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The war continues in Iraq and Afghanistan, and regardless of where folks stand on the issue, there is a way to show your support during the holidays for the thousands of men and women serving our country.

Let's start with Christmas trees. Many of the families of U.S. troops are having financial troubles to the point where the gift of a tree would mean a lot.

[TreesForTroops.org](#) is an extension of the Christmas Spirit Foundation. Federal Express is the delivery partner in this effort. Visit the Web site to find out how you can give a tree as a gift, or if you are in the military and need help getting a tree, you can register there.

The trees are distributed at military bases around the United States and 15 different countries. Hundreds of trees are being sent overseas to troops on the front lines. The site contains a list of the dates and locations trees are being distributed.

At least three Christmas tree farms in Florida are participating, including one in Eustis.

You can also read letters of thanks and support that prove how much these gifts mean to so many.

[USO.org](#), United Service Organizations' Web site, is running a program called "Operation USO Care Package." You can donate as little as \$25, or up to \$200, which would provide care packages for eight soldiers.

You can also purchase phone cards for the troops to call home.

[AnySoldier.com](#) is unique in that the gifts you send have been requested by specific soldiers,

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and are hand-delivered by soldiers out in the field. That is called 100 percent accountability, something all three of the sites say are at the core of their efforts.

Take a quick look at the about section of each Web site to read for yourself.



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