

## Troop Donations

The Department receives many well-meaning requests to accept, transport and distribute donated items from a very generous public and from charitable organizations.

Unfortunately, the Department does not have the resources to receive, screen and transport these very generous offers. Generally, all available Department of Defense airlift resources are needed to transport critical equipment and supplies to our troops stationed at overseas locations.

Therefore, and to be fair to all such offerings, the Department has a policy not to accept goods or offer Department of Defense funded transportation. We typically refer donors to the various non-profit organizations that offer assistance and support for our military men and women and communicate that support to the men and women serving in our Armed Forces at home and abroad.

The “Our Military” website at <http://www.OurMilitary.mil> (formerly the “America Supports You” website) includes a listing of home-front groups that provide a variety of support for military members and their families. These home-front groups show support in many ways including writing letters and e-mails, sending care packages, offering scholarships and helping the wounded when they return home.