

# A list of IDEAS for Day of the Deployed

**Help to fill our First Response Backpacks.** We have enough empty backpacks, but we need Angel Power to help fill them by sending supplies directly to the Combat Support Hospitals. For complete directions, please email Roger at [rgodskesen@soldiersangels.org](mailto:rgodskesen@soldiersangels.org) with the subject line "BACKPACKS." Tell him what you can send and how many of each item and he'll tell you where to send it.

## **Clothing and Blankets:**

- Sweatpants and Zippered Hooded Sweatshirts (L, XL - grey, black, dark blue)
- Lounge pants/sleep pants/pj bottoms (M, L, XL - any color or pattern)
- Plain T-shirts (M, L, XL - crew neck, any color)
- Men's Boxer briefs or Boxers (M, L, XL). Please do not send "briefs".
- Flip-flops to wear while showering (men's large sizes)
- Twin-sized fleece blankets (any color) or Blankets of Hope

**COMPLETE Personal Hygiene Kits** containing all of the following sealed in a single gallon-sized Ziploc. This is a great project for a family, church, school or Scout activity!:

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste (any size)
- Bar Soap or Body Wash (any size)
- Shampoo (any size)
- Dental floss
- Body Powder
- Body lotion (any size)
- Lip balm/chap stick
- Nail Clippers (large or small)
- Disposable razor
- Shaving cream (travel sized aerosol cans or tubes of shaving gel)

## **Other Ideas:**

- } Invite local service members—active, guard, reserve, or retired—to speak at your class, school or university.
- } Use Soldiers' Angels Random Acts of Kindness Cards (contact [shellemichaels@soldiersangels.org](mailto:shellemichaels@soldiersangels.org)).
- } Study the contributions made by the military to American history.
- } Conduct a card signing to be sent to the troops.
- } Take a military family to lunch.
- } Babysit for a deployed hero's family so the spouse can get away for awhile.

## **Ideas for Students and Schools:**

- } Invite local officials, distinguished military alumni and veteran faculty members to speak at a Day of the Deployed event.
- } Students can do reading of well-known patriotic addresses by an American President or military hero at a Day of the Deployed event.



- ‖ Decorate with patriot themes.
- ‖ Luncheons to honor employed Guard, Reservists and Retirees.
- ‖ Use military themes during meetings.
- ‖ Display large banners at employee entrances to reflect pride and thanks for employees called to active duty.
- ‖ Seek media recognition regarding- Let others know what you are doing.
- ‖ Radio: Perform a "military trivia question each day" or "today in military history" and have listeners call in.