

GUIDELINES FOR SENDING PACKAGES TO APO & FPO ADDRESSES:

- ◆ The mailing address must contain the last name of a specific person as the recipient of the package; preferably both first and last names. Rank and grade should not be added. The package must contain the sender's complete return address.
- ◆ Liquid contents must be placed in a sealed container and wrapped in absorbency material with outer packaging that will protect the contents.
- ◆ All packages weighing one pound or more must have a properly completed customs form 2976-a (the white ones). Customs forms with items crossed out or scratched out are not acceptable.
- ◆ Detailed descriptions of contents are required. Do not list items such as: "food," "medicine," "clothing," "toiletries" or "gifts." List the specific numbers and type each item enclosed. For example: 1 roll-on deodorant, 2 T-shirts, 1 pkg. Household AAA batteries, 3 bags cookies, 1 non-aerosol shaving gel, 2 bags chocolate candy.
- ◆ Some of the big no-nos on the mailing list are aerosols, flammables, corrosives and toxins. These include, but are not limited to:
 - alcohol-based products like perfumes, colognes, aftershave, hairspray and mouthwash
 - lighters, matches, butane
 - cleaning agents and detergents
 - fingernail polish and nail polish remover
 - Flee Collars, DEET and most bug sprays
 - Hand sanitizers and anti-bacterial gels (flammable and therefore unacceptable)
- ◆ No aerosols means deodorant must be roll-on, solid or stick, and listed as such on the customs form. Shaving cream or gel cannot be aerosol and must be listed as "non-aerosol."
- ◆ Only household batteries are permitted and have to be listed as AA, AAA, C, D, etc. Sending something that requires batteries? Remove the batteries and pack them so they don't short out. Better yet, mail batteries in their original, unopened packaging.