



Operation Christmas Spirit 2024 Single Service Member Project

Thank you so much for your interest in providing single service member gifts for Christmas through Operation Help a Hero's Operation Christmas Spirit Program. The best part about this facet of our program is you have all the control:

- *YOU get to decide how many single service members you would like to serve.
- *YOU get to decide what you would like to give and how to package the gifts.
- *YOU get to decide the location of the single service members you would like to bless.

Here's a checklist and some information that may help:

Locations:

Southern California (29 Palms, Pendleton and Miramar)**

Colorado Springs, CO (Fort Carson)

Tampa, FL (Joint Base MacDill)

DC Metro Area/NoVA (Quantico, 8th & I)**

Main efforts

Decide what you would like to do; there is no wrong way to do this. The singles we serve are surprised by the gifts given. They are expecting nothing, so the surprise gifts from people who care bring spread a special kind of joy. Here are some ideas and things that folks have done in the past:

Stockings: filled with small items like toiletries, candy, snacks and a gift card

Movie Night gift boxes: gift boxes with popcorn, candy, soda and a Netflix gift card or movie ticket

Night-Out gift bags: gift bags containing a gift card to a local restaurant, movie ticket, & uber gift card.

Gifts of entertainment: gifts with items like board games, playing cards, video games, mini-basketball hoops, poker chips, concert tickets, and gift cards (iTunes, Netflix, Best Buy, Google bucks, Xbox)

“No place like home” laundry baskets: pillow, twin XL sheet set, blanket, bath rug, towels, night light, fan, alarm clock/ charging station, homemade cookies, wireless speakers, echo dot, etc.

Bucket full of Support: Home Depot/Lowes bucket with sheets, movie tickets, gift cards, toiletries, tools, fun gadgets, clothes, snacks and more.

Gift bags: snacks, drinks, socks, hat, tee shirt, gloves ~ whatever you want!

Christmas Spirit in a Bin (or any container): mini Christmas Tree, string lights, ornaments, small wrapped gifts to put under their mini tree and Christmas themed snacks.

- ✓ Please **DO** include a card letting service members know who you are.
- ✓ Mail gifts to your chosen location, to arrive by **December 10th** or deliver in person at one of our gift drop off events. We will reach out to all of you with drop off locations and mailing reminders mid-November.

After you drop off your gifts, we take it from there. We split up all the gifts we are able to round up amongst units to give out to their troops who won't be with family for the holidays, and in many cases, we hand deliver the gifts to the barracks right before (and even on) Christmas Day.

Thank you so much for remembering our single men and women in service this holiday season!

Team OHH