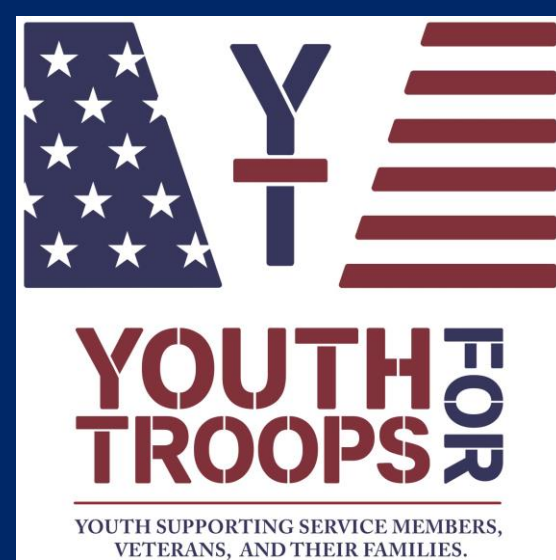




## WHO WE ARE

- YOUTH-LED
- SERVICE-FOCUSED
- NON-PROFIT 501 (C)(3)
- SUPPORTING SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS, AND THEIR FAMILIES



### **Founding Youth Board Members:**

Hannah, Sophie, Heather, Walter, Leo, and Taylor



# MISSION STATEMENT

"TO INSPIRE PATRIOTISM IN FELLOW YOUTH AND ACROSS GENERATIONS BY VOLUNTEERING ON BEHALF OF SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICE, ADVOCACY, AND EDUCATION."

## WHY WE STARTED YOUTH FOR TROOPS

- WANTING OTHERS TO HAVE MEANINGFUL EXPERIENCES
- WITNESSING THAT YOUTH COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE
- WANTING TO PROVIDE FAMILY-FRIENDLY, ALL AGE SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

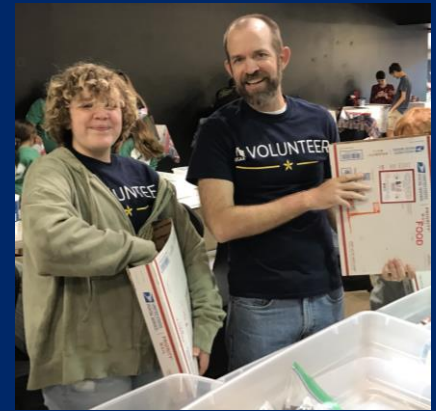


Meeting and getting autographs from Navajo Code Talkers in Tucson many years ago.



# Care Packages for Deployed Troops Project

- Outlets at Anthem
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month
- 200 packed boxes for deployed service members per meeting







- Assembled **10,057** care packages for deployed troops since January 2018
- Donations gathered from schools, clubs, and collection bins
- Decorate boxes and write appreciation cards





# DONATIONS FOR CARE PACKAGES FOR DEPLOYED TROOPS PROJECT ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED.

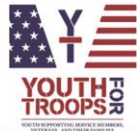
## Supplies are **critically low**- we need your help!



- travel-size foot powder
- travel-size shampoo
- travel-size conditioner
- travel-size body wash
- travel-size mouth wash
- travel-size toothpaste
- travel-size deodorant
- travel-size facial tissue
- disposable razors
- playing cards
- travel-size games
- puzzle/game books
- unscented baby wipes

Check out our Amazon Wishlist and Walmart Registry for Good List!  
Donations can be dropped off at PostNet of Anthem or any of our events.

Mailing address: 3665 W Anthem Way, Suite A109-403, Anthem, AZ 85086



**CARE PACKING EVENT**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday Each Month  
5:30-7:00 PM  
Outlets at Anthem

Community Service Project  
Family-friendly, all ages welcome!



