

New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC

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NJSFWC Clubwomen Fill Stockings for US Troops Overseas, Help Veterans

Since 2009, members in the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs (NJSFWC) in clubs across the state participated in what has become one of their favorite projects, filling Christmas stockings for US Troops from New Jersey serving overseas.

This is the second year that they teamed up with Operation Yellow Ribbon, located in South Jersey, to get the stockings to the troops serving in the Middle East including Iraq, Afghanistan and those supporting Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Inherent Resolve. This year they outdid themselves, filling over 1,650 stockings, more than the 1,000 stockings that Operation Yellow Ribbon needed.

Luckily New Jersey has several wonderful organizations that help our troops! The over 650 remaining stockings were distributed to:

- Operation Jersey Cares (OJC), which supports those who are currently deployed, veterans, as well as military families;
- Operation Shoebox NJ, which maintains a supply line of personal care packages to US troops deployed overseas; and
- Veterans Haven South, a Veterans Transitional Housing Program operated by the State of New Jersey State for homeless veterans.

The member clubs of NJSFWC are honored to help our veterans in many other ways. For the next two years, Operation Chillout, offering services to homeless veterans, is our Special State Project, with members in clubs across the state donating items such as backpacks filled with winter clothing, and monetary donations. Needed items and monetary donations are made to the veteran's nursing homes in Menlo Park, Paramus, and Vineland, and to the Veteran's Affairs New Jersey Health Care Campuses in East Orange and Lyons. Members participate in Wreaths Across America, and donate to the USO and the Women In Military Service For America Memorial.

For more information about the NJSFWC and/or membership in a local club, visit www.njsfwc.org or call 732-249-5474.

The NJSFWC, a volunteer, community service organization, was founded in 1894. It is headquartered on the Douglass College campus in New Brunswick, the college NJSFWC founded in 1918. In 2019, the organization, with a membership of over 6300, reported almost 21,600 community service projects involving over 498,000 volunteer hours and \$3.4 million in cash and in-kind donations. The NJSFWC is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, headquartered in Washington, DC. The GFWC is the largest and oldest women's volunteer community service organization in the world.