

Operation Military Kids



The American Legion since its inception has advocated for the interests of the children of veterans and to improve conditions for all children. The children of activated or deployed military personnel face unique family situations and would benefit by connecting to other children in similar circumstances. The children of military personnel are especially vulnerable to being socially isolated and in need of a structured program that helps them cope with the hardships associated with military family life.

Operation Military Kids or OMK seeks to enhance the lives of these children through community-based volunteers. The American Legion currently has active children and youth programs in Departments, Districts and Posts.

Operation Military Kids is a partnership between The American Legion, Boys and Girls Clubs, National Guard and Reserve Education Coalition, and 4H clubs.

The OMK program focuses on children who have suddenly become military kids and temporarily become separated from a parent or parents.

Minnesota OMK is offering support and assistance in several ways:

Hero Packs, which contain items such as writing material, diaries for children to keep track of activities for when the parent returns, packets to retain letters from the parent. Stuffed toys for younger aged children, disposable cameras, baseball caps. This would be an especially good project for Juniors or SAL

Mobile labs, which contain computers, digital cameras, CD writers, DVD writers, video cameras and digital cameras so the children can communicate with deployed parents using today's technology.

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OMK is desperately in need of funds. How can you help? Funds can be sent to the Minnesota 4-H. The address is:

Minnesota 4-H Foundation
200 Oak St. SE
270B McNamara Alumni
Minneapolis, MN 55455

They have a 501C3 number so gambling money can be used. Their Federal Identification Number is 41-1408161

Checks should be made out to Minnesota 4-H foundation – Operation Military Kids. Be sure to earmark the funds for Operation Military Kids so the 4-H directs it to the correct area.

All of this information is on the 10th District Web site at www.mighty10th.org so you can read more information about OMK and get the address for the Minnesota 4-H and copy of the IRS letter with the 501-C-3 information for your gaming operation.