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Subject: Adopt-a-Veteran Family program & Welcome Home baskets

Dear Fellow American:

On behalf of the Blue Star Moms of Marin, our active duty service members, local veterans and their families, we thank you for your interest and support. Throughout the year, donations from individuals like you allow us to send hundreds of care packages worldwide to our troops overseas. We would like to tell you a little about what we do including our Adopt-a-Veteran Family program.

Our mission is dear to our hearts:

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, our Marin County chapter is part of the larger, Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. Our mission--to foster support for our troops, their families, and our veterans--is very personal to each of us because we are mothers to sons and daughters who have served or continue to serve in the military.

Adopt-A-Veteran Family

For this program, we purchase gift cards for local veterans and their families who need our help. Our goal is to provide at least \$50 worth of gift cards (Safeway, Target and gas cards) per family. Store gift cards allow these veterans to shop for their needs and for gifts for their loved ones. If you wish to shop for families, please refer the second page of this letter. For privacy reasons, their names are kept confidential.

Welcome Home baskets

Your donations also go toward the creation of "Welcome Home Baskets" for veterans and their families entering or already living in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH). We purchase laundry baskets and fill them with basic household necessities (like kitchen items, cleaning supplies, towels, toiletries, etc.).

How to donate:

Please send your donation to **Blue Star Moms of Marin** (tax ID 80-0348940), P.O. Box 5684, Novato, 94948. Your entire donation will go toward our efforts to support the morale and well-being of our troops and veterans. Blue Star mothers volunteer our time and do not receive any compensation. Your donation is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law and will be gratefully acknowledged with a letter. If you wish to arrange a drop-off or pick-up of goods or have any questions, please call 415-717-7030. Although we gladly receive donations throughout the year, our deadline to deliver gifts to the local Veterans Administration social workers for our annual Adopt-a-Veteran Family program is December 4, 2016.

Your support is greatly appreciated,
Blue Star Moms of Marin

P.S. If you know of any service members on deployment, please let us know so we may add them to our mailing list to receive care packages!