



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

**Dear Friends and Supporters,**

Summer is (almost) over and kids are headed back to school (as parents cheer in unison).

Every Monday, we have our “storage warriors” meet at our storage unit in Santa Clara. This group meets rain or shine. It has become their “social time” and let me tell you, the youngest person is probably 60! They are a machine and knock out 250 boxes at a time, the backbone of OCC. So if you have the time, they can definitely give you the opportunities to help along with a belly full of yummy treats.



Speaking of treats, OCC sponsored a BBQ for the service members participating in the biggest AMC IndoPacific exercise Mobility Guardian.

On Friday, August 4, we brought 50 troops and vets to the SF 49ers Training camp in Santa Clara, CA. The players were great with everyone with selfies and autographs galore!

Back in early July we partnered with the Oakland A’s and brought some members of the USCG to make approx 1,000 bags filled with food and hygiene which was distributed to un-housed veterans throughout the Bay Area.

Don’t forget to follow our Social Media pages and/or sign up for our monthly newsletter (like this one) to find out all the opportunities we have available.

Saturday August 12th we are holding a Food Drive in Fairfield to benefit the Travis AFB Family Pantry.

If you ever wanted to join a professional baseball team organization, the SF Giants are hosting an in person/virtual Veterans Connect to Baseball Careers on Aug 29th at Oracle Park.

The 2nd annual Frank-Lin Golf Tournament benefiting OCC at the fabulous Rancho Solano Golf Course in Fairfield, is only a few weeks away. Some sponsorship opportunities are available, check our website for more details (AND speaking of websites.....*Stay tuned!*).

We were pretty busy this past month with TONS of tickets to distribute, including to the wild and entertaining Savannah Bananas in San Jose at Excite Park. With a limited number of tickets in hand, we had a hard time figuring out how to distribute them. The hundreds of comments on the post did not make it easier but the decision to invite those who had recently supported us was the right way to go.

In our 20th year, we couldn’t do what we do without our GREAT sponsors, donors, volunteers and YOU. So thank you, and remember whether its your Time, Talent or Treasure, we all have something to give.

Frank Keffer  
VP Operation: Care and Comfort  
Combat Veteran-OIF/OEF



## OCC Takes Troops & Vets To 49'ers Training Camp

Oh what fun!

On Friday, August 4, 2023, OCC's Julie took 50 troops and veterans to 49ers Training Camp.

it was hot out, but everyone had fun!

The players looked great and were very generous with autographs and photos.

**Thanks** to the entire **San Francisco 49'ers** organization for their hospitality!



## OCC Supports Troops in Mobility Guardian 2023 Exercises

Mobility Guardian 2023 kicked off on Wednesday, July 5, 2023. United States Air Force's Air Mobility Command was set to be the largest exercise in history, it will include 67 mobility aircraft and 3,000 Airmen.

**Operation: Care and Comfort** treated members departing out of Travis Air Force Base with breakfast items, goodie bags and personal care items for their long travel day!

In another supporting effort, service members participating in the exercise at Hickam Air Base took a quick break to enjoy an **Operation: Care and Comfort** sponsored BBQ.

It was not easy to schedule the BBQ. They were working long hours with little to no break!

We thank our service members for their hard work and dedication and it's our honor to provide a little comfort during those times.

**Thanks** to OCC Board Secretary Jessica for getting the BBQ all set up for them!



## Save The Dates — OCC Events

**AUG  
12**

**OCC: Food Drive**  
Benefiting Travis A.F.B. Family Pantry  
Fairfield, CA

[Download Flyer](#)



**SEP  
15**

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

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**SEP  
30**

**Twilight Rotary Club  
Tenth Annual Lobster Boil**  
McNaughton Park  
729 Great Jones Street  
Fairfield, CA

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## OCC Storage Warriors & Volunteers From NCL, BTC & YMSL

Another amazing day occurred on July 7, 2023. Julie along with our OCC Storage Warriors were helped by the awesome volunteers from **NCL**, **BTC**, and **YMSL** sorting some of the nationwide donations Boot Barn stores collected over the Memorial Day holiday.

We **LOVE** Boot Barn and these amazing mother/daughter and mother/son organizations!

Frank was returning from vacay and missed all the fun. Click on the image so you can see a video of what Frank missed.

We finished going through tens of thousands socks and other items, all ready to support troops and veterans! Everyone was fed and happy!



## OCC Wants YOUR Help!

OCC NEEDS YOU!

If you love our work then tell the world!

Stories about us from friends like you will help us make an even bigger impact in our community.

Great Nonprofits – the No. 1 source of nonprofit stories and feedback – is honoring highly regarded nonprofits with their 2023 Top-Rated List.

