

The welfare of deployed service members weighed heavy on my heart for a really long time. I would think about it often and wonder what one person alone could do to help them feel loved and appreciated for the sacrifices they were making. I finally realized I needed to do something and in 2014, just before Easter, we made contact with our very first unit stationed in Kuwait and began sending them care packages until they arrived home. Through our care packages, they receive what we like to call "A Little Bit of Home" to show that they are loved and appreciated. However, it is not just the deployed service members that need our support; it's also the family members left to handle the home front and the babies that are born without their fathers present.

Military Support Foundation Inc. became a 501(c)(3) in 2016 because of the multiple layers of needs that exist.

We are currently supporting eight teams, for a total of 248 service members. These teams range from a team of four to a squadron of 70 sailors/pilots and represent four ground units, three aircraft carriers and an Arleigh Burke-class destroyer. We also have a new mom, who just had her 3rd baby in December, that we are sending care packages to. Her husband is our point of contact for one of the teams that deployed at the end of January for a year-long deployment. Providing support for her is important to us because we want remove a little bit of stress off her husband's shoulders knowing that we are here to help support her in any way we can.

Our military has and will always be near & dear to my heart.

With a grateful heart,

Angie

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