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## Show those the troops that you care

You read about and listen to the politicians backbite each other over the war on terrorism.

Nobody seems to understand that the terrorists are listening. Nobody seems to understand that our fighting men and women are listening, too. I think what they are doing is criminal, don't you? It makes you wonder what you can do to make things a little better for our fighting men and women (besides strangling the politicians). I know it is important for all of us who served or whose family served our nation in its time of need to help. I think it is especially important to us old guys. Well, by chance I found out that there is a way. Cheryl Egan told me about it.

AnySoldier.com is a Web site that will tell you what to send, where to send and how to send items to our service men and women. Go to AnySoldier.com You'll be inspired.

You'll be glad you did. There, you'll find the way to really show your gratitude to the men and women who are putting their lives on the line for you and me. Make them know that even though the politicians don't seem to care, the people do. Lynda Rose McMahan sent me similar information about letting Marines know you care. That address is: MarineParents.com. There are probably others. If I find them, I'll let you know.

By the way, if you are planning to send a package to anyone, you should try the U.S. Postal Services' new Priority Mail Flat Rate Box. I recently sent an 11 pound package to a serviceman overseas at a cost of just \$7.70. I couldn't believe it. The rate is good to anyone at any address in the contiguous United States. Because mail to service personnel stationed overseas goes to a service post office in the United States, the rate is effective for them, too. It also works for us old folks who are regularly sending goodies to our children and grandchildren. I have been able to send stuff to family for less than half what it used to cost. Because it's Priority Mail, it gets there in a hurry. Someone came up with a really good idea.

There may not be too much we can do about jerks who put politics before their country and before the safety of its defenders. What we can do is show our fighting men and women that the people care about them, even if the politicians don't. Care to join me?

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