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- Forgotten Soldiers Outreach
- Florida Eye Microsurgical Institute



WEST PALM BEACH, FL -- Florida Eye Microsurgical Institute locations have teamed up with Forgotten Soldiers Outreach to support America's military members.

Organizers hope the community can help them.

"In honor of its patients who are serving or who have served in the military, from November 23rd through December 23rd Florida Eye Microsurgical Institute will be collecting items for U.S. troops deployed in Iraq, Kuwait, and other military zones," says company spokesperson Gwen Cohan.

Specific items are requested (see list below). Items may be dropped off during regular business hours at three of the four Florida Eye locations – Boynton Beach, Boca Raton and Wellington.

Forgotten Soldiers Outreach is a Palm Beach County-based non-profit organization that sends care packages filled with necessary supplies and letters of encouragement to America's deployed soldiers.

"These men and women are dedicated and driven and we truly need to stop and give thanks and recognize their efforts – not just during the holidays, but always," says Randy Katz, M.D., Florida Eye's Diabetic Retinopathy, Retinal Detachment & Macular Degeneration Specialist.

"This is the least we can do for our soldiers who are unselfishly putting the needs of our country in front of their own. We welcome anyone – patients of ours or not, to stop by and drop off items and letters of encouragement for our troops," says Barry Schechter, M.D., the institute's Retractive Cataract, Glaucoma, Cornea and External Disease Specialist.

ITEMS FLORIDA EYE IS COLLECTING FOR U.S. TROOPS

(THESE ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT ANY OF OUR BELOW LOCATIONS DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

Sweetened Kool-Aid (powdered)-packets/Crystal Light Packets INDIVIDUAL PACKETS ONLY...

Foiled packets of Tuna, Chicken, Meats (cans are also acceptable)

Letters of Encouragement

Cereal Bars in the boxes

Beef Jerky, Slim Jims, Pepperoni Sticks

Crackers

AT&T International Phone Cards

AA Batteries - Currently need all sizes of batteries!!!

Sun Block

White, Camo and Black Tube Socks

Hygiene products such as deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.

Chap Stick

Crackers (packets of crackers)

Ramen Noodles & Cup of Noodles

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Baby Wipes and Cottonell Wipes (TRAVEL SIZE)

Toilet Paper

Sunflower Seeds and nuts

Post Cards

Disposable Cameras

Dental Floss

Potato Sticks

Small plastic jars of Peanut Butter

Packets of Mayonnaise and other condiments

Playing Cards, small handheld games

Foot and body Powder

Women Personal Hygiene Products

Bug Repellant

Toilet Paper (individually wrapped ONLY due to shipping purposes)

Movie DVD's Only (NO Video Tapes)

Hand Fan

FOR PACKING EVENTS: FORGOTTEN SOLDIERS NEED: Clear packing tape and Ziplock bags large and small!

FLORIDA EYE LOCATIONS:

(FOR MAPS TO EACH LOCATION PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE WWW.FLEYEDOCS.COM OR CALL THE MAIN OFFICE AT (561)737-5500.

1717 Woolbright Road

Boynton Beach FL 33426

(561) 737-5500

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9980 Central Park Blvd.

Suite 204

Boca Raton, FL 33428

(561) 451-4514

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1397 State Road #7, Suite 380

Wellington, FL 33414

(561) 792-1205

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The Juno Beach location will not be participating in the collection of items.
