



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

OSOT, Inc.-Shreveport Chapter Newsletter (January 2012)

For more information about OSOT, Inc., to see our mission statement, project ideas and national news, please go to 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:

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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. Flouncy-Lucas Rd. Shreveport 318-798-1887

ANY UPS Store

in Shreveport/Bossier City

Bank of Montgomery

814 Washington St.
Natchitoches 318-352-3060

Easter shipment - pack date Saturday, March 3, 2012

Good items to collect: Valentine candy (all types purchased as after Valentine's Day sale items), Pringles potato chips, Granola bars, snack crackers, beef jerky (NO pork), unmedicated eye drops, Ziploc baggies-qt & gal size (for use in sand storms), non-aerosol sunscreen, dust-masks (found in hardware stores), band aids, blank greeting cards (to send to their families), Easter cards and/or spring artwork made by children, notes/letters of appreciation & encouragement, monetary donations

July 4th shipment - pack date Saturday, June 2, 2012

Good items to collect: Easter candy (purchased as after Easter sale items--hard candy only since chocolate melts in summer temperatures), baby wipes, Gatorade/Crystal light drink mix, plastic funnels (to help them pour beverages into canteens), Gold Bond powder, non-aerosol athlete foot medication & sunscreen, fly swatters, small patriotic decorations, handmade patriotic cards and/or artwork made sugarless), toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, Blistex/Chapstick, patriotic artwork made by children, notes/letters of appreciation & encouragement, monetary donations

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

- 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"** (i.e. Sports Illustrated calendars)
- overtly religious items (i.e. prayer books, rosaries)



OSOT, Inc. T-shirts available only through our chapter!

Thanks to **Chesapeake Energy Corporation** and Studio Graphics, OSOT T-shirts are available to all supporters/volunteers in yellow ("tie a yellow ribbon around the old Oak Tree") or stonewashed blue in Adult sizes M, L, XL, 2XL & 3XL. **We're the ONLY OSOT, Inc. chapter that has these shirts!!!**



For a **\$15 tax-deductible contribution to OSOT, Inc.** you'll show your support of our non-profit organization with a t-shirt while helping our chapter defray costs involved in shipping boxes to deployed troops in remote areas of the Middle East!

If interested, give me a call and I'll coordinate a time to meet you so you can pick up your shirt. Thanks!

Please turn page for information about the new record set by the Shreveport chapter!



OSOT, Inc. Motto:

***“We’ll
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ANOTHER NEW RECORD SET BY SHREVEPORT CHAPTER OF OSOT, INC.!

Thanks to numerous individual and organizational contributors throughout our local area, we were able to pack/ship **236 boxes (another NEW Shreveport Chapter Record)** of non-perishable food/hygiene items, candy and stuffed Christmas stockings to troops in remote areas of Afghanistan in time for Christmas 2011 holiday delivery!

Those making item/monetary contributions include:

American Veterans Auxiliary
AFSA Auxiliary #615
Bank of Montgomery & the Natchitoches community
Broadmoor Neighborhood Association
Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary
Girl Scouts Troops in Shreveport
Krewe of Aesclepius
MOPH NW LA Chapter
Parishioners from:
-Beulaland Baptist Church
-First United Methodist Church
-Jesus the Good Shepherd Church, Monroe
-Rocky Mountain C.M. Church
-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
-St. George’s Episcopal Church, Monroe
-St. Mary of the Pines, St. Vincent DePaul Society
-St. Matthew’s, Monroe
-St. Jude Catholic Church
Schools:
-Byrd High School, Key Club
-Captain Shreve High School, Key Club
-Loyola Prep School, Key Club
-Northwestern State University, Dept of Science
-St. Mary’s School
-West Monroe High School
St. Margaret’s Guild
United Daughters of the Confederacy
Woodmen of the World

Although troops have withdrawn from Iraq, we still have THOUSANDS of them to support in Afghanistan and remote areas of the Middle East (and we were only able to pack/ship 56 boxes for Valentine’s Day 2012). PLEASE continue your efforts to spread the word about our organization. On behalf of our deployed troops and their families, thanks for your on-going support...*Shirley*



Thanks to local media for their support of OSOT, Inc.:
Bobby Cook of KLKL-FM/95.7 & 98.1 Radio
KTAL-TV & KTBS-TV News
The Shreveport Times



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To this...



236 boxes were shipped to troops in Afghanistan & remote areas of the Middle East for Christmas 2011! Thanks to ALL that helped in some way to brighten the spirits of those far away!