

## Operation: Care and Comfort May 2022



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

**Dear Friends and Supporters,**

May is **National Military Appreciation Month (NMAM)**. Officially designated by Congress in 1999, special days are designated to honor those who serve(d) including Loyalty Day, VE Day, Military Spouse Appreciation Day, Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day.

May is a special time of the year as we observe **Military Spouse Appreciation Day** (this Friday) and **Mother's Day** (Sunday.) I feel so fortunate to have my Mother who is 93 years old still with us, who was also a military spouse. My mom traveled throughout her marriage with my Army dad, towing five kids with her! While my dad was in Korea and Vietnam she was here at home with us. She is from South Korea and she had no family to help, no Family Readiness Groups, etc. Today, even with more resources at hand, military spouses still have "the toughest job in the military" and we at Operation: Care and Comfort want to recognize THEIR service to our country.  
**THANK YOU!**

**Memorial Day** also falls this month. Gold Star Families are near and dear to our hearts, as they are forever changed with the loss of one of their family members who died while serving our country. We must ensure that these families are never forgotten, never alone, while we honor those who have made the "ultimate sacrifice" in service. All gave some, some gave all.

On Sunday May 22nd, the **San Francisco Giants** will hold their annual **Salute to the Military Game** at Oracle Park, and OCC has partnered with them from the beginning-2004! We will post more information about the game on our Facebook page soon!

On Memorial Day, Monday May 30th, the **San Jose Giants** will host their annual **Salute to the Military Game** at Excite Ballpark. We already have information posted as an event on our Facebook page, with a special code to receive free tickets courtesy of **Operation: Care and Comfort**. The first 500 fans through the gates will receive a special ball to commemorate the day.

April was busy but May will be even busier for us. We have care packages to pack and mail, weekly military and veteran events to host and attend, and thousands and thousands of FREE sports and entertainment tickets to distribute. No complaints — this means we are still receiving support from across the country to make this happen. We are truly grateful.

*Happy National Military Appreciation Month* to all who have served. **We love you!**

Julie DeMaria  
President  
Operation: Care and Comfort

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## Charity Poker - Excite Ballpark - June 12, 2022 Are You Signed Up To Play Poker Yet???

We are ready for poker! ... Are you?

Our Second Annual Texas Hold'em Charity Poker Tournament is on Sunday June 12th at Excite Ballpark, home of the @sjgiants.

Registrations are open and awesome sponsorship opportunities are available, too...



### OUR SPONSORS (to date):

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### Download:

[Flyer - Sponsor Opportunities](#)

### Registration Links:

[- As Sponsor](#)

[- As Military/Veteran \(\\$Free\)](#)

[- As Individual Player \(\\$100\)](#)

[- As Non-Playing Guest \(\\$50\)](#)

### Prizes:

Here are some of the prizes for the Top 9 Winners of our Poker Tourney on Sunday June 12th.

Why wait - sign up / register now!

Join the fun at Excite Ballpark!



## Military Appreciation Month Kick-Off Event

On Sunday, May 1, National Military Appreciation Month got off to a grand start.

35 military spouses, sprinkled with some veterans joined forces "to shop til they drop" at **Farmer's Closet Boutique** in Fairfield - the little red Gomer schoolhouse, on Abernathy Road.



Lacy and Amber, the sisters/co-owners and staff did an amazing job with a gorgeous charcuterie table, margaritas cold water and fantastic customer service.

Guests received a \$50 gift card from OCC, a little box of Sees candy, wine tasting coupons and raffle tickets. The San Francisco Giants donated the adorable wide brimmed hats for the guests, too. The raffle prizes were fantastic. Everyone had a wonderful time.

*Thank you to Farmer's Closet Boutique for their hospitality and this private shopping trip, in honor of **Military Spouses Day** (early!)*



## SJ Giants Memorial Day Salute to Military Game

**Operation: Care and Comforte** is hosting the official "**Salute to the Military**" game on **Memorial Day, May 30th** at 1:00 PM at Excite Ballpark in San Jose.

**OCC** teamed up with the **San Jose Giants** to provide military service members, veterans and their families, and Gold Star families with complimentary tickets for an upcoming San Jose Giants game.

This offer and promo code is *exclusive* to **Operation: Care & Comfort**, so please only share it with people within your organization.

Follow the link below (click on image) to reserve your seats as the San Jose Giants look to defend their 2021 league title this upcoming year.

OCC and the Giants have a special giveaway for these games for the first 500 fans through the gates.

Get your complimentary tickets now! Oh, and Go Giants!

**Promo code is OCC** (Click on image below for info)



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& COMFORT  
PARK PACKER**



## @Fanatics Global Impact Day & Our Storage Warriors



What an awesome day we had on Friday, April 27 working with @fanatics who met at our storage unit for their **Global Impact Day**.

They sorted and packed **175** boxes to be mailed out to forward deployed troops.

Plus, they made hundreds of hygiene packs that are added to our care packages and for homeless vets.



## NLYM Of San Mateo Lends A Hand To OCC

On Saturday, April 23, sons and moms in **NLYM (National League of Young Men)**, San Mateo Foster City Chapter came to our storage units to volunteer.

They sorted donations and packed care packages for forward deployed troops.

They also helped us prepare for our Fanatic packing event 4/27.

***THANK YOU** to these sons and moms for a job well done!*



## DLA Tracy Gets Sweet Treats From OCC



When OCC was given pallets of candy and treats, we decided to share! The DLA in Tracy came out to help, so we gave them treats to share at their installation. They did a great job!



## Veterans Canteen Service — Discounts and More



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

*Great Deals! Discounts for Veterans, VA Employees and their families!*

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Friend us and/or Follow us!!!



OCC is on ... LinkedIn  
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## OCC's Tickets For Troops



This past month, our *Tickets for Troops* program distributed (**FREE**) tickets to events such as:

- *Calgary Flames vs San Jose Sharks — April 7*
- *Miami Marlins vs San Francisco Giants — April 8, 9*
- *San Diego Padres vs San Francisco Giants — April 11, 12 and 13*
- *MMA Bellator 277 - SAP Center — April 15*
- *Bakersfield Condors vs San Jose Barracuda — April 13*
- *Texas Rangers vs Oakland A's — April 23*
- *Oakland A's vs San Francisco Giants — April 26, 27*
- *Washington Nationals vs San Francisco Giants — April 29, 30 and May 1*

***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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