

## Care Package Program

**Care Packages for the Troops** – Operation Homefront of Texas (OH-TX) sends care packages to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan on a regular basis. As part of our Care Package Program, OH-TX relies on the generosity of businesses and community members to donate items to be included in the care packages. The following items are usually included in the care packages:

- Hygiene Items (NO HOTEL SAMPLES) such as : disposable razors, shampoo, hand sanitizers, soap, toothpaste/toothbrushes, mouthwash, combs/brushes, body powder/baby powder/foot powder, baby wipes, fingernail clippers, deodorant, eye drops, cotton swabs (Q-tips – they even use these to clean their guns), multi-vitamins, mouthwash
- Food Items such as: individually wrapped hard candies (Jolly Ranchers, Skittles), beef jerky, slim jims, cookies, individual packets of drink mix, coffee, ramen, sunflower or pumpkin seeds, trail mix, granola bars, fruit roll-ups, fruit gummies, oatmeal packs (instant – just add water), rice krispie treats (store-bought only), hot chocolate packets
- Entertainment Items such as: paperback books, puzzle books, small nerf balls, hand-held electronic games with batteries, DVD's, music CD's, computer games, Frisbees, magazines, batteries (AA, AAA, C are the most requested), stationary & envelopes, playing cards & poker chips, flash drives/thumb drives
- Miscellaneous Items such as: phone cards, inspirational cards, socks (black, olive, green or white – cotton and/or wool), winter hats, small flashlights, patriotic knick-knacks (USA flags, bandanas, baseball hats, football jerseys), bug repellent, alarm clocks, hacky sacks, dew rags, cool ties

We do NOT send the following items:

- Home-baked goods/food
- Glass bottles or jars
- Aerosol cans or sprays
- Expired food items
- Lighters or matches
- hotel samples
- VHS tapes
- Hard-cover books
- Religious items

Care Package items usually cost around \$40-\$50 per package

Postage in APO (overseas) box (up to 40 lbs) costs around \$15 per package (includes postage, pick-up charge from the post office, and monthly charge for processing agency for customs forms)

Approximate cost per care package - \$65