

Operation: Care and Comfort May 2023



A Note From Operation: Care and Comfort

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Welcome to National Military Appreciation Month — the month of May. Not only do we celebrate Mother's Day in May, but many military events including Military Spouse Appreciation Day, Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day — the day we honor and remember all who paid the ultimate price in service to our country.

We are blessed to be able to participate in so many events this month, along with our partners.

- On May 5th, Operation: Care and Comfort (OCC) hosted TroopFest Cinco de Mayo at Beale Air Force Base.
- OCC is supporting Gold Star Mothers and parents on May 13th with beautiful gift bags, to honor them at Stonepine Estates in beautiful Carmel, CA.
- The Sacramento Republic are holding a care package event with OCC on May 17th in Sacramento.
- We are hosting a food drive for Travis Air Force Base families on May 20th, along with Military Strong Foundation and McNaughton Media.
- On May 21st, the San Francisco Giants are holding their annual Salute to the Military game with OCC, and,
- May 29th is our Memorial Day game honoring Gold Star families, with the San Jose Giants.

There's more. Our longtime partner **Boot Barn** is also holding their annual Memorial Day week military support event, asking their customers to purchase socks and other items for troops and veterans, for Operation: Care and Comfort. Boot Barn also makes a generous monetary donation, to support our care package program. Twice a year, Memorial Day and Veterans Day, this amazing company holds a 10 day event for our cause.

We have already given away thousands of **San Francisco Giants** and **Oakland A's** tickets this month, FREE to troops, veterans and their dependents as well as Gold Star families, too. We had three groups, **Blue Star Moms of San Mateo** and the **Rotary Club of San Jose** hold care package events for us, as well as **Trinity Church**. Next week, we will pick up pallets of donated **Girl Scout** cookies, for troops and veterans.

It's only the second week of May, and all this? What does it mean? **We have fantastic partners who take supporting the military and veterans seriously!**

How can you participate? Follow us on Facebook ([occ.usa](https://www.facebook.com/occ.usa)) and volunteer with us. Donate care package items, start a care package collection drive or consider a monetary donation. If you see a uniformed military member or a veteran at a restaurant, sneakily pay their bill. It's so easy and believe me, you will feel as good or better than those you treated.

Let's be sure to pause on Memorial Day, and remember those who died in service of our country. Remember the families they left behind. Let's pledge to not think of them just one day or one month of the year, but all year long.

We hope you will enjoy reading about our efforts in April and May. Don't forget our upcoming charity poker tournament in June. As always, we appreciate you!

Julie DeMaria
President
Operation: Care and Comfort



SF Giants Salute to Military Game — May 21, 2023

Join us at the 2013 SF Giants Salute to the Military game!

Sunday May 21st — Game Time 1:05 PM vs the Miami Marlins.



Be there early, to enjoy the pregame Salute to the Military ceremony. The first 8,000 kids aged 14 and under will receive a Giants logo water bottle.

To request your tickets:

email julie@occ-usa.org using this exact subject line: Giants 5/21
(click on the email link and it will fill in the subject line for you)

If you do not use the EXACT subject line your request may not be found, and you could be skipped over.

Then, provided Julie with **ALL** of this information:

- your first and last name
- Military branch and unit (current or last served)
- civilian email address if you sent the request using a military email
- mobile number
- where you are traveling from
- Number of tickets for you and your DEPENDENTS. Single troops may request ONE extra ticket for a guest but it needs to be used!

Thank you to the SF Giants organization and their season ticket members, for their generous donation of tickets for troops and veterans, through Operation: Care and Comfort!

San Jose Giants Gives OCC Exclusive Discounts — May 29

Operation: Care and Comfort (OCC) has teamed up with the **San Jose Giants** to provide military service members, veterans and their families, and Gold Star families with complimentary tickets to the May 29th Memorial Day game.

This offer and promo code is *exclusive* to military / veterans and their dependents, Gold Star families and **OCC's** volunteers and partners.

Follow the link and use the promo code "**OCC**" to reserve your seats as we honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice to our country.

Click Here — SJ Giants - OCC Park Packer



Save The Dates — OCC Events

**MAY
29**

San Jose Giants vs Fresno Grizzlies
Operation: Care & Comfort Park Packer

First 500 Fans in the gates get OCC/SJ Giants Dog Tags

[Event Info](#)

**JUNE
24**

3rd Annual Charity Poker Tournament At Excite Ball Park
San Jose, CA

[Download Flyer](#)

[Troop / Veteran Sign-up to Play - FREE](#)

[Individual Player Sign-Up \(\\$100\)](#)

[Event Page](#)

**SEP
15**

2nd Annual Frank-Lin Distillers Charity Golf Classic
Rancho Solano Golf Course
Fairfield, CA

[Download Flyer](#)

[Sponsor Registrations - Now Open](#)



FOOD DRIVE

BENEFITING TRAVIS A.F.B. FAMILY PANTRY

MAY 20, 2023 • 9:00AM - 12:00PM

DRIVE UP DROP OFF

2455 HUNTINGTON DRIVE, FAIRFIELD, CA 94533
(Off Peabody Rd.)

Frequent mandatory moves, occupational licensing issues for military spouses and the low pay scale for enlisted members contributing to military food insecurity.

Items in Need:

- Non-Perishable Food
- Baby Items
- Personal Care Items



OCC Hosts TroopFest Cinco de Mayo at Beale AFB



On May 5th
Operation: Care and Comfort
hosted
“TroopFest Cinco de Mayo”
at Beale AFB.



120 Airmen in the dorms were treated to burritos, chips and salsa from Chipotle, soft drinks from Coca Cola, and music from The Albertsons Duo, all provided by OCC.

Word from the dorm was that it was a great event, and the smiles in the photos made us very happy.

Thanks to Erica at Beale AFB who managed the entire event for us!



Storage Warriors Get Help from NLYM Class of 2026

On Saturday April 29th, sons and moms from **NLYM** organization Class of 2026 volunteered to help Operation: Care and Comfort (OCC) sort boxes and boxes of donations!

OCC also received 150 boxes packed by the **Blue Star Mom’s of San Mateo**, and 100 from **Rotary Club San Jose** last week, to mail overseas.

Thanks to our OCC “Storage warriors” who managed the event, and to all who volunteered and donated.





Saturday- June 24th

At Excite Ballpark

Check in/Lunch: 11:30 a.m

Poker starts: 1:00 p.m

Food service ends: 2:00 p.m

Open to everyone over 21

Limited to 100 players

Guests welcome for \$50
(food and drink included)

TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER

- | Silent auction/ Prize drawings
- | Prizes awarded to top 9 finishers
- | Dinner, two drinks dessert included
- | Buy-In \$100 Re-Buys \$20

Benefitting

Operation: Care And Comfort
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Register at

www.occ-usa.org/charity-poker

OCC's Tickets For Troops



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3rd Annual Charity Poker Tournament on June 24, 2023

It's back! The 3rd Annual Charity Poker Tournament hosted by the San Jose Giants at Excite Ball Park for **Operation: Care and Comfort (OCC)** is on Saturday, June 24!

Registrations are now open for Individual Player signups (\$100); Non-Playing Guests (\$50). Military and Veteran registrations open (**FREE**). We have a limited number of spots so make your plans now and sign-up!

- [CLICK HERE](#) Individual Player Online Registration & Payment (\$100)
- [CLICK HERE](#) Non-Playing Guests Registration & Payment (\$50)
- Military and Veterans, [CLICK HERE](#) to sign-up to play (**FREE**); first come, first serve.
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