

Care Packages:

Division 3 Employees Send 'Thank You' to MTA Marine

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(April 23, 2003) Metro Bus Operator Randolph Montes, a 10-year MTA veteran, was nervous about leaving his job, his family and his country to go fight in the war in Iraq.

So, North Los Angeles Division 3 operators Teresa Love and Pablo Riveros decided to make care packages for Montes to comfort him during his time away from home.

Montes, 33, is a Marine Corps reservist who was called to active duty in early February.

Division 3 employees raised more than \$150. With this money, they were able to make at least six care packages for Montes.

Metro Bus Operator Randolph Montes was called to duty in early February. Operators Teresa Love and Pablo Riveros, below, send weekly care packages from Montes' co-workers at Division 3.



Package a week

"We're trying to send him a package every week," says Love. "We've already sent two boxes."

The care packages consist of beef jerky, sunflower seeds, candy, a disposable camera, portable shower, shampoo, toothpaste and other items.

Love's main concern is that Montes may not be receiving the packages. The last she heard from him was in mid-March when he was in Kuwait.

Nevertheless, says Love, "The packages are our way of saying 'thank you' and showing support for our friend."

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