



FACT SHEET

MISSION: Operation Jersey Cares supports troops overseas, returning wounded servicemen/women and Veterans in nursing homes.

MOTTO: "Never Again Shall One Generation Forget Another"

FOUNDED: 2007

STATUS: 100% volunteer, 100% non profit. IRS and NJ registered 501(c)(3). Tax ID #26-33885585
990 Tax Filings available at www.Guidestar.org

WEBSITE: www.operationjerseycares.org

MEMBERS: Veterans, their families and community volunteers

PROUD ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- OJC has sourced, packed and mailed over 250,000 lbs of product directly to individual servicemen/women to be shared with their fellow warriors in combat zones and field hospitals. Donations include food, personal care items, clothing, blankets, handmade flag quilts and pillows, phone cards, DVDs, stationery, magazines, paperbacks, gift bags, motorized scooters and electric/manual wheelchairs.
- All volunteers generously contribute their time and work together to :
 1. seek donations of cash, grants and goods-in-kind from corporate sponsors, community partners, veterans' groups and patriotic citizens.
 2. source (obtain)and pack(items in) care packages to fulfill wish lists and urgent needs of our troops and field hospitals in Iraq and Afghanistan.
 3. support severely wounded warriors in rehab at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, and other locations.
 4. meet occasional emergency needs of returning wounded Veterans and their families.
 5. organize holiday and Bingo parties for Veterans residing in N.J. Veteran nursing homes.
 6. partner with numerous veteran organizations which serve our military. Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter # 452, American Recreational Military Services, Picatinny Arsenal Middle Forge Chapter and the Marine Corps League, Slattery Detachment.
 7. encourage others to continue to sew pressure pillows, quilts and pillowcases as well as write letters of thanks and appreciation to our troops. To date, approximately 200 flag quilts, 300 pillowcases and 900 pressure pillows have been sewn and personally given to our military personnel.
 8. organize "Shopping Sprees" at supermarkets collecting product and cash donations on many weekends throughout the year.
 9. stage packing events at least six times a year.
 10. OJC maintains an information table during Downtown Somerville's "Friday Nite Cruzin" throughout the summer.