

Memo To: VSDS Member Dentists
From: VSDS Executive Board
Date: June 21, 2010
Subj: Vermont National Guard:
OPERATION CARE PACKAGE



A project to support of our Vermont National Guard

There are many charitable activities that VSDS members and/or their staff are supporting that could possibly involve the VSDS as an organizational sponsor.

We have selected to sponsor a simple yet important project to benefit our 1,500 Vermont National Guard members who have been deployed overseas. This project involves the accumulation of **dental floss, tooth paste and tooth brushes. The collected items will be given to those deployed through the Vermont National Guard Charitable Foundation.**

We are requesting that each member dentist deliver or mail to the VSDS central office, a minimum of one dozen each of dental floss, tooth paste and tooth brushes. We will collect these items and deliver them to the Vermont National Guard Charitable Foundation to be included in care packages to be sent to our troops. Alternatively, monetary donations are also welcome, made payable to the Vermont National Guard Charitable Foundation.

The Guard will have the option of distributing excess supplies to the families of the Guard members, sending them along with the care packages for distribution to the people they are helping, or donating to local Vermont charity(ies) at their discretion.

While we could have purchased or requested all these supplies from a single source we thought it would be a nice opportunity for Vermont dentists to draw together and show their support for these Vermonters who sacrifice so much for our country.

Below is a letter from one of our members suggesting the project and some background on its origin.

These supplies should be delivered to the VSDS office by July 30, 2010

Thank you for your support.

VSDS Executive Board

Dear VSDS Member,

On behalf of The Vermont National Guard Charitable Foundation, Helen Murdock R.D.H, has asked for our help. Helen has worked with me for over 25 years and is a Trustee of the Guard Charitable Foundation Board. Her husband, Colonel Phil Murdock, is the Director of Staff for The Vermont Air National Guard. There are approximately 1500 Vermont National Guard members currently stationed in Iraq or Afghanistan. These are fellow Vermonters. They are our neighbors and our patients, selflessly risking their lives every day. Living conditions are difficult at best and many of the simple amenities we take for granted here in Vermont are not readily available to them. Basic items like a toothbrush, toothpaste and dental floss are coveted possessions in the war zones.

The Vermont National Guard Charitable Foundation has launched OPERATION CARE PACKAGE, in an effort to supply all 1500 of our troops with a care package.

www.supportvermontguard.org

It will include toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, shampoo, razors, nail clippers... The Foundation is asking for our help to donate the dental items so desperately needed.

Thank you very much for any help you can give donating the following:

1. Toothbrushes
2. Small 12 yard containers of Floss or tape
3. Small 0.85 oz of Toothpaste
4. Checks of any amount made out to Vermont National Guard Charitable Foundation

<http://www.supportvermontguard.org/oursupporters.html>

The goal is 1500 of each item. The Foundation will package our donations with all the other items and ship the care packages out in August.

Please drop off the items or send them to:

VSDS - OPERATION CARE PACKAGE

100 Dorset St., Suite 18

South Burlington, VT 05403

My Sincerest Thanks!

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