

HOLIDAY TRADITIONS | SENDING LOVE

MILITARY CARE PACKS

One of the best ways to send out a holiday salute to your friends or family members in the military is through a thoughtful care package.

Maybe you have a loved one serving overseas. Maybe you're part of a holiday care package giving organization. Either way, if you're new to sending one, there are some requirements you should be aware of to make sure it gets there safely.

You should be selective about exactly which items you plan on sending overseas. There are customs issues and security regulations that must be considered by when it comes to shipping packages to members of the military.

What to Send

If you could send anything at all to your favorite service member, what would it be? Something personalized, such as a photo collection or letters? How about their favorite homemade foods?

All of these items are OK to ship and will offer your military member a special connection to memories of home. These memories can help push them through the difficult times of a deployment.

What Not to Send

Even though any item you send would surely be appreciated, there are some things to avoid including in your holiday care package.

Anything breakable probably should be saved

for when they return home. Picture your package on its route to your service member — shipped from truck to truck before heading off on an international flight, and then being shipped from truck to truck again.

How to Send It

One of the most challenging aspects of shipping a military care package can be filling out the customs forms required for compliant shipment.

If you're using an organization that specializes in sending military care packages, it too may have specific requirements for shipment. The key is checking in with your local post office and care package organization to find out the details.



PREVIEW WEEKEND

DECEMBER 11TH & 12TH

CALL 503-325-2203 FOR INFO

enjoy the HOLIDAYS

WITH THE CLATSOP COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

GIFT MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

TEA & PLUM PUDDING IN THE FLAVEL HOUSE

DINING ROOM

\$12/PERSON (NON-MEMBERS)

\$8/PERSON (MEMBERS)

DECEMBER 19TH-23RD & 26TH-30TH
1-4PM EACH DAY

Includes a self-guided tour of museum

Sponsored by CLATSOP community bank.

VISIT OUR MUSEUM STORE IN THE FLAVEL CARRIAGE HOUSE

Unique holiday decorations and gifts for your family and friends

7TH & EXCHANGE, ASTORIA



Old-fashioned Christmas in the Flavel House

Monday, Dec. 14th • 6-8pm
The Flavel House Museum
441 8th St., Astoria

The Flavel House Museum will be open to the public at night for visitors to enjoy an evening filled with holiday cheer in the festively-decorated mansion.

Guests will be treated to cookies and hot chocolate, and a special visit from Old St. Nick.

Free to CCHS members, others are: \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$2.00 for children ages 6-17, family rate \$15.00

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