



MEDIA RELEASE

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St. Mary's County Circuit Court & St. Mary's County Sheriff's Deputies Care

St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Circuit Court Deputies in cooperation with the St. Mary's County Circuit Offices have organized Easter Care Packages to send to United States military personnel stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan. Deputy Jack Curtis first presented the idea to the various offices at the St. Mary's Courthouse in February. All offices and employees agreed to work together to gather care package items for the troops. Joining the deputies efforts are the St. Mary's Circuit Court Judges, Land Records, Circuit Court Civil Section, Register of Wills and the St. Mary's County States Attorney's Office.

The Offices began this project in early February and will be mailing the care packages on March 17th with hope the packages arrive in time for Easter. The group has already assembled 20 care packages and believes they have enough donated items to put together at least 10 more.

"It is refreshing to see that in this time of financial stress, frozen salaries, lay offs, loss of COLAs and furloughs - people are still supporting our troops and donating items to make the soldier's holidays brighter." (Deputy Jack Curtis)

Anyone interested in donating items or money for the packages please contact Jack Curtis 301-475-7844 Extension 1976 or simply drop the item off at the St. Mary's County Circuit Courthouse. Do not worry about the short notice or think there is not enough time to donate – simply donate. The Deputies and Circuit Court offices are planning to send care packages to the troops again on Memorial Day and 4th of July if enough donations are received.

The group is also accepting names and unit addresses of St. Mary's County soldiers serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. It would be the group's honor to ship the packages directly to the local soldiers thanking them for their service. If no names are received the group will ship the packages to the various units for distribution. Cash donations are welcome to help pay the cost of shipping the package.

See the below link for a list of ideas of what to donate.

<http://www.give2thetroops.org/items.htm>

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