



Please assist us in our efforts to collect items & donations for packing/shipment to deployed & wounded U.S. military

# OSOT, Inc.-Shreveport Chapter Newsletter (August 2011)

For more information about OSOT, Inc., to see our mission statement, project ideas and national news, please go to [www.OSOTinc.org](http://www.OSOTinc.org)

OSOT, Inc. is a 501(c)3 organization that supports all branches of the U.S. Military.

**Monetary donations, to help defray costs, are tax-deductible.**

**Checks should be made out to OSOT, Inc.** and mailed to:

**Shirley Olivieri-Mathies, OSOT, Inc. Chairman**  
243 Justin Avenue  
Shreveport, LA 71105  
862-9847 (Mon-Fri 8:30-5)  
219-7488 (Nights/Weekends)  
349-9043 (Cell)

### Drop Off Locations:

**American Climate-Controlled Storage**  
6721 Pines Rd.  
Shreveport 318-688-4637  
**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church**  
522 E. Flournoy-Lucas Rd.  
Shreveport 318-798-1887  
**ANY UPS Store**  
in Shreveport/Bossier City  
**Bank of Montgomery**  
814 Washington St.  
Natchitoches 318-352-3060

### Halloween shipment - pack date Saturday, September 24, 2011

Good items to collect: coffee, tea, creamer/sugar, granola/protein bars, instant soups, Pringles potato chips, nuts, Halloween candy (all types), gum (regular & sugar free), small bottles of lotion/shampoo/mouthwash (from hotels), Halloween artwork made by children, notes/letters of appreciation & monetary donations

### Christmas 2011 shipment - pack date Saturday, November 12, 2011

Good items to collect: Instant hot chocolate mix/coffee/tea, instant oatmeal/grits, Ramen noodle and instant cup-a-soups (any flavor but pork), tuna in foil packs, tube socks, non-aerosol athlete food medication, Blistex/Chapstick, blank Christmas cards to send their families (no overtly religious themes), small games (unwrapped), puzzle books, handmade Christmas cards and/or artwork made by children, notes/letters of appreciation & encouragement, monetary donations (Note: An assortment of above contents may be stuffed into a Christmas stocking. Please include a \$5 donation with each stuffed stocking for shipping cost.)

### REMINDER—Due to organizational rules, **we cannot ship** the following:

- pork products (i.e. vienna sausage, Spam) or anything pork flavored
- home-baked goods (all items must be commercially packed)
- aerosol cans (i.e. shaving cream, sun block)
- any type of literature showing female "skin" (S.I. "swimsuit" edition)
- overtly religious items (i.e. prayer books, rosaries)



### The Shreveport Chapter has OSOT, Inc. T-shirts!



Front of T-shirt



Back of T-shirt

Thanks to our Corporate Sponsor, **Chesapeake Energy Corporation**, and Studio Graphics, OSOT, Inc. T-shirts are available to all OSOT, Inc. supporters in **Yellow** (reminding one of yellow ribbons tied around "Old Oak Trees") or **Stonewashed Blue** great worn with denim) in **Adult sizes M/L/XL/XXL/XXXL**. **We're the ONLY chapter that has t-shirts!!!**

For a **\$15 tax-deductible contribution** (per shirt) **to OSOT, Inc.** you can support OSOT, Inc. AND help the Shreveport chapter defray costs involved to send boxes of non-perishable food and hygiene products to deployed troops in Afghanistan!

If interested (and live locally), give me a call to coordinate a time for you to pick up your shirt. If you live out of town, please go to our **website ([www.osot-shreveport.org](http://www.osot-shreveport.org))** to order. THANKS!



**Please turn page for information about how to make a memorial donation to the Navy SEALS Foundation.**



**OSOT, Inc. Motto:**

***“We’ll  
be  
here  
as  
long  
as  
they  
are  
there.”***



**All donations  
made to  
OSOT, Inc. are  
tax deductible!**

## **HELP THE SHREVEPORT CHAPTER OF OSOT, INC BREAK THEIR 2010 RECORD FOR NUMBER OF BOXES SHIPPED FOR CHRISTMAS DELIVERY!**

Last year, the Shreveport chapter of OSOT, Inc. packed/shipped 178 boxes to deployed troops in remote areas of Afghanistan/Iraq for Christmas—an all time record! This year I would LOVE to break this record by sending 200 boxes!!!



OSOT-Shreveport hopes to break it's own record of \_\_\_ boxes packed/shipped to arrive in the Middle East before Christmas 2011.

Be mindful that THOUSANDS of troops are STILL deployed throughout the Middle East and won't be home any time soon. Many have been deployed MULTIPLE times and have spent MANY holidays away from their loved ones.

I need the continued involvement of local groups as well as that of more organizations...more schools...and more businesses involved in collecting/donating items & artwork. Additionally, I ALWAYS need monetary donations to help with shipping costs (approx. \$1.45/lb. shipped). Please help me spread the word to get others involved!

As always, on behalf of ALL deployed/wounded HEROs and their families, thanks for your support...

***Shirley Olivieri-Mathies.*** Chairman (& proud Army Mom)  
OSOT, Inc.- Shreveport Chapter (ssomathies@yahoo.com)



**What will you do on the 10th Anniversary of 9/11?** For information & ideas go to <http://www.911memorial.org/>



**Please keep the families of U.S. Navy SEALs killed on August 5, 2011 in your thoughts and prayers. Memorials/donations can be made to the Navy SEAL Foundation (<http://nswfoundation.org/>) to help families with memorial services & defray travel expenses for immediate family members. May these & ALL war HEROs rest in peace...**

