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City Offers Two Ways to Support Troops & Their Families this Holiday Season

NEWPORT BEACH, Ca. -- The City of Newport Beach is helping to support the men and women currently serving in the United States military this holiday season by taking part in a program to collect donations for care packages for the troops and another to provide gifts for their families. The community is welcome to participate in both programs.

The first program is sponsored by American Legion Newport Harbor Post 291. The American Legion is gathering donations for care packages that will be assembled and shipped to troops serving in Iraq. A list of approved personal, entertainment and food items can be accessed by visiting www.al291.com/sites/auxiliary and selecting "Items Needed for Troops" from the left-hand column. Donations are being accepted at the city's Recreation and Senior Services Department through **November 23**. The American Legion is also seeking monetary donations to purchase any items that are still needed once all community contributions are collected. For more information, please call 949-673-5070.

The city is also participating in Operation Christmas. This program, organized by Yellow Ribbon America, supports more than 300,000 of California, Arizona and Nevada's military members and their families serving at home and throughout the world. Donations of new and unwrapped toys for children, DVDs for military members, and gift cards and cash donations for the families will be accepted in the City Clerk's Office through **December 19**. Please call 949-644-3005 for more information or go to www.yellowribbonamerica.com to learn more about the program.

Community members are invited to bring donations to City Hall, 3300 Newport Boulevard, Newport Beach.