

"Thank you for sharing information about your son. By sharing with the Club, I now have a 'connection' to the war in Afghanistan that is personal or real compared to what was formally distant and abstract"

Bill Lightfoot, Rotarian

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS TO AFGHANISTAN

- 1) Suggestion - use the "flat rate US Postal Service boxes"... the large flat rate box costs about \$15 to send to military distribution or FPO address.
- 2) You can go to the post office to obtain boxes, complete forms and mail. The alternative **we use and recommend is "The Shipping Depot"** at 229 EE Butler (*located near 2 Dog Café in the new shopping center facing EE Butler*) or 3292 Thompson Bridge Road near the Ingles grocery store. They will complete all mailing labels and custom documents for you at no additional cost. Just bring the box ready to ship. Tell them you are sending a box to Paul Herdener in Afghanistan. The address is on file via our frequent use-- probably reference Cathy Herdener if they have any questions.
- 3) They will ask what's in the box; explain "toiletries, magazines, food". They will complete the custom forms, pay the postage amount and you are finished (until you return with a new box ☺).
- 4) Paul's address, if you want to slip on paper inside boxes:

Lt Paul Herdener
1/5 Marines C Co
Unit 40335
FPO AP 96427-0335

- 5) Put a note and newspaper/current events/magazines/picture of you/family in the box WITH A SELF RETURN ADDRESS ENVELOPE/NOTE CARD for Paul to jot you a note back. **Mail is free to Marines**, so help him thank you.
- 6) If you'd like to send some other "goodies" please consider the following: freeze dried camping food, water packed tuna, beef jerky, summer sausage, crystal or Gatorade type powder drink mix to help with hydration (they come in individual serving size), magazines/newspaper, notes/cards, articles from home, tan/brown boot socks, squirt guns,--anything to help remind them of home. Candy and Chocolate does not make it-- melts due to temps above 100-110 degrees.
- 7) **Main thing -- mission is Shaving Cream, but a little bit of home never hurts and Paul will get to Marines in need.** For fun and if you have time, use a permanent marker to "write on the cans", sign name, "thank you", anything to let them know they are in our prayers. I heard some neat stories around "weekly" box routine, putting together with children to teach them about service and soliciting others to help, every "Can" helps and really makes a different/save lives and limbs!!!
- 8) If you would like to help but cannot mail a box, please drop-off shaving cream cans with any Rotarian or Kiwanian. You can also drop-off cans at the following locations:

- Rotary Meeting (**Monday's at noon**)
First Baptist Church - Fellowship Hall
751 Green Street
Gainesville, GA 30501
- Elks Lodge – Kiwanis Club
(**Tuesday's at noon**)
1547 Riverside Drive
Gainesville, GA 30501
- Northeast Gainesville History Center
(**Tuesday – Saturday 10am – 4pm**)
322 Academy Street NE
Gainesville, GA 30501
- Butch Miller – Milton Martin Honda
2420 Browns Bridge Road
Gainesville, GA 30504