

Operation Santa is the largest stocking drive in the nation with volunteers from 50 states. Approximately two - three weeks before Thanksgiving, stockings will be stuffed and shipped to all branches of our Armed Forces serving around the globe. Operation Santa has sent over 249,722 Christmas stockings to our deployed troops. Our stockings have gone to Iraq, Afghanistan, Japan, South Korea, Djibouti, Algeria, Kosovo, Bosnia, and Kuwait.

Note: We are unable to send anything with glitter. Although, glitter is quite festive on cards, hand made stockings, notes, etc. it can put our military heroes at risk. We will have to reject anything with glitter.

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Example of some of the things you will need to do: Call Schools to have events for Operation Santa, call businesses and collect trial size items, get depts./schools to participate in Operation Santa, help sort and stuff stockings, and pick up collected items.



- Holiday greeting cards
- Thank you cards
- Lip balm
- Sticks of beef jerky (individually wrapped)
- CREW socks (black)
- Individual drink mixes for bottled water
- Hand wipes (20-30 count max.)
- Twizzlers or Rice Krispie treats - individual & store wrapped
- Pocket pack of tissues
- Small game books (Word Search, Sudoku, etc.)
- Pocket notebooks
- Tooth brushes, dental floss, travel size toothpaste - individual & store wrapped
- Granola bars
- DVD movies
- Chewing gum, hard candy or breath mints
- Instant hot cocoa – individual size packets
- USB / 'Thumb' drives



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