

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS, INC.
WHERE YOUR DONATION GOES
2016

SOT is an all-volunteer public charity exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, allowing donors to deduct the value of their donations on their personal or business taxes.

100% of every donated dollar goes to the troops.

SOT has no salaried administrators. Every one of our Board of Directors and Executive Committee personnel are unpaid volunteers. All day to day administrative expenses (paper, printer, printer ink, etc.) are paid out of annual dues collected from the SOT membership. Therefore, 100% of every donated dollar goes to providing physical, material and emotional support for members of the U.S. military.

Our 2016 GIVING BUDGET IS \$76,259 (Raised during 2015).

Any donation you make in 2016 will become part of our 2017 giving budget.

**2016 SUPPORT OF ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY (60% of Giving Budget)
(\$45,000)**

SOT currently supports 75 service men & women related to Robson Ranch residents; the MWR Center, Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan (supports hundreds daily); and, two other US military operations in Afghanistan. Between ten and thirteen Robson Ranch relatives are deployed each year, many of them to combat zones. Monthly shipments are made to each of the deployed in a combat zone. All of the combat deployed also receive periodic large unit shipments to share. We honor special requests from the deployed such as items for local schools/orphans, and medical facilities. Special Christmas shipments are sent to servicemen without family support. We have partnered with schools, businesses and individuals, who donate items. SOT packs, ships, and pays the postage.

Quarterly correspondence is sent to each deployed & birthday cards to everyone on the Support List. The cards are handmade by the RR Sassy Stampers. Special request hospital items and Christmas Stockings are sewn by the RR Material Girls. The RR Sweeties bake cookies for special holidays. At Christmas, all on our support list receive a monetary gift (VISA Cards for those deployed overseas)

2016 SUPPORT OF VETERAN CHARITY ORGANIZATIONS (40% of Giving Budget) (\$33,000)

- **Patriot Paws – (\$5,000)** They provide assistance dogs to Veterans with physical and emotional needs.
- **Train a Dog-Save a Warrior – (\$5,000)** Trains dogs for veterans who suffer from PTSD
- **Fisher House – (\$5,000)** Provides comfort homes for military and veteran’s families while a loved one is receiving treatment.
- **Center for the Intrepid – (\$5,000)** Provides rehabilitation for military who have sustained amputation, burns, and functional limb loss.
- **Other donations pending to various veteran charities as determined by the SOT executive committee.**

ANNUAL MAJOR SOT FUND RAISERS

Spring Golf Tournament – The 2015 tournament raised a record \$18,000. We hosted 41 Fort Hood Soldiers & families. **Veterans Day Silent Auction** – The 2015 Silent Auction raised \$26,800 from \$36,400 in donations. **Kroger Community Rewards Program** – SOT participates in the program. \$805 was raised during 2015.

OTHER SERVICES

SOT designed, built and manages the Robson Ranch Veterans Park. The Park has its own budget for maintenance and replacement flags supported by donations for bricks and benches. Excess donation funds not needed for maintenance are placed in the SOT Giving Budget.

SOT Flag Team volunteers install 180 flags from Main Gate to Veterans Park on selected Federal and special flag days. The Team also sells & installs home flag kits on Robson Ranch (@ 1,500 to date).