Dear Friends and Neighbors,



In the spirit of this 4<sup>th</sup> of July season, my son, James (age 8) has "adopted" 2 military units serving overseas. In lieu of decorating his bike for the annual Seven Harbors bike parade this Saturday, he wanted to make a "Support Our Troops" float. Along the parade route and at the picnic, he will be collecting donated items to make special care packages for the troops. He kindly asks for your support in donating items that he can include in his shipment. Please read the following requests, but I am sure the soldiers would be happy with anything that you contribute! James will also have a collection box for monetary donations to pay for shipping and purchase pre-paid phone cards. If you are unable to contribute at this time, please look for his camouflage float and sign the giant card on the side. Thank you for your support in making this "Christmas in July" truly special for our American soldiers as well!

With Gratitude, Marlene Lindenberg (248-887-2619)

Request by: US Army Sergeant Joshua Grant Serving in Afghanistan until May 15, 2012 Unit is from North Carolina 25 Men / 0 Women

"We do not have a fridge or microwave. Our troops live in mud huts and basically have nothing. Whatever you can send will help many soldiers. Thank you!"

> Baby Wipes Shampoo Toothpaste Laundry soap Ramen noodles Books / Magazines Non-perishable foods / Snacks Drink mixes Black/green/white/tan socks Flip flops

## Request by: US Army Section Sergeant David Eller Serving in Iraq until May 14, 2012 Unit is from Texas 14 Men / 2 Women

"I am in charge of a squad of 16 soldiers. We have 2 female and 14 male soldiers. We have electricity and microwaves, etc. Since the coming draw down things are getting harder to get at the packaged food, personal hygiene items for both males and females. White and black socks are in high demand. Lithium batteries for surefire flash lights are needed as well. Essentially any thing you could help with would be appreciated!"

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Popular requests in general include: Power bars, Men's Health magazines, cookies, crackers, candy, SOCKS, travel-size toiletries, Beanie Babies, pens/paper, card games, books, puzzles.



## **Support our Troops**