

HAPPY VETERANS DAY

★ HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ★

November 11, 2022



A Note From Operation: Care and Comfort

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We, or most of us, expressed our rights as Americans do when we voted earlier this month. It was nice to see many veterans nationwide running for office.

Being a veteran has a different meaning or purpose to each of us. For some it's running for office or being part of a charity. It's going to school to better themselves or making things better for their family. But some have sadly lost their way. There isn't an answer that fits all of us all but on this Veteran's Day and beyond, I hope we as Vets, do some self-reflecting and see how *"I can make a positive difference in my home, my community and my country."*

You do not have to be a veteran to do this, it will take all of us, together, to make the positive changes we need more and more daily.

We at OCC are continuing our efforts as the holidays approach. We are helping several units with their holiday parties, shipping hundreds of holiday themed care packages to deployed troops. We are also pairing businesses, groups and people with military families for Christmas through our **Adopt-A-Military Family** program. These are among the many things we will be doing.

One of the ways you can help and support OCC is through your work place giving program, the CFC. Or join the movement on #GIVINGTUESDAY (November 29, 2022).

We know things are tight and everything seems to get more expensive daily. Take ease in knowing that approximately 97 cents of every dollar you donate to OCC goes to our mission of supporting Military, Veterans and their families including Gold Star families.

We here wish a Happy 247th to our Devil Dogs, a Happy Veterans Day and an early Happy Thanksgiving too....

Frank Keffer
Vice-President
Operation: Care and Comfort
Combat Veteran — OIF / OEF



Giving Tuesday is November 29, 2022

The logo for Giving Tuesday features the word "GIVING" in blue, with a red heart icon where the letter "V" is. Below it, the word "TUESDAY" is written in blue.

"Everyone has something to give and every act of generosity counts."
— From the GivingTuesday.org site

The 'movement' was created in 2012. Do some good. It may become habit forming as you help others.

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CFC 2022 Campaign ... Started September 1

The CFC is here. **Operation: Care and Comfort** is a proud member of the CFC (#77631) We depend on your donations 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 7% (3% pre-Covid.) That is extraordinary!

OCC CARE PACKAGES — monthly, we mail care packages to forward deployed military units. This program never stopped even during the pandemic.

OCC TICKETS FOR TROOPS — starting with the SF Giants in 2004, **OCC** began to distribute tickets to troops and vets without ever requesting any fees or service charges. Even when **OCC** purchases tickets, we do not charge for them. We have distributed tickets worth *millions* 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 — throughout the years since 2005, countless thousands of military, veteran and Gold Star families have been given assistance and support.

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 with others if you love what we do!

Julie, President
Operation: Care and Comfort
CFC #77631



St. Catherine's Rounds Up Trick or Treat Candy for Troops!

Our very own Frank got to take in the excitement of the kids at St. Catherine's putting together candy treats that OCC will send to our troops and veterans.

He did however confess that he removed two pieces of gum and a bubble gum sucker from the over 570 pounds OCC received!

How sweet it is! Check out a short video of the fun - [St. Catherine's Candy Roundup](#)



Care Packages — Happy Surprise For Troops Overseas

We heard from a deployed overseas recipient of OCC care packages:

Good morning,

This is SSG C, and two days ago we received five care packages from you guys.

Attached is the picture of couple of my soldiers enjoying your care packages.

Once again from the bottom of my heart and from all my soldiers, thank you for spending time and dedication to make every soldier happy, and taking care of us.

V/R
A C
SSG, USA



You Served Our Country — Enjoy A Meal

The Veterans Administration has a page where Veterans can find a free or discounted meal on Veteran's Day 2022 (November 11, 2022).

[Veteran's Day 2022 Free Meals, Discounts and Offers](#)



Redwood City Elks Put Together Care Packages

The Redwood City Elks Lodge No. 1991 — a local nonprofit, community service organization — recently enlisted the help of volunteers to put together care boxes and bags for deployed troops and in-need veterans.

OCC was one of about ten organizations that benefited from this effort.

A total of over 120 volunteers from various community groups were assembled by the Redwood City Elks to pack the various care packages.

Over 200 care boxes were constructed in support of the troops. Each packed box contained socks, canned goods, non-perishable snacks, fiction and activity books, toiletries, as well as personal notes displaying appreciation.

Read the full story in the [RWC Pulse](#).



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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OCC's Tickets For Troops

THANK YOU to the SF Giants and their season ticket members for their generosity this year. Thousands and thousands of tickets were donated to **OCC** for troops, veterans and their families, including Gold Stars, this season! If you got to see YOUR team play, it was thanks to their wonderful support. Go Giants!

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

- Florida Panthers vs San Jose Sharks — November 3
- Kansas City Chiefs vs San Francisco 49'ers — October 23
- Los Angeles Clippers vs Sacramento Kings — October, 22
- Moulin Rouge! The Musical Orpheum Theatre (SF) — October 21
- Dwight Yoakam Concert — Mountain Winery, Saratoga, CA — Oct 6

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.

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