



## Sherman House collecting gifts for U.S. troops serving overseas

The Sherman House Museum in Lancaster is gathering items for care packages to send to U.S. troops serving overseas.

“General Sherman was devoted to the welfare of his soldiers. We do this project in his honor,” says Laura Bullock, director of the Sherman House Museum. “To make sure we do it right, we work with our local chapter of the American Blue Star Mothers.”

Gift items as well as donations for postage are now being accepted at the Sherman House Museum, 137 E. Main St., during regular museum hours. The museum is open from noon to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday.

Cards to go with the packages will be written during “An Evening of Traditions” on Tuesday, Dec. 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Sherman House. This free event is co-hosted with the Decorative Arts Center of Ohio. The museum will have music, food and an activity for children.

“We make shopping easy,” Bullock says. “We have a wish list of gifts suggested by our service members -- with beef jerky at the top of the list.”

## SUGGESTED CARE PACKAGE ITEMS

**Developed by the American Blue Star Mothers from actual troop suggestions**

### **Food Items\* (individual sizes are best):**

- BEEF JERKY- (the #1 requested item), pepper jerky, slim jims
- Tuna or Chicken Creations / Lunch Kits with condiments
- Individual Microwavable foods- Easy Mac, canned soups, stews, etc
- Instant Oatmeal or Cream of Wheat packets

**\*No Home-Baked Goods**

**\*No Perishable Foods**

**\*No Pork Products**

### **Drink Items (smaller containers please):**

- Tea- herbal/flavored (in individually wrapped)
- Good Ground Coffee
- Creamer and sweetener and sugar packets
- Pre-sweetened powdered drink mixes (Crystal Light, Gatorade, lemonade, etc.)
- Hot Chocolate/Hot Cider Packets

### **Snack Items\* (individual sizes are best):**

- Breakfast Bars, Granola Bars, Protein Bars

- Microwavable Popcorn/Chex Mix
- Chips- (in cardboard containers only)- Pringles, Fritos, Doritos
- Nuts – pistachios, peanuts, cashews, sunflower seeds, corn nuts
- Trail Mix
- Salsa (no glass containers)

**Candy/Sweet Items:**

- Candy- Gummy Bears, jelly beans, Twizzlers
- Gum, Breath Mints
- Fruit Snacks
- Rice Krispie Treats
- Cookies- chocolate chip, Oreos, oatmeal, Girl Scout Cookies

**Hygiene/Clothing Items:**

- Good razors & shaving cream (no aerosol)
- Body wash (smaller size) NO BARS OF SOAP PLEASE
- Shampoo, Conditioner, Lotion (smaller size)
- Deodorant (no aerosol)
- Toothpaste/toothbrushes
- Good quality boot socks for women and men – black, green
- Boxer Type underwear - all sizes
- Tee Shirts- all sizes
- Sports bras/panties
- Sunscreen

**Recreation:**

- Puzzle & word game books
- Hand held or board games (small size)
- Disposable Cameras
- Batteries all sizes in original packaging-including Lithium 123 size for flashlights
- Squishy Balls, Velcro Darts, Nerf footballs, (Any small sport type)
- Recent magazines- especially sports, car, health, women's (not older than 3 months!)
- DVDs (TV series, comedy movies, NO VHS tapes please)
- CDs- Rock, Country, R&B, Rap, Alternative

**Miscellaneous:**

- Small plastic bowls to heat microwavable items
- Zip Lock Baggies (snack and sandwich sizes)

**Cards and letters are always welcomed!**