

Pythians Support Our Troops

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Members of the Knights of Pythias, Pythian Sisters and the Marine Corps League of Whitestone packed boxes to be sent to our troops overseas.



The Servicemen and Veterans Committee was originally set up to provide support and visitations to VA hospitals where simple gifts and good cheer would bring comfort to injured – many permanently disabled -- members of our armed forces. At a visitation to the Castlepoint VA Hospital in Beacon, NY, Pythians donated coffee makers and set up a social room for permanently disabled vets who live on premises.

In 2006, a New York Pythian and former Marine recognized that our service personnel in the middle east battle zones were not getting access to basic personal care products like shampoo, razor blades, snack foods, books, etc. and started soliciting products to send over.

It currently costs \$12.95 to ship one box via USPS. Since setting up, the Servicemen and Veterans Committee has raised enough money and material to box and ship about 900 boxes per year totaling over 5,000 individual packages to service men and women currently serving tours in Afghanistan and Iraq.