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Support the Troops

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Do you support the troops in Iraq?

Doesn't everybody?

Both supporters and opponents of the war in Iraq are quick to inform us that "I support the troops."

Great. The next question is, "How do you support the troops?"

Anybody can say "I support the troops." But unless you are doing something concrete to support the troops, or one soldier in particular, it rings a little hollow.

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In fact, a lot of soldiers aren't too interested in politics, anyway .

The real troop supporters were those who were doing something concrete to support the troops. Those people sent us mail and care packages. If you say you support the troops, do something specific to support the troops – or even just one troop. Support your local soldier.

I can testify personally that Nathan Tabor, founder/publisher of The Conservative Voice, is a troop-supporter. How do I know? I know because, when I was in Iraq,

Nathan Tabor personally sent me a lot of Revival Soy Bars. They were great, and I appreciated receiving them. So I know Nathan Tabor is a troop-supporter.

Would you like to support the troops? Here's how...

The first step is to select a specific soldier to support. That's a lot more concrete than endlessly affirming that "I support the troops". Anybody can say that. But if you support a specific soldier – an individual – you are moving from the abstract to the concrete. You are putting your money where your mouth is. You are walking the walk, not just talking the talk.

Select a soldier. Maybe you have one in mind already, or maybe you have to look for one. Do you have a friend or relative who is serving in Iraq? Maybe you have a co-worker, a member of your church, a friend of a friend, or a friend of a relative. Some soldier. Any soldier. It shouldn't be hard to find the name and address of a soldier.

If you absolutely cannot find the name of a soldier in Iraq , there is an excellent website which can help get you in touch with soldiers in Iraq. Go to http://www.anysoldier.com and there you can find a soldier to support. (The website also needs donations, you might consider that as well).

Once you have a name and address, you're ready to start troop-supporting .

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