### FOOD CARE PACKAGE

#### ITEMS:

- Granola Bars
- Trail Mix
- Chips
- Cookies
- Pretzels
- Dried Fruit
- Nuts
- PopTarts
- Sunflower Seeds
- Soup Mix
- Canned Soup- (Soup on the Go/Microwave Bowls)
- Top Ramen
- Canned Pasta- (Single Bowls/Pop Top)
- Peanut Butter – (Single Serve)
- Tuna Packets/Kits
- Chicken Packets/Kits
- Salmon Packets/Small Cans
- Beef Jerky
- Instant Oatmeal Packets
- Drink Mix Singles
- Coffee Singles
- Tea Bags (indiv. wrapped)
- Hot Chocolate Packets
- Candy/Mints/Gum
- Tabasco Sauce 2 oz.
- Condiments: Hot Sauce, Mustard, Relish, Ketchup, Honey, Syrup, Jelly, Mayo, Dry Creamer, Sugar, Salt, Pepper, Sweetener



### HYGIENE PACKAGE

#### ITEMS: Travel Size

- Lip Balm
- Artificial Tears (sun/dust)
- Foot Powder- Travel Size
- Deodorant- Travel Size
- Toothpaste Travel Size
- Dental Floss/Picks- Indiv. wrapped
- Mouthwash- Travel Size
- Body Wash- Travel Size
- Shampoo- Travel Size
- Conditioner- Travel Size
- Kleenex- Travel Size
- Plastic Bandages
- Baby Wipes
- Antiseptic Wipes
- Advil - Travel Size
- Pepto Bismol – Travel Size
- Cough Drops
- Razors
- Hand Warmers

### ENTERTAINMENT ITEMS:

- Magazines (new or used)
- DVDs
- Travel Games
- Puzzle Books
- Books- Paperback Only
- Playing Cards

### PACKING SUPPLIES:

- Resealable Quart Bags
- Resealable Gallon Bags
- Resealable Sandwich Bags
- Resealable Snack Bags
- Sharpies
- Patriotic Stickers
- Trash Bags
- Large Plastic Bins w/Lids

**\*Low Supply of Items\***





# WE GOT MAIL!



Just received a care package from you guys! Thank you so much! It's the small things like this that makes a difference to our unit. It provides a small taste of home in which we miss the most! Once again I cannot thank you enough for taking the time to do something like this! You guys are amazing! God bless!

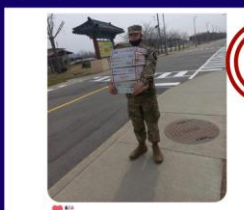


My Navy son who is currently on forward deployment sends a big smile and thank you for the cards and care package from youth for troops.

Just got a message from my nephew who is currently deployed overseas. He received care packages from Youth for Troops today! Thank you for all that you do for our active duty military and veterans!!! It was great to hear from him and to know that an unexpected package of goodies was delivered to him. It means a lot!



# WE GOT MAIL!



I'll be sure to share the love with the boys. Thank you



Received one of your packages today. Thank you so much!



# WE GOT MAIL!

To All of You from All of Us,  
On behalf of my Crew THANK YOU!!!  
Being away from family (Wives, Husbands, Sons, Daughters, Relatives and Friends) is hard...of this there is no doubt. However... Every once in a while, light shines in the dark, and in that moment the light given produces a smile, warm thoughts and overwhelming appreciation for those WE CHOOSE TO SERVE - YOU!!! For us that light came in the form of Boxes sent from Anthem, AZ

We cannot say thank you enough for the goodies and especially the notes and pictures!!! It warms our hearts when those we love so dearly choose to send us their love in return - and that is what you have done. Our lives are yours to put in the place of danger, in the place of hardship, in the place where so many others before us have gone - willingly and without reservation or hesitation because we know why we are needed. We do our work in the hope that we will one day never have to leave our loved ones be away again, to live FREE and in PEACE in the country we love so dearly. The beautiful USA where you, our loved ones, live. Until that day, we WILL continue to stand watch for you, whatever the cost, and wherever and whenever we are called. We also know that you are all at home fighting daily battles and that of COVID 19 - Have FAITH in yourselves and each other - We will prevail and We will be Whole again!!!

There is an African proverb - "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." With that, all we can say is Thank you Thank you Thank you!!!!!! The picture attached is those of us stationed here hailing from Otis Air National Guard Base in Massachusetts. We are holding the letters and pictures sent in the care packages.

All our love, prayers and affections...  
THANK YOU!!!  
The Security Forces from ADAB



# WE GOT MAIL!

Our unit received your care packages and cards, and are greatly appreciated! Thank you so much.



