



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Joseph P. Addabbo Jr.

## Addabbo hosts toiletry and holiday card drive for veterans deployed overseas

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Inspired by this year's Veterans Day, State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. has created a holiday card/toiletry drive to support our troops overseas during the holiday season.

From November 15 through Monday, December 6, Addabbo's three District Offices - Howard Beach office, located at 159-53 102<sup>nd</sup> Street, the Middle Village office, located at 66-85 73<sup>rd</sup> Place and the Rockaway office, located at 88-08 Rockaway Beach Boulevard, will serve as drop off locations for this drive. The Senator, who sits on the NYS Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs Committee, encourages all to donate to support the troops.

Items accepted include, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, floss, soap, shampoo and conditioner, disposable razors and shaving cream, deodorant, feminine hygiene products like pads and tampons, disposable wipes, and more. Addabbo will also be collecting any holiday cards and candy like M&Ms and Skittles from the community to send to the troops to brighten up their holiday.

Addabbo will be sending the care packages to three separate units assigned to the U.S. Army's 4th Security Force Assistance Brigade stationed throughout Europe, as well as Echo Co. 2/8 Marines stationed in Okinawa, Japan.

“While the United States recently ended the war in Afghanistan, we must remember that we still have troops stationed around the world protecting our freedoms,” Addabbo said. “These brave men and women will be stationed abroad for the holidays, not celebrating with their families and friends, so I wanted to send them some care packages and holiday cards from residents of the neighborhood to show them that we are still thinking about them and appreciate their sacrifices, especially during the holiday season.”

For more information, call Addabbo’s office at 718-738-1111.