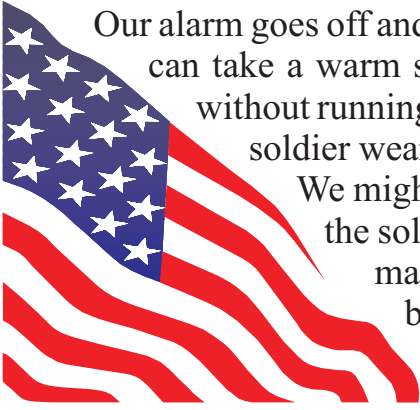


Military Appreciation



Our alarm goes off and we hit the snooze button, but our soldiers stay up for days on end. We can take a warm shower any time we want, but our soldiers may go days and weeks without running water. We might even complain about how hot the summer is, but the soldier wears heavy gear and dares not take his helmet off to even wipe his brow. We might even be annoyed that the doctor kept us waiting for a long time, and the soldier might be told he will be held over another 6 months. We go to the mall and shop and get our hair done, but the soldier may not have even been able to brush his teeth. We crawl into our comfortable bed with pillows, but the soldier crawls under a tank for shade and a few minutes nap only to be woken by gunfire.

As an expression of our honor and gratitude to our men and women of the U.S. military serving overseas we are collecting items for them that are tangible as well as a treat. We want to acknowledge our appreciation of them, letting them know they are remembered in thought, prayer, and deed.

Suggested gift items:

money to ship boxes
LETTERS *from us*
encourages them
magazines (old or new)
things to do when bored -
small board games
playing cards
books - ethnic books
pens and paper
notebooks - any size
music - DVD - CD's
stamps
chili-canned things w/pop tops
canned meats - Spam, Vienna
sausages, tuna
beef jerky
hot chocolate
instant coffee
dry creamers
sugar
granola bars
ethnic food

Chinese noodles
packs of crackers/cheese
Pringles
cookies - must be factory
packaged
gum, tic tacs / mints
candy - like Skittles
nuts
flavoring for water
lip balm - Chapstick - lipstick
lotion (must be in sealed bags)
toothbrushes, toothpaste
dental floss with pick
contact supplies
baby wipes
sun block
foot powder
razor blades - tender skin
disposable razors (not the
cheap ones
trial size shave cream
blister band-aids

laundry dryer sheets
hygiene items - name brand
feminine products-thin pads
ladies pj's
under garments of any size
socks - black and white
hair clippers
batteries - all sizes
sunglasses
small pillows



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Note: DO NOT send things that melt (chocolate), no electronics, nothing that would crush easily, or things that would be ripped up being checked for plastic explosives.