Middlesex Community College students collect items to send to troops

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MIDDLETOWN >> Deodorant, shaving cream and ibuprofen. These are basic health items found in just about any medicine cabinet. But for our troops overseas, these products are a rare commodity and at the top of their wish list.

The Middlesex Community College Veterans Club is partnering with Give2TheTroops to collect items for care packages for troops overseas to the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The community is invited to drop off items at the college. There are collection boxes in the Veterans’ OASIS Center, in the library in Chapman Hall, Middletown campus, from now until May 3. It is open Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

There are other collection boxes on the Middletown campus in the student lounge, Founders Hall and in the secretary offices in Wheaton and Snow Halls. The community can also drop off items at the Meriden Center at 55 Main St., Meriden.

“Our troops need to know that we support and appreciate the sacrifices they made for us, our families, and our future,” said Peter Galgano, media associate and veterans outreach coordinator at MxCC.

During the first week of May, the campus community will come together for a ”packing party” with Give2TheTroops. Students will help assemble the packages that will be sent to the troops.

For a list of the most popular items requested by the troops, click here (http://www.mxcc.edu/images/Customer-files/give2thetroopsitems.pdf)

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Give2TheTroops is a nonprofit, non-political organization that sends care packages and letters to deployed and wounded military troops in combat and disaster-relief zones. Since 2002, the organization has sent more than 177,000 care packages to approximately one million deployed American troops in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Bahrain, UAE, Kosovo, Africa, Honduras, Pakistan, among others, according to Give2TheTroops.

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