



## **Operation Support our Troops - America** *The Case for Support* **Rockin' For The Troops 2017**

### **Statement of Mission**

*The mission of Operation Support our Troops – America is to support the morale and wellbeing of American military forces by providing comfort, resources, and education to them and their families both while they are deployed in harm's way and after their return.*

### **Statement of Vision**

*We endeavor to demonstrate to all members of the military that the people of the United States respect and value their sacrifice. This outreach from not just families and friends but thousands of people the troops don't even know, will significantly add to their ability to return to society a wholly functioning individual very much ready to take their place as a well-integrated part of their world.*



***Operation Support our Troops-America consistently receives the highest markings from charity evaluators for our transparency, program effectiveness and utilization of resources. You can be sure your donation***

### **Since Inception:**

- OSOT-America has had an average program/admin ratio of 90%. This means that 90 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to support the programs of OSOT-America.
- One OSOT Program example: Since OSOT-America's inception, over 1.8 million pounds of comfort items have been shipped to troops serving in harms way. An associated cost of \$1 per pound equates to over \$1.8 million in postage to ship these items.
- The Comfort Package program has expanded to respond to specific needs of units in the field such as special operation units deployed to combat terrorism.

***Providing Comfort and Care at Home and Away***

## **Fundraisers in 2016**

Perhaps the best gauge of the success of our fundraisers is the yearly impact that our proceeds make. For 2016, those proceeds were used to:

- Ship over 4,200 comfort packages (95,000 pounds) of items to serve approximately 42,000 troops
- Conducting two Leap of Faith Seminars to help Families of the Fallen service members learn grief coping skills.
- Provide financial grants to veterans in need, providing a hand up – not a hand out, this year we have helped over 115 veterans for more than \$145,00 in financial grants through our Allen J Lynch Veterans Assistance Program.
- Provide employment support by connecting veterans with companies hiring, we are also able to offer resume review opportunities.
- Provide education and resources to families of deployed military as well as those struggling to understand the adjustment of their returning veteran.
- Offering a yoga program, GI Yoga, to all veterans and their families to learn stress relief and coping techniques at no charge.
- Expand the “voice of the 1%” effort by advocating and educating both the legislature and general public as to the ongoing demands placed on military and their families.

## **Conclusion**

**As America begins to look hopefully toward the possibility of a time free from war, we must also face the reality of the needs that fourteen years of war have created. We know that the United States faces many growing threats and we must continue to advocate for a strong military as well as tend to the wounds of those who have suffered. OSOT-America continues to stand ready to answer that call to serve those who serve us. By engaging our sponsors and donors, being good stewards of our resources and hosting a variety of fundraising events we continue to be able to meet these needs.**

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