Jared D. Moran  
Youth for Troops.  
Thank you for the wonderful care packages. It is always a nice surprise when people send them. Thank you for your support of the men and women of the Armed Forces we could not do what we do w/out your support.  
Jared Moran



# WE GOT MAIL!

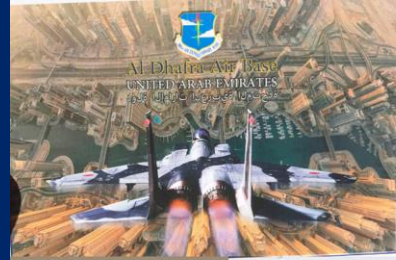
One of your packages arrived down range and we couldn't be more grateful. We love seeing the support of the kids back home! Keep up the great work!



# WE GOT MAIL!

Thank you Youth for Troops!!!!  
[redacted] and his shipmates received care packages from you, they are loving them. You all rock and put a big smile on their faces for sure. Your efforts are GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!

# THANK YOU



## We got mail!

It is always exciting to get mail from our heroes!  
Thank you to all the volunteers and supporters that make it possible to send care packages to service members around the world!

A PK Supply company  
Made in South Africa  
Youth for Troops  
Thank you so much for your service and support of our deployed service members. We appreciate the community service/volunteer time you put into making all these care packages! They are awesome! Best wishes - Call [redacted]



# WE GOT MAIL!

Hello!

My name is SGT [redacted] with the US Army Reserves and I just wanted to let you know how much we appreciated receiving your packages. A lot of times these care packages arrive at the times we need them the most. Maybe we just ran out of deodorant or shampoo, these travel-sized ones come in handy while we wait on our mail to arrive.

For me, the little sunscreen sticks will help me out on my runs, and I was in need of socks! I just wanted to touch base and let you know your packages make a difference to us, thank you!





Do you have a family member  
or friend deployed?

We would be **honored**  
to ship care packages  
to your hero each month!

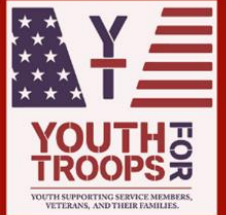
It is **FREE** to you and we look  
forward to showing your hero  
they are appreciated!

Email [youth4troops@gmail.com](mailto:youth4troops@gmail.com)  
to add a hero to our list!

**R.E.D.  
FRIDAY**

Wear red on  
Fridays to

**REMEMBER  
EVERYONE  
DEPLOYED**







## Working with Daisy Mountain Veterans on Plastic Mats

- Help homeless veterans
- All ages welcome
- Various jobs to work on
- Third Tuesday of each month @ Anthem Civic Building



**2020 MARICOPA COUNTY STANDDOWN**  
**JANUARY 23RD & 24TH, 2020**  
 1820 W. McDowell Road, Phoenix, AZ 85007

THURS. JANUARY 23RD	FRI. JANUARY 24TH
<b>DOORS OPEN: 7AM</b> Event Registration Courts & Dental Registration All Services Open <b>SERVICES CLOSE: 4PM</b>	<b>DOORS OPEN: 7AM</b> Event Registration Municipal & County Courts Dental & All Services Open <b>SERVICES CLOSE: 4PM</b>

**ALL ON-SITE SERVICES OPEN TO U.S. MILITARY VETERANS:**

- VA Benefits Assistance
- OIG Benefits Assistance
- Maricopa County & City Municipal Courts
- Social Security Administration Services
- Medical, Vision, and Hearing & Hearing Services
- Hearing Assistance
- Employment Services
- \*MONEY CLOTHING & SHOES NO LONGER AVAILABLE AT THIS EVENT\*

**FOR ALL VOLUNTEER & EVENT INFO: ARIZONASTANDDOWN.ORG**

**AVSA** THIS EVENT IS COORDINATED BY: ARIZONA VETERANS STANDDOWN ALLIANCE  
 1820 W. McDowell Road, Phoenix, AZ 85007  
 PHONE: 602.955.1999

THE MARICOPA COUNTY STANDDOWN IS CONSIDERED A SAFE ZONE FOR VETERANS. THIS IS A DRUG-FREE AND WEAPON-FREE ENVIRONMENT.



