

Operation: Care and Comfort January 2021



A Note From Operation: Care and Comfort

Dear friends,

Well, we've almost made it through this year! Although things continue to look different than most years with Covid-19 restrictions, we march forward. Bring on 2021!

December was go, go, go! Our key volunteers and Board Members were extremely busy and worked hard to stay Covid-free. We packed and mailed last minute care packages filled with holiday treats and supplies for a couple of new forward deployed military units, We will continue our monthly boxes in January for all on our shipping roster.

Here at home we gave gifts to troops stuck in dorm rooms and barracks at Beale Air Force Base and Camp Pendleton. They could not go home due to Covid-19 so we "brought a little home" to them.

Hundreds of additional military, veterans and their families were gifted through our **Adopt a Military Family** program in December, thanks to all of our OCC partners. Gift cards for Safeway, Target and Amazon, toys, clothing, and much more were given. We could not have played Santa without your help!

THANK YOU to all who responded with a donation last month. We received gifts from numerous long- time partners and donors, and some new — Amazon, for one!

December 31st is the last chance to donate before the end of this tax year.

THANK YOU for your friendship and your faith in our organization.

HAPPY NEW YEAR to you and those you love.

Julie
President
Operation: Care and Comfort

Amazon To Sponsor January 2021 Care Packages



We are proud to announce that our newest partner, Amazon, is sponsoring our January care packages!

We were given a sizable monetary donation and will receive goods on an ongoing basis, for care packages overseas and here at home. THANKS, Amazon!

Be sure to choose Operation: Care and Comfort as your charity to support when you shop - all year round!. FREE to you, and Amazon makes a donation to OCC.

We have received over \$3,000 just from folks supporting OCC through Amazon Smile! Simply shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/27-3116300 and AmazonSmile will donate to Operation: Care And Comfort, at no cost to you.

A Holiday Visit to the VA Clinic in Martinez

OCC did so many fantastic things this holiday season that it is hard to choose what made me smile the most.

This one is in the top three, for sure!

OCC, with donations from awesome partners, took 100 beautiful stockings hand made by the **Roseville Quilters Guild** and filled them with hygiene items, socks from **Boot Barn**, slipper socks, a holiday treat and a hand signed card.



We delivered them to the VA Clinic in Martinez. And that's not all! Additional gifts (packaged beautifully) of 100 pairs of OCC logo sweatpants and sweatshirts were given to all vets at the Martinez clinic.

These vets deserve great treatment and gifts, and we were honored to do this for them. Thank you for your service, dear veterans!



Doggie Day At Travis AFB



THANK YOU to all who came out for the doggie kit giveaway on December 14, 2020.

We ran out of kits early but gave those who came out a fun squeaky toy, and our new RED prize drawing tickets!

OCC pulls tickets weekly, posts them on our Facebook page, and each winner will receive a \$100 Amazon gift card. (Reminder: Keep your RED, BLUE, GREEN and GOLD tickets until we tell you to throw them away.)

Special thanks to Jessica and the airmen who came out to assist!



OCC Steps Up To Provide Assistance



How does OCC roll?

OCC Board Member Nicole brought us a young vet family, living in Fairfield, who needs assistance.

A Girl Scout group in GILROY anonymously adopted them, wrapping each gift on their list beautifully. OCC's Nate, who drives to work from Fairfield to Presidio of Monterey picked up the gifts on his way back to Fairfield after work, then dropped them off to OCC's Julie's house in Fairfield.

Nicole picked up the gifts from Julie and delivered them to the family, along with the other gifts OCC purchased for them.

THAT'S how we roll! Hurrah team OCC!



DSB Donates Gifts For Military Kids

Friday, December 11, 2020, our friends at DSB finished their OCC Adopt a Military Kid campaign. The recipients were kids of the US Army North Bay Recruiting Company.

Each child received a wrapped gift chosen just for them!

Thanks Allison and everyone at DSB, for your generosity!

Thanks, friends!



OCC Thanks Jonathan Wong, Boy Scout Troop 12



Congratulations to *Jonathan Wong* of Boy Scout Troop 12 - Bay Area Council. He completed an awesome military care package drive for his Eagle Scout project, through OCC!

The San Francisco Lowell High School US Veterans Club also helped out with the project, and it was delivered just in time for boxes OCC sent to a Special Ops group in the Middle East. Thanks Jonathan- well done!



Last Chance! CFC 2020 Campaign Ends Soon



The 2020 CFC Campaign began on September 21 and runs through **January 15, 2021**.

Last year, Federal employees and retirees voluntarily participating in the CFC pledged more than \$86.4 million to thousands of local, national, and international causes in both funds and volunteer time.

OCC thanks you for your consideration and donations through the CFC program. OCC's CFC # is **77631** and we would love your support.

OCC Gets Thanks From Active Duty Troops

Just wanted to send you a few photos of us over here to say Thank you! for the care packages that you sent to my squadron. We really appreciate everything that your organization put in the boxes especially the Christmas cards with the handwritten notes inside. There were so many Christmas cards I made sure that everyone in my unit got one

And then I have a friend who she is also active duty Air Force and her job is working at the front desk here at the barracks/dorms where everyone who comes here to our deployment location has to check in when they arrive off the plane- so I gave her the rest of the Christmas cards and she is giving them to everyone who is new and checking in over here to their deployment! It's perfect because it will brighten up so many more peoples day over here - I know it must be hard for them to be leaving their families right before Christmas and the holidays so that was very sweet of you to send those over to us.

Hope you have a wonderful Holiday and thank you again!
Karina, TSgt, USAF



OCC Takes Part in Operation Warm Heart

Fog, who cares? On December 20, 2020, OCC partnered with DAR Santa Clara and Beale's **Operation Warm Heart** to distribute \$50 Safeway gift cards, fantastic toys and more.

Boot Barn and EA Sports were also partners. A zillion red prize drawing tickets were also given away; watch for posts on OCC's Facebook page. Maybe *you* will win a \$100 Amazon gift card!



Kid Kits Donated to 349 AMW At Travis AFB

OCC donated hundreds of Kid Kits to the 349 AMW at Travis AFB. Their AFRC drive-through holiday gift event was a big success!

Our kits contained a sketch book and art crayons, pens and markers, a new Disney, family or holiday DVD, a beanie baby toy for younger kids or a knit cap for the teens, a toothbrush, etc.

DAR Santa Clara Chapter donated the Crayola items.

The Beanie Babies were donated by members of DAR Gavilan Chapter.

Thanks to OCC Board Member LtCol Le for bringing volunteers to help with the distribution!



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



OCC is on LinkedIn, Too! Check us out!!!



Just a friendly reminder: If you are received this email, chances are you are already on 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.



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