

Veteran's Day is Thursday, November 11, 2021

Operation: Care and Comfort November 2021



A Note From Operation: Care and Comfort

Dear Friends and Supporters,

This week we honor and celebrate Veterans Day. We have been fortunate to work on special events with our Northern California sports teams, sending troops, veterans and their families to SF 49ers, GS Warriors, Sacramento Kings, San Jose Earthquakes and San Jose Sharks games, FREE! Parades and other celebrations remind us of the sacrifices those make who serve our country. THANK YOU to all who have worn our Nation's uniforms- we love you!

Wow, we are so fortunate! We have receive calls and emails from companies, individuals and organizations across the country who want to partner with us on care packages. Kids are coloring pictures and writing notes, churches and schools are collecting care package items, and companies are holding care package events in their offices for us. The holidays are here and they want to be sure to do their part to support troops overseas and here at home. This year, our holidays boxes are sponsored by our long time partners **Star One Credit Union** and **Boot Barn!**

Our **Adopt a Military Family** program is underway. Military, veterans and their families (Gold Star families, too) who need a little support are being anonymously "adopted" for the holidays. Learn more about our program here <https://www.occ-usa.org/adopt-a-military-family/>

Our holidays boxes will be mailed this week and in three weeks. We want to make sure they arrive before Christmas so we get them in the mail early. If you wish to help, let us know! Time, Talent and Treasure- the three T's which keep our organization running!

November is a time of giving thanks. THANK YOU for your support and love. We appreciate you!

Please keep in touch and let us know how we are doing. We love hearing from you.

Julie DeMaria
President
Operation: Care and Comfort



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**Shop Online With An
Amazon Smile
& Help OCC, Too!**

(Click on the image or the text.)

Excite Credit Union Partners With OCC

On Monday, October 11, OCC had the pleasure to work with our newest partner — **Excite Credit Union**.

Their executive team came out and helped us build more than 200 activity kits for the single service members at the Presidio of Monterey.

Excite also made a generous donation to help with the cost for care packages—**THANK YOU!**

OCC will combine these with the 100 boxes dropped off by The San Jose Rotary Club that they put together.

We will fill them with some additional goodies and ship them out this soon.



Our Promise 2021 — A Way You Can Help OCC

Online giving through your monthly payroll with #OurPromiseCA is easier than ever.

If you've already created a Cal Employee Connect account, you're halfway there!

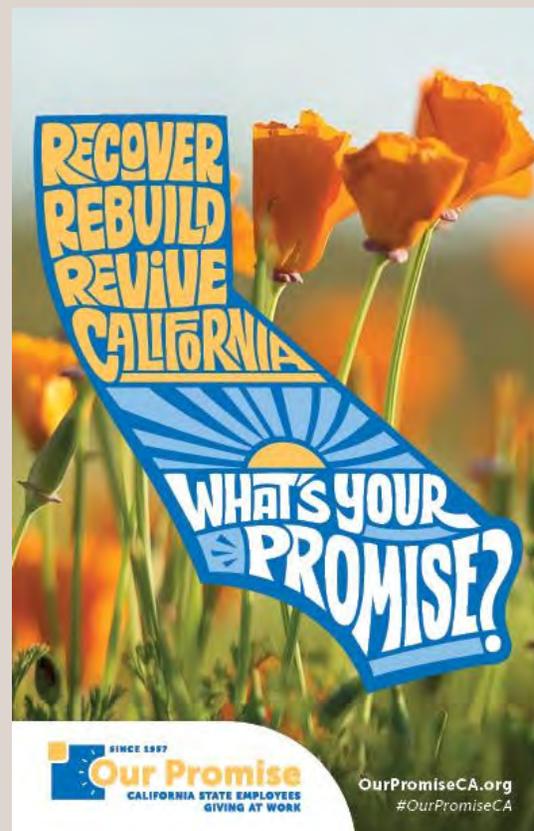
California State employees may choose Operation: Care and Comfort and/or other participating non profits for donations through November 12.

OCC's Our Promise donation number is 26971.

Click on Link to Learn more:
<https://ourpromiseca.org/give>

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Giving Tuesday — November 30, 2021



GIVING TUESDAY

GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of radical generosity. GivingTuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Since then, it has grown into a year-round global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity.

Donate/Give To OCC

Veteran's Day Deals and Discounts 2021



Veterans Day 2021 is on Thursday, November 11th, 2021.

This VA's web site has a Veterans Day discounts list that is continually updated as they learn of more nationally available Veterans Day discounts, meals or other ways businesses and organizations want to give back to Veterans. **(Click here or the image to see the list)**

These Veterans Day discounts, free meals and other programs are being shared so that Veterans, their families, caregivers and survivors are aware of all resources available to them.

