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2012 Welcome

To the start of our 9th year sending love and support to our deployed troops. 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 15th**, 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 Afghanistan.
- Thanks to the generosity of Louis Capano & Sons, 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. 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 VSH 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 15th.
- Please make packets of "Snowman Soup" for our troops. (Hot cocoa in a ziplock bag.) See our link for the "Recipe." This is a great project for young volunteers to do with their families.
- 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 "[Project Flyer](#)" at our website. A "friendly" competition between classes or grades is a great way to get more students and their families involved.
- Arrange for your school, church, synagogue, scout troop, service club and workplace to Write greeting cards and letters of support for our troops.
- 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 9:00 P.M.**
- Come once, come twice or as often as you want . . . and stay as long as you can. There is no need to call ahead unless you are bringing a large group of 15 + friends.
Please **HOLD** on delivery of any donations until we open on October 15th



The finished stockings should measure 15" H x 9" W so it can fit into a two gallon plastic bag that contains all the Goodies for our troops.

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, toothbrushes, toothpaste, 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, 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 1550 boxes.

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Please check with your employer to see if they participate with the Matching Grant program.

Please join us on FaceBook and become a Fan.



At <http://www.facebook.com/#!/StockingsForSoldiersDelaware>

We have a new page and not too many friends have found us yet.

Please mail or send all items and donations to:
Stockings For Soldiers - Delaware, Inc.
1911 Foulk Road
Wilmington, DE 19810

Our **Stocking Store** is located at:

Branmar Plaza Shopping Center
1812 Marsh Road, Corner of Marsh Road and Silverside Road
Wilmington, DE 19810
(Back Left corner, to the left of Walgreens)



All contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Thank You, Everyone, for helping us to support
our brave men and women in the military.
We couldn't do all we do without Everyone's assistance.

October 15th, 2012 - Stocking Store opens

9th Annual Stockings For Soldiers will start.