



Wilton House Museum

Operation: Comforts from Home Donation Drive

In the more than 235 years since United States declared their independence from Great Britain war has been a part of life that every generation must endure. Whether the war is taking place in one's front yard or half the world away there are those who give up the comforts of home to fight for the cause greater than themselves. During America's war for independence, men and women suffered deprivations in order to fight for a greater cause. Whether or not anyone agrees with all the reasons for which we have fought, we unite in honoring those who give up the comforts of home and risk their lives to fight on the front lines.

From May 10 through May 20, 1781, General Lafayette and more than 900 of his troops made the fields surrounding Wilton their temporary home. Without the usual comforts of home, these troops camped in the woods and fields, sometimes without shelter, in order to attain their freedom, the freedom that we enjoy today. *Operation: Comforts from Home* will honor those who fought for liberty, as well as support those who fight to maintain that liberty today. Any visitor who brings a new, unopened "comfort" item to Wilton House Museum during the month of May will receive complimentary admission to the historic house and current exhibits.

Healthy Snack:

- Salted or unsalted nuts
- Beef jerky
- Tuna fish packets
- Peanut butter
- Peanut butter crackers
- Instant macaroni and cheese
- Drink mixes (single serve)
- Instant or ground coffee
- Powdered creamer
- Dried or canned fruit

Hygiene

- Baby wipes
- Body wash
- Sponges
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Tooth brushes
- Tooth paste
- Nail clippers
- Stick deodorant
- High-quality disposable razors
- Shaving gel

Comfort Items:

- Socks (for boots)
- Sandals, flip-flops, or Crocs™
- Bug Spray (non-aerosol)
- Foot powder
- Body powder
- Puzzle books
- Sports magazines
- Music CDs
- DVD movies or TV shows