

# Operation: Care and Comfort April 2020



## *A Note From Operation: Care and Comfort*

**Dear Friends,**

What a scary, challenging and difficult time we are in right now. This pandemic has taken lives, our freedom to assemble, our ability to travel, our financial resources and more. Kids can forget about proms, graduations, and team sports. No baseball, soccer, hockey, basketball. Golf courses are closed. Not everyone is sheltered at home.

Essential workers risk their own health and that of their families to keep essential businesses and non-profits going, hospitals running, and our communities safe. Stores still need to be stocked and cashiers are busy with check-out lines, and restaurants offer take-out food and free delivery. Farmers are still working, truck drivers moving products, and our military is still at work. People are feeling stressed out, kids are bored, and we miss seeing our friends and family. I'll bet that many who gripe about their jobs might even be missing it right now and maybe even that annoying co-worker. Well, maybe!

We at OCC have made some changes, as well. Our last overseas care packages were mailed March 16th. With the change in addresses overseas, shortened deployments, etc. we will not be mailing boxes overseas for a while. Instead, we are making and distributing special care packages for local National Guard troops who are deployed to help during this stay at home order. We are also working on other projects, while staying in our homes. Bandana Mask Kits, Family Activity bags and more. Some surprises, too.

Even with all of these extreme changes I have seen such wonderful volunteerism. It's the American way! Folks are making masks for first responders, hospital workers, and co workers. How about the volunteers working at food banks, distributing free lunches to school kids, the community and truck drivers. Others are donating extra masks and other items they don't really need. Companies are changing their businesses to make hand sanitizer, PPE, much needed equipment. Today, I saw a post about a new wooden puzzle kit someone was giving away for free to a good family. Neighbors are making meals and dropping them off on the porches of those they love, or seniors in their neighborhoods. Others have set up tables with extra items they have to share, where folks can grab a roll of TP if they really need it.

***What can you do?*** Write letters and cards for our military care packages. We always need them! Check in on friends you have meant to call, but have not. I have two older friends I need to contact today, myself.

While we have had to cancel/postpone several huge events we are continuing our work, but it is my goal to keep our volunteers safe. The good news is this WILL get better, but it is still too early to not take this seriously. This will be a tough month.

Stay safe and well, friend. Wash your hands like crazy. Drink warm and hot fluids and keep your lungs clean and healthy. Eat well, meditate and exercise if you can and read that book you have kept on your nightstand for two years. I have a zillion that I have started and not finished. Follow us on Facebook! We are updating our events, sharing info to support you and your families, and even posting contests for great prizes.

Until we are able to meet face to face again, I am sending you a big virtual hug and well wishes. Stay in touch!

Julie  
President  
Operation: Care and Comfort

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## **Spring Care Package Event — To Be Rescheduled**

The **April 26** event is **canceled**.

It will be rescheduled.

*Hang in there!*

## **SJ Giants/OCC Salute to the Military Game - Postponed**

**To Be Rescheduled**



Follow OCC on Facebook for updated information.

**Game Highlights:**

*9th Annual Salute to the Military Night presented by Operation: Care and Comfort April 16, 2020*

**2020 Charity Poker Tournament — June 13, 2020 (Subject to Change Due To Pandemic)**



**Military & Veterans — Register to Play FREE**  
**Courtesy Of Our Sponsors**

For the third year, Operation: Care and Comfort is teaming up with Fairfield’s American Armory Museum to raise funds for our programs and organizations.

We have opportunities for table sponsors, raffle and silent auction prize donations and more. Email [julie@occ-usa.org](mailto:julie@occ-usa.org) if you wish to support this event!

Military and Veterans can register to play in the tournament - FREE OF CHARGE! **Sign up now, as we will confirm players in the order received. All attendees must be aged 21 or over.**

You will receive an email confirmation of your participation in the days prior to the event. Non-playing guests may attend for \$30.

All in attendance will enjoy dinner courtesy of **Outback Steakhouse**, dessert courtesy of **Famous Creations** and an open bar with **Budweiser** and **Bud Lite**, wine and non-alcoholic beverages!

**Military / Veterans Poker Tournament Registration**

OCC posts news on our Facebook page. Don't forget to *Friend Us* and *Follow Us!!!*



## Want tickets for upcoming events?

### Sign up for tickets on our website

#### Tickets for Troops Signup

- Watch our Facebook page announcements.
- Watch your email box as we continue to upgrade our ability to support and serve you and your requests!
- *Encourage your military and veteran friends to join, too!*

***Just a friendly reminder:*** If you are receiving this email, chances are you are already in our Tickets For Troops list. No need to sign-up again upon receiving this email.

#### ***OCC's Tickets for Troops program distributed tickets for events such as:***

\* Due to the Covid-19 (Coronavirus), no events are being held.

## Know Someone Coming Home From Deployment?

OCC's partners including Northern CA professional sports teams, amusement parks and more would love to help arrange a surprise homecoming for a military family! If interested, email [julie@occ-usa.org](mailto:julie@occ-usa.org) by simply clicking on her email link. We will make it a great one!

Q: Does the service member being gone for a one year remote to Korea count?

A: Absolutely! They are away from their family!

Q: I'm coming home, It would feel weird requesting it for myself though.

A: Why? Send Julie the email!



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