

Become A Part Of

The Force

Behind

The Forces



Oklahoma



Hi There!

Thank you so much for your interest in supporting America's service members and in becoming a part of "The Force Behind The Forces". There are so many ways to serve them and we understand it can get not only overwhelming but even confusing. Our hope is that this guide can help you find a meaningful way to contribute to this community.

The guide is sectioned into different parts, providing information on volunteering your time, and also donating items. There is further explanation in each section on how your donation would be directly impacting not only our service members, but also their families.

If you need any assistance or have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to reach out!

All Our Best, USO Oklahoma

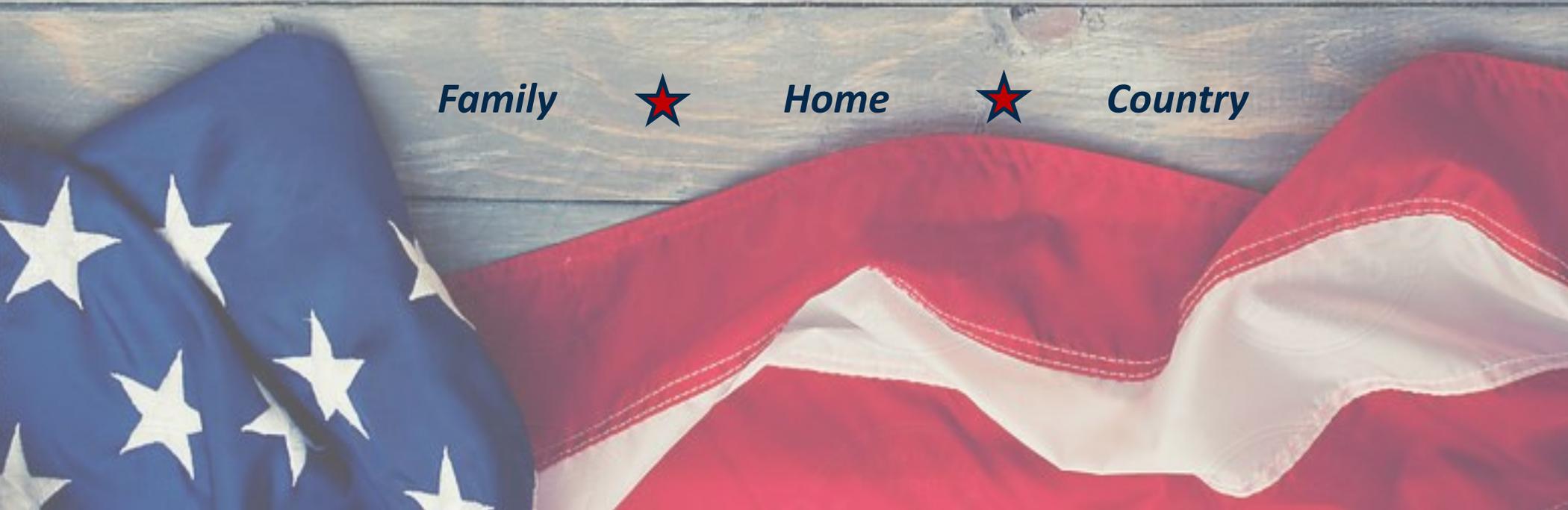
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****Please Note****

Unfortunately, we cannot assist with shipping costs and are largely unable to coordinate pickups for donations. We are more than happy to coordinate a drop off with you at our center on Ft Sill or accept donations shipped either by you personally or sent directly from a retailer. If you would like to do the latter, our shipping address is below, as well as the contact email for any questions or coordination needs.

Ship To: USO Ft Sill

3265 Crane Ave.

Contact Email: jtroxell@uso.org

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I'd Like To Support Our Service Members

Service members make up the bulk of our customers, coming in to the center for everything from snacks to printing, for gaming or simply a place to rest. Our mission focuses primarily on ensuring their morale is as high as possible, which we achieve in a variety of ways, some of which we touched on above. Essentially though, providing direct support to our service members includes donations of snacks, beverages, gaming equipment, printing supplies, books, games, and even blank greeting cards and stamps so they can stay in touch with family.

Here are some specific ideas:

- Blank, Non-Dated Greeting Cards (With Envelopes)
- Stamps
- Gaming Equipment (PS4 Games, xBox 1 Games, Micro-USB Charging Cords, AA Batteries)
- Printing and Computer Supplies (Reams of Blank Paper, CAC Readers)
- Individually Wrapped, Store-Bought Snacks (Beef Jerky, Trail Mix, Popcorn, Granola Bars, Rice Krispy Treats, Pretzels, Fruit Snacks, etc)
- Bottles of Water, Individual Hot Cocoa Packets, Water-Flavoring Packets (Such As Crystal Light)
- Ground Coffee, Individual Liquid Creamer Packs, Sugar Packets

I'd Like To Support Our Family Members

Our families love coming in to the center - both with and without their service members - for a variety of activities. The two most common are for meals, and our Unplugged program which centers on crafts and board games. We serve lunch and breakfast weekly and host Unplugged once a month. These programs provide an opportunity for families to connect both with their loved ones as well as with each other, helping create lasting memories and relationships.

