

## Support our Local Soldiers

Dear Fellow High Shoalers.

We have learned that we have two soldiers from our town, Brett Thomas and Tim Kraeling, currently serving in Afghanistan. We thought it would be a nice gesture if we, as a town, were to send them a “care package” for the holidays. Both sets of parents thought it would be a great idea but also mentioned that many of the other guys never receive anything from home. So, not only could we send something for these two soldiers, but we thought it would be neat to collect and send a couple of boxes of items for these other guys who are bravely serving so far away from home.

If you know of any other resident(s) now serving overseas, please let the council know so we can send a box to them as well.

If you feel led to help in this endeavor, we will be collecting items up through December 8<sup>th</sup>. Items and/or cards can be dropped off in a container that will be at the High Shoals Post Office.

What do these servicemen need or want? Well, we know Tim likes pistachio nuts, beef jerky, hard candy like skittles, spree, sweet tarts, jolly ranchers, etc... A copy of the local paper is also a nice treat. We pulled up a list of the most common items asked for (listed below) but honestly they would appreciate just about anything. Obviously the smaller the articles, the more we can pack in each box! Keep in mind that some candy (specifically chocolate items) can melt and might not be a good choice. There are also some restricted items – one specific is anything made or pork or pork by products. Choosing from the list below should be just fine.

Thanks for your support!

Deodorant

Shower to Shower body powder

Jelly beans

Disposable camera

Rice Krispie treats

Altoids or mints

Beef jerky

Snack mixes

Sunflower seeds

Chewing gum

Nuts

Long-distance phone cards  
Little Debbie's snacks  
Ziploc bags  
Coffee  
Gatorade  
Jaw breakers  
Playing cards  
Dice  
Music CD's  
Footbag / hacky-sac  
Toothbrushes & toothpaste  
Inflatable pillow  
Cookies in individual packages (Big bags often fill with dust if not eaten right away.)  
Dominoes  
Pasta and sauce  
Canned food items  
Spices, salt, pepper  
Smoked oysters and sardines  
Squeeze butter  
Pringles chips  
Individually-wrapped licorice  
Microwave popcorn  
Ramen noodles  
Macaroni & cheese  
Disposable shower towels  
Olives, pickles, peppers (Be sure to add lots and LOTS of bubble wrap around these items.)  
Cereal bars/granola bars  
Microwave pasta that doesn't need refrigeration  
Hot cocoa mix  
Soup mix  
M&M's (plain or peanut)  
DVD movies  
Koozies to keep water bottles and cans cool  
Newspapers  
Magazines  
AA batteries  
D size batteries  
Air fresheners (...like stick-ups, F'breeze.)  
Canned air to blow dust out of electronics

Stress relief squeeze balls  
Sewing kit  
Baby wipes  
Board games  
Shoe laces for gym shoes and boots  
Brown t-shirts  
Boot socks  
Underwear  
Hand warmers  
Inflatable seat cushions  
Razors  
Ink pens  
Notepads of paper  
Word Puzzle books  
Icy/hot patches  
Air activated heat wraps for sore muscles  
Foot massager  
Microwaveable plates, bowls, paper plates  
Foot Powder  
Vitamins  
Paperback books