## Serving Homeless and At Risk Veterans





- **790 mats** and **4 dog mats** made by volunteers
- Keeps homeless veterans **off the hot or cold ground** and provides **shade**
- Community service project for **all ages**
- Teamed with the **Federal Women's Prison Camp** and encouraged them to give back to the community. The women have completed over 80 mats as part of their community service



# FLAG LINES AND MEALS FOR ARIZONA HONOR FLIGHT VETERANS



Youth for Troops is honored to stand with **Arizona Patriot Guard Riders** to send off and welcome home WWII, Korean, and Vietnam Veterans from Honor Flights.

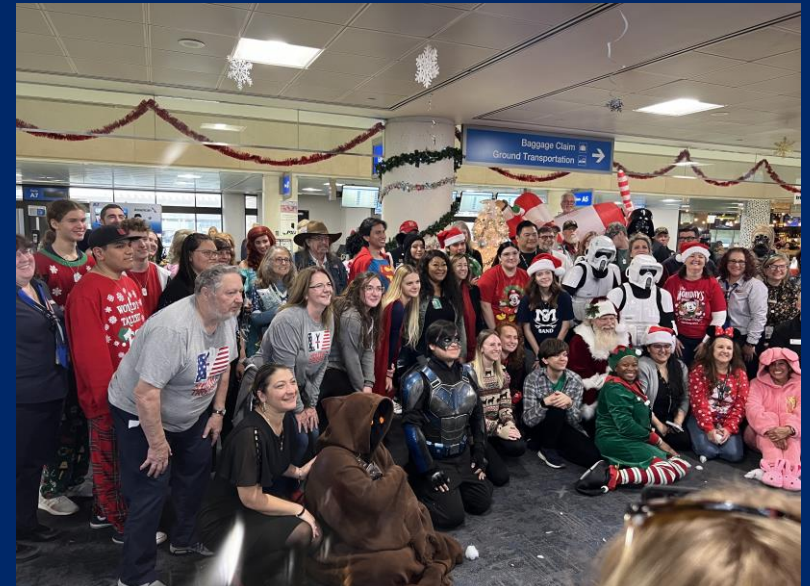




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Honoring and Uplifting Families of Fallen Military Heroes





Join Us in Our Mission

Remember ★ Honor ★ Teach



★ December 16, 2023 ★

National Wreaths Across America Day

Help the Youth for Troops honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona.

Just scan the QR code to your right with your smart phone camera to make a donation online or visit [www.wreathscrossamerica.org/AZ0178](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/AZ0178)



WREATHS across AMERICA  
[www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org)



Listen to Youth for Troops on iHeart Radio on the Wreaths Across America Radio Station. Thank you to Wreaths Across America Radio for sharing our mission!

We had a wonderful experience talking with Susan Patten for the What's Your Why feature and are excited that parts of the interview will continue to air in the months to come. Check out this inspiring and patriotic station on iHeart Radio!

Here is the link to our interview <https://bit.ly/3sjstoK>

#ServeAndSucceed

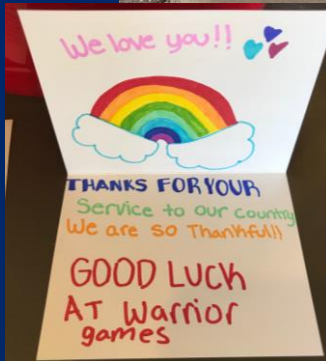






Master Sgt. Israel "DT" Del Toro  
Awarded the ESPY 2017 Pat Tillman Award for Service

# Department of Defense 2017 Warrior Games in Chicago



# Department of Defense 2018 Warrior Games in Colorado Springs







Honored to serve in silence.  
Honored to help welcome home heroes  
with Arizona Patriot Guard Riders.

