

Dear Friends of our Troops,

Summer is almost here! In Iraq, it is a toasty 110 plus degrees by day, and in the 80s at night, with blazing temperatures still to come. Afghanistan is currently about 5 degrees cooler. With the change in temperature, we are including a lot of pre sweetened powdered drink mixes in our care packages! We are still supporting 40 or more units each month, including special forces, snipers, infantry, airborne, medical, and other units. They are our sons, daughters, fathers, mothers, neighbors, and friends. They are career military folks, as well as reservists who are doctors, nurses, police officers, firemen, teachers, engineers, farmers, etc. and we need to support them. Here's a couple of emails from our heroes:

Dear Operation Care and Comfort Volunteers,

First of all, on behalf of 82nd Medical Company, I would like to say Thank You!! The package was a welcome and friendly sight. The soldiers of the unit greatly appreciated the gifts. It was a great morale booster and placed big smiles on our soldiers faces.

Let me tell you some of the background of 82nd Med. This is the units 3rd deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The last deployment the unit went on, returned to the states in Feb 2005 and returned out to the desert in November of the same year. Most of the same soldiers have been to all three deployments. The unit is not slated to return to the US until November time frame. We are tentatively scheduled for another deployment in 2007.

*82nd Medical Company is a aeronautical medical evacuation unit, based out of FT. Riley, Kansas. Which basically means that we are an Air Ambulance. We pick up the wounded and deliver them to hospitals. Kinda like the TV show M*A*S*H. The soldiers in the unit are mainly composed of pilots, medics, and crewchiefs (helicopter mechanics).*

I am a helicopter mechanic, and this is my first deployment. I arrived in Kansas just in time to deploy with them. I am originally from Los Altos. I appreciated the package as well, and I shared with all.

Again, Thank You very much and I hope this letter gave a little insight on the 82nd Medical Company.

Sincerely,

SGT McGhee

On behalf of the folks of the Army Special Operations Command, I would like thank you for all the support you and your entire organization provide the men and women of our command! <>Very Respectfully,

MAJOR K. Holton

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

Pre sweetened drink mixes, snack foods, non refrigerated microwavable meals, unscented baby wipes (for cleansing), CDs, DVDs, AAA and AA batteries. Don't forget to save those unused hotel toiletries from your vacations this summer, and ask your friends and relatives to do the same!

SPECIAL THANK YOU to the Girl Scouts of Santa Clara Valley, who sold 30,000 boxes of cookies that OCC will be sending to our troops, through their Cookie Share" program!

OCC EVENTS

We have many exciting , family oriented events on the schedule. We hope that you will join us as a sponsor, participant, or volunteer, and help us continue our mission of sending a little touch of home to the brave men and women serving our country.

JUNE

Many folks have indicated that they would like to help assemble care packages, so we are starting a second San Jose group in Willow Glen (San Jose), who will meet one Sunday each month to assemble care packages and box bulk items to send to our troops. "Julie's OCC Group" will meet on SUNDAY JUNE 25th, from 10-5. (We will begin at 10:00, and pack until we are finished.) **If you can help, please email Julie at troopsupport@comcast.net, or call Julie at 408-373-8635.** We promise to have a great time, and to accomplish a lot at the same time. All ages are welcome!

Address:

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JULY

On SATURDAY JULY 1st, join us at Discovery Meadow in San Jose for music with the **Greg Kihn Band, John Waite** of the Baby's, **Pat Travers**, and Beatles tribute band **The Sun Kings**. Plus 75 arts & crafts booths, a huge kids area, lots of food and beverage booths, a side stage featuring the four Last Band Standing Under 18 finalists, and more...all for the advance price of \$9.85 or \$30 for a family 4-pack! Tickets are available NOW at all ticketmaster outlets and at Streetlight Records in San Jose (980 S. Bascom Ave. Between Moorpark Ave. and Stokes Street). Tickets will be \$15 each on the day of the concert, so don't wait! **Operation: Care and Comfort will be there with some great new items to support our program, so please stop by and say hello!** Don't miss out on the biggest party of the Summer!

SEPTEMBER

On TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th, our friends at Iron Construction, Inc. will be holding their third annual **Iron Construction Charity Golf Classic**, and they have chosen Operation: Care and Comfort as the recipient of the proceeds from the tournament. Last year, they raised over \$20,000 for us, to ship Christmas packages! We had a fantastic day, golfing with sponsored foursomes from each branch of the military. We are looking forward to working with Iron Construction again in 2006. Mark your calendars! Check out pictures from last year's fantastic tournament, held at beautiful Cinnabar Hills, on their web site, <http://www.ironconstruction.com/news.html>. Details and a flyer will be posted on the OCC web site this month. We need corporate sponsors, raffle prizes, hole sponsorships, and foursomes for this great event! Volunteers are also needed. Contact Julie at troopsupport@comcast.net to ask how you may help!

COMING SOON! Details on TroopFest 2006! Bigger and better than ever...

Once again, thank you for helping us continue to support our troops. Please contact us if you have any questions!

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