

"On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in the First World War, then known as "the Great War." Commemorated as Armistice Day beginning the following year, November 11th became a legal federal holiday in the United States in 1938. In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day became Veterans Day, a holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars."

Veterans Day is a day to recognize the service of all veterans, regardless of when or where they may have served. HAYS Cleaning recognizes our veterans for the entire month of November.

## Defining "Veteran"

Although there is no universally accepted definition of a veteran, the common understanding is that a veteran is someone who has served in the military for a period of at least 180 days.

Being a veteran means many unexpected and difficult challenges. Did you know....?

- One out of every three homeless persons is a military veteran.
- The unemployment rate of returning veterans is almost double the national average.
- About 25% of veterans in the last 10 years reported having a service-connected disability.

Please join with us in praying for our veterans; honor the service they have done to keep our country free while also being aware of the hardships and difficulties many of them experience.

### Prayer for our Veterans

Heavenly Father, we come to you and ask for your grace to rest upon our troops serving in Afghanistan, Iraq and throughout the world. We ask that you keep them safe and watch over them with your loving care. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for their selfless acts of service. Bind up the brokenhearted and heal those who have been wounded. Comfort those who are grieving and strengthen those in need of courage. Grant our leaders wisdom and firm resolve. Please bring peace to lands filled with conflict and strife. We ask this in the name of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who is the Prince of Peace. Amen.



# **Veterans Day 2012**

HAYS Cleaning, Inc. is pleased to present the "Helping Our Heroes" Veterans Day Special!

HAYS Cleaning will provide a complimentary 3-hour residential housecleaning for Veterans of the United States Military, spouses of active servicemen and parents of veterans or servicemen.

To take advantage of this offer, please contact HAYS Cleaning by calling 708-598-3819 or emailing mary@hayscleaning.com. Call or email by November 30, 2012, to schedule your appointment for services within 30 days. Veteran or current Military Identification must be provided to receive the complimentary cleaning. Limit one complimentary cleaning per household. Offer valid for new and existing residential customers. (Service to locations outside of our normal service area may be required to purchase additional service hours.)

HAYS Cleaning is also collecting Care Package items for Soldiers stationed overseas. HAYS Cleaning is partnering with the St. Patricia Holy Name Society to collect and ship items to the troops.

Drop off boxes are located at several locations in the area: The American Bagel (Palos Heights), the Palos Hills Community Center, the Hickory Hills Community Center, the Hickory Hills City Hall and Roberts Road Bible Church. Monetary donations are accepted and may be made payable to "St. Patricia HNS." Items may also be dropped off at the HAYS Cleaning office during normal business hours.

All supporters will be listed on the "Helping Our Heroes" website, sponsored by HAYS Cleaning, at http://www.helping-our-heroes.com.

HAYS Cleaning Inc. has been established for over 30 years and has grown from a hobby of owner/operator Mary James. The people at HAYS Cleaning want to make a difference, not just do a job! We believe liking what you do for "a living" delivers results our clients see and value.

HAYS Cleaning, Inc. is located at 9428 S. 78th Ct., #3, Hickory Hills, IL 60457. For more information on the "Helping Our Heroes" offer or the Care Packages, please call 708-598-3819, visit www.hayscleaning.com or email mary@hayscleaning.com.



# Care Packages for Soldiers www.Helping-Our-Heroes.com

We have not forgotten their sacrifice.

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#### **TOILETRIES**

Aromatherapy Oils Hand Lotion Deodorant Body Powder Foot Powder Toothbrushes Toothpaste Lip Balm Baby Wipes

Face Moisturizer Loofah Makeup Blush Powder Mascara Body Wash

Soap Manicure Kit Eyeglass Cleaner Toilet Paper Mouthwash Shampoo Conditioner Hair Color Tampons Pads Foot Spa Insoles

Razors Hand warmers Eye trips Q-tips Sunblock

### **FOOD**

Salsa Chips

Tuna (in pouches) Slim Jims Beef Jerky Pretzels Applesauce Pudding Pop Tarts

Dinty Moore Soups

Lunchables (non-perishable)

Jelly Beans Altoids

Rice Krispie Treats Snack Mixes Sunflower seeds Chewing gum

Nuts

Snack mixes
Sunflower seeds
Chewing gum
Nuts
Snack Cakes

Coffee
Gatorade
Kool-Aid
Crystal Light
Jaw Breakers
Cookies
Canned foods
Peanut butter
Spices, Salt, Pepper
Squeeze butter
Pringles
Licorice

Ramen Noodles Macaroni & Cheese Cereal Bars Granola Bars Microwave pasta Hot cocoa mix Soup mix

Popcorn

M&Ms

**ENTERTAINMENT** 

CDs DVDs

Disposable camera Phone Card Poker Game Playing cards

Dice Newspapers Magazines (newer)

Handheld electronic games

Board games Books

Recorded TV shows

Game cartridges Books on tape/disc Foam footballs Silly String Frisbee

Hacky Sack Dominoes MP3 Player Web Cam

Headphones Silly Putty Squirt Guns Crossword Puzzles Word Searches

Stationery (no stamps, soldiers

mail free) Blank Cards Journal **MISCELLANEOUS** 

School Supplies Stuffed Animals

Ink Pens Vitamins

Inflatable Chairs or Pillows

Shoe Laces

Cleaning supplies/wipes

Air Fresheners Candles

Small Flashlights

Posters Flag

Holiday Decorations

Stick-Ups Febreeze Stress ball Sewing Kit

Batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9

Volt)

**Decorated Pillow Cases** 

Balloons Can Opener Dryer Sheets Dixie cups Fan Koozies

Microwaveable Plates/Bowls

Paper Plates Napkins Linens

Handmade or small blanket

Sheets Fluffy towel Socks Underwear T-Shirts



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