

CARING ABOUT MILITARY PERSONNEL

(Shipping packages to soldiers in combat)

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My Dearest American,

I am Charlotte Hess, the mother of a Staff Sergeant in the United States Army. My son has served two very long tours in Iraq and just recently left for his third. I am very proud of my son, as well as the others that have made the choice to serve our great country. That is why in November of 2003 I founded **CAMP** (Caring About Military Personnel). **CAMP** is a 501(c)3 not-for profit organization.

CAMP ships monthly packages to military personnel in combat. Those on our shipping list look forward to receiving a box from **CAMP** every single month, until they are re-deployed to the states.

We are truly making a difference, however our expenses are over \$2,000 each month! We do our best to encourage families to sponsor their soldier; but most of them are barely making it financially. I am committed that 100% of every single penny donated goes towards the purchase and shipment of items for the troops. Operational expenses, printing cost, and other expenses are covered by me and/or specified donations. (Yes! 100%)

November 6th **CAMP** will be preparing our annual holiday boxes. We will send board games, sporting equipment, and holiday decorations to thirty squads in combat. Each box will contain a Christmas tree, stuffed stockings, and all of the trimmings of a "home-style" Christmas. This is an expensive endeavor for us; over \$6000 plus postage. We have had some generous donations to assist us with this project in the past; we are reaching out again. Your assistance would certainly be appreciated.

You can help with the holiday boxes by donating board games, or items for us to wrap as gifts to the troops; in lots of thirty please. (ie: 30 Sorry games, 30 Yahtzee games, etc.). Or you can purchase 300 each of a small item that can be used to stuff the stockings (ie: tic- tacs, white socks, packs of gum, etc.)

CAMP would also like to extend the opportunity for you to sponsor our 6th annual "Holiday of Honor", an appreciation celebration for ALL military personnel – past and present. The event is much like a military ball and is open to the public. It will be held on December 20, 2009 at the Avalon Manor in Hobart, IN. I have enclosed a sponsorship form that will better explain the options available. We would like to provide a few nice items, for "military give-a-ways" and raffles (i.e. gift certificates, electronic items, bikes, etc.) Any assistance would be deeply appreciated.

You decide how you want to help, boxes for those serving far away during the holidays, or a gala event for those home on leave. But please, whatever you decide, **support our troops!** May they count on us, just as much as we count on them? Never forget.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Hess