Rotary Club of San Jose Kicks Off Holiday Care Packages

THANK YOU to the Rotary Club of San Jose, for putting together 100 fantastic military care packages for OCC. We received them on Monday, October 25.

This is the start of our holiday boxes — we added some cookies, ornaments and holiday cards to each box.

We are so grateful for their ongoing support of troops overseas!



CFC Campaign ... Is Here!

The CFC is here. Operation: Care and Comfort is a proud member of the CFC (#77631.) We depend on your donation to help us continue our mission of supporting troops, veterans and their families. Why support OCC with your contribution?

Consider this.

Founded in 2003 in my garage in San Jose, OCC remains a 100% volunteer organization. NO ONE draws a salary and that is why our overhead has never exceeded 3 percent. That is extraordinary!

OCC CARE PACKAGES — we continue to mail care packages every month to forward deployed military units, and never stopped even during this pandemic.

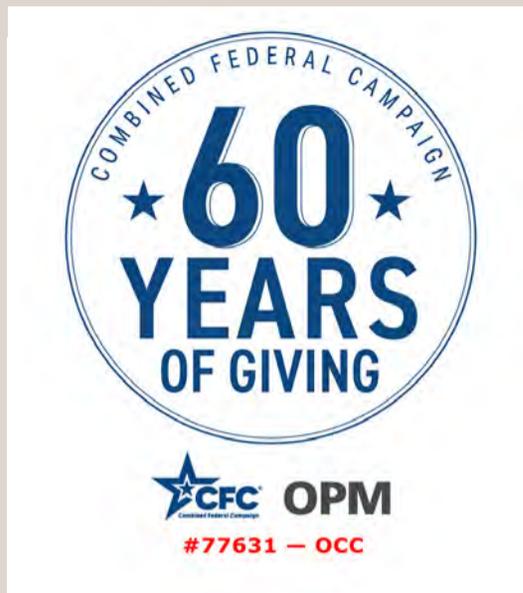
OCC TICKETS FOR TROOPS — starting with the SF Giants in 2004, OCC began to distribute tickets to troops and vets without ever charging any fees or service charges. Even when we purchase tickets we do not charge for them. We have distributed millions of tickets over the years and take pride in being able to send larger families and military units to events. We have also given hundreds of troops and veterans the opportunity to be honored on the field and stage over the years. I wonder how many military kids we have turned into Bay Area sports fans?

OCC ADOPT A MILITARY FAMILY — since 2005, countless thousands of military, veteran and Gold Star families have been assisted and supported throughout the years.

No donation is "too small." It takes about \$2 a pound to mail a care package overseas.

THANK YOU for your service and your consideration. We hope we have earned your trust and support! Please SHARE this if you love what we do!

Julie, President
Operation: Care and Comfort
CFC #77631



229th MIBN at Presidio of Monterey — Trunk or Treat!

On October 30, OCC went to the Presidio of Monterey in support of the 229th MIBN **Trunk or Treat** Event!



NCL Stanford Hills Donates 100 Care Packages

While finishing up the Rotary Club care packages on Monday, October 25, we received 100 adorable care packages from NCL Stanford Hills!

Lisa, thanks for setting this up. Thanks to **Shannon** as well for delivering them to us, along with some awesome cards!

National Charity League — *we love you!*

These will be the start of another 100 boxes we pack on Monday, November 1!



Elementary School Kids Send Their Color Artwork

Some wonderful kids at an elementary school in Illinois sent us fantastic artwork and donations for our holiday care packages.

Their teacher is a military spouse. OCC was excited and honored to receive their gifts of love! They will be mailed in our upcoming care packages overseas!



Veterans Canteen Service - Discounts and more!



Did you know that the VA has their own retail store **on-line** and in various VA facilities?

Access to great deals! Discounts for veterans, VA employees, and their families!

Covid-19 Vaccines For Nor Cal Veterans

The VA Nor Cal Health Care System is now offering the Covid-19 vaccines to all enrolled veterans, regardless of age and their registered care givers.

Click on the VA image for link for all information and questions.



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Follow Us!!!



OCC is on
LinkedIn
Check us out!!!



OCC's Tickets For Troops

Last month, our Tickets for Troops program distributed tickets for events such as:

- *Las Vegas Golden Knights vs San Jose Sharks - Oct 9*
- *Outlaw Music Festival - Wheatland, CA Oct 24*
- *Indianapolis Colts vs San Francisco 49'ers - Oct 24*
- *Buffalo Sabres vs San Jose Sharks @ San Jose SAP Center - Nov 2*

Follow our Facebook page for future events!!

Just a friendly reminder:

If you are receiving this email, chances are you are already on our Tickets For Troops list. No need to sign-up again!



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OCC's nationally recognized programs support troops, veterans and their families while serving in conflict regions, while serving on humanitarian missions, and when they return home.