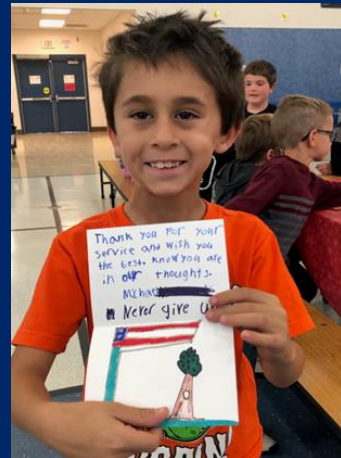
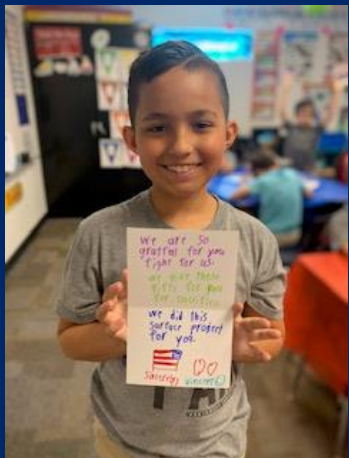
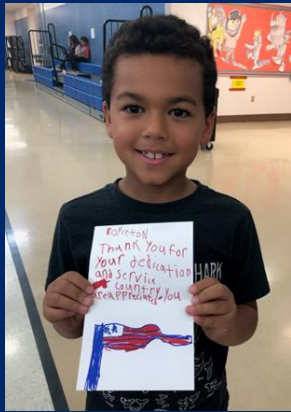
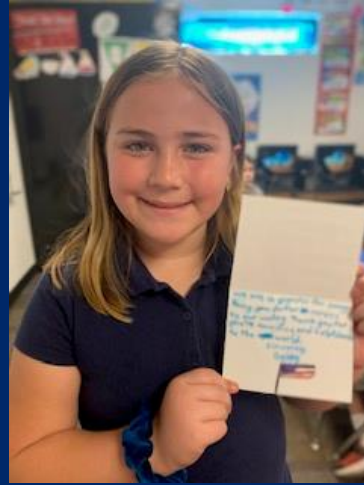


# Box Decorating and Appreciation Card Drives



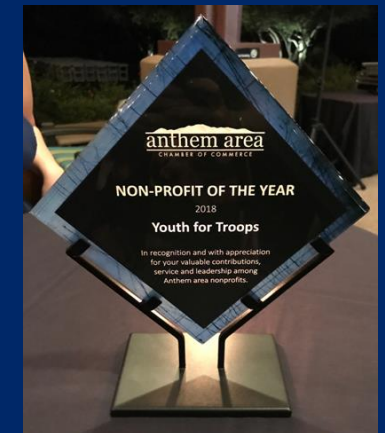


# School Presentations





# 2021 Southwest Veterans Foundation PATRIOTS BALL



**NEWS**

## Youth for Troops receives DAR recognition

BY FOOTBALLS FOCUS STAFF

The Youth Chapter of the Arizona State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) has presented a 2021 Community Service Award to Youth for Troops for its outstanding contributions to the Anthem and North Phoenix communities.

"We are so proud to have Youth for Troops in our community," Ocealla Chapter Regent Gloria Clark said. "Our chapter has been involved with Youth for Troops in their care packages for deployed troops as well as making plastic mats for homeless veterans. We encourage everyone of all ages to participate in Youth for Troops activities."

The DAR Community Service Award is presented to an individual or organization contributing to the community in an outstanding manner through voluntary service, civic, benevolent service, or by organizing or participating in community activities.

"We recently assembled our 7,000th care package," said Tracy Pate, president of Youth for Troops. "Our 2022 goals are quite large, so we encourage community members of all ages to join us at our monthly packaging event and follow us on social media for additional ways to support our organization."

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) is a women's service organization whose members can trace their lineage to an individual who contributed to securing American independence during the Revolutionary War. Today's DAR is dynamic and diverse, with over 105,000 members in 3,000 chapters in the United States and abroad. DAR chapters participate in projects to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism.

If you are interested in learning more about DAR membership, visit [dar.org](http://dar.org). Youth for Troops' mission is to inspire patriotism in fellow youth and across generations by volunteering on behalf of military and veterans through community service, advocacy and education.

From left are Tracy Pate, president, Youth for Troops Harvest Hat, Lisa Huffa, Taylor Pate and Walter Huffa of the Youth for Troops youth advisory board. Also shown are Youth for Troops volunteers and Tracy Pate, president, Youth for Troops. (Submitted)

Southwest Veterans Foundation presents the Community Service Award to Youth for Troops.

Southwest Veterans Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides adult oversight, and a panel of adult advisors. If you are interested in learning more about Youth for Troops, visit [www.youthfortroops.org](http://www.youthfortroops.org).

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# Mission Success!

