



Operation Support Our Troops-America *Case for Support 2026*

Statement of Mission

The mission of Operation Support Our Troops-America is to support the morale and well-being 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, not just from families and friends, but thousands of people the troops don't even know, helps to support them and their families in their commitment to our country, both on the battlefield and when they return home.

Our Programs

Comfort and Care Packages are sent to active-duty service members deployed in harm's way. For these military members, we send packages filled with everyday necessities including hygiene products and snack items. Most items sent are donated to us, and we raise the funds to cover the cost of postage.

The Veterans Assistance Program helps veterans by providing one-time grants to help with expenses in a veteran's time of financial crisis to provide a hand up and not a handout. Typical expenses covered include utilities, dental care, major home system repairs, and car repairs.

G.I. Yoga is modified yoga free to veterans and their families taught by a certified yoga instructor. The practice of yoga helps participants release stress, sleep better, ease aches and pains, and improve overall health.

Leap of Faith is a three-day grief seminar for Gold Star families. A full day is spent on learning how to "stay in the river of life" and two days are full of activities, including equine therapy and a tandem parachute jump with a veteran parachute jumper.

Program Services - 2025

Perhaps the best gauge of our fundraising success is the impact of the proceeds on our programs. In 2025, donations allowed us to:

- Provide financial grants to veterans in need, offering a hand up – not a handout, helping 2 veteran families with \$1,510 in financial grants through our Veterans Assistance Program.
- Ship 1676 Comfort and Care Packages (33,520 pounds) of items to serve approximately 16,760 troops. During the holiday season, 3390 Christmas stockings were shipped. Total shipping costs for the year were \$ 30,521.
- Conduct one Leap of Faith Seminar to help Families of the Fallen service members learn grief coping skills with 18 participants at a cost of \$ 1,347 per person.
- Conduct G.I. Yoga classes in-person weekly at a DuPage County, IL location. A YouTube channel was added to conduct classes virtually.

Since Inception:

OSOT-America has had an average program/admin ratio of approximately 90%. This means that nearly 90¢ of every dollar donated goes directly to support the programs of OSOT-America.

Conclusion

Operation Support Our Troops-America is entering its 24th year of operations while our country faces growing threats around the world. By engaging our sponsors and donors, being good stewards of our resources, and actively participating in the military and veteran community we continue to be able to meet these needs.

Operation Support Our Troops-America consistently receives the highest ratings from charity evaluators for our transparency, program effectiveness and utilization of resources. You can be sure your donation is being put to good use.



Providing Comfort and Care at Home and Away

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