

A Touch of Home

GSA's Services Acquisition Center recently spearheaded an effort to send a touch of home to soldiers stationed in Afghanistan. The staff learned of 2nd Lieutenant Pete Magnetto, who in the space of two weeks went from reporting in at Fort Bragg's 82nd Airborne Division to commanding 29 troops in the cold, wet, and muddy conditions of Northern Afghanistan.

The Center learned of a "wish list" of items including instant soup, hot chocolate, hot cider, coffee and tea bags to keep warm, white socks and foot powder to keep their feet dry, face cleansing pads and baby wipes for "field showers", moisturizing cream and lip balm to stave off the extreme elements, and Ziploc baggies to protect their personal gear. The chance to boost the morale of soldiers by sending them a few comforts of home was an opportunity that would not go unnoticed.

It all started with an e-mail. It was sent, shared and forwarded to many people who were all moved to participate in the effort. The collection of items and money began within one office, soon grew beyond the boundaries of the building, yielding many items from complete strangers who also wanted to express their gratitude. Many commented that they had friends with sons and daughters serving in Afghanistan, and the small movement gave great comfort to know of the compassion being displayed. Collection boxes were placed throughout the office so the contributors could drop donations off at their convenience. Soon the boxes were overflowing.

On Friday March 29th, volunteers gathered during their lunchtime to sort through the mounds of donated items, organize and package all the supplies for shipment. Care packages were created for individual soldiers that consisted of instant coffee and tea, socks, disposable razors, wet-wipes, Chap Stick, gum, candy, Ziploc Baggies, and non-perishable food. Many offices throughout FSS helped in this assembly-line effort, including key personnel from the Commissioner's office who enthusiastically rolled up their sleeves. Spirits were high, but the gravity of the task permeated the room, each person feeling the need to do something.

In all, 98 care packages were created. In total, 13 boxes were filled and sent the same afternoon. The Services Acquisition Center has since "adopted" these fine men and women, and future shipments are being planned to convey to these soldiers that their efforts are appreciated and will not be forgotten.



The chance to boost the morale of soldiers... was an opportunity that would not go unnoticed.

Milwaukee

Milwaukee Government Sales
Telephone: 1-800-295-9595
Fax: 1-800-295-9596

GSA
Federal Supply Schedule



Hammer, rotary, 1 1/8"

NSN 52130-01-444-9072

P/N Mil 5303-20

*6.8 AMP, reversing

*Variable speed 0-880 rpm
0-4100 bpm

*Three operation modes:
hammer with rotation,
hammer only or rotation only



*Full 1 1/8" capacity in concrete

*Anti-slip handle grip, lessens
pressure points and absorbs
tool vibration

\$396.15



Hammer, rotary, 1 1/2", spline drive

NSN 5130-01-456-0586

P/N Mil 5311-6

*1 1/2" solid bit capacity

*8.5 AMP MILWAUKEE
built motor

*"Vibration isolation" system

*6" core bit capacity



*Trigger controlled variable speed

*Ergonomically designed cushioned
gripping surface for operator
comfort

\$493.05

GSA Advantage! on-line shopping
www.gsaAdvantage.GOV

Contract # GS-06F-0018L