



OPERATION GOLDEN SHIELD

Protecting Our Veterans and Supporting Our Caregivers

In this unprecedented time of the COVID pandemic, we must all do our part to help each other and to help those in need. Operation Golden Shield is committed to improving the care and protecting the health of our nation's warriors, the Veterans who have served our nation honorably and who now need our help. Led by cadets and midshipmen from West Point and Annapolis, the team is mobilizing local communities to meet the needs of our Veterans.



- *Over 35,000 veterans experience homelessness on any given day in the United States. In the D.C./VA/MD area alone, roughly 1,200 homeless veterans suffer through the harsh winter months without shelter and limited supplies.*
- *In the VA health care system, there have been over 130,000 cases treated for COVID with over 18,000 active cases and over 5,500 known deaths (as of December 2020). Homeless and elderly veterans who are food insecure are a particularly vulnerable population at high risk for complications.*

The following items have been requested by USASOA:

<p>Winter Survival Kits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hygiene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shampoo ○ Body wipes ○ Toothbrush ○ Toothpaste ○ Deodorant ○ Q-Tips 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 7-11 Gift Cards ○ Non-perishable Food Items ○ Bottled Water ○ Snacks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warmth <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hand Warmers ○ Winter Socks ○ Sweaters ○ Hat/Gloves ○ Blankets ○ Scarves 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$40 = Full Winter Survival Kit ○ Donations of any amount help!



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Donations: https://www.paypal.com/donate?token=MHA5lvqCPnPsGOfc8Fx-3N_gnIMGke9VTXkU-wcjNmK4ocr9vAcbhJHj-88SpbRK7oy30zhMgbD1D54N