

Operation: Care and Comfort April 2021



A Note From Operation: Care and Comfort

Dear Friends,

Spring at last! I'm still hoping for some "April Showers" to help California with its rain shortage.

April is "**Month of the Military Child.**" We have prepared for it for the past few months, putting kid kits and gifts together for distribution. Easter clothing, candy, art/craft kits, school supply gifts and more will help us honor the children of those who serve(d). OCC also packed and mailed care packages overseas, surprised hundreds more California National Guard troops with special "red bag" care packages, and supported troops and vets at military installations and events across California. Mostly beautiful weather allowed us to comfortably work in our storage units in Santa Clara. (Although MOST of our key volunteers have received Covid-19 vaccinations we practice social distancing, wear masks and a lot of hand sanitizer).



Enjoy highlights from our March events. Although baseball is here we still question whether or not we will receive many sports and event tickets this year, but will post information on our Facebook page when things change. We hope for a few special announcements soon!

THANK YOU for your continued faith in our organization. It brings us tremendous pride and we could not continue our mission without YOU.

Deeds not words!

Julie
President
Operation: Care and Comfort



Garfield & Disney Kits For April Month of Military Child



OCC is *EXCITED* to share these fantastic Disney and Garfield Kid Kits that were put together for the Walnut Creek National Guard Armory, in anticipation of **April's Month of the Military Child!** Each kit contained a new, collectible Garfield and/or Disney plush toy, Disney/kids/teen movie, sketch book, coloring/craft kit and colored pencils or crayons, kid masks/hand sanitizer, toys, toothbrush. Our great OCC volunteers filled 146 bags for them. *We love our military kids!*

OCC Packs 150 Care Packages For Overseas Troops

On Tuesday, March 16, 2021, OCC key volunteers met to pack and mail 150 care packages to overseas military units. They also celebrated volunteer John's birthday. Glad the weather was decent for them!



OCC Dishes Out Pallets of Sweet Treats



OCC met reps from Presidio of Monterey, USCG Tracen (Petaluma), and DLA Tracy on Tuesday, March 23 in San Jose, to give each a pallet of assorted candy (including tons of chocolates!)

Suzi from DAR Santa Clara Chapter also took some candy for the vets living at 10 Kirk.

OCC will be using candy on their boxes overseas plus fun kits for here at home.

OCC also received 12 huge boxes of school supplies and kid stuff that we gave to the DLA, as well.

Thanks to the fantastic donor of these sweet treats, Tom and his crew, for their hospitality today!

Stroller Warriors Okinawa Event for OCC — *Success!!!*

OCC is so honored to have the **STROLLER WARRIORS** in Okinawa choose to support OCC in March. What great results! **THANK YOU!**

Just wanted to let you know that our event was a success in the month of March! We were able to donate 37 items from the amazon wish list, there are cards and letters from our mini's on their way, and our **Okinawa Stroller Warrior Chapter** ran 548.72 miles in the month of March to support **Operation: Care and Comfort**. I have attached a flyer, due to current restrictions some of us ran solo while others were able to meet as a group.

Thank you,
Ashley

Stroller Warriors® Okinawa Supports Operation Care and Comfort

Throughout the month of March, the members of SW Okinawa were able to donate 37 bulk items from the Amazon wish list to fill care packages, our mini warriors created tons of cards and letters to send, and we ran a total of 548.72 miles in honor of #SWSupportsOCCUSA



Cisco Volunteers Help OCC Clean Up / Organize

Thanks to the volunteer team from Cisco who joined Mark and Tina to clean out and organize our storage units on Wednesday, March 17!

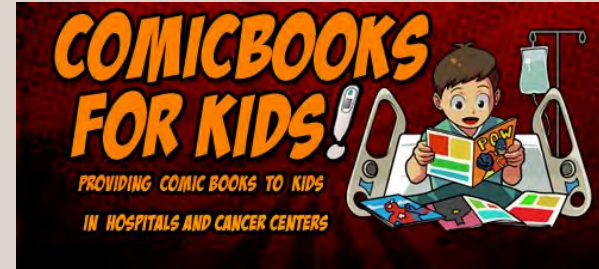
They volunteered for 4 hours and we heard they had a great time.

Thanks everyone!



Comic Books for Kids Partners with OCC

OCC is ***SUPER EXCITED*** to partner with Mark, founder and all around great guy, of **ComicBooks for Kids!** We will be receiving care packages in a monthly basis for our overseas care packages, as well as care packages for troops and vets here at home, and military/vet kids!



Mark and Julie have a lot in common, starting non profit organizations in their garages, no employees in their organizations, etc. This should be a fun new partner!
Thanks Mark!

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.



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:

April 1 is Opening Day for Major League Baseball! We don't know if we will have baseball tickets for a while, since capacity is limited. If we do receive them, then you will need to follow these guidelines to attend a Giants or A's game!

Click on Team Name: 2021 Guidelines For Attending Games in Person

San Francisco Giants

Oakland Athletics

- Due to the Covid-19 (Coronavirus), OCC did not receive any donated tickets last month.



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