

SHERMAN HOUSE COLLECTS GIFTS FOR TROOPS & NEEDY VETERANS

The Sherman House Museum in Lancaster, Ohio, is gathering items for care packages for Fairfield County veterans in need and for U.S. troops serving overseas.

The Sherman House is the birthplace of Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman.

“General Sherman was devoted to the welfare of his soldiers -- during their service and afterward in civilian life. We now collect gifts each year in his honor,” says Laura Bullock, director of the Sherman House Museum.

“We work with our local chapter of the American Blue Star Mothers to make sure we do it right.”

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.

Gifts for local veterans will be distributed for the holidays. Gifts for the troops will be mailed to them throughout the year as part of their regular care packages.

If you have questions, please call the Fairfield County Heritage Association office at 740-654-9923 or email office@fairfieldheritage.org.

Suggested gifts for local veterans

- ◆ Travel-size personal care items
- ◆ Lap blankets
- ◆ Gift cards, including Kroger cards
- ◆ Wash cloths and towels
- ◆ **No food or clothing**

Suggested gifts for service members

Food items (individual sizes best):

- ◆ The No. 1 request: beef jerky
- ◆ Tuna or Chicken Creations / lunch kits with condiments

- ◆ Individual Micro-wavable foods, such as Easy Mac, canned soups and stews
- ◆ Instant Oatmeal or Cream of Wheat packets
- ◆ **No Home-Baked Goods**
- ◆ **No Perishable Foods**
- ◆ **No Pork Products**

Drink Items (smaller containers best)

- ◆ Tea or good ground coffee
- ◆ Hot chocolate/hot cider packets
- ◆ Creamer, sweetener and sugar

Snack Items (individual sizes best)

- ◆ Breakfast bars, granola bars, protein bars
- ◆ Microwavable popcorn/Chex Mix
- ◆ Chips (cardboard containers only), nuts and trail mix

Hygiene/Clothing Items

- ◆ Good razors & shaving cream (non 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 or green
- ◆ Boxer-type underwear: all sizes
- ◆ T-shirts: all sizes



The Sherman House Museum giving tree, made by volunteer Jim Hachtel, was laden with gifts in 2017. Director Laura Bullock hopes to gather at least as many gifts this year.

- ◆ Sports bras/panties
- ◆ Sunscreen

Miscellaneous:

- ◆ Puzzle & word game books
- ◆ Batteries all sizes, but **they must be in the original packaging**
- ◆ Squishy balls, foam darts, foam footballs, any small sports toy
- ◆ Small plastic bowls to heat microwavable items
- ◆ Zip Lock Baggies (snack and sandwich sizes)

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