

DOK Province III Service Project – Wounded Warrior – Operation Homefront

Daughters,

Our service project at this year's Provincial Retreat is collecting items (described below) for armed forces personnel serving overseas and writing cards and letters of appreciation. Letters and pictures from children are especially appreciated, so please encourage Junior Daughters to participate. Cards and writing materials will be available but feel free to bring a favorite poem or passage from a book you want to share.

Items collected will be given to the Wounded Warrior Project's Operation Homefront. Operation Homefront distributes Deployment Bags to department servicemen and women and Care Packages to returning injured service personnel. Please bring items for either as you or your chapter is able.

Deployment bags

Operation Homefront provides treats and snacks for armed service members leaving for active duty. Groups deploy from various bases in Washington, Maryland and Virginia on a regular basis. Deployment bags are quart-size freezer bags containing:

- Gum and hard candy, i.e., Lifesavers, Jolly Ranchers – no chocolate
- Beef jerky
- Granola bars – crunchy, not soft
- Cookies or crackers in individual snack-pack size
- Drink flavor packets, very popular
- Other similar items

Care packages

Returning service personnel receive more substantial care packages – 8" x 12" x 8" boxes that contain 5 or 6 of the following items:

- Playing cards
- Magazines, i.e., Forbes, Hunting & Fishing, Time, Newsweek, People
- Pop tarts
- Batteries – any size
- Hygiene items in Zip-loc baggies, i.e., toothpaste and brushes
- Razors
- Drink flavor packets
- Other similar items

Bags and boxes will be provided.

Items will be delivered to Roseanne Coleman 703-421-9033 roseanne.coleman@operationhomefront.net at Operation Homefront, 45975 Nokes Blvd., Sterling, VA
<http://www.operationhomefront.net/dcmetro/donate.aspx>

We had a wonderful time last year making dolls for children in Haiti and I look forward to serving with you this year.

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