

# PRESS RELEASE



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## **City of Seal Beach Employees Support U.S. Service Members**

At the September 10<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, a number of employees who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces were recognized for their service to our country. These employees have served in every war or conflict since the Vietnam War and have been awarded countless medals for their bravery and commitment to protecting the ideas of liberty and freedom across the globe.

City of Seal Beach employees would like to extend a thank you by giving back to the military men and women currently serving abroad. As such, the City is holding a Personal Care Package fundraiser wherein the public can donate personal care items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving gel, razors, body wash and a number of other items that will be collected and sent to the United Service Organization (USO), which will then package and ship a Personal Care Package to military personnel serving in conflict areas.

“Support Our Troop” donation bins are located throughout Seal Beach including at City Hall, public libraries, and participating retailers. The complete list of personal care items being requested can be found on the donation box or by visiting the City’s website. The fundraiser will end on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, please visit the City’s website at [www.sealbeachca.gov](http://www.sealbeachca.gov) or contact Assistant City Manager Patrick Gallegos at (562) 431-2527 ext. 1308.

*Note: photos of the collection bin are attached.*

***PLEASE DONATE ANY OF THE ITEMS BELOW TO SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!***

City employees are collecting toiletry items to send to troops around the globe as a thank you for all that they do to defend our great nation. The collection will run until November 15th.

***TOILETRIES: (NO HOTEL SAMPLES)***

(Note: Some troops have allergies & need Brand Name toiletries which list all ingredients.

- Baby wipes (travel size)
- Liquid Hand Sanitizer (travel size)
- Body Wash, Liquid Soap, Facial Cleanser
- Shampoo /Conditioner (travel size)
- Hair Gel (for female troops to pull hair back)
- Combs / Brushes / Bobby Pins
- Eye Drops (i.e. Visine)
- Nasal Spray
- Deodorant (travel size)
- Razors (disposable: "Intuition" or "Mach 3" type)
- Shaving Cream / Shaving Soap (*in boxes or tubes; NO CANS of Shaving Cream, please!*)
- Cotton Swabs (i.e. Q-tips)
- Band-aids, Gauze Pads, First Aid Kits
- Lip balm / Chap Stick / Carmex / Blistex
- Baby Powder & Foot Powder (travel size)
- Loufa Sponges / Buff Puffs / Washcloths
- Tissues (individual packs; travel size only)
- Sunblock, SPF 45, Zinc, Vitamin E, Aloe Vera Gel
- Bug Spray / DEET / Skin-So-Soft
- Hand & Body Lotion / Moisturizer (travel size)
- Mouthwash (travel size)
- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes & Dental Floss
- Vitamins (multi-vitamins are always needed!)
- Breath Mints / Breath Strips
- Lozenges / Cough Drops
- Nail files / Emery Boards / Nail Clippers
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Cotton Balls
- Tylenol, Motrin, Advil or Aspirin Packets
- Moleskin
- Shoe Insole Cushions (gel kind is best)