- ✓ Monthly **Family-friendly** Community Service
- ✓ Meaningful Experiences with **All Ages**
- ✓ **Youth** Impacting Community
- ✓ Volunteers Have Logged Over  
**45,528 Volunteer Hours** since 2017
- ✓ Have Completed **790 Plastic Mats** and  
**4 dog mats** for Homeless Veterans to Date
- ✓ Have Sent **10,057 Care Packages** to Date
- ✓ Raised Over **\$150,855** to Cover Shipping  
Expenses Since January 2018
- ✓ Monthly Newsletter Emailed to about **1,600**  
volunteers and supporters



## Mission Report 2021



"To inspire patriotism in fellow youth and across generations by volunteering on behalf of service members and veterans through community service, advocacy, and education."

**7,182 Care Packages**  
shipped to  
Deployed Troops  
since January 2018



**2022 Goal:** An additional  
**2,400 care packages**  
shipped in 2022

**\$107,730**  
raised to cover  
shipping expenses alone  
since January 2018



**2022 Goal:**  
Raise **\$60,000**  
in 2022 to support  
**all** of our projects

**Total of  
625 Plastic Mats**  
delivered to homeless  
veterans in Arizona  
since 2017



**2022 Goal:**  
Deliver a total of  
**700 plastic mats**  
by the end of 2022

Awarded the **2021 Lincoln Award** from **Southwest Veterans Chamber Foundation**



**2021**  
Volunteer Shifts: **3,386**  
Volunteer Hours: **11,273**

**Total Hours Since 2017: 32,816**

The Y4T Mission was shared with about **22,000** people at events, schools, businesses, articles, interviews, and presentations this year. We have now shared our mission with over **50,000** people.



2017	2018	2019	2020
Volunteer Shifts: almost <b>1,300</b>	Volunteer Shifts: almost <b>2,750</b>	Volunteer Shifts: almost <b>2,980</b>	Volunteer Shifts: almost <b>1,150</b>
Volunteer Hours: almost <b>3,050</b>	Volunteer Hours: almost <b>5,900</b>	Volunteer Hours: over <b>9,300</b> hours	Volunteer Hours: over <b>3,500</b> hours
The Y4T Mission was shared with about <b>5,400</b> people at events, schools, businesses, and presentations.	The Y4T Mission was shared with about <b>7,000</b> people at events, schools, businesses, and presentations.	The Y4T Mission was shared with about <b>13,000</b> people at events, schools, businesses, and presentations.	The Y4T Mission was shared with about <b>4,200</b> people at events, schools, businesses, and presentations.

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# Thank You to Our 2022 Sponsors!

## Colonel Level Sponsor (\$5,000 +)



## Major Level Sponsor (\$1,000 - \$4,999)

James and Virginia Hoffa	Lynn and Margaret Forbes	Tom and Pat Francis	Arizona Patriot Guard Riders	QYND STRATEGIC SOLUTIONS	Anthem Rotary Foundation
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The Starbucks Foundation	Daisy Mountain VFW Post 12031	Linda Hogg			

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AHA Heather Wen					

## Sergeant Level Sponsor (\$100 - \$499)

Daisy Mountain VFW Post 12031 R. & D. Jenkins	American Legion Post 90, Inc.	Black Canyon VFW Post 1796, Inc.	T2 Events
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## Want to know an **EASY** and **FREE** way to help **Youth for Troops**?

Believe it or not, many of the grants we apply for ask for details on our outreach and social media impact. You can help us by simply receiving our monthly newsletter, liking and following us on Facebook or Instagram, and subscribing to our YouTube Channel.



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**WE PRESENT AT**

- Schools
- Corporate Team Building
- Community Clubs
- Scouts & Youth
- Special Events
- Church Groups

**CARE PACKAGES FOR DEPLOYED TROOPS**  
 2nd Monday of Every Month at the Outlets at Anthem Community Room  
 5:30-7:00 PM

**PLASTIC MATS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS**  
 3rd Tuesday of Every Month at the Anthem Civic Building Upstairs, DMV Room  
 5:30-7:00 PM

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## How can you help?

Share our story and mission with other groups, schools, businesses and families.

We grow by word of mouth and sharing on social media. Thank you for supporting our mission!

**MOST IMPORTANTLY:** Keep our veterans, deployed troops, and their families in your thoughts.

Say **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE** when you have an opportunity.