Unplugged (Games and Crafts)

- Markers
- Crayons
- Washable Paint
- Paintbrushes
- Child-Sized Smocks
- Canvas Panels
- Cardstock or Construction Paper

Breakfast

- Electric Skillets
- Cooking Spray
- Chocolate Chips
- Just Add Water Pancake Mix
- Syrup
- Nutella
- Peanut Butter
- Juice Boxes/Pouches
- Frozen Fruit
- Whipped Cream

Lunch

- Paper Plates
- Plastic Forks, Spoons, Knives
- Napkins
- Spatulas
- Serving Dishes/Utensils
- Powdered Drinks (Lemonade, Kool-Aid, etc)
- Pasta (Spaghetti, Macaroni)
- Tomato Soup
- American Sliced Cheese

I'd Like To Support Deployments/Redeployments

Deployments (when our service members are leaving the US) and Redeployments (when they are returning to the US) are a huge part of our military life, so we ensure that we are there to support. We strive to be present at every single ceremony and aim to provide support with many of the following resources. We also host a poster-making night for FRGs preparing for a welcome home ceremony, the resources for which can also be found below.

Poster-Making Supplies

- Paint Markers
- Glitter Glue
- Posterboard
- Stickers
- Hot Glue Guns And Sticks
- Scrapbook Supplies
- Stencils (Letter And Shapes)

Deployment Resources

- Bottles Of Water
- Monster Energy Drinks
- Coffee, Tea, Cocoa
- Disposable Coffee Cups (With Lids)
- Creamer and Sugar
- Individually-Wrapped Snacks

Redeployment Supplies

- Pillow Cases
- Shower Curtains
- Hygiene Items
- Sheets (Twin XL)
- Blankets (Twin XL)
- Shower Curtains

I'd Like To Support Outreach Programming

As many already know, our Service Members can rarely be found behind a desk. Often, they are out in the field or on a range, training and keeping their skills sharp. As such, we do a lot of outreach at USO Oklahoma, much of the time with the assistance of our Mobile USO Sprinter Unit. We've come up with creative ways to bring our service members morale boosts out in these frequently isolated locations, including hot meals and fresh breakfasts. The following items would allow us to increase our number of outreach opportunities as well as broaden our offerings:

Outreach Supplies

- Portable Generator (5,000 Watts Or Greater)
- Electric Skillets
- 60 Cup Commercial Rice Cookers
- Waffle Irons
- Serving Utensils
- Serving Pans
- Outdoor Extension Cords
- Tough Boxes (For Storage And Transportation)
- Bulk Size Hand Sanitizer
- Clorox Wipes
- Disposable Coffee Cups With Lids
- Ground Coffee
- Coffee Filters (12 Cup Size)
- Creamer and Sugar
- Paper Towels
- Paper Plates

I'd Like To Support Our Center

In 2017 alone, we had over 80,000 people come through our doors. They come in for a variety of reasons, some big and some small, but each one is given our absolute best. With the number of service members and dependents coming to the center growing every day, we can use all the support we can get. The following are some of the many ways you can help directly impact each person's daily experience in the USO:

Furniture And Comfort Items

***Please Speak To Staff For More Info On The Following**

- Bean Bags
- Folding Tables and Chairs
- Blankets
- Pillows
- Bookshelves
- Side Tables

Recreation

- Books (In Good Condition and Appropriate)
- Board Games
- Kid-Friendly Games and Toys
- Darts
- Pool Cues
- Shuffleboard Sand and Pucks

Decorative Items

- Seasonal Decor
- Poster-Size Frames
- Photo Printing Gift Cards
- Patriotic Décor
- Artificial Potted Plants
(Succulents Are A Favorite!)

I'd Like To Support The Patio Project

Hopefully you know about our patio! Ft Sill Federal Credit Union has already secured us furniture for it, but there are quite a few other things we could use to make it into the oasis it has the potential to be! We hope to make it both more comfortable and attractive for our service members and their families. Some things that would help get it to that point would be:

Recreation

- Giant Outdoor Games (Jenga, Connect Four, Etc)
- Foosball Table
- Exterior Extension Cords

Furniture And Comfort Items

***Please Speak To Staff For More Info On The Following**

- Outdoor Seat Cushions For The Chairs
- Long Bench-Style Outdoor Seat Cushions
- Metal Side Tables

Decorative Items

- Metal Or Wooden Patriotic Décor
- Artificial Potted Plants (Succulents Are A Favorite!)
- Larger Artificial Plants
- Solar-Powered String Lights



I'd Like To Donate My Time

If you are interested in volunteering for USO Oklahoma, please go to www.volunteers.uso.org, create an account and we will then be in touch with you shortly!

We have plenty of volunteer opportunities, including directly serving our service members here at the Ft Sill USO, providing support to our airmen at Altus AFB and Vance AFB, and helping boost the morale of our reservists and national guard members across the state.

Whether your passion is organizing, cooking, woodworking, sports or people, we've got opportunities for you!



I'd Like To Support But I Have Questions...

If you have any questions at all about donating and/or ways to support our troops, please contact us via the following methods:

Email: jtroxell@uso.org

Phone: (580) 442-2812 (phone may be answered by a volunteer, please ask for a staff member!)

Facebook: @USOOklahoma

Mail: P.O. Box 33621, Fort Sill, OK 73503-0621

Shipping: 3265 Crane Ave., Ft Sill, OK 73503

