



SENDING HOPE GIFTING JOY

Stockings for the Troops

Donation Drive: Now–November 14th, 2018

Join us in bringing holiday cheer to our troops overseas. With your help and support, the YMCA of Orange County will send stockings filled with much needed items and pieces of home to our military families.



“On behalf of all at III MEF, **thank you** for your **generous** contribution and **touching the hearts of** our active duty Marines and Sailors this holiday season. **We are forever grateful.**”

– Lt. General Nicholson

HOW IT ALL COMES TOGETHER...

- 1 Donations Collected:** YMCAOC Child Care Sites. (see location list at ymcaoc.org/donation-drives)
- 2 YMCA Child Care Stuffing Party:** Staff and students sort donations and fill stockings.
- 3 Stockings Shipped to Troops:** Words of Comfort, Hope & Promise packs and ships all stockings overseas.
- 4 Troops Receive Stockings:** Our troops enjoy the holidays with a taste of home.

ITEMS NEEDED Suggested Retailers: Costco, Target, Walmart, etc

CONSUMABLES

- Candy canes
- Starbucks Via® coffees – our troops' favorite!
- Peanut butter or cheese & crackers snack packs
- Cup of Noodles® or Easy Mac® macaroni & cheese
- Starkist® tuna & crackers snack packs
- Nature Valley® Sweet & Salty Peanut bars
- Gatorade Propel® dry powder packets for water bottles
- Cliff® Bars/Protein bars

INDIVIDUAL SNACK PACKS

- Assorted bags of nuts
- Dried fruits/raisins
- Cheez-Its® or Cracker Jacks®
- Trail mix
- Sunflower seeds
- Beef jerky/Slim Jim®
- Corn Nuts®
- Store-bought cookies

ESSENTIALS

- **Christmas stockings, 7" wide x 19" long**
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, floss
- Chewing gum
- Hand warmer packets
- Socks
- Pocket or purse size package of baby wipes
- Letters and Christmas cards, addressed to "Dear Armed Forces"

(all donations are tax deductible)

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Learn more at: ymcaoc.org/donation-drives

