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Veterans Corner: Help A Service Person Now and Throughout the Year

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Veterans Resource Central (VRC) continues our effort to assist our returning veterans and remember the needs of their families. It's wonderful to see our community pulling together to support veterans. Recently, Sovereign Bank awarded the VRC a \$1,500 grant and Delta Dental donated \$1,000 to cover shipping costs for Operation Brighter Day. We appreciate their generosity.

With recent events, we have a greater awareness that each of us can make a difference. With the holidays fast approaching, many people ask "How can I help the soldiers and Veterans?" During the Holidays and throughout the year, you can:

- 1. Send a Personal Message** - cards or letters from the community let soldiers know they are appreciated and that we haven't forgotten. Get your children involved by having them draw a picture and send it along. You can coordinate with your local VFW post or American Legion who are involved in sending periodic care packages and supplies to troops overseas.
- 2. Make a Donation** to VRC to directly support our program initiatives. Go to www.veteransresourcecentral.org/help/help.htm and select Financial Support.
- 3. Identify a Family** with a loved one deployed. Reach out within your community – work, school, neighborhood or church – to see if there is anyone you can help. Offer to help them with something specific, for example you could watch the kids, bake a dinner or shovel their sidewalk.
- 4. Volunteer:** make a commitment to become a VRC volunteer. Sign up today to contribute a few hours per week or month in 2006. Go to www.veteransresourcecentral.org/help/help.htm and select Volunteer Now.

Many of us think of the soldiers initially when they are deployed and during the holidays. These young men and women are deployed for a long time. It's important that we, their community, keep them in our hearts and minds and continue to communicate with them throughout the year.

For more information, call John Carrigan or Barbara Groce today at 717.221.1306 or visit www.veteransresourcecentral.org