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# Welcome

Our **Stockings For Soldiers** community project is about to start again. All our 500 volunteers work together to send our love and support to our brave men and women in the military who are so far from their families during the holiday season.

- **Monday October 11th**, at 6:30 P.M. we will open the doors of our “Stocking Store” and begin work on sewing and decorating thousands of Christmas stockings. Over the next eight weeks, we will be personalizing each stocking with the recipient’s name, stuffing them with goodies, boxing them and shipping them to troops in the remotest regions of Iraq and Afghanistan.
- Thanks to the generosity of the Patterson –Schwartz Realty Company, our “Stocking Store” will again be housed in Branmar Plaza in the vacant Patterson-Schwartz office to the left of Happy Harry’s/Walgreens.

### How you can help:

Here are some of the ways you can contribute to the success of this year’s **Stockings For Soldiers** Project:

- Start sewing stockings now . . many of our volunteers have been sewing and stockpiling stockings since early January. The stocking pattern is available at our website: [www.StockingsForSoldiers.org](http://www.StockingsForSoldiers.org) . Be sure and use colorful cotton fabric and plain white, red or green **felt** for the cuff. **\*\*\*:-)**
- Start knitting wool caps. These are valued by our soldiers in the frigid mountainous regions of Afghanistan. Knitting Instructions are available at our website.
- Purchase and donate fabric for stockings. Even if you do not sew, you can donate fabric to those who do sew but don’t have the funds to buy extra material. You can also cut out the stockings with our patterns.

- Collect gently used music CD's, paperback books (no romance novels, please) and gently used DVD movies (no video tapes please).
- Ask your dentist to contribute toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss. You can expedite this by volunteering to bring the donated items to the Stocking Store anytime after October 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Arrange for your school, church, synagogue, scout troop, service club and workplace to sponsor a collection drive for items that we put into the stockings. All the details about the project and a list of supplies is available by clicking on "[Shopping List](#)" at our website.
- Finally, please **join us** (and tell your friends to join us) by coming to the Stocking Store any evening during working hours to help us to make the Holidays brighter for our deployed troops.
- We will be working in the Stocking Store on Mondays through Thursdays, from 6:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. Come once, come twice or as often as you want . . . and stay as long as you want, but be forewarned: the joy and satisfaction you'll receive from being a **Stockings for Soldiers "EIF"** is addictive . . . you'll want to keep coming back for more!

Please **HOLD** on delivery of any donations until we open on October 11<sup>th</sup>



**\*\*\* :-) Our sewing patterns on our website do not always print out correctly.**

**Please make sure that the finished stockings are 15" H x 9" W.**

Here is our **Wish List** for donated items to be sent to our troops:

Christmas candy, gum, fruit roll-ups & gushers, cracker jacks, Beef Slim Jims, pretzels, lemonade & flavored drink mixes, individual flavored teas, hot drink mixes, large bags of coffee, Ramen soup, small cans of tuna, lasagna, Beefaroni, commercially packaged Trail Mix, nuts, cookies, (Sorry, no home-baked items) chips, canned fruit, any small size of anything to eat. Pocket games & puzzles, DVD movies, music CD's, current magazines, Beanie Babies, AT&T phone cards, paperback books (no romance novels please), dominoes, disposable cameras, lip balm, foot powder, small sizes of toiletries & lotions, crew socks, hand & foot warmers, fly swatters & *a Holiday Greeting Card with your messages of Support & Friendship*. If you include your return address, (email or snail) you might hear back from the Soldier or Sailor or Marine who receives your card. (No soap products, please.)

**We really need to receive crew socks, lip balm, Music CD's & Movie DVD's.**

**Financial donations are greatly appreciated and needed so we can mail all our boxes to our troops. Last year, we sent 1200 boxes. Our 501.c.3 Tax ID # 27-0604668. Check with your employer to see if they participate with the Matching Grant program.**

Please send all items and donations to:  
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