



OPERATION: *Christmas Angel*



**Christmas is on
its way!**

**Do you need a
helping hand?**



**The Patriot Guard
Riders of
Wisconsin are here
to help.**

This program is designed to match veterans, soldiers and their immediate families with OCA Angels and organizations who want to make sure everyone has a wonderful Christmas.

We will shop, wrap and deliver gifts to you.

*Please contact your County Veterans Service Officer
to see if you qualify.*

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS NOVEMBER 20, 2024

-  Eligible applicants include veterans / soldiers / military families in the State of Wisconsin who served honorably. Active Duty personnel and veterans from any branch of the Military / Reserves / National Guard and military family members qualify so long as there is member of the immediate family who is serving or did serve honorably.
-  Those applying must apply directly through their County Veterans Services Officer, Military Family Assistance Advocate, Dept. of Veterans Affairs Advocate or Case Manager. We cannot accept requests submitted on behalf of applicants (i.e., friends, family members, co-workers).

Operation Christmas Angel 2024

Program Description

That most magical and wonderful time of the year is fast approaching when our thoughts turn to finding that perfect gift for that special someone, planning how we will spend our holidays, planning family celebrations and Christmas parties, shopping and everything we consider part of Christmas. We need to spend some time reflecting on the gifts we enjoy everyday thanks to our brave men and women of the Armed Forces and their families.

As you are gathered around the dinner table, remember somewhere there are soldiers thousands of miles from home, away from their family and loved ones.

As you are gathered around the Christmas tree opening gifts and singing Christmas carols, remember there are soldiers thousands of miles from home standing and fighting to protect you and your loved ones.

As you are enjoying the holidays with your family, remember there are families who will never again be with their loved ones. There's an empty seat at the dinner table. Some missing presents under the Christmas tree.

While you are shopping and looking for those perfect gifts remember there are many soldiers and families who may have fallen on difficult times this year and are struggling just to make ends meet.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS ANGEL IS READY TO HELP.

Attached you will find forms for Qualification & Instructions, and Referral Forms for applicants and authorized verification signatures.

All correspondence will go to operationchristmasangel@gmail.com.

Application deadline November 20, 2024.

The wrapping party will be Sunday, Dec. 8, at Crystal Falls Ballroom in New London.

Operation Christmas Angel is one way to say thank you to the men and women in the Armed Forces and their families for the service and sacrifices they make and endure every day of the year. Make this a season of hope and goodwill for all. You have an opportunity to be an Angel. What a way to say Merry Christmas and Thank You.

If you are interested in being an Angel for a soldier, veteran and/or military family please email your contact info to operationchristmasangel@gmail.com and we will contact you. Deadline for Angels to turn in gifts is Sunday, Dec. 1, 2024.

****Should you know of a group that might be interested in doing a general toy drive please let us know as we always need gifts to complete the wish lists. These general toy drives are very important to the success of this program.**



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Qualifications & Instructions

We are very pleased to announce **Operation Christmas Angel 2024**

This is a needs-based program for members of our Armed Forces and military families who may need some hope and Christmas cheer.

Before you refer a veteran, soldier or family for assistance, we ask that you please check to be sure of the following:

- 🇺🇸 Eligible applicants include veterans / soldiers / military families in the State of Wisconsin who served honorably. Active Duty personnel and veterans from any branch of the Military / Reserves / National Guard and military family members qualify so long as there is member of the immediate family who is serving or did serve honorably.
- 🇺🇸 Does the family have a legitimate need?
- 🇺🇸 Those applying must apply directly through their County Veterans Services Officer, Military Family Assistance Advocate, Dept. of Veterans Affairs Advocate or Case Manager. We cannot accept requests submitted on behalf of applicants (i.e., friends, family members, co-workers).

If they meet the above criteria, we would be very honored to include them in Operation Christmas Angel. Once you have identified those most deserving families you can

- 🇺🇸 Provide them with the wish list form to complete.
- 🇺🇸 Be sure to remind them to be reasonable with their gift requests
- 🇺🇸 Be sure to explain we need information, i.e. sizes, colors
- 🇺🇸 **Be sure to remind them that it needs to be legible with active phone numbers and email addresses.**
- 🇺🇸 Sign off on the completed form
- 🇺🇸 Email the completed and signed form to operationchristmasangel@gmail.com
- 🇺🇸 Any forms not sent in and signed by approved personnel will immediately be disregarded.

We will take it from there and will contact the individuals and or families to let them know they have been included in the program.

**THE ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR REQUESTS IS
NOVEMBER 20, 2024.**

NO REQUESTS AFTER THIS DATE WILL BE GIVEN CONSIDERATION.

Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us at operationchristmasangel@gmail.com.

Respectfully,
Ruth Holden, Sue Brigham and Jacki Goebel
Operation Christmas Angel
Patriot Guard Riders of Wisconsin

