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**“2006 SUPPORT OUR SOLDIERS” COMMUNITY CARES CAMPAIGN
VALLEYSTONE Credit Union, WEIB 106.3 Smooth FM, and WAL-MART, Chicopee
Team Up to Show Support for Our Troops Over Seas**

January 4, 2006 Wilbraham, MA **ValleyStone Credit Union, WEIB 106.3 Smooth FM and Wal-Mart of Chicopee** have teamed together for the beginning of the 2006 New Year to support our soldiers in Iraq with Community Care Packages. Beginning January 11, 2006, all of the three businesses will be collecting items that our soldiers are in need of and items that they go through quickly.

“It is the new year, and it is a great time to let those in the military know that we are thinking about them, that we care about them, and we support them,” stated James P. Nagy, President/CEO of ValleyStone Credit Union. “This is such a worthwhile effort for WEIB, we know our listeners care about those in Iraq and would love to show their gratitude for what they are doing. We are so pleased to be able to facilitate this effort,” added Carol Moore Cutting, President and General Manager of WEIB 106.3 Smooth FM.

There will be four 2006 Support Our Soldiers collection areas for the items:

ValleyStone Credit Union, 2002 Boston Road, Wilbraham

ValleyStone Credit Union, 730 Worcester Street, Springfield

ValleyStone Credit Union in Wal-Mart, 591 Memorial Drive, Chicopee

and WEIB Smooth FM, 8 North King Street, Northampton.

Wal-Mart in Chicopee will be shipping all of the items to Iraq.

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Suggested items for the troops include: postal stamps, writing paper, pens, magazines, books, candy, shaving cream, soap, toothpaste, shampoo, wipes, feminine hygiene products, sunscreen, books, and non-perishable food items such as coffee and tea packets, coffee mate packs, cup of soup, instant drink packets, sugar packets and CDs, and DVDs.

For further information and/or hours of collection, please call ValleyStone Credit Union, 693-0273 or 593-0090, or 1-800-455-6328, or WEIB Smooth FM at 1-413-585-1112.

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About ValleyStone Credit Union ValleyStone Credit Union, a community credit union serving those who live or work within Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin Counties as well as their family members, was established in 1937 in Springfield, Massachusetts. Since 1955 it was named the Monsanto Employees Credit Union, and in 2000 with an incredible foundation of service to its members, it acquired a community charter and was renamed. The new name, ValleyStone, speaks to its heritage and commitment to those in the Pioneer Valley and also its strength historically and presently. Today, as a community credit union living within a world of direct deposits and internet account access 365/24/7, decisions remain local by those living and working in the same communities as its customers. Members enjoy the luxury of a true local financial institution along with quick service, fast decisions and most of all the confidence of a cooperative financial service organization that is owned by the people it serves. For more information, visit www.valleystone.com