

# Townships: Donate and help thank Those Who Serve

## Our Mission:

Pennsylvania's service men and women (*and their families*) make remarkable personal sacrifices to ensure our country's freedom, and PSATS wants to again share a touch of home with our hometown heroes. We will be collecting items at **PSATS' Annual Conference** for a care package that will be delivered to Pennsylvania National Guard troops.

## How Your Township Can Help:

As you are packing for the conference, please be sure to include a contribution for the care package. Some townships, in fact, make this a community event by encouraging donations from local schools, churches, and other organizations.

Bring your items with you and put them in the collection boxes we'll have in the Chocolate Lobby at the Hershey Lodge. At the same time, add your name to our "Thank You, Troops!" signs that will also be in the lobby and will accompany our shipment.

## What to Bring:

The list at right features *approved* items that are in high demand by our troops. Keep in mind, the U.S. Department of Defense prohibits certain donations.

## PLEASE DONATE:

**Note: Individually wrapped food items are preferred.**

**Dried food:** Beef jerky, trail mix, dried fruit, granola bars, power bars, and cereal bars

**Coffee:** Ground or whole; instant or drip

**Powdered drink mixes:** Hot or cold

**Snacks:** Tuna in foil packets, sunflower seeds, and plastic jars of peanut butter

**Dry soups and cereals:** Ramen noodles and oatmeal packs

**Candy:** Individually wrapped candy

**Game books:** Crossword puzzles, word search books, math puzzle books, and Sudoku

**Table games:** Dominoes, new playing cards, poker chips, and dice

**Sports equipment:** Nerf footballs, Whiffle balls, baseball mitts, Frisbees, and hackey sacks

**Miscellaneous:** Patriotic knick-knacks, U.S. flags, Pennsylvania flags, baseball hats, football jerseys, and small wind-up alarm clocks

## PLEASE DO NOT DONATE:

**The U.S. Department of Defense prohibits donations of the following:**

- Home-baked food
- Alcohol of any kind
- Glass bottles and jars
- Aerosol cans and sprays
- Expired or canned food
- Lighters, matches, or lighter fluid
- Hotel samples
- VHS tapes
- Contraband items (live plants, tobacco, nudity, etc.)
- Hardcover books and music

