Operation Evergreen

& Holiday greetings to service personnel overseas....

Preparation is in motion for our 24th annual “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.

A donation of 100 trees has been accepted for shipment to Kuwait for 2019.

We pack the trees Veteran’s Day, Tuesday November 12th at the ODA.

Since 1999 ornaments, garlands, banners, Christmas cards and more are included with the trees. This project is be used to augment learning activities on many levels:

- Counting and packaging ornaments, measuring length of garland, celebrating holiday traditions, making and giving gifts, patriotism, Social studies, world history, current events, environmental choices, media relations, organization, participation with local military units and bases, National Guard, local veterans groups.
- 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)...

We are accepting donations towards the overseas 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____________________
Please include an e-mail address with the donation—the troops have access to e-mail—and they quite often reply!

Donations can be made on 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
Frazeysburg OH, 43822
Deadline for Ornaments--which need to be in our hands—is November 8th.

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