



## Ohio Christmas Tree Association

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# 26 years of Operation Evergreen Ohio Christmas Trees Overseas

Operation Evergreen was developed in 1994-1995 by veterans on the Board of Directors—several who served overseas during holiday seasons in the past.

**One veteran director said ‘even if it arrived in crumbs—it was from HOME’**

The first 29 trees were shipped to Bosnia in 1995, subsequent trees have been sent to Kosovo, Qatar, Kuwait, Iraq and some into Afghanistan—as many as 320 trees. In 2017, 170 trees were sent to Kuwait. In 1999, ornaments made by churches, civic groups, scout troops & school children were included in the boxes with the trees. Donors come to be at the Ohio Department of Agriculture to help us pack trees.

**All trees, ornaments, shipping boxes and transportation of the trees to the packing area are donated.**

**Shipping costs overseas, have been funded several different ways.**

- Within the military distribution system
- By a commercial carrier donation from 2005 through 2011
- Grass roots/public donations 2012 through 2020.

**This brings us to the reason for this letter the request for a donation**

ARCENT has accepted our offered of 100 trees to be sent into Kuwait for 2021.

ALL donations not used are carried over to the subsequent year.

**If your group could help by sponsoring the cost of shipping one tree-\$160-it would be greatly appreciated.**

For monetary donations, check out our **GoFundMe** page on our website, [www.ohiochristmastree.org](http://www.ohiochristmastree.org)

For donations of Ornaments, greetings and decorations they need to be in hand by Nov 7<sup>th</sup> .

**Thank you for your time and considering our project.**

The Ohio Christmas Tree Association is registered as a 501 c 5 entity

If you have any additional questions or need more information, please feel free to contact me.

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Respectfully

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# Operation Evergreen

## Holiday Greetings to service personnel overseas....

This a service project was started by the OHIO Christmas Tree Association in 1995

The purpose--bring 'Christmas cheer'  
in the form of REAL fresh cut Christmas trees  
to military personnel in honor of the job they perform.

*A donation offer of 100 trees has been sent to ARCENT for troops  
serving in the South West Asian Theatre, Kuwait for 2021*

**We will be packing trees for shipment on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

*Packing will be at the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Reynoldsburg, OH ( east of  
Columbus)*

**For every 100 trees--with garland-35' per tree and 48 ornaments each  
-we could use 4800+ ornaments, 3500 ft of garland, 100 tree toppers and stands!!**

Since 1999, a whole fleet of schools, civic groups, scout troops and individuals have made ornaments,  
toppers, garlands, Christmas cards and more to be included with the trees.

**All the trees, boxes, ornaments, transportation and shipping overseas is donated.**

**Our organization is asking your help to cover  
the shipping expenses.**

**Each tree cost \$160 to ship overseas**

**Check out our Go Fund Me page on our website:**

**[www.ohiochristmastree.org](http://www.ohiochristmastree.org)**

**Please help us send this Christmas gift to those serving overseas**

Trees are cut, transported, inspected, packed and shipped around Veterans Day.

Trees arrive in Kuwait between Thanksgiving and the first week in December!

If you send ornaments or decorations for the trees, please include an e-mail address  
with the donation—the troops quite often reply!

**Monetary donations toward shipping 2021 and extra donations over the needed shipping  
amount will be applied to next the years shipping expenses.**

**Donations in the form of ornaments need to be in hand the first week of November**

**Thank-you for participating**

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