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### **Penitentiary Staff Sending Care Packages to Colleagues Serving in Military**

(Pierre) – Employees of the South Dakota State Penitentiary are sending a reminder of home to their colleagues who are serving their country in the war against terrorism.

There are currently five staff members from the penitentiary and three from the Redfield Trusty Unit serving in the military overseas. Each will soon receive care packages from the penitentiary that include items such as peanut butter, potato chips, licorice and other candy as well as a 120-minute phone card.

"I'm proud and honored to have such terrific employees who are willing to sacrifice for our country on my team. We owe them a great deal for their sacrifice," said Warden Doug Weber. "The care packages are a way of expressing our appreciation and gratitude for what they are doing and to let them know we are thinking about them."

Volunteers put the care packages together with funds donated from the penitentiary employee organization.

This is the second time the penitentiary employees organization has sent care packages overseas to our troops. The first care packages were sent out prior to Christmas.

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**Items ready for inclusion in the care packages.**



**Staff package the items for their colleagues.**