

Operation: Care and Comfort March 2021



A Note From Operation: Care and Comfort

Dear Friends,

Hello, March Madness! Are you ready?

We at OCC just finished a fantastic month of support and outreach, thanks to our sponsor and partner **Boot Barn** and others! OCC packed and mailed care packages overseas, surprised hundreds of California National Guard troops with special “red bag” care packages, and distributed some OCC love to troops and vets at bases across California. Bad weather didn't stop us. We continued to work in our homes and our storage units in Santa Clara (we practiced social distancing and used masks and a lot of hand sanitizer). Most of our key volunteers (who are seniors) have received at least their first Covid-19 vaccination, too. So far, so good. Each month brings us closer to an end to this madness.



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In February, we announced a special promotion with our local partner **L'aube Boutique** in Tracy, CA. We purchased and gifted \$50 gift cards to some troops and vets, then held an invitation only “Sip and Shop event” for a small group of ladies from the DLA Tracy. We held a drawing for all troops and vets who went to the store in February and picked up a pink raffle ticket.

We drew the winner of a \$250 gift certificate — USAF veteran Sylvia R! Congratulations, Sylvia and happy shopping!

Our care packages for California National Guard soldiers last month were so popular that we decided to make 150 more! We can't wait to receive photos of the troops with our bags so we can share them with you.

We are busy preparing for some special gift packages for April — *Month of the Military Child*. National Guard families across California will be treated with special Easter gifts from OCC including new Easter outfits for their kids, thanks to **Macy's**, and home items from **Marshalls**. This Monday (March 1) we will be packing some super cute KID KITS. We will share photos on our Facebook page — OCC.USA! *I promise they will make you smile*. We plan to share these at a few local bases — we haven't decided which.

THANK YOU for your friendship and your faith in our organization. It is extraordinary and we could not continue without your love. Big hug to you!

Julie
President
Operation: Care and Comfort



OCC and L'aube Boutique Support DLA Tracy

In the February newsletter, OCC announced a partnership with Veteran owned L'aube Boutique in Tracy.

On Wednesday, Feb 24th, OCC and L'aube Boutique in Tracy hosted an invitation only event for female troops, veterans and military spouses from the DLA (Defense Logistics Agency) Tracy.

Fariza, the shop owner, a veteran and all around great person put together beautiful gift bags with gifts from her shop.

OCC donated a \$25 gift certificate to each, had prize drawings of \$50 gift certificates, and treated everyone to lovely tea sandwiches (individually packed, of course), dessert, champagne, wine, soft drinks.

Everyone had a great time!

Fariza also offered a 20% discount off purchase to the attendees, and it is her policy to ALWAYS offer this discount to military and veterans.

THANK YOU, Fariza, for a fantastic event!

But wait, that's not all. That same day, OCC also dropped off 130 "**Boot Barn**" gift bags to the DLA Tracy, for distribution.

Each bag contained a novelty tee, ball cap, socks, bandana, music CD, etc. We hope to be able to share some photos from their distribution!

OCC *appreciates* our partnership with **Boot Barn**!



Team OCC Ready Packages for CA National Guard



OCC's volunteers met Saturday February 20th to package new household and decorative items, donated by **Marshalls** in Milpitas.

Easter dresses and outfits were donated by **Macy's** of Hillsdale.

These gifts, toys, and apparel will be given to families of **California's National Guard**.

We can't wait to bring some OCC cheer to these military families throughout California!

THANK YOU to our fab volunteers for your endless love and support!



OCC Keeping Folks Warm For Presidio Volksmarch

More than 200 Troops and Military Families gathered on Sunday February 21 at the Presidio of Monterey Hopkins Recreational Center for the start of this year's 10 mile Volksmarch.

Special thanks to OCC for their donation of **Boot Barn** ball caps and hand-knit hats and scarves which were one of the day's favorite keepsakes!!



OCC Packs More Red Bags For CA National Guard

Our volunteers got together on Tuesday, February 23 and packed 130 or so more “red bags” with goodies for National Guard troops deployed throughout CA.

Here are a few of the goodies we will have in the red bags donated by **Lockheed Martin!**

We are also adding a gold raffle ticket in each bag. More drawings for \$100 Amazon gift cards later this week!!!

THANKS, Team OCC!



OCC Gets Thanks From Afghanistan!

My name is SPC McIntyre. I am stationed in Afghanistan and I signed up for your care packages for me and my unit. I just wanted to say that we are very grateful for all that we have received!

We cant tell you how appreciative we for our organizations donations and caring words.

Thank you very much!

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



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