

Operation Support Our Troops- America

Providing Comfort and Care at Home and Away

Annual Report 2015



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Mission Statement

Our mission is to support the morale and well-being of American 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. We accomplish this by providing a link between the citizens and military personnel so that the community has the opportunity to express their appreciation and support.

History

Founded in 2003, Operation Support Our Troops-America is a grassroots effort that has become one of the largest volunteer based military support organizations in the country. Over 500 volunteers give well over 10,000 hours each year in service. We endeavor to provide comfort and care at home and away to our active duty military, families and veterans. Members of the military community from all across the United States have been served by the programs of Operation Support our Troops America.

Our Operations

Active Duty Programs

- *Comfort Packages*- During 2015, **3,317** care packages were sent to deployed troops to enhance their morale. Each 12" x 12" box weighing 25-30 pounds are designed to be shared amongst unit members
- *Christmas Stockings*- **Over 3,000** stockings in 2015 were stuffed with holiday goodies and other essentials and were sent to our troops during the holiday season

Veteran Programs

- *Allen J. Lynch Foundation*- Set up to provide stop-gap funding so that veterans are capable of continuing the recovery or education process
- *Rehabilitative Support*- To help with service members injuries, whether they are seen and/or unseen that they return with
- *G.I. Yoga*- Offers free yoga classes to veterans and their family members

Other Programs

- *Baby Basket*- Provides outreach to pregnant wives of deployed service members
- *Gold for Gold*- Partnership with the US Army Golden Knights to provide a growth experience for families of fallen service members based around a tandem jump
- *Hero in the House*- Welcomes home returning troops
- *Leap of Faith*- A three day seminar and healing experience for the families with fallen service members. This past year was our **14th** seminar since starting the program in 2011

Financials

*The following is an overview of Operation Support Our Troops-America income and expenses for the fiscal year that ended December 2014.

Total revenues and support	\$ 1,294,905
Program service expenses	\$ 1,189,684
Management and general expenses	\$ 88,787
Fund raising expenses	\$ 62,957
Total expenses	\$ 1,341,428
Ending net assets (cumulative)	\$ 975,982

Board of Directors

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Charity Website Ratings

Operation Support Our Troops – America continues to maintain its Charity Navigator 4 star rating, a Great Nonprofits 2015 Top-Rated Nonprofit and continue to be a Guidestar Exchange – Gold Participant.



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