

Operation: Care and Comfort February 2021



A Note From Operation: Care and Comfort

Dear Friends,

One month of the new year has passed and it was a busy one! We at OCC packed and mailed care packages overseas sponsored by Amazon. We supported bases here in Northern CA, and added soldiers/troops in Fort Knox, KY and San Antonio, TX for a one-time donation of socks and items from our November Boot Barn drive. Our local reach was across Northern CA to Monterey. Rain and cold weather didn't stop us. We worked in our storage units in Santa Clara, social distanced, and used masks and hand sanitizer. All is well!

For February, we announced a special promotion with our local partner L'aube Boutique in Tracy, CA. Check it out, and nominate a female service member, veteran or military spouse YOU feel deserves to go shopping.

Our care packages for California National Guard soldiers were a huge hit. Most of us were a bit outraged seeing the soldiers sleeping in a parking garage in freezing temperatures in D.C, so when we had an opportunity to help California troops, we did! Our red bags contained so many wonderful things including a fleece blanket donated to us from the San Francisco Giants, socks and other items from Boot Barn, snacks and more. I love the photo at the top of this month's newsletter, of some of these California troops with their red bags, and big smiles only slightly hidden by their masks. Warms my heart.

Wishing you a special February where we celebrate Black History Month, President's Day, Valentines Day, and hopefully a step closer to controlling this virus!

THANK YOU for your friendship and your faith in our organization. It means the world to us!

Julie
President
Operation: Care and Comfort

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and service, too!

Partner: Female Vet Owned L'aube Boutique in Tracy

Hooray, it's February! It's a special month, and we have a fun way for you to share and receive a little OCC love!

We are excited to partner with female veteran owned L'aube Boutique in TRACY CA on a month-long event! <https://www.laubeboutique.com>

Owner Fariza has been a long time OCC supporter, and is also STILL a soldier. Her unique boutique has cute and eclectic items, and also gifts donated wedding dresses, etc. to military and veterans who can't afford one. We love this! L'aube Boutique offers troops and veterans a \$20% discount on their purchases in store or online. YAY!

Here's how this February shopping-palooza works:

OCC has purchased a batch of \$50 e-gift cards for shopping at the boutique in store or online! We are inviting you to nominate a troop, vet or military/vet spouse/partner who you think should receive one, and why. We also invite you to head over to the store in Tracy and pick up a **PINK** prize ticket, along with a special gift bag from Fariza! It is the only way to enter a special drawing where ONE LUCKY troop or veteran will win a \$250 shopping spree from OCC On March 1st!

[Click Here To Send Your Nomination\(s\) To Julie](#)

Then, give me the first and last name of the female troop or veteran, their military branch, their email and mobile number, WHY you are nominating them, and your contact information. Then cross your fingers and they may win a \$50 e-gift card! On Valentines Day we will choose one of you who submitted a nominee and you AND the nominee will win a gift card!

To start this, I am going to nominate a special veteran who works at the DLA in Tracy. She has often volunteered with OCC, and we appreciate all that she does for everyone who works with her. I'm not going to share her name but she will be contacted by me today! Congrats to her!

To enter the \$250 shopping spree entry—you must go to the store to pick up a pink prize ticket. The store address is on the flyer.

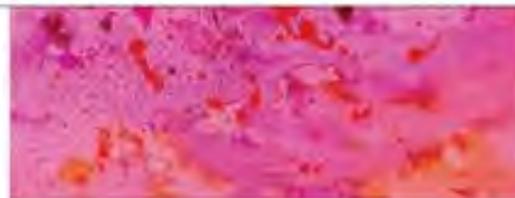
Please share this post and the flyer, grab some friends and head over (social distancing, of course) to the store to get your **PINK** tickets, post a photo from the store and we may also choose YOU to receive a \$50 e-gift card.

It's February, we have been in this Covid nightmare for a year, and it's time to have some fun! **THANK YOU** for your service!

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business, founded in 2013, based in
Patterson, CA. We are thrilled to open our
second brick-and-mortar store in Downtown
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us, or visit us online.*



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OCC Visits 349th's Drill Weekend at Travis AFB

On January 9 and 10 OCC Board Member Lt Col Le distributed 225 Boot Barn kits of socks and knit caps at the 349th's drill weekend at Travis Air Force Base.

She and her sister Tina made the kits at their homes And did a fantastic job. We appreciate their efforts and the great items donated to us from Boot Barn customers across the country!



Santa Clara Packing for San Antonio and Fort Knox



Tuesday, January 12, a few of us met in Santa Clara to pack more care packages for forward deployed troops.

In addition, we sent 20 HUGE “Berry Boxes” filled with Boot Barn socks to San Antonio and Fort Knox, to share a little more OCC love!

Boxes were mailed and are on the way! Thanks to Mark, Erinne, Norberto, and Alison for joining me, and to Alison and Tim for handling the labels!



A Visit to Moffett Field and the 63rd



On January 5, a few OCC volunteers met in Santa Clara and packed 38 grocery bags with food and treats, hygiene items, socks and toys.

Each bag had a hand made sock animal made by San Jose State military veterans. We also included a \$50 Safeway gift card purchased by OCC and DAR Santa Clara.

We drove to Moffett Field and knocked on doors to surprise families, and wishing them a Happy New Year. We also went to the 63rd and handed out a few. So much fun And smiles all around.

We really appreciate our partners like DAR Santa Clara, Boot Barn, Girl Scouts and more, for their help with the project!



Donations to CA National Guard Providing Covid Relief

On January 27, OCC key volunteers met and we filled 270ish of these awesome red bags donated by Lockheed Martin for CA National Guard troops.

The bags contained a SF Giants fleece blanket, microwavable food, snacks, Boot Barn socks, bandanas and knit caps, candy, etc.

They will be distributed to troops deployed in California for Covid relief, etc.

We also donated additional socks and personal care items for female troops.

Thanks to our awesome volunteers who made this happen, in one morning!



MEPS Helps OCC Prepare For An Easter Distribution



Soldiers from MEPS San Jose helped OCC move items for an upcoming EASTER distribution we plan to hold for military and vet kids on January 15!

We will post details on this event on Facebook in February and the event will be in early March, since Easter Sunday is April 4th. More volunteering today to prepare!



MORE of the story! Twelve of us met again on January 18 and sorted through HUNDREDS of beautiful new Easter dresses, suits, pants, jackets and shirts.

We sorted them by size, put them into individual Ziploc bags and are now storing them for the big event!



THANK YOU to the troops from MEPS who worked so hard to get this finished in two hours!

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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), OCC did not receive any donated tickets last month.



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