

# Operation Evergreen

**& Holiday greetings to service personnel overseas....**

Preparation is in motion for "Operation Evergreen", a service project developed by the OHIO Christmas Tree Association (OCTA) members in 1995-96. The purpose is to bring a little Christmas cheer in the form of REAL fresh cut Christmas trees to military personnel serving overseas, honoring them for the job they perform.

***This OCTA project is in its 23<sup>rd</sup> year. Originally only trees were sent, decorations from schools, churches, civic groups and scout troupes were included with the trees in subsequent years.***

***For 2018 a donation of 100 trees has been offered for shipment to Kuwait.***

**Since 1999 others have joined in by making ornaments, garlands, banners, Christmas cards, producing CD's with Christmas music and more to be included with the trees.**

**School children find wishing a 'Merry Christmas' to the parents, aunts, uncles and cousins serving in our armed services an outlet for expressing their personal feelings.**

**(Garland--30-35' per tree, handmade Ornaments, a dozen in a bag, also cards, short essays, pictures of local vets cutting trees with the children, flags, CD's (homemade) of greetings and Christmas carols—all should have a way to be hung on the tree. Tree toppers--angels, stars, Santas...we could use one for each tree. Tree Stands or buckets (need to be small enough to fit in a 12"x12" box)... Other ideas--banners (which are left up after the season) signed at local events or activities and handmade items --a personal touch from you to the troops are especially appreciated.**

**Please include an e-mail address with the donation—the troops have access to e-mail—and they quite often reply!**

***(Food items or printed religious pamphlets are not permitted)***

***For every 100 trees--with garland and a minimum of 48 ornaments per tree--we could use 4800+ ornaments, 3500 ft of garland, 100 tree toppers and stands!!***

**All the trees, boxes, ornaments, tree stands, packaging, assembly, transportation to the packing location is donated.**

**This year-2018, we are also collecting donations towards the shipping costs by commercial carrier. Cost per tree is up to \$150**

**If you wish to join in, fill out the information below—fax, call or e-mail me with your info or any questions you may have. Thank-you for participating.**

Name of Organization/Farm \_\_\_\_\_

Street and/or mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

Donated Item(s), description and quantity if more than one,

**Donations can be made on [www.ohiochristmastree.org](http://www.ohiochristmastree.org) Go Fund Me page,**

**Or Make checks Payable to: OCTA, Operation Evergreen**

**Send to: Ohio Christmas Tree Association, 6870 Licking Valley Rd**

**Frazeyburg OH, 43822**

**Deadline for monetary donations is October 26th**

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