

**Dear Friends,**

Is it really December? Where did the year go? We had a tremendous November, shipping **20,000** pounds of care packages to our deployed troops! Our total shipped is almost 540,000 pounds! We have also been able to support 3 dozen military families ALREADY, via our "Adopt a Military Family" campaign, and have been able to send over 200 troops and their families to free sporting events this past month! We've been very busy! In fact, we are shipping more boxes today for troops who have asked us for support for Christmas. We'll do our best to get them there!

Pearl Harbor Day was Monday, and with that anniversary we are reminded that we have so much to be thankful for. Our country has a long history of men and women who have fought to keep us free. Some have been killed in action, many have physical and mental scars from war. All have sacrificed in ways that most of us can't even imagine. We need to continue to support our troops, our veterans and their families!

OCC is to be listed in a new reference guide, on how to assist the efforts in Afghanistan. The book is currently available on the "Help the Cause" website ([www.helpthecause.com](http://www.helpthecause.com)) and is nearly ready on Amazon. Proceeds from the book sales will be distributed to the featured organizations.

Last month, we collected thousands of packages of coffee from Starbucks! Many, many individuals, companies, organizations, schools, churches, and families are remembering our troops and are showing their support. We have received boxes of hand made ornaments from and elementary school in FL, letters and cards from CT, items in boxes from WA, MN, ID, and other states. Donation drives are being held for us in CA, NJ, TX, and MD. Blockbuster stores throughout the SF bay area are collecting DVDs for our troops. Folks are making donations instead of sharing Birthday and Christmas gifts! We are humbled by the response of the American people who wish to support our troops!

On behalf of the Marines of Maintenance Company, I would like to extend my deepest appreciation for the amazing support we have received from Operation Care and Comfort!

Your support of the Marines of Maintenance Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 46 has been both substantial and humbling. The outpouring of items, and the comfort and care they represent from your agency, was of such immense value to the morale of our unit. I am so glad we did this tour together!

With much respect and appreciation,

1stSgt David S

Just wanted to thank you all again for the monthly boxes of goodies and comfort items you have been sending me on behalf of the troops. I have been amazed at how much you pack into those boxes and how useful and delicious it is. I took a big box over to the hospital/aid station today where I am sure the bags will bring a smile to many faces. You are so very thoughtful to think of us here and your support is truly appreciated. I will be leaving the end of this month heading back to my family in South Carolina. Next year looks like it will be another tough one here with the troop surge and troops moving out to very austere bases. Happy Holidays and health and happiness for the New Years.

Regards.

Leigh A. Co

## Upcoming Events

### **Adopt a Military Family Campaign - holiday season (now through end of year)**

OCC's Adopt a Military Family campaign has begun for the holiday season! With your support, we were able to assist over 250 local military families in 2008. The holidays are a special time for us to make sure that military families who need a little support are taken care of. Civilian families, companies and organizations are welcome to join our standby list of folks who are willing to anonymously help support these military families as the needs arise. Some folks have donated a gift card along with a Christmas card from their family. We offer a way to assist with no red tape, just help! If you would like to be added to the standby list, please email Julie at [troopsupport@comcast.net](mailto:troopsupport@comcast.net). For more information, please visit <http://www.operationcareandcomfort.org/occadopt/index.html>

### **Sunday January 10th, Willow Glen Care Package Assembly - 10:00 am until we finish**

Our monthly care package assembly will take place at the American Legion. Come join us as we box up supplies for our troops. Ages 5 and up are welcome to join in the fun, but children must be supervised by an adult. **Time to bring your Valentines for the troops!** For more information, please contact Julie at 408-373-8635 or [troopsupport@comcast.net](mailto:troopsupport@comcast.net). Please remember to bring your community service form if you need one signed!

Where:

American Legion Post # 318  
1504 Minnesota Avenue  
San Jose, 95125

Here are the Sunday packing dates in San Jose, for 2010. These dates may change, so be sure to check our web site for updates!

January 10th  
February 7th  
March 14th  
April 11th  
May 2nd  
June 13th  
July 11th  
August 8th  
September 12th  
October 10th  
November 14th

Thanks to all of you who have supported Operation: Care and Comfort this year, and in years past. Please share our web site and FACEBOOK page with your friends. Our support continues by word of mouth- we do no advertising. Have a blessed holiday and we hope the New Year will bring you happiness, good health, and comfort.

Julie, Cookie, and Randy  
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