



Packages for Patriots II

Two years ago the Citizens of Garner and the surrounding area banded together in a project to thank members of the military who are deployed overseas to defend our freedom. The project, called Packages For Patriots, had hundreds of volunteers and contributors who gave to the effort to send over 300 packages filled with our letters and supplies to tell them we appreciate their sacrifices. Again, we have a number of men and women serving overseas protecting us.

Living here in the safety of our great country, we cannot easily comprehend what they are enduring. The hardships, the loneliness, the dust that turns day to night, the 120+ degree temperature, the gnawing fear of an unexpected IED explosion, a sudden burst from a sniper's rifle, or the night patrol into our enemy's stronghold. Yet, this is what some of them are experiencing daily. The Garner Chamber of Commerce, the Town of Garner, local churches and civic groups, and individuals have decided to start another Packages For Patriots project to express our gratitude to those individuals who have deployed. For \$50 we can send to a soldier, marine, airman, or sailor a package letting them know we care.

We plan to have our packaging event on Saturday, September 19th. There are four things that you can do so that our military personnel know that we are committed to them. (1) If you know of someone local who has deployed, give us their name and address so that we can send them a package. (2) If you are a member of a service/civic organization, of a church, or of some other group that would like to be involved, let us know how we can meet with them. (3) If you would like to volunteer by donating time, please do so as the packing of materials is very time consuming. (4) If you, your service group or company would like to donate money, please make checks out to the "Garner United Methodist Church" with the memo line saying "Packages for Patriots". Contact the people named below if you would like to assist in this effort or if you have any questions.

Garner is a great place to be because we care for each other.

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They are defending our freedom.
Will you tell them thank you?