

How can I help a Veteran in need this Christmas?

This is a common question for Operation Barnabas. We have the perfect opportunity for **YOU** to help 3 Veteran families, in addition to individual Veterans in need of encouragement and support!

For the 7th year, Operation Barnabas of Des Moines is partnering with Freedom Alliance's **Presents for Patriots** program to adopt Veterans in need at Christmas. This heartwarming program shares Christmas joy with Veterans and their families!



We are asking for Walmart or Target gift cards and monetary donations. This allows Veterans the pride of purchasing gifts and needed items for their family. **100% of monetary and gift card donations received will go directly to Veterans in need.** All donations are tax deductible.

Join us **Thursday, Dec. 12 at 7 pm** to prepare donation deliveries to the Veterans. Meeting is at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 8301 Aurora Ave., Urbandale.

Ways to donate:

- Mail to: Linn Hayden
Operation Barnabas
405 NW Sturbridge
Ankeny, IA 50023
Mail donations no later than Dec. 9 to be included for 2019. Later donations will sponsor Veterans in need for Christmas 