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## A Note From Operation: Care and Comfort

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Next Monday is the 22nd anniversary of 9/11, and it seems like it could be 122 years with how tense things are in the country. A recent poll shows how low "patriotism" is:

*By the numbers: Overall, 39% of U.S. adults say they are "extremely proud" to be American in the most recent poll.*

- *Meanwhile, only 18% of those aged 18-34 said the same, compared to 40% of those aged 35-54 and 50% of those 55 and over.*
- *By comparison, in 2013, 85% of those aged 18-29 said they were "extremely" or "very" proud to be an American. (From Axios)*

In 2001, Congress called 9/11 **Patriots Day** and declared it a "national day of service and remembrance." So let's all do our part and help change the current perspective and raise those numbers to what they were on 9/12/2001. Give back to your inner circle, your block, your school/work, your city, county, state and **OUR** country. It's going to take some serious sweat equity by a lot of **US**, but combined I think **WE CAN DO IT**.

With summer officially over (although it doesn't feel like it) and school in session, we at Operation: Care and Comfort (OCC) still have our foot on the gas. Care packages, tickets for troops, supporting military/veterans and their families and fundraisers are all keeping us very busy. The **Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)** and **California's Our Promise** employee charitable giving campaigns also start. Please remember OCC when you are choosing a worthy charity to support. (CFC #77631, Our Promise # 26971.)!



It's almost here. Our 2nd annual Frank-Lin Distillers Charity Golf Classic benefitting OCC is on Friday Sept 15th at the amazing Rancho Solano Golf Course. It is nearly sold out, with a few sponsorship opportunities left. There is a unique opportunity to honor your military and veteran loved ones by sponsoring an "**Honoring**" sign which will be displayed for all to see. <https://occ-usa.org/2023-golf-sponsors/>.

The baseball season is winding down and our SF Giants are in the thick of the playoffs, while our SJ Giants won the first half of the season and qualified for the playoffs. We are so thankful to have both of them as partners and military and veteran supporters, along with their generous season ticket members.

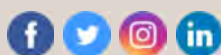
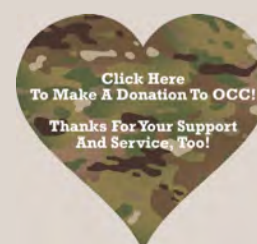
Also playoff bound are our San Jose Earthquakes with 8 or so games left. The MLS has changed the playoff structure which will bring a lot of excitement to this years postseason. We thank the Quakes for their ongoing support of OCC and our service members, vets and their families too. Our friends the SF 49ers and their season ticket holders have donated some preseason game tickets, too. Hockey and basketball is coming!

As we transition into fall then to winter, we will soon start sending our holiday care packages to our deployed troops. Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years are times we are excited to spend with family and friends, and can be a lonely time for those away from home. Even service members here in the US and veterans may not have the creature comforts for those holidays. OCC does it best with the support from great partners, donors, holiday drives and school projects to provide a "touch of home" for them.

If you have a deployed loved one or friend, sign them up for our care package program. You can also ask your work, school, church or other organization to engage and help provide some care to those who might need and deserve it most.

Please check out our new website! <https://occ-usa.org/>. Tell us what you think of the new design! As always, we love receiving your feedback. *Don't forget to get a limited 20th anniversary OCC shirt while you can, and hope to see you out and about wearing it!*

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



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Visit the link below to buy one of these AWESOME Limited OCC 20th Anniversary shirts on Rush 10/8's website (and check out their other cool stuff)....



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## Twilight Rotary Club — Lobster Boil — OCC

At the end of the month, Saturday September 30th, is the Fairfield-Suisun Twilight Rotary Club Lobster Boil benefitting OCC. Full lobster boil dinner, wine, beer and other beverages, raffle, dessert silent auction, live auction, music and more food!

We are very honored to be chosen as a beneficiary for this fun and generous event in Fairfield, CA!

To purchase tickets or sponsor this event, call (707) 427-6927.  
Tickets are \$130 per person.



Tenth Annual

# • Lobster Boil •

SATURDAY

**September 30th**  
**4:30pm-Social Hour, 5:30pm-Dinner**

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729 Great Jones Street, Fairfield

Lobster Dinner & Beverages

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Proceeds benefiting Operation: Care & Comfort  
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## Boots and Babies Fair At Travis AFB



**Operation: Care and Comfort** hosted a Boots and Babies Fair at Travis Air Force base last Saturday.

45 Bay Area parents-to-be received resource information, pantry items, as well as a diaper bag that they were able to fill with all kinds of baby items.

Special thanks to our *fantastic* volunteers, and **David Grant Med Center** for attending

Thanks to those who also provided In-kind Donations:

- JM Cuevas (diapers and wipes)
- Just Between Friends, Vacaville (info bookmarks)
- Ms Nightingale (mini bags with chocolates and business cards)
- Handmade blankets by Ms Stonebraker



## Storage Warriors Getting It Done In Santa Clara

The OCC "Storage Warriors" met on Monday, August 28, as they do most Mondays in Santa Clara.

This hearty, dedicated group prepared the boxes for our September overseas care packages. They sorted through **boxes and boxes and boxes** of donations from Amazon.



We even got to meet a longtime donor, Michael. We celebrated a birthday, too. It was so much fun.

Some in our group have volunteered with OCC for **20 years!** Now, that's dedication. Thanks, Team OCC!





## OCC's Tickets For Troops



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

- *Big Bad Voodoo Daddy — The Mountain Winery (August 31, 2023)*
- *Cincinnati Reds vs San Francisco Giants — (August 28, 29 and 30, 2023)*
- *San Jose Giants vs Modesto Nuts (Bobblehead Promotion) — (August 26, 2023)*
- *Tough Mudder Sonoma (Sonoma Raceway) — (August 19 and 20, 2023)*
- *Toy eXpo 2023 (Santa Clara Convention Center) — (August 18 - 20, 2023)*
- *Atlanta Braves vs San Francisco Giants — (August 25, 26 and 27, 2023)*
- *Tampa Bay Rays vs San Francisco Giants — (August 14, 15 and 16, 2023)*
- *Fresno Grizzlies vs San Jose Giants and Fireworks — (August 11, 2023)*
- *Texas Rangers vs Oakland Athletics — August 7, 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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