

## Living to Serve in 2009



As FFA members we often hear the FFA Motto, especially the last phrase

“living to serve,” but what does it really mean? It means the more we give to others the more we get back in return. So how can you and your chapter live out the last line of the FFA Motto even more than you already are? Read the next few pages to find out!!



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**2009 STATE FFA  
SERVICE PROJECT**

# Serving Soldiers

**Be the Difference.  
Make an Impact.**



**Learning to Do,  
Doing to Learn,  
Earning to Live,  
Living to Serve.**

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Recently, the Wisconsin 32nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team has been stationed in Fort Bliss, Texas for military training before being deployed to Iraq. Here these men and women have begun their post mobilization



training since mid-February.

Some have already begun to ship to and

32nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team at Fort Bliss in Texas

work in the middle east.

**So what can we do as FFA members to help our serving soldiers?**

There are two options available:

**Option 1: Immediate Action**

**Option 2: Make It Your Own**

## Option 1: Immediate Action

This option is a great way to help the troops and soldiers right away. Here is a list of items you and your chapter can bring to the 2009 State Convention in June:

**Personal Care:** Toothpaste, mouthwash, toiletries, sun block, lip balm, and other personal care items. (Kits are good too!)

**Entertainment:** Calling cards, iTunes card, or other cards that may be used to either contact home or get music/movies, etc.

**Foods:** Cookies, crackers, trail mix (packaged and store bought), or drink mix-especially pouches

**Printed:** Newspapers, magazines, or other reading material.

**Items NOT to provide:** Homemade goods

## Option 2: Make It Your Own

This option gives your chapter the opportunity to sign up to "adopt" a unit/soldier or their family. If you adopt a unit/soldier you are given the chance to send needed items directly to where they are stationed. If you choose to support a family in your area, your chapter can do some of the following tasks to help them out while their family member is overseas:

Leaf Raking/Yard work

Potential Babysitters for Spouse

Host Dinners to Support Families

**Now that you know the information, what can you do to get this started in your chapter?**

**Step One:** Talk with you advisor, see what option works best for your chapter (Remember you have the opportunity to participate in Option 1, Option 2, or **BOTH!**)

**Step Two:** If your chapter decides to take part in Option 1, form a committee.

**Step Three:** Once your committee is in place, start making posters, plan contests, and spread the word of what items are needed for the serving soldiers. Try to bring as many needed items to the 2009 State FFA Convention as you can! No need to box them up or worry about postage, just bring the items.

**Step Four:** If you decide to take part in Option 2, come to the 2009 State FFA Convention and sign-up to "adopt" your very own unit/soldier or their family. If you would like a specific unit or soldier, bring their name/unit information with you to convention so we can pair you up as best as possible.

**Step Five:** Be the Difference. Make an Impact.

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