

Support the Troops

The following list contains links to organizations that have set up programs to deliver greetings and needed items to our troops.

How to
help:

- Sending
greetings and care packages
- Helping
service members stay in touch with their families
- Supporting
military relief societies
- Assisting
wounded troops at home
- Donating
airline miles
- Adopt
a Unit

Sending greetings and care packages

Congressman
Cooper's Valentines for Veterans

Congressman Cooper invites school classes, Scout troops, youth groups and individuals to make their own Valentines for Middle Tennessee veterans and troops serving overseas.

Operation Dear Abby

This site allows visitors to send email greetings to service members.

Defend America

This link provides a form to send thanks to the U.S. Military.

Operation USO Care Package

Visitors can send a care package to service members overseas by making a donation.

Adopt-a-Platoon

This organization allows visitors to make a contribution to help link families, pen-pals, private companies, corporations, civic groups and other organizations such as American Legions, VFW's, schools, synagogues, churches, scouts, and 4-H Clubs to entire platoons serving overseas.

Operation Military Pride

Visitors can contact this organization to support the distribution of letters and care packages to troops. Operation Military Pride also links citizens with specific soldiers one-on-one.

Sending a letter of support to an M. Company
Soldier from the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment:

Family Readiness Group

Co. M 3/278th ACR

1935 Highway 12 South

Ashland City,
TN 37015

Helping service members stay in touch with their families

Operation Uplink

Sends prepaid calling cards to servicemembers so they can call home.

Freedom Calls Foundation

Links soldiers in Iraq
and Afghanistan
with their loved ones back home through teleconferencing.

Supporting the military relief societies

Army
Emergency Relief

Air
Force Aid Society

Navy/Marine
Relief Society

Coast
Guard Mutual Assistance

Assisting wounded troops

U.S. Army

The most needed item is calling cards of any amount for wounded soldiers recovering at Walter Reed Hospital to call their families:

Medical Family Assistance Center

Walter Reed
Medical Center

6900 Georgia Avenue, NW

Building 2, Third Floor, Room 3E01

Washington, DC 20307-5001

U.S. Navy and

U.S.
Marine Corps

Wounded marines and naval personnel need a variety of items while recovering. These items include:

- Top Request:
Carry-on luggage with wheels
- Packaged men's underwear - sizes 30-36; boxer shorts are preferred
- Snap-leg nylon warm-up pants
- Long gym shorts with draw strings
- Zip-front sweatshirts
- Packaged toiletry items: shaving cream, aftershave, deodorant, soap, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.
- DVD's, videos, popular music CD's
- Play Station X-Box games

U.S. Air Force

Donations are accepted at the following address:

National Naval Medical Center
Marine Corps Liaison Office, Bldg. 10, Room 1014
Bethesda, MD 20889-5600

Attn: Ssgt. Word

Wounded airmen recovering at Andrews Air Force
Base need prepaid phone cards and personal hygiene items. These items can be
sent to the following address:

Malcolm Grow Medical Center

Building 1050

West Perimeter Road

Andrews Air Force Base, MD 20762

Attn: Gifts for Wounded Airmen

Donating airline miles to families of hospitalized soldiers

Delta Airlines

SkyMiles members can donate miles to help families of hospitalized soldiers with their travel needs. The minimum donation is 5,000 miles. Email delta.bids@delta.com This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it

, call 1-800-325-3999 or fax 404-773-1945 to make a donation.

Northwest Airlines

WorldPerks members may donate miles by calling 1-800-327-2881. Have your account and PIN numbers ready. The minimum donation is 5,000 miles.

Southwest Airlines

Rapid Rewards members may donate free tickets they have earned. Award Tickets must be valid for at least two months. Rapid Rewards Members' names and personal information will be removed from the Award Ticket. Tickets can be sent to the address below or call 1-800-445-5764.

Southwest Airlines

Civic & Charitable Contributions-HDQ 1CV

Attn. Donna Blackford, 'Operation Hero Miles'

2702 Love Field Drive

Dallas, TX 75235

Operation Hero Miles

This link contains additional information. The following airlines provide free flights to soldiers and their families, but are not accepting airline mile donations: American, Independence, Pan-Am, US Airways.

Adopt a Unit

America
Supporting Americans

This organization is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization that links individual units in all branches of the military with communities across the country.

