

SUPPORTING OUR SOLDIERS FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Please join North Whitehall Township in supporting our troops for the upcoming holidays. As the holiday season approaches, Americans are reminded of the blessing of freedom that we all share. We are grateful for the sacrifices made by our military. Our troops need to know that we stand behind them as they serve on our behalf protecting our freedom.

We adopted one soldier who is from Pennsylvania; in fact, his whole platoon is from Pennsylvania! We will be sending packages:

- October 15th
- November 12th
- December 10th

We need our packages to arrive before each holiday to make sure our Military Personnel feel more connected to home, especially for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. All letters and packages are sent directly to the individual soldier. We have two ways for everyone to help.

1. You can purchase items from the “Suggested Item List” below and bring them to the Township office. We will package and mail.
2. You can send a check to the Township and we will purchase items for our soldier and mail. You can remain anonymous or we can include your name and address within the package. Please make sure that you note on your check that the donation is for “Adopt A Soldier Campaign”, with check made payable to North Whitehall Township and Attention: Darlene on the envelope.

Mrs. Debbie Schneck’s 4th grade students at Ironton Elementary School are helping the Township to collect items for the troops and write letters and cards. Homemade cards from the children especially touch the soldiers. These letters let them know what's going on in the thoughts of 9 and 10-year olds and really improves the morale of our troops.

Our hearts go out to all of our men and women who voluntarily left their families and familiar surroundings to train and serve far from home. Sending someone a care package is a small gesture in return for their great gift of service and personal sacrifice.

We know that everyone may not agree with this war, but our friends and loved ones are still over there fighting for the freedom that we take for granted. The men and women of the military are putting their lives on the line every day and they deserve our respect, our thanks, and our support. Please help us to keep our soldiers’ spirits high and let them know that they are not forgotten.

We will keep you updated on our participation and if you know of anyone who would like to help us, please contact Darlene Uherick, Township Clerk, at the Township.

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North Whitehall Township
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Office: 610-799-3411, ext. 224

Adopt A Soldier Campaign

Suggested Items

Canned Items

Canned fruit
Chicken and/or packs; pop-top
Peanut butter / Jelly
Sardines
Tuna and/or packs (tuna in pouches are best)

Condiments

Cajun seasoning
Catsup
Garlic salt
Honey packs
Hot sauce
Lawry's
Mayo,
Mustard
Relish
Salad dressings
Salsa (don't forget the taco chips)
Salt/pepper, sugar packets
Spices
Sweet N Low



Ground Coffee / Tea / Hot Chocolate

(if they have a coffee-maker),
Cappuccino
Coffee creamer
Hot chocolate mixes
Instant coffee
Tea bags

Microwavable Foods

(if they have a microwave)
Mac & Cheese
Popcorn
Brownie mix
Various mini dinners
Instant oatmeal
Instant soups / soups in pop-top containers



Powdered Drink Mix Singles

Crystal Light
Gatorade
Juice boxes
Kool-Aid
Propel, etc.

Snacking Foods

Beef Jerky / beef sticks, summer sausage
Cheese spreads / small Velveeta cheese blocks
Dry Cereal
Chex Mix
Chips
Cookies
Crackers for snacking
Doritos
Dried fruit
Energy bars / Cereal Bars / high protein bars /
Granola Bars
Fruit pies
Gum, Hard Candy wrapped (no chocolate in
summer)
Little Debbie's & other snack cakes
Nuts (all kinds)
 pudding cups



Toiletries

Advil, Tylenol, Cold/Cough drops, Sinus Meds
Antacids
Antibiotic Cream (Neosporin)
Anti-Bacterial Wipes
Baby Oil, Baby Powder
Baby Wipes
Bath mat
Bath/hand/wash towels (dark colors)
Blankets for cooler weather
Body Wash / soap (be sure to triple pack the
soap and not put it near the food as it leaves the
smell of soap on the food)
Chapstick
Clothes Pins/Line
Contact Lens Cleaner
Cotton Balls
Dental Floss
Deodorant
Disposable hand and feet warmers
DUSTING CLOTHS for removing the sand from
everything and every surface
Eye Drops
Eyeglass Kit
Face Soap
Foot Inserts for boots
Foot/Boot Powder
Insect Repellent Wipes/ non aerosol spray
with Deet (need in spring/summer)
Imodium
Laundry Soap / Fabric Softener
Air Freshener



Toiletries continued

Lotion for body and hand
Mattress toppers
Mirror
Mouthwash
Nasal Spray/Drops
Packaged Wet Ones / baby wipes
Pepto Bismol
Pillow with pillowcase
Pocket Size First-Aid Kit
Puma Stones for feet
Q-Tips
Shampoo
Sunglasses
Sunscreen
Toenail/Fingernail Clippers
Toilet Paper
Tooth Paste / Tooth Brush
Tooth Picks
Twin Fitted dark sheets
Vitamins



Men: Razors, Shaving Cream in a tube, after-shave lotion (no fragrance)

Women: Panty Liners, feminine hygiene products, conditioner, brush/comb hair clips/bands, non-aerosol hair spray, hair gel

Suggested Clothing

Hats, bandanna; Socks – white for PT; black for everyday wear with uniform

Men's T-shirts and underwear (all sizes)
BROWN or GREEN colors for the T-SHIRT if possible. Proper issued military t-shirts can also be acquired at Army Surplus stores.

Women's sport bras and panties (all sizes)



Suggested Fun Time Materials

Balls: soccer ball, baseballs, basketballs, volley ball sets, football
Batteries: AA- C -D -9 volt
Beanie Babies or stuffed animals (new please)
Board Games
Playing Cards
CD Player with CDs / send batteries
Dart Board with darts
Disposable cameras
DVDs (you can tape from television too)
Electronic/Battery Hand held games (include batteries)
Frisbee
Greeting Cards they can send back home (variety)
Mag flashlight bulbs,
Mailing Envelopes (no stamps) / Pens w Stationary
Magazines (all kinds)
Mini Hand-held Fan or Water Misty fan
Nerf Balls
Packaged Poker Sets
Plastic bowls, spoons, forks, knives
PlayStation with games
Puzzle Books/Word Find Books
Sewing Kits
Small flash light for reading at night
Water guns
X-Box with games
Yo-Yo's
Zip Lock Bags & Plastic lock containers for sealing leftovers and personal items



What cannot be sent: Pork products, alcohol, pornographic materials, liquid hand sanitizer, or aerosol cans (they may explode). Do not send products in glass containers (unless they are bubble-wrapped a few times. Package all food items that may leak in zip-lock bags. Put all liquid items in a zip-lock bag. Due to the extreme heat, chocolate is not mailed during the summer months.

If you have any questions,
please call North Whitehall Township at 610-799-3411.

Thank you for your support of our soldiers who are far away from home.