Will you help us raise the visibility for OCC's work by posting a brief story of your experience with us?

All content will be visible to potential donors and volunteers. It is easy and only takes three minutes of your time!

*Thanks for taking the  
time to do this!*

*~Julie*

**Click On Logo To Get Started!**

 **GREAT NONPROFITS**

## Giants Veterans Connect to Baseball Careers - Aug 29, 2023

Have you ever thought about a career in baseball? Ummm, no, not as a player, but as someone in baseball ops, sales, marketing, etc? The SF Giants want to meet you! This goes for interested military spouses, too. Remember, these skills honed by the Giants could be used with other teams, too!

This is not a job fair. It is a departmental overview on baseball related positions. The capacity for the all-day onsite career day at Oracle Park is set at 200. There will also be a virtual component for those who are unable to attend in person.

All day parking is being offered for \$50 via SpotHero. We also encourage taking public transportation and carpooling.

Interested? Scan the bar code on the flyer and register. Remember, only 200 will be able to participate on site at Oracle Park!

**THANK YOU** to the San Francisco Giants for this Veterans Connect opportunity.





# VETERANS CONNECT ★ ★ ★ TO ★ ★ ★ BASEBALL CAREERS

This event will provide an opportunity for veterans and their spouses to learn about the types of careers the San Francisco Giants employ. Our goal is to articulate how the dedication, teamwork, skills, and strategic thinking instilled in veterans, can translate to a variety of potential future careers in baseball.

TUESDAY • AUGUST 29 2023 • 9AM-5PM

**ORACLE PARK**  
*w/ option to stay for game*  
OR  
**VIRTUAL**

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## OCC Goes Bananas In San Jose

OCC was excited to bring out service members, veterans, volunteers and their families to the amazing Bananas game on Tuesday night, July 25, 2023 at Excite Ballpark, home of the San Jose Giants!

What a great time and experience everyone had out at @excitecu stadium and the temporary home of the @thesavbananas!

The experience was an amazing cross between the @harlemglobetrotters and a circus — so much fun!

But when the game was over, there was "The Show After The Show"! What an amazing new way to watch and participate in Banana ball

Click on the pictures 2 and 3 to see videos from the Bananas experience!



## Patterson FFA Donate Care Package Items to OCC



On Thursday, August 3, 2023 we received this awesome donation of care package items from Patterson Future Farmers of America (FFA), at Patterson High School. Lots of Cup a Noodles and other food items, along with toothbrushes, toothpaste and other hygiene items.

We love seeing our youth getting involved with great organizations like FFA! ***Thank you!***

### **ABOUT Future Farmers of America (FFA)**

FFA is a dynamic youth organization that changes lives and prepares members for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

FFA develops members' potential and helps them discover their talent through hands-on experiences, which give members the tools to achieve real-world success. Members are future chemists, veterinarians, government officials, entrepreneurs, bankers, international business leaders, teachers and premier professionals in many career fields.

FFA is an intracurricular student organization for those interested in agriculture and leadership. It is one of the three components of agricultural education.

The official name of the organization is the National FFA Organization. The letters "FFA" stand for Future Farmers of America. These letters are a part of our history and our heritage that will never change.

## Agencies & OCC Support Un-housed Vets Across Northern CA



On Thursday July 13, 2023 several agencies who help support and house homeless veterans met Julie at Coast Guard Island.

They picked up big boxes of the care kits that OCC had recently made with the Oakland Athletics organization.



One thousand bags will be given to un-housed veterans across Northern CA, thanks to our partners for this event.

Thank you to **Insight Housing**, **Nation's Finest San Mateo**, **VA San Francisco** and **VTC Monterey** for coming out to accept our donation. Special thanks to our friends at the **Oakland Athletics** organization and **MLB** for their grant!

## OCC's Tickets For Troops



Since our last newsletter, our **Tickets for Troops** program distributed **FREE** tickets to:

- *Oakland A's vs San Francisco Giants — (June 25 and 26, 2023)*
- *Visalia Rawhide vs San Jose Giants (Dea De Los Churros Game) — (July 15, 2023)*
- *Savannah Bananas (Excite Ballpark in San Jose) — (July 25, 2023)*
- *Boston Red Sox vs San Francisco Giants — (July 28, 29 and 30, 2023)*
- *Bryan Adams w/Joan Jett and Blackhearts (Chase Center SF) — (July 30, 2023)*
- *Arizona Diamondbacks vs San Francisco Giants — July 31, Aug 1 and 2, 2023)*



**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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## Veterans Canteen Service — Discounts and More



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

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