



# Homefront Hugs Current Deployed Troops Needs for Winter

Hello Homefront Hugs Volunteer!

Our troops and wounded in hospitals are in for a long harsh winter in the war zone as well as long recoveries in hospitals in Germany, in the USA and small unit hospital posts in the war zone.

Here are the top most requested & needed items for our servicemen and women:

- Warm, cozy winter socks ( large and X Large is best as they fit all)
- Soft warm blankets
- Instant heat packs found at pharmacies for pain and sprains
- Protein bars...they love CLIF BARS
- Beef jerky
- Holiday decor
- Scented candles...or battery operated candles (scented candles have been found to bring nostalgia and warmth and peace so far away from home)
- Hot cocoa packs and tea
- Marshmallows for the hot cocoa
- Chocolate and it is cold so it will not melt
- Homemade cookies (can be packed tightly in plastic containers which they always need anyway)
- Toiletries like razors, Gillette® Fusion® ProGlide™ Razor a favorite
- Mechanics gloves found at Lowes, Large, and XL any type for lifting and moving things
- Coffee ground and powdered cream and sugar
- Blank cards for all occasions to write home and pens
- New Years calendars of all topics small and large
- POSTAGE, POSTAGE, POSTAGE....always needed at Homefront Hugs. It costs \$12/package.

### **A few more hints and info:**

If you have the ability and willingness to adopt a troop, and could agree to confidentiality due to security, we can release an address of a group of troops who would really benefit from your care packages especially during the holidays.

Usually the \$12 large flat rate care packages that can weigh any amount work best, You can order them FREE from the USPS department and I would mail them by December 1st to include all holidays Hanukkah and Christmas for the troops.

The only cost would be tape but kind post offices will GIVE you the priority mail tape rolls free...you would need one for every 10 packages. There is a form to be filled out to go along with each package.

It is best to send direct and you can include letters and cards and a return address. However, you can send them to us and we'll forward them on if you prefer!

Sincerely in dedication and thanks to all our heroes who serve and have served this country with honor, courage and integrity, including our volunteers,

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