

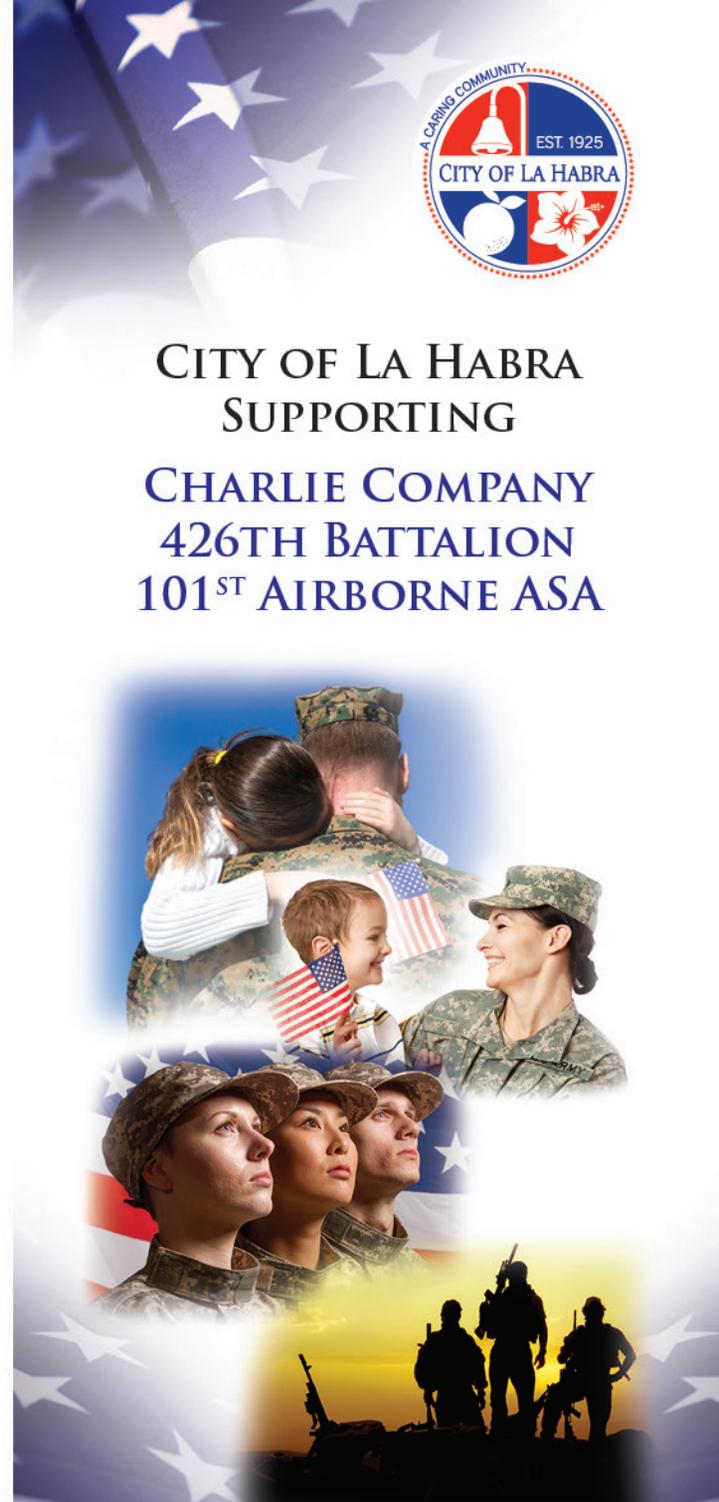


VOLUNTEER

The City's Veterans Day Committee recognized the need to honor and support active military personnel, in addition to veterans, and has achieved this goal by partnering with La Habra's Operation Stay Connected and the Blue Star Committee. Becoming an active member of any of these groups is one way to support our men and women serving in the military. Whether it is planning how best to meet goals, gathering supplies, fundraising, or packaging items, your participation is essential. To become a member, please contact Melissa Flores at 562-383-4209 or mflores@lahabracal.gov.



CITY OF LA HABRA SUPPORTING CHARLIE COMPANY 426TH BATTALION 101ST AIRBORNE ASA



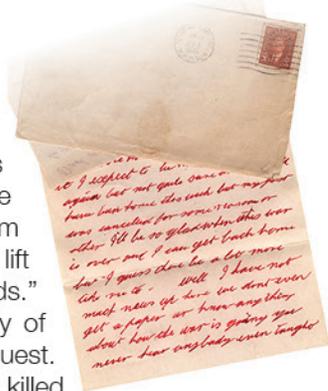
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Operation Stay Connected (OSC) is part of America Supporting Americans (ASA). ASA was initiated in 1967, when Sergeant Joe Artavia sent a letter to his sister asking her to petition the

city council in his hometown, San Mateo, California, to adopt his military unit. Sergeant Artavia recognized his comrade's depleted morale and knew that support from fellow Americans would lift morale "as high as the clouds." On March 4, 1968, the City of San Mateo approved his request. Sadly, Sergeant Artavia was killed in action soon afterward. His sister, Linda Patterson, continued his legacy by founding ASA.



Operation Stay Connected (OSC) has two primary goals – first to avoid the lapse in communication between adopted military units and partnered cities or organizations by maintaining existing connections and

initiating more adoptions during periods of reduced military deployments. Second, it seeks to show appreciation to young men and women preparing to report to initial training, active duty military personnel, and veterans, thus supporting local men and women who serve before, during, and after their service.



Charlie Company, 426 Brigade Support Battalion, 101st Airborne Division



In 2003 the City of La Habra adopted Charlie Company, 426th Brigade Support Battalion, 101st Airborne Division, a medical unit based at Kentucky's Fort Campbell military base. The City's relationship was reaffirmed on July 18th, 2005 with the passage of Resolution No. 5098. Since then, City residents and non-profit organizations have worked with the City to collect and ship donated items to Charlie Company during its deployments, forging a bond between our community and the military men and women who bravely serve their country. In August 2014, the City was notified that Charlie Company will be deployed prior to the upcoming holidays for a 9-month tour, so it is time to resume our support activities.



How Can I Support Charlie Company?

Donate Money and Gift Cards – The supplies we collect need to be mailed by the U.S. Postal Service, so we need funds to cover postage. Please make checks payable to "City of La Habra". Gift cards are used to purchase supplies.

Supplies – Military service men and women often serve in harsh climates, so items that protect against or minimize the effects of the environment are very helpful. Recreational and entertainment items are also needed for off-duty relaxation time. These items should be individual/travel size. Also, water should be the only additive for food items.

Items needed include:

- Current magazines and books (no adult material please)
- New release DVDs and CDs (no adult material please)
- International phone cards
- Starbucks coffee (pre-ground, not whole beans)
- Chapstick and lip balm
- Sunscreen SPF 45 or greater
- Unscented wipes
- Pocket fans
- Handwritten cards and letters thanking service men and women for their support
- Disposable razors and shaving gel
- Trail Mix (Individual packs)
- Beef Jerky
- Hand sanitizer
- Soap, body wash, shampoo, tooth paste, Deodorant (all travel size)
- Bobby pins, hair clips, rubber bands
- Tuna Pouches
- Mac & Cheese (Individual)
- Sunflower Seeds
- Tea Bags