



OP-CON provides resources and relief aid to U.S. Military Chaplains, helping them meet physical and spiritual needs of U.S. soldiers and their families.

VOLUNTEER FAQ

What can be donated; What resources are sent?

As a general rule: we want to send quality, name-brand items when possible; off-brand items are available for purchase at many bases but are usually poor quality.

Hot Sauces; Flip-Flop Shower Shoes; “Hot Hands” Hand & Foot Warmers; Shaving Razors; Basic Toiletries; Baby Wipes; Quality Snacks; Coffee; Protein Powders/Bars; Headphones; Handwritten Notes; Blank Cards & Pens; Children’s Drawings; Hard Candies; Books on Counseling, Financial Guidance, Family Wisdom; Nerf-style Footballs and Frisbees; Bibles (NLT, NIV, ESV -easy to read translations).

Who does OP-CON benefit?

OP-CON primarily resources & encourages our brave service members and their families, including Chaplains in every branch. Items may also impact the lives of host-country and third-country nationals contracted to work on our foreign bases.

How does OP-CON work?

Chaplains cannot solicit for support. This is why OP-CON’s mission is so important.

Step 1: OP-CON connects with chaplains (usually through their endorsing agency), learning what they need to enhance their ministry and catalyze relationships with service members.

Step 2: We connect with Volunteers across the country who want to build boxes for specific chaplains.

Step 3: We collect and purchase resources as needed. Some items are donated in bulk, stored, and used as needed to fill boxes

Step 4: Resources are secured by an OP-CON Team Member, appropriately packaged, and sent to the chaplain.

Chaplains may request to connect with you to provide a note of thanks. Some chaplains are willing to video-chat with churches and students.

How often does OP-CON send resources out?

OP-CON sends resources as needed by the chaplains in our growing network.

To whom/ where are items being sent?

OP-CON sends items all over the world. Resource packages are sent to US Military Chaplains who are typically located in remote corners of the world and country.

What security measures does OP-CON have for the resources?

We take the security and safety of our service members very seriously.

OP-CON Team Members follow our Operational Security (OPSEC) measures that were written in conjunction with US military lawyers and chaplains to ensure the strongest level of safety for anyone receiving OP-CON packages. In brief: only screened Team Members package and ship resources; those Team Members are the only individuals who are allowed access to the chaplain/recipient's address other than OP-CON Board Members.

Why OP-CON?

A chaplain's job centers on building relationships. We exist to help them. Chapel Tithes and Offerings may only be used for specific things per the Department of Defense; therefore, OP-CON's mission is to supplement the provision of other items that can be used for counseling, encouraging, and building relationships with service members. You may know that PTSD and suicide rates within the military have skyrocketed; by assisting chaplains, you help service members get help that is needed *now* - often downrange, in the midst of what they are experiencing.

How can I help?

Anyone can help by: (1) donating physical goods to OP-CON drop off locations; (2) by giving a monetary donation at OP-CON.org/Donate; (3) volunteering your time.

What if I want to help, but am not Christian?

We, as an organization, welcome any assistance our community has to offer.

What happens to the money I give?

OP-CON is an all-volunteer organization. Over 90% of every dollar goes directly to purchasing and sending items to chaplains. A small percentage is used for things like promotional materials, our PO Box, and website costs.

Who has joined the constellation?

Schools, Churches, Individuals, Families, Trinity Forum, Smoky Dreams BBQ, Military Veterans, and more.

Can I join the constellation?

Absolutely! Visit OP-CON.org to keep learning more and follow us on Instagram (@OPCONorg).

We would be honored to speak with you. Please feel free to contact our President, Tim Brink, and Volunteer Team via email: info@op-con.org. You will also find information and testimonials on our website: OP-CON.org.

Now, more than ever, unity out of our diversity is essential. Our military and those they impact need the support we can offer and the Story we have to share. We have the chance to build a joint operation between civilians and the US Military Chaplain Corps for global influence - one by one.

