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OPERATION USO CARE PACKAGE: THE TROOPS NEED OUR SUPPORT NOW MORE THAN EVER

By Joseph D. Klotz

By now, we have all heard of the grave conditions faced by the men and women of our armed forces in Iraq, Afghanistan and other fronts in the war against Islamic extremism. The issue of how this war should be conducted - or if it should even be conducted at all - has been debated countless times in government and the media since September 11th.

That is not the focus or intent of this article.

In fact, I couldn't care less whether or not you support the war in Iraq. It doesn't matter to me if you like or support President Bush. One thing, though, I believe that it is important to agree on, is that we, as a nation, must support our armed forces. These men and women have volunteered, at great personal risk, to stand in defense of all of us. These people are, by their sacrifices, helping to secure the future of the United States, and we are all in their debt. They cannot, however, go it alone.

There is no shortage of coverage on television or in the newspaper showing the horrific conditions to which our troops are subject. With support from Syria and Iran, insurgents stream across the border into Iraq, posing a grave security risk that our forces meet daily. They must brave roadside bombs, IUDs, suicide bombers, militia fighters, as well as the desert and the heat. Our military has met each of these difficulties with great valor and distinction, but it has not been easy for them. This is where we come in.

Operation USO Care Package enables individuals to express their support for our troops by sponsoring a care package, and even including a personal message. The care packages, distributed by the United Service Organizations (more commonly known as the USO), are designed to boost morale and provide for specific physical and personal needs of troops serving

overseas.

Care packages may contain an assortment of items specifically requested by military personnel. Among these items are such things as: prepaid international calling cards, disposable cameras, toiletries and entertainment items - all for a \$25 donation to the USO.

Personal politics aside, it is of the utmost importance that we, to the best of our abilities, actively seek to meet the needs of our servicemen, especially when they are in harm's way. There is no easier way to do this than through one of America's most reputable military service organizations - the USO.

The USO is a private, non profit organization whose mission is to provide morale, welfare and recreation-type services to our men and women in uniform. The original intent of Congress, according the USO website, is to represent the American people by

extending a touch of home to the military. The USO currently operates over 130 centers worldwide, including ten mobile canteens located in the continental United States and overseas. Centers are located in Germany, Italy, the United Arab Emirates, Japan, Qatar, Korea, Afghanistan, Guam, and Kuwait.

The USO estimates that service members and their families visit USO centers more that 5.6 million times each year. The support of the USO, as well as other organizations like it, is vital to the health and welfare of our military men and women.

Giving to the USO is an easy way to become actively involved in supporting the troops. And, best of all, you don't have to be a Republican or a Democrat to give - just an American.

**For more information on how to contribute to
OPERATION USO CARE PACKAGE**

www.usocares.org



HODGKINS F.O.P. LODGE #151 25th Anniversary Celebration

December 1st, 2006 marked the 25th Anniversary of the Hodgkins Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #151. In recognition of this occasion, the lodge hosted a "25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION" on Saturday, November 4th, 2006. This event was held as a celebration to thank all those who have supported our organization over the years. We are happy to announce that the event was a complete success.

Special thanks to all those who donated items that were used as prizes during the celebration. Items such as gift certificates, merchandise or services were raffled off and used as prizes for various games and giveaways.

The National Fraternal Order of Police chartered our F.O.P. Lodge on December 1st, 1981. Since that time, our Lodge has been active in many local charities and benefits. Our commitment to our community is a primary objective for our organization.

Some of the causes we have and will continue to support are, the Lyons Township Little League, St. Jude Children's Hospital, Annual projects at the Hodgkins Elementary School and we have proudly established Annual Scholarships for local High School Graduates.

Obviously, we take great pride in our organization and the accomplishments that we have made over the years. Our success for the past 25 years is due to your support.

If you have any questions or need more information about FOP functions or simply the organization itself, please contact the Hodgkins Police Department at (708) 352-4623 or via e-mail at: police@hodgkinspd.org.

**YOUR SUPPORT IS THE KEY TO OUR SUCCESS
THANK YOU!**

F.O.P. LODGE 151 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS GRADUATING IN 2007

F.O.P. LODGE 151 AWARDS 5 SCHOLARSHIPS TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS GRADUATING IN 2006.

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE GUIDANCE OFFICE AT LYONS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL OR AT THE HODGKINS POLICE DEPT.

DEADLINE IS APRIL 15 2007.

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE IN MARCH 2007.

FOP Lodge #151 25th Anniversary Celebration





WHEN TO CALL '9-1-1'



When an emergency situation arises, everyone knows to call 911. However, there are many situations that fall into a gray area; when you don't know whether it is serious enough to "bother" the police, but you don't know where else to turn for assistance. It is wise to plan ahead, before a situation happens, to know when you should call 911 and when you should seek assistance elsewhere. If you are unsure about what to do in any situation, call 911. The 911 operator can connect you with the appropriate agency to assist you.

Many people hesitate to call 911 when they want to report a situation because they do not want to be identified. In such case, simply tell the 911 operator that you

would like to be anonymous. The police will be notified that they should not come to your door to talk to you.

We advise that you do not put "911" on your Speed dial. This is against the law and increases the possibility of accidental calls.

MOBILE PHONE:

Car phones and cellular phones now except 911 to report emergencies. The phone companies are currently working on technology to be able to identify the location of a caller from a mobile phone, but it is not yet possible.

*Article reprinted from the Chicago Crime Commission
ACTION ALERT Newsletter, Fall 1997.*

YOU SHOULD CALL 911:

- ◆ In any situation where there is bodily harm, injury or serious illness;
- ◆ In any situation where there is imminent danger, when an incident is still in progress, or a threat still exists;
- ◆ Fire;
- ◆ Immediately after an incident has occurred. For example, after a robbery, if the perpetrator may still be in the area, call 911;
- ◆ If you are frightened for your safety.

HODGKINS F.O.P. LODGE #151 ANNUAL GOLF OUTING



**Gleneagles Country Club
Wednesday May 23rd, 2007
9:00 AM Shotgun Start
18 Holes, Electric Cart,
Lunch, Banquet and Prizes**

**For More Information Contact:
Hodgkins Police
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or
Police@hodgkinspd.org**



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Hodgkins Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 151, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Happy New Year. We hope you had a great Holiday Season.

Our annual Associate Membership Drive is in full swing. In this issue of our newsletter, you will find a Membership Form (page 7). The funds received from the drive along with our other

various fund-raising events help us sponsor many charitable events throughout the year.

Our fundraisers allow us to support many charitable causes in our area. We have supported most of these local charities for many years. Your support is truly the key to our success. We **DO NOT USE TELEMARKETERS**. The only solicitation you will receive is this newsletter. If you receive a solicitation from a telemarketer, either by phone or mail, please contact the Hodgkins Police to see if it is a valid organization.

We are proud of the great relationship that we have with the community which is reflected by the great response that we receive each year during the membership drive and our fund-raising events.

Thank You,

Doug Bird

Officer Doug Bird
President



*Ofc. Doug Bird
Lodge President*



Show Your Support: Become An Associate Member Of The Hodgkins F.O.P. Lodge #151

For the past 25 years, the Hodgkins Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #151 has maintained a close community relationship. We are proud of the number of charities and activities that we have become involved with, and contributed locally and nationally, for various causes.

We have a strong commitment to the youth of our society. This commitment is demonstrated by the number of youth related programs that we remain active with on an annual basis. One of our proudest accomplishments is the formation of the Hodgkins F.O.P. Scholarship. We award 5 scholarships a year, one of which is awarded to a Hodgkins D.A.R.E. graduate. A portion of each fund raising activity that we sponsor throughout the year is placed into the scholarship fund.

In the spring of the year, the Hodgkins Fraternal Order of Police help support the Annual St. Jude Bike-A-Thon. This event is mainly comprised of local elementary school kids and is not only a great cause to support, but also very personally gratifying. Then-Lt. Phil Kringlie coordinated the first police department sponsored

Bike-A-Thon 16 years ago. This program has raised over \$21,000.00 since that time.

“Safety Day” and “Anti-Gang Day” are two other programs that are sponsored by the police department and receive support from Lodge #151. Each year, the Hodgkins F.O.P. provides lunch for these programs for the entire Hodgkins Elementary School. We are also a proud team sponsor of the Lyons Township National Little League.

Needless to say, our support of these and other programs rely on our successful fund raising activities. Our annual ‘Associate Membership’ Drive is one way that you can show your support for these programs.

For only \$25.00 you will receive a Hodgkins Fraternal Order of Police Associate Membership Card, window decals and a years subscription to our “Friends Of The F.O.P.” newsletter. On the next page is a membership application for the year 2007. Please take the time to fill it out and send it back to us or just drop it off at the police station. Feel free to recommend us to your relatives, friends and neighbors. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Lt. Scott Bobysud Set To Retire

Lt. Scott Bobysud, 30 year member of the Hodgkins Police Department and founding member of FOP Lodge #151, is set to retire March 1, 2007.

Lt. Bobysud was hired as a part-time patrolman on the Hodgkins Police Department in March, 1977. He was hired full time in September of that same year.

Lt. Bobysud is a graduate from Lyons Township High School and went on to attend North East Missouri State University, where he majored in Law Enforcement. Scott was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in January 1992.

He is currently supervisor of the patrol division and compiles the monthly work schedule of the officers. He is also Department coordinator for the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS). Scott was the first officer on the Hodgkins



Police Department to become a State Certified Police Firearms Instructor and is also certified as a Breathalyzer Operator.

Lt. Bobysud is President of the Hodgkins Police Pension Fund and has been a board member since the funds inception in 1987. He is also a founding member of the Hodgkins Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #151 and remains active in the lodge.

Scott is proud of his work within the department. The Hodgkins Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #151 congratulates Lt. Bobysud on 30

years of dedicated public service. This is truly a milestone in an officers career.

Scott is looking forward to a lot of fishing and riding his Harley Davidson Motorcycle in his free time. Scott and wife Dawn, still reside in the area. **THANKS SCOTT!**



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HODGKINS F.O.P. LODGE 151 ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I, THE APPLICANT, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM AN AMERICAN CITIZEN OF FULL LEGAL AGE AND GOOD MORAL CHARACTER, DO HEREBY APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE HODGKINS FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE #151

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ **St:** _____
Zip: _____ **Phone:** _____

We will be glad to include your immediate family members who reside with you on your membership. Just print their names below, and we'll send their membership cards and decals along with yours.

Associate Membership Fee: \$25.00

Thank You For Supporting The
Hodgkins Fraternal Order of Police
Lodge #151

This is the only solicitation you will receive. No one will call your residence from our local lodge.

Hodgkins F.O.P. Associate Members will receive:
1 Year Subscription to the Hodgkins F.O.P. Newsletter "Friends of the F.O.P.",
Membership Cards and Window decals that reflect your support of the
Hodgkins Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #151

*Please make Check or Money Order Payable to:
Hodgkins F.O.P. Lodge #151
Drop off or mail to: 6015 Lenzi Avenue, Hodgkins, Il. 60525*

Please Remember:
You will receive no further solicitation from ANYONE with the opportunity to join the Hodgkins F.O.P.
We DO NOT use Telemarketers



The Hodgkins Fraternal Order of Police reserves the right to deny membership to those who do not qualify

Thank You for Your Support!



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“Don't let anyone tell you that America's best days are behind her—that the American spirit has been vanquished. We've seen it triumph too often in our lives to stop believing it now.”

Ronald Reagan, 1985



Lodge #151 Founding Members who were at the
25 Year Anniversary Party:

L-R: Hugh Rhodes, Bill Johnson, Jack Azzarello, Scott
Bobysud, Rich Stewart, Phil Kringlie, Mark Wilkans

