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HELP OUR SOLDIERS

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You can help deployed troops phone home

Any American can now help troops in contingency operations phone home. The Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) is authorized to sell prepaid calling cards for deployed troops to any person or group.

Now, anyone (even those with no military affiliation) can help deployed troops call home from one of the AAFES call centers in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom (OIF/OEF). Please share this information with friends not affiliated with the military who might want to take part.

For service members to receive the best calling rates, senders should purchase the Military Exchange 550 Unit Prepaid Card with minutes that never expire and with no hidden charges or connections fees.

Helping service members stay in touch with friends and family has never been easier. Anyone can log on to <http://www.aafes.com> and click the "help our troops call home" link. Authorized shoppers such as retirees can purchase the calling cards through your regular online shopping pages or by calling 1-800-527-2345 or visiting your local exchange. From there, those wishing to pay for troops to call home can send a prepaid calling card to an individual at his or her deployed address or to "any service member" deployed or hospitalized. AAFES will coordinate distribution of donated cards addressed to "any service member" via the American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society or the Fisher House Foundation.

AAFES operates 31 call centers in Iraq, 19 in Kuwait and four in Afghanistan.

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2-2-2-2 HELP SOLDIERS

You can give miles to soldiers

Your frequent flyer miles can help service members wounded or injured in Operation Iraqi Freedom/Enduring Freedom.

Working with the nonprofit Fisher House Foundation, Northwest Airlines is providing donated WorldPerks miles for wounded or injured service members to take leave from military hospitals, and for their families to visit them. To donate their miles, WorldPerks members can call 800-327-2881, with their WorldPerks account and pin number. Donations begin with a minimum of 5,000 miles. Larger donations may be made in 1,000-mile increments.