

I have been asked by a few people what the needs will be for care packages and where they can start collecting these items.

Collection ideas: yourself, your family, your church, local organizations like the Eagles Club...VFW...Lions Club, etc. You can ask stores for items or gift cards. If anyone gives you gift cards or money, please turn it into the FRG so the funds are accounted for and deposited. If anyone/organization wants or needs to verify your association with the unit, they can contact me via phone, email or mail.

What to collect (this is stuff we collect year round at my church for soldiers deployed that belong to our church:

Beef Jerky, Beef Sticks, Precooked Microwave bacon, Individual Kraft Easy Mac Cups, Tuna w/crackers snack kits, chicken salad w/crackers snack kits, Individual microwave desserts(such as Warm delights from Betty Crocker), Granola Bars, Individual Packages of nuts, Trail Mix with dried fruit, Power bars, Powder Gatorade packets, powder propel packets, nerf footballs & basketballs, AAA-C-D-AA batteries, decks of cards, DVD(movies), CD(music), Books, Board Games, Disposable Cameras, Chap Stick, All sunscreen products(SPF 30+), Bug Spray w/Deet (non-combustible), Gold Bond Powder, Avon Skin-So-Soft, Baby Wipes, Biofreeze, microwave popcorn, snacks that won't get crushed, gum, instant coffee singles, tea bags, crystal light packets, ramen noodles, Pringles, ben gay muscle creams, body wash, deodorant, small shampoos(travel size), multi vitamins, eye drops, hand sanitizer, disposable ice packs (Kwik-Kold or similar), Ziploc bags(quart or gallon size), occasion cards(to send home to loved ones), magazines.

FRG has: The FRG is available to pick up items collected if it is not possible for you to come to the unit for meetings. Please always work with one of us to make sure the items make it to the correct group, and not lost at the unit! I have a membership to Costco, so any gift cards for there are ideal, as we can purchase items cheaper in bulk! Gift cards to stores work great too because if we have too little of some items, the FRG can make sure that item(s) is/are replenished!

NOTE: *we cannot ship alcohol, aerosol, combustible or flammable items!*