

Support Our Troops launches a New Year of support and giving

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Support Our Troops held its initial meeting of 2011 on Saturday, January 15. The first agenda item was an in-depth review of the 2010 activities. During their visits to DFW Airport the first Saturday of each month, SOT members greeted a total of 2,072 military personnel on leave from Iraq and Afghanistan. Two Support Teams shopped and packed for 131 shipments involving over 450 boxes to the military on our support roster. Members also corresponded monthly



with the military personnel. SOT volunteers installed the 180 holiday flag displays and home flags throughout the year and planned and conducted the very successful annual Golf Tournament and Silent Auction. Treasurer Quinn Sowell reported that SOT raised over \$59,000 during 2010 through the public support of SOT fundraising events and individual donations. He noted the applause of the members that SOT has established a record \$57,800 giving budget

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for 2011. In addition to supporting the soldiers on our roster, we will also make contributions to five organizations that provide medical, emotional, and material support to wounded servicemen and women and to the Denton National Guard members who will be deployed overseas this year. We have added a third Support Team to meet our increasing support roles.

The meeting also officially kicked off the 2011 membership drive. There are four levels of membership: Bronze at \$10 per person is open only to Robson Ranch residents. The following additional levels of sponsorship are open to both residents and outside sponsors: Silver, \$50; Gold, \$100; and Platinum, \$250. All sponsorships include the basic membership dues for Robson Ranch residents. Sponsors will

receive a gift certificate of their choice (Silver, \$15; Gold, \$30; and Platinum, \$60) from one of 31 donors to the 2010 Silent Auction. The list includes restaurants and a large number of other product outlets and services. Everyone who joins or renews a membership through the March 19 meeting will be included in a raffle for a \$100 Visa Gift Card. All Silver, Gold and Platinum sponsors will receive recognition on the Support Our Troops Website, supportourtroopstexas.com. Membership forms are available at SOT meetings, on the clubhouse brochure rack, or by e-mail.

SOT hopes to see you at the February 19, 2011 meeting. Please contact Charles Runner, President, charlesrunner@grandecom.net, 940-262-3161, if you have any questions. ☀