

Dear Fellow Patriots,

Coastal Bend Troop Support, Inc is gearing up for our troops' Christmas season. We have over 500 stockings to fill and mail this Christmas to some very deserving troops. With the help of many throughout South Texas last Christmas we mailed many boxes of stockings, gifts, food items, decorations and cards. Again, with your help we hope to mail more this year.

We are asking if you, your work place or organizations that you belong to would like to fill one of these stockings. This can be done as an individual, a family, a work place, a club or an organization that might want to help lift the spirits of our military deployed in the Middle East fighting the war on terror. We have provided a list of suggested items. We are sure that you can come up with other wonderful ideas, so feel free to do as you like. You could also add decorations to the stocking. **No Glitter!** We are asking that you not put any liquid, creams or lotions inside the stocking. **If it can leak – it will.** It can be put in the box if in zip lock baggies. **No pork, aerosol or glass can be sent. We send hygiene items on a regular basis so it would be nice for the items for the stocking to be more gift type items please.**

Please make your stocking generic as we have many more male than female. The troops love to hear from the people back home, so a letter or Christmas card would be wonderful. They also love PICTURES!! If you have a group picture that would be nice. Letters from school children are always a big hit. We get some wonderful thank you notes from the troops. We do not hear from most of them. They are worrying about dodging bullets and staying alive so do not expect to hear from your troop. It's just an added plus when we do.

Please do not seal the box. We will mail them. Some have asked about the postage. It costs \$16.75 to mail each box. If you would like to donate the postage, it would be greatly appreciated but not required to "Fill a Stocking". They need to be mailed by November 30. **We are asking to have them back no later than November 14.** We would appreciate sooner if possible.

If you have any questions, feel free to call Carla Reed, 361-438-0540 or your contact listed below.

If you know someone deployed to the Middle East, we would love to have their name and address to add to our list. **Please include their estimated return date and your name and phone no. or address also.**

These boxes are not a political statement. They are showing our men and women in uniform that the American people care about them as individuals.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your help and concern for our troops.

In support of our troops,

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