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HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR THE TROOPS IN AFGHANISTAN



The Wallace R Bostwick Memorial Fund is a registered 501c Missouri corporation. Our sole mission is providing gifts to our troops in Afghanistan during the holidays. All funds raised go into the purchase of goods and postage with no administrative or overhead expense. The entire effort is possible from donations and volunteer efforts. This is the fourth year that your donations and those from other corporations here in Kansas City have enabled us to put holiday gift packages together for our troops. We have grown from year 1 where we raised \$20,000 for 100 gift packages, year 2 where we raised \$40,000 for 200 packages and last year, our best, where we raised \$64,000 for 430 gift packs. The 5"x5"x10" boxes are hand decorated here in Kansas city by art students from the Christo Rey School and the Paseo Academy of Performing Arts. The art and message notes last year was beyond your imagination and from the heart.

This year, with your continued support, we will send 500 gift packages to arrive before Christmas with instant coffee, two ATT 550 min phone cards, two great pairs of boot socks, a one month supply of multi Vitamins and Omega 3 supplements, a large package of the original gummy bears, tooth brush, tooth paste and fleece blanket. The individual boxes weigh less than two pounds and are packed in large shipping cartons to minimize shipping cost. What really makes our program effective is the Bagram Red Cross effort to distribute the boxes once they arrive. From the base in Bagram, they go to the field hospital for wounded soldiers, and other remote bases where soldiers face minimal comforts and lack many of the everyday comforts and basic items.

The economy and the resulting individual and corporate budgets for giving has taken a toll on gifts and donations to the soldiers, yet the war continues on. Your support for our program makes a difference. This year our target of 500 gift packages makes your donation even more important. What started as a small effort the first year keeps growing thanks to your gifts. At the conclusion of this year, we will have sent 1200 packages to the troops with value exceeding \$165,000. Believe me your donation makes a big difference for some soldier away from home during the holidays. Please consider this a special gift during the coming holiday season. Our gift packages must be in the mail by December 10th to arrive before Christmas so mail your donation quickly.

This is not about the war, but about giving and making a difference for our troops. Every donation makes a difference. Also if you know a soldier abroad anywhere, send me his address and we will get him an individual package. Feel free to forward this to anyone I may have missed as we need to continue to grow. Corporate donations are also good. Let's make this years holidays for our troops special.

Please mail (or leave at front desk) your contribution check made out to:

The Wallace R. Bostwick Memorial Fund to the following address:

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Please call me at 816/813-8055 with any questions.