OPERATION CHRISTMAS STOCKING

DONATION SUGGESTIONS

CARDS & LETTERS:

The troops love to hear from all of us and mail brightens their day! These are the MOST IMPORTANT items we can send the troops & there can never be too many!

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS: Small holiday decorations (Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years) that can be put or hung in a locker, over a sleeping area, or around frequented areas.

SNACKS/FOOD:

- Beef Jerky/Slim Jims.
- * Powdered Drink Mix
- * Gatorade, Kool-Aid, Crystal Light
- * Sunflower seeds/Pumpkin seeds
- * Tuna/Chicken in pouches/
- ready to eat kits
- * Protein Powder & Protein Bars
- (Top request)
- * Coffee (Ground) -They Love Starbucks!
- * Hot Chocolate, Cider packets,
- * Herbal Tea
- Bagged snacks (small bags)-pretzels,
- Cheetos, fritos, chex mix,
- * wheat thins, ritz crackers. . .
- * Candy (hard candy, fruit gummies . . . NO CHOCOLATE PLEASE!

Trail Mix/Dried Fruit

- Dry Soup- Ramen Noodles, Cup-O-Soup, Others that are Just add Water!
- Microwave Popcorn
- Little Debbie & Hostess type snacks
- Instant Oatmeal
- Serving size boxes of Dry Cereals

ENTERTAINMENT:

- DVD Movies (New releases please!)
- CD's (current country western, gospel . . .)
- · Portable CD players/head phones
- Batteries (AA, AAA, C & 9-volt- No Lithium please - Alkaline only)
- · Electronic handheld games
- 35 mm disposable cameras
- Blank note cards with envelopes (to send mail home - NO POSTAGE is Needed)
- Small craft kits, scrap-booking items . . .
- · Game Books (Crossword Puzzle, Word
- Search, Sudoku . . .
- · Toys like nerf footballs, small Frisbees, hackey sacks

<u>TOILETRIES:</u>

- * Baby Wipes/Cleansing Cloths
- * Body Wash
- * Shampoo/Conditioner
- * Hair Gel (both male & female)
- * Deodorant
- * Razors (disposable)
- * Lip balm/chap stick/carmex/blistex
- Foot Powder
- * Lotion/Moisturizer
- * Sunblock (SPF 45 or above)
- Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, dental floss, dental piks
- * Breath Mints/Breath Strips
- * Throat Lozenges/Cough Drops
- * Feminine Hygiene Products
- Tylenol, Motrin, Advil, Aspirin packets
- * Eye drops (e.g. Visine)
- * T-Shirts: cotton green / tan undershirts - New only Sizes- M, L & XL
- * Socks: Black, Olive Green & White (cotton or wool)
- * Knitted hats in black, tan or green

HOMEBAKED/MADE:

Home-baked goodies are always appreciated. Please be sure that whatever you make will last has a fairly long time and will pack well. Please send in some type of packaging (zip-lock, etc.)

Some suggestions are: cookies or bars (oatmeal, peanut butter, snickerdodle, etc.) caramel corn, old-fashion fudge