPERHEROES
Dried pineapples Macadamia nuts Leis Tropical flavored candies Jelly Belly tropical mix Hawaiian Shirt	Red, white, blue items Candies Balloons Silly sunglasses	Energy bars Comics Twizzlers Popcorn Superhero shirt or socks

FEMALE SERVICE MEMBER	THANKSGIVING	SPORTS & TEAMS
Body lotion or butter Bobby pins Hair ties Fuzzy socks Small plush toys	Dried cranberries Pumpkin pop tarts Sweet potato chips Apple cider drink mix Candy Corn	Logo items Small balls Games

MORE THEMES

MAJOR & MINOR HOLIDAYS	SPECIFIC HOBBIES
Christmas (most popular) Valentines Easter Halloween National Love Your Day	Music Art Hunting Fishing Animals

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The attached **Care Package Wish List** includes suggestions of acceptable items and is NOT necessarily a comprehensive list of everything to include. Be creative and tailor your box for your soldier. **Remember the most appreciated items are the personal letters and pictures.** AND, you can always ask your soldier for more ideas in your letters for round 2.

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PERSONAL ITEMS	FOOD ITEMS	MISC
• Toothpaste • Shaving lotion • Shampoo • Mouthwash • Wet wipes • Lip Balm/gloss • Lotion • Eye drops • Foot powder • Sunscreen • Lens cleaning cloths • Tylenol • Flushable Wipes • Clorox Wipes • Hand Warmers • Band Aids • Q-tips • Deodorant • Loofa sponges • Hand sanitizer	• Protein Bars • Energy Bars • Trail Mix • Cracker packets • Ramen Noodles • Seasoning salt • Hot sauce • Flavoring packets for water • Individual packets of condiments • Powdered drink mix • Energy bars • Tuna fish • Vienna Sausages • Beef Jerky • Summer Sausage • Instant Mac and Cheese • Tea bags • Peanut Butter • Popcorn • Beef Jerky • Bourbon Balls • Chips • Coffee Creamer • Peppermint Bark • Healthy Snacks • Green Bean gift cards (online)	• Letter writing supplies • Beanie babies • Frisbees/balls • Holiday decorations • Board games • Cards • Books • Journals • Pens, pencils, colors • Magazines • AA or AAA batteries • Dryer Sheets • Long Sleeve shirts • UK/UL Stuff • Nerf Guns • Mini Christmas Tree • Christmas Ornaments • Christmas Cards • Sudoku • Crossword/Word Search