

## Guide to Community Support For Military Members and Their Families

Thank you for your interest in supporting local military members and their Families. Your desire to help and encourage those who serve is commendable! While we are unable to specifically endorse an organization or program, this list comprises several opportunities for community groups and individuals to express their support and make a difference in the life of a service member or his/her Family. West Point Army Community Service (ACS) regrets that for security purposes and privacy regulations we are unable to provide names, phone numbers or addresses of local military members, Families or units. For further information or questions, please contact ACS' Mobilization and Deployment Readiness Program at 845-938-5654.

### AAFES Gift Certificates

[www.aafes.com/docs/homefront.htm](http://www.aafes.com/docs/homefront.htm)

The Army and Air Force Exchange Services is where most servicemen and women do their shopping. You can purchase gift certificates for those in Iraq and those hospitalized.

### Adopt a Platoon

[www.adoptaplatoon.org](http://www.adoptaplatoon.org)

Adopt a Platoon has several ongoing projects to ensure that no Soldier overseas walks away from mail call empty-handed.

### America Supports You

[www.americasupportsyou.mil](http://www.americasupportsyou.mil)

Consists on over 300 non-profit organizations dedicated to supporting our troops and their Families.

### Any Soldier

[www.anySoldier.com](http://www.anySoldier.com)

Any Soldier is a non-profit organization that helps people send care packages to members of the armed services in Iraq.

### Appreciate Our Troops

[www.appreciateourtroops.org](http://www.appreciateourtroops.org)

Purchase a Support Our Troops mug and a free personalized mug will be given to a current or former service member.

### Army Emergency Relief

[www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org)

To donate cash assist individual Soldiers or Family members in need of emergency financial assistance.

### Books for Soldiers

[www.booksforSoldiers.com/](http://www.booksforSoldiers.com/)

Help the troops escape boredom by donating some books. You can also donate DVDs and CDs requested by Soldiers.

#### Cell Phones for Soldiers

[www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com/pages/1/index.htm](http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com/pages/1/index.htm)

Donated cell phones are recycled and turned into cash. The cash is used to purchase calling cards for Soldiers in Iraq.

#### Defend America

[www.defendamerica.mil/nmam.html](http://www.defendamerica.mil/nmam.html)

Thank any service member stationed throughout the U.S. and the world with an e-mail.

#### Fisher House

[www.fisherhouse.org](http://www.fisherhouse.org)

The Fisher House Foundation donates comfort homes, built on the grounds of major military and VA medical centers. These homes enable Family members to be close to a loved one during hospitalization for an unexpected illness, disease, or injury.

#### Freedom Calls

[www.freedomcalls.org](http://www.freedomcalls.org)

The Freedom Calls Foundation is helping Family's videoconference with their loved ones in Iraq. You can donate money to help keep this project going.

#### Groceries for Families

[www.commissaries.com/certifcheck](http://www.commissaries.com/certifcheck)

Help a Family by purchasing gift certificates to the commissary.

#### Homes for Our Troops

[www.homesforourtroops.org](http://www.homesforourtroops.org)

Homes for Our Troops assists injured veterans and their immediate Families by building new or adapting existing homes with handicapped accessibility.

#### Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund

[www.intrepidmuseum.org/pages/intrepidfoundation](http://www.intrepidmuseum.org/pages/intrepidfoundation)

The Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund provides grants to the Families of servicemen and women who died in Iraq. You can donate online, through mail or by calling a toll-free number.

#### Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR)

(703)681-7418/7453

To donate recreational products and reading materials for MWR Programs for OIF and OEF Soldiers and overseas locations, to donate cash to MWR Programs worldwide, care packages for all Soldiers. For care packages for Family Members of deployed Soldiers, call West Point ACS at 845-938-5654.

Operation: A Bit of Home

[www.operationabitofhome.com](http://www.operationabitofhome.com)

Operation: A Bit of Home supports over 150 different Soldiers per day by providing necessary and hard-to-get toiletries.

Operation Air Conditioner

[www.operationac.com](http://www.operationac.com)

Operation Air Conditioner provides not only air conditioners but space heaters (the desert is cold in the winter) for Soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Operation Dear Abby

[www.anyservicemember.navy.mil](http://www.anyservicemember.navy.mil)

The U.S. Navy and Dear Abby have teamed up. Their site allows you to send e-mail messages of support to service members.

Operation Give

[www.operationgive.org](http://www.operationgive.org)

Operation Give provides toys, clothing and school supplies primarily to the children of Iraq and Afghanistan.

Operation Gratitude

[www.opgratitude.com](http://www.opgratitude.com)

Operation Gratitude provides a way for you to show your respect and appreciation for the Troops by sending care packages and letters to troops stationed overseas.

Operation Hero Miles

[www.heromiles.org](http://www.heromiles.org)

You can donate your unused frequent flier miles to help Soldiers travel on emergency leave. They are also used to help Families fly to hospitalized Soldiers.

Operation Interdependence

[www.oidelivers.org](http://www.oidelivers.org)

Operation Interdependence supplies care packages to deployed Soldiers. You can help out by providing goods, coordinating efforts or donating funds.

Operation Iraqi Children

[www.operationiraqichildren.org](http://www.operationiraqichildren.org)

Many Soldiers are rebuilding schools in Iraq and scrounging around for school supplies. Help by donating a school supplies kit.

Operation Kids for Troops

[www.kids4troops.com](http://www.kids4troops.com)

Write directly to men and women serving overseas in combat areas. Or place the names of loved ones serving overseas on the "OKFT Hero List" to receive encouraging mail.

Operation Uplink

[www.operationuplink.org](http://www.operationuplink.org)

Donate money to Operation Uplink. The money is used to purchase phone cards so servicemen and women can call home.

Packages From Home

[www.packagesfromhome.org](http://www.packagesfromhome.org)

Packages From Home sends personal care and comfort items to U.S. troops deployed overseas. Find out how to donate time, money or items to this non-profit organization.

Soldiers' Angels

[www.Soldiersangels.org/heroes/index.php](http://www.Soldiersangels.org/heroes/index.php)

Become some Soldier's angel by adopting a service member.

Treats for Troops

[www.treatsfortroops.com](http://www.treatsfortroops.com)

Treats for Troops helps get you provide packages to your loved ones overseas. If you don't know anyone, the Foster-A-Soldier Program matches you with a registered Soldier by branch of service, home state, gender, or birthday - or you can choose to sponsor a group of Soldiers.

US Central Command

[www.centcom.mil](http://www.centcom.mil)

Find out what the Coalition is doing. U.S. Central Command features up-to-date information on Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

USO Cares

[www.usocares.org](http://www.usocares.org)

You can sponsor care packages provided by the USO with a \$25 donation.

Voice from Home

[www.voicesfromhome.org/home.html](http://www.voicesfromhome.org/home.html)

Voices from Home allows military members and their Families and friends to send and receive immediate voice e-mail messages in remote locations around the world.