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Ellyn Marquez, Clarissa Littlehead, Curtis Wakolee and Edward Littlehead fill boxes with comforts and tastes of home that will be shipped to Native American soldiers deployed both in the U.S. and abroad. Wakolee and Edward Littlehead are officers in the Sac and Fox Veterans Organization and Marquez and Clarissa Littlehead are members of organization's Women's Auxiliary.

## Sac and Fox Veterans Sending Care Packages to Deployed Soldiers

By J. D. Meisner  
Staff Writer

Curtis Wakolee was busy last week in Stroud, building care packages for Native American members of the armed forces who are currently deployed either at home, or overseas.

"Just get us a name and address and we'll send them a package," said Curtis Wakolee, as he and a small group of volunteers packed boxes with essential toiletries like toothbrushes and deodorant, cookies, crackers, canned cheese and other favorite snacks.

Wakolee is the Vice Commander of the Sac and Fox Nation Veterans Organization Honor Guard, which has raised money for the project by hosting a gourd dance on Veteran's Day and a stomp dance in December of last year.

According to Edward Littlehead, a Vietnam era veteran who served as a radar specialist in Okinawa, and a member of the organization, the current group of packages will go to soldiers deployed in Claremore, Okla., Washington state, Israel, Germany, Afghanistan and Georgia.

"This is our first year doing this," said Wakolee. "I thought we would just stick it in a box and send it overseas, but there are a lot of restrictions when you are sending this stuff overseas. The Stroud Post Office really helped us out."

Wakolee, who is also a Vietnam era vet and served as a medic, said that his group was able to get APO/FPO bulk rate shipping boxes from Stroud, and the personnel at the post office have been helpful with the required customs paperwork.

Edward Littlehead said, "Some of these addresses we know right where they are going,

others, we don't know. They are either on a ship, or we aren't supposed to know where they are."

The Sac and Fox Veterans Organization has about 30 members and Wakolee said many of them donate time, money or items to the project.

"We're still looking for Native American names of service men and women who are deployed and away from home so we can send them a package," said Wakolee.

He said that the idea came from the Native American Warriors Society in Tulsa, which sends out dozens of boxes each month.

Wakolee said the packages offer soldiers away from home a little taste of home. Into each package is a note that reads, "A new start of a new year. We appreciate all that you have done for our nation. Please keep us updated on current addresses. Thank you, from the Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma Veteran's Organization and Women's Auxiliary."

"We couldn't do this without the help of the ladies' auxiliary," said Wakolee.

"We're building up money and want this to be an ongoing thing," said Clarissa Littlehead, a volunteer and member of the Honor Guard Auxiliary. "We've already hand delivered some to Sac and Fox soldiers who are stationed close by. We're starting out small but want this to become an ongoing thing."

The group plans on raising more funds through intertribal dances and a pow wow scheduled for Memorial Day.

Anyone wishing to donate, or to submit the name of a Native American soldier to receive a care package can contact Wakolee at the organization's headquarters at (918) 968-2583.

## Cherokee "Bear" Brown

A-Ho, My name is Cherokee Brown; a lot of the locals call me bear, because I am Bear Clan. I was named by Edgar Butler and Dan and Dennis Jennings in the Ceremonial House at the Reservation.

I am thirteen years old and reside in Stroud with my mom Tammy Jo. I have attended Stroud School all my life. I have always played sports, basketball my favorite, and softball.

I've enjoyed being selected as Veterans Honor Guard Princess since May 09, a very awesome honor. Thank you to our Vets.

The crown I wear was custom ordered by my loving adopted Grandfather Jamey Noble, who donated in honor and memorial of my late loving Grandfather, to the organization.

Never in my life have I felt greater love, thank you Pooh Ba, You're the man!!

I've had many great experiences while wearing the crown. I've also been to many moving awesome gourd dances, which I love to do and met alot of Honored Veterans, great men and women, whom I deeply respect and appreciate. I try to be an example to the other girls my age wherever



Cherokee "Bear" Brown

I go.

I also belong to the 1<sup>st</sup> Assembly of God Church in Stroud and am a proud member of the youth group, "The Matthew 4-19s".

If you see me out there, come say hi and let me introduce myself to you and your family. Looking forward to many more dances and meeting more awesome people. You are all in my prayers. Aho Cherokee Brown.

**Happy Birthday**  
**Pea Aw Gee Thaw Taw**  
*Love Mom & Sis*

### ATTENTION

All Veterans are Welcome to Attend The Monthly Meetings of The Sac and Fox Veterans Held at the Veterans/Elders Building in Stroud.  
Veterans Do Not Need to be Tribal Members.  
Call 918-968-2583 For Information



### The Sac and Fox Veterans Organization

will be going to  
Red Rock Oklahoma  
Feb 19, 2011

To support Rev. Tommy Morris as the head man dancer. I want to thank everyone who supports this committee, may it grow with the help and grace of our creator. Submitted by Wilson Harjo

## Sac and Fox Veterans Organization Care Package List Of Items

### Food List

Crackers, Easy Cheese, Peanut Butter, Triscuits, Rice Krispies Treats, Little Debbie Snack Cakes, Single Serving Bagged Chips, Breakfast Bars, Granola Bars, Chex Mix, Microwave Popcorn, Microwave Meals, Kraft Easy Mac, Tuna, Ragu Express, Instant Soup, Oatmeal, Dry Cereal (Small Ser. Boxes), Slim Jims, Beef Jerky, Fast Food Condiments, Hot Sauce, Ketchup, Mustard, Salt, Pepper, Relish, Mayo, Salad Dressing, Salsa, Creamer Packets, Marshmallows, Candy-anything that does not melt-Hard Candy, Snack Food-Single Sizes, Spices-Onion Powder, Garlic Powder

\*\*All food items are individual servings\*\*

### Practical Items

Baby Wipes, Hand Sanitizer (towel size), Tooth Brushes & Mouth Wash, Dental Floss, Roll On Stick Deodorant, Sun Screen, Eye Wash, Paper Dust Mask, Lotion, Shampoo, Conditioner, Razors, Shaving Cream, After Shave Lotion, Soap, Body Wash, Chapstick, Lip Balm, Nail Files, Baby Powder, Foot Powder, Combs, Brushes, Cotton Balls, Clorox Wipes, Contact Lens Cleaner, Antacids, Ibuprofen, Cough Drops

### Travel Sizes

Any Size Batteries, Sun Block, Paper and Envelopes, Writing Pens, Disposable Cameras, Puzzles, Paperback Books, Film, Journals, Yoyo's, Squirt Guns, Frisbee's, Dart Boards, Small Flashlights, Hackie Sacks, Jump Ropes, Radio Head Sets, Handmade Items, Portable CD Players, Mini Fans, Electronic Hand Held Games, Post Cards From Your Home State, A Stress Ball, Phone Cards (AT & T work best from Kuwait)

### For Females

Feminine Hygiene Products, Tampons, Panty Liners, Q-tips, Hair Bands, Hair Clips, Nail Polish, Nail Clippers, Small Mirrows, Candles, Body Sprays, Hair Spray (pump), Hair Gel, Perfume

### In General

Socks, Hats (baseball), Bandanas, Blankets, Single Sheet Sets

## NOTICE

ANY FAMILY MEMBER WHO WANTS THEIR FAMILY FLAG FLOWN AT THE ANNUAL POW-WOW

CONTACT

WILSON HARJO (918-968-2583)

OR

CURTIS "DAGWOOD" WAKOLEE (405-395-0330)



### WE NEED MORE ADDRESSES OF SOLDIERS

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