



Blue Star Moms of Marin

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Proudly Supporting Our Troops, Their Families and Our Veterans

2016's Adopt-a-Veteran Family Program

Our local Veterans Administration contacts (social workers) have provided the Blue Star Moms of Marin descriptions about some veterans and their families who are in difficult situations. Below are descriptions of just some of the veterans we hope to reach out to this holiday season. For privacy reasons, the names of these veterans and their families are kept confidential. Your monetary donations will go toward the purchase of store gift cards that will allow these veterans to shop for their needs or to cover extra holiday expenses for their loved ones.

Please mail your donation to Blue Star Moms of Marin (tax ID 80-0348940), P.O. Box 5684, Novato, 94948. Your donation is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. We will gratefully acknowledge all donations with a letter. If you wish to arrange a drop-off or pick-up of goods, please call 415-717-7030.

1. Family of 3 is currently camping on the river. Female veteran with a 15-year-old son and 9-year-old daughter. They need warm weather clothes, shoes and food. Daughter is into anything arts/crafts. Son is into video games.
2. A decorated Marine Corps veteran with a tour in Iraq and Guantanamo. He is raising 4 children as a single parent. He is currently working at a hauling job and living with his ex-wife's parents. He is doing everything he can to put food on the table and put shoes on their feet. He needs a better job and housing for him and his kids, but at the very least, we can help him to make a nice holiday for his family.
3. Operation Enduring Freedom veteran, service connected, married, with 3-month-old baby daughter. Mother-in-law resides with them as a caregiver. Very low income; struggling to provide for family. Wife unable to work as immigration papers not in order. Recently housed after a period of homelessness. This will be their first holiday season in their new apartment with their new baby.
4. Operation Enduring Freedom veteran, married, an 8-year-old daughter and a 4-month-old son. Working part time; struggling to make ends meet. They would be grateful for any extra support towards providing gifts for the children and a warm holiday meal to share as a family.
5. A single father of 2 boys: 4-year-old and 6-year-old. Father is in school and is working part-time. He is struggling to provide basics for his children. With the holidays approaching, he is unable to provide anything special for his boys.
6. Single mother of an 11-year-old, service connected disabled veteran, very low income. Son loves video games, playing sports, horseback riding. Veteran works hard to support the family, due to her disability she is limited on her vocational options. Holidays will be a struggle for her to purchase gifts and food to celebrate with her son.
7. There are a number of older veterans facing health challenges and other very difficult circumstances here in Marin. Store cards from this program can help them with household supplies, groceries and other basic needs.