

Training Tuesday – December 29, 2020

Operation Comfort Warriors Q & A Summary

Question: Doesn't the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs take good care of our wounded service members and veterans? Why is this program needed?

Answer: Items provided by Operation Comfort Warriors supplement the high-quality care provided at Department of Defense (DoD) and Veterans Affairs (VA) medical facilities and transition units by providing "non-essential" items typically not included as a budget line on government spreadsheets – items that play important roles in the rehabilitation and quality of life for wounded warriors.

Question: What percentage of donations to Operation Comfort Warriors is allocated to administrative costs?

Answer: All donated dollars are used to supply comfort items and experiences to wounded servicemembers. The American Legion general fund (membership dues) covers all costs associated with the administration.

Question: If I know a company wishing to donate items, who do I contact?

Answer: You may email or call the national headquarters via the contact information listed below. Please bear in mind, most military medical centers are not equipped to store large quantities of care packages. The American Legion strongly prefers monetary donations so that it can expedite the purchase and delivery of items to troops.

Question: Is there literature available for distribution?

Answer: The Legion has published a brochure, "*Because We Care*," that explains OCW's goals and general information about the program. The Legion has also published a booklet to help departments, posts and Legionnaires get involved in OCW - "*How You Can Help*." They are accessible via the Publications page on www.legion.org.

Do you have a question not listed here?

You can email: OperationComfortWarriors@legion.org

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