

Please send cards to:

**OWHMD card donations  
6123 Oak Hill Dr.  
Sykesville, MD 21784**

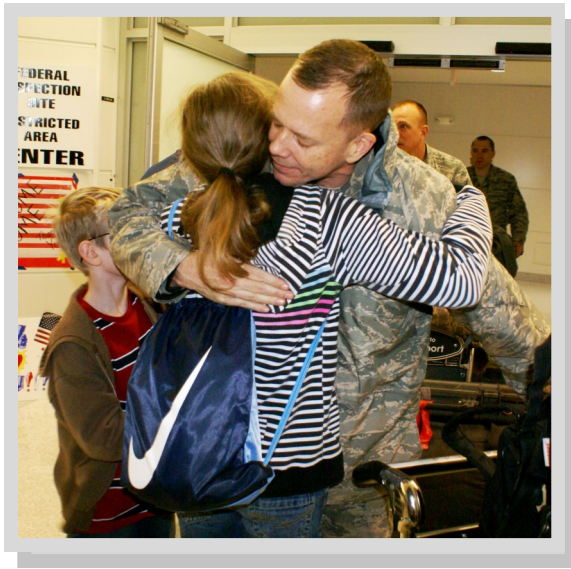
Or, deliver them in person to any flight event on the OWHMD.org calendar.

Thank you for your help in this continuing endeavor to give our troops the welcome home they deserve for keeping us and our country safe.

**If you want to learn more about this organization, go to OWHMD.org and check us out.**

*God Bless You, And God Bless America.*

Remember, this is an all volunteer organization relying on you and yours to continue donating and welcoming home all the troops who come back home through BWI Airport.



## **OPERATION WELCOME HOME MARYLAND**

### About OWHMD

Hundreds of our Sailors, Airmen, Soldiers and Marines return from the War on Terror every week through the gates of the Baltimore/ Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport.

Since March 2007, Operation Welcome Home volunteers have greeted over 700 flights and more than 150,000 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines. We invite you to come on out and help us welcome them home!

Operation Welcome Home (Maryland) works closely with the USO, although we are not apart of their organization. Therefore, OWH(MD) is most appreciative of all individuals, schools, scouts, organizations who assist with their time and with donations of prepackaged snacks, and water for the snack bags which is given to all who are welcomed home.

**Check our website [www.OWHMD.org](http://www.OWHMD.org)  
for event dates and times.**

Look at the **EVENT CALENDAR** on the right side of this website to see the current month's event dates or call our hotline at **410-630-1555** for recorded information about our next event, and PLEASE be sure to call the hotline again before you leave for the airport to make sure the flight has not been delayed or cancelled. Unscheduled flights are on this hotline as they occur.

*We also meet many unexpected flights so keep watching the calendar for changes; we suggest putting our hotline number on your cell phone to get up to the minute news on new flights we will be meeting...*

***We encourage military personnel from all services to come in uniform to greet your fellow service members!***

***Thank you for your interest in supporting our troops and giving them the hero's welcome home they truly deserve!!!***

**ATTENTION: Companies, schools, church groups and other organizations**

We invite you to come out and support our welcome home events, and/or contribute water and snacks for snack bags for the troops; please email us at [webmaster@owhmd.org](mailto:webmaster@owhmd.org) about any donations. 100% of all donations are given back to the troops in the form of these snack bags.

Volunteers are always needed to give our troops the hero's welcome they deserve. Operation Welcome Home (Maryland) averages two welcome home events per week, and YOU could be part of the excitement. Individuals, corporations, youth groups, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, civic organizations, religious and government agencies have all participated in events since our founding in 2007.

Volunteers help decorate the lobby with patriotic signs and banners. They also package "goodie bags" for the troops, many of whom are hungry, thirsty, and tired from their travels and will be waiting for a connecting flight. When the

troops arrive through the doors of the International Arrival terminal, we shower them with praise, cheering them on, hugging them, offering them a "goodie bag," and thanking them for their service.

**E-mail any questions you may have  
to: [webmaster@owhmd.org](mailto:webmaster@owhmd.org) ... Thank you!**

**OPERATION WELCOME HOME is in great need of cards each month to hand to troops coming into BWI Airport from their overseas tour of duty.**

We normally meet over 4,000 troops per month and could use your help. We have a continuing need for cards, water, and individual snacks for these troops.

Cards can be half of an 8 ½ x 11 piece of paper/card stock/construction paper. The paper can be cut in half, then folded like a card. OR, any size, even if it does not fold.

In or on the card, a simple verse is good. Suggestions:

- Thank you for your service
- Welcome Home
- We appreciate your heroism
- You Rock
- Thank you for keeping us safe
- Thank you for being there
- Glad you are home
- God Bless America and You

Embellishments of stars, hearts, flags, balloons, or any fun thing you want to put on the cards are great. Some folks use stickers, sponge stars, anything they have on hand.

*PLEASE: No negative drawings or words, no guns or wounded soldiers. No full names or email addresses.*