



A Note From Operation: Care and Comfort

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Spring is almost here! The weather is definitely changing and we have to wear layers—cold mornings, warm afternoons. Baseball is usually happening but we have to wait. Soccer is here, and there is still time to follow basketball or hockey. Coming soon is March Madness, and St. Patrick's Day — plenty of time for celebrations!

Registrations are open for our charity poker tournament with the San Jose Giants on **Sunday June 12th** (the week before Father's Day.) Sponsorships are available and every level offers FREE tickets for troops and veterans to attend and play FREE. We are looking for awesome raffle and silent auction gifts. Please contact me if you have any contacts you can share!

We want to thank our first three sponsors, **Frank-Lin Distillers**, **Excite Credit Union** and **Travis Spouses Club**, for their generosity.

We are getting busier as things are opening up. Kids needing volunteer hours, companies and organizations wanting to help with care packages, and more wonderful in-kind donations.

On Monday, March 7, we picked up a pallet of assorted candy, chocolates, gum and mints. We are sharing our bounty with the DLA in Tracy and Presidio of Monterey (Army.) We have fun plans for the candy and chocolates we kept, along with the gum and mints. We also shared donations from Amazon with Travis AFB (Air Force) and NOSC (Navy) San Jose. We are so lucky to have such great partners and supporters.

We were very busy Monday March 7! In addition to what is mentioned above, we packed more boxes which will be mailed overseas next Monday.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Ukraine in this time of terror and sorrow they are living through. I know the term *"thoughts and prayers"* is overused and never seems to be adequate. We are hoping to be able to support our troops in Poland and NATO countries with care packages. We stand ready to serve.

We love what we do, and hope you enjoy hearing about it. We love your feedback!

Julie DeMaria
President
Operation: Care and Comfort

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Thanks For Your Support
And Service, Too!

March 29 & 30 — Salute To Vietnam Veterans



March 29th is **Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day** and March 30th is **Vietnam Veterans Day**.

OCC and DAR are teaming up honor members of the VVA chapters in San Jose and San Mateo by sponsoring special meals for them and giving each an OCC gift bag. DAR will recognize each

with a certificate and special pin.

Welcome home to all who served, and **WELCOME HOME!**



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

(Click on the image or the text.)

Charity Poker - Excite Ballpark - June 12, 2022 *Open for Registration!!!*

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...



Download:

[Flyer - Sponsor Opportunities](#)

Registration Links:

[- As Sponsor](#)

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

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

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



Care Packages With Love on Valentine's Day

Our "OCC Valentines" met on Valentine's Day (Monday, February 14) and sorted and packed more boxes that will go overseas.

We had such a great time, and shared chorizo, egg and cheese wraps, fresh made coffee, home made cookies and treats, and Belgium chocolates. Some folks brought gifts, too.

What a wonderful group of volunteers we have. Love them all!



Beale AFB Gets OCC Kids Kits For Valentine's Day

Beale AFB sent us these adorable photos of their Valentines Day distribution of our OCC Kid Kits.

225 kits were made by OCC, and what a fun task this was! Each kit had a small plush toy, kids mask kits, a Disney or kid/youth DVD, art or kite kit, candy, book or craft kit.

We are so glad to have such fantastic donors who helped make this event possible!



Care Packages Filled in Willow Glen ...

On February 27, a dozen OCC volunteers and this great group of Navy (DLA), high school kids and Willow Glen Rotary Club volunteers met in San Jose.

This group filled more care package boxes to go overseas.

Everyone had a great In-N-Out Burger lunch and there was even entertainment!

Thanks to everyone for such a fun day!

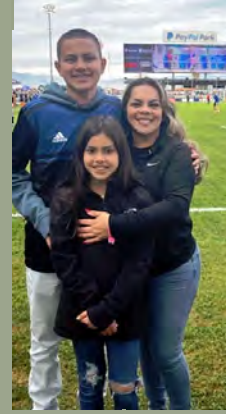


San Jose Earthquakes Home Opener

Wow, what a fun time we had at the San Jose Earthquakes home opener on February 26! Wish our guys in blue won. *NEXT TIME!*

OCC got to see Gold Star spouse Esmeralda and her family enjoying the Earthquakes opener. Great to see them!

Thanks to the **Quakes** organization for hosting so many troops, vets and their families **FREE!**



Storage Warrior Volunteers In Action Again!



On Monday, February 7, OCC key volunteers met at our storage units and made hundreds of individual hygiene packs. They will go into our care packages next week.

We also sorted and packed donations of auto, household and personal care items which will be donated to the Travis Spouses Club for their thrift store.

It's been an incredibly busy two weeks but we *never retreat!* **Hooah!**



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

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

- *Diane Schuur Concert at Montalvo Arts Center (Saratoga) — Feb 26*
- *Vancouver Canucks vs San Jose Sharks — Feb 17*
- *The Band's Visit (Play) - Golden Gate Theatre (San Francisco) — Feb 5*

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.

