

RFWTV Stockings, Stuffings & Jingle Bells

It's time to stuff your stocking. Make it fun, make it special, make sure it is **FULLY** stuffed and include a handwritten card (that may be what the Soldier or Veteran loves the most)!

THE NICE LIST

Here are some items to you may want to include in your festive stocking:

- Holiday nuts
- Slim Jims or Beef Jerky
- Single serving cookie packages
- Holiday candy & Candy Canes (in sealed wrapping or small unopened bags)
- Peanut Brittle
- Single serving drink mix packets: Crystal Light, Apple Cider, Hot Chocolate (**packets must be placed in Ziploc baggies**)
- Playing cards, Uno, Phase 10
- Puzzle book (Crosswords, Sudoku, Word Find)
- Travel-sized games
- Stress balls (holiday-themed preferred)
- Holiday-themed writing pens and pencils
- Socks
- Gloves (preferably black; winter; one size fits all)
- Caps (warm winter)
- Holiday-themed lip balm
- Other holiday-themed items....you have the idea, use your imagination!

 Now your stocking is filled, close the top of your stocking so it doesn't spill! Either stitch it closed, tie it with a ribbon or use a Large Binder clip. We don't want to lose any wonderful goodies during transport. 

THE NAUGHTY LIST

In order to keep our Soldiers and Veterans safe, please do not include the following in your stocking:

- **NO GLASS** (containers, ornaments, etc)
- **NO SHARP OBJECTS** (safety pins, razors, pocket knives)
- **NO PRODUCTS CONTAINING ALCOHOL** (some mouthwash, hand sanitizer, some colognes)
- **NO AEROSOLS**
- **NO HAND SANITIZER**
- **NO GLITTER**
- **NO BRANDED/POLITICAL STOCKINGS** with company/organization names, logos, etc.
- **NO HOME BAKED ITEMS**

Now what do I do?

 Bring your Stockings and/or stuffings to our RFWTV meetings and drop off at the RFWTV Armed Services wagon.

 To make things easier, RFWTV has enlisted the services of specially trained ELVES that are happy to pick up your stuffed stocking from your front porch. If stuffing stockings is not your thing but you love to shop, our ELVES will happily pick up your stuffing items and stuff a stocking for you! To arrange for the ELF SLED, call/text Meg at (631) 745-8828.

 All this fun comes to an end on **Sunday, December 3, at our RFWTV Christmas Party at Rohan Recreation Center**. It is a wonderful sight to see the Stockings spread out around the tree. Please join us in giving a Soldier or Veteran a wonderful Holiday!

 Have questions? Call/text Meg Beck, 631-745-8828

RFWTV Armed Service's and Americanism Committee 2023

Purpose: Outreach to veterans, and active duty military. Support those in our community by participating in special projects that promote our love of country.

Meetings: Tuesdays, 8/22, 9/19, 10/17, 11/21 and 12/19 1-3 PM at Standard Coffee located at 1552 Bella Cruz Dr. Lady Lake, 32159.

Come early to order a cup of coffee and join us in the back meeting room (coffee purchase not required to attend!).

American Flag Flying Dates

Fly your USA Flag proudly on: 9/4 Labor Day; 9/17 Constitution Day; 11/11 Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, 12/7 Pearl Harbor Day and Christmas Day

Take a moment to admire your flag, big or small and take a picture. Make it fun and unique!

Send your patriotic picture to: megbeck1008@gmail.com and then see if it is posted on our page on the RFWTV.org website.

Patriotic Card Project

Join us as we continue writing and distributing cards to Veterans, Active Duty Military and those living in Assisted Living facilities around The Villages.

We will be distributing cards of thanks on Veterans Day, November 11.

We have a basket of cards at meetings so pick your favorite designs and write a brief but heartfelt message. Add your name (if you wish) and RFWTV. Please place card in envelope and leave **unsealed**. There will be a "mailbox" on our table for you to drop off your cards. Easy to do and you will feel great!

Our Successes

 Everybody loves babies so we did our part to support our Active Duty and Homeless Veteran families with babies and toddlers.

Our goal was 1,000 diapers by our May Meeting!

Our Committee and Membership overwhelmingly supported this project. **We collected 5,874 diapers and 336 wipes.**

 Donated 10 - \$10 Gift Cards to Soldier's Angels for distribution to Veterans for Memorial Day.

 We walked around Lake Sumter Landing on May 20 for Armed Forces Appreciation Day. We proudly distributed 228 USA flags and said thank you to our Veterans and folks we met!

 We have collected Patriotic books for our Veterans and distributed them at local Assisted Living Facilities.

 Over 200 cards of good cheer have been written for our Veterans and Active Duty Military this year...so far!

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 All Stocking Stuffing info on back of this sheet 

Have questions?

It is never too late to join our Committee! Email Meg Beck at: megbeck1008@gmail.com or check our website RFWTV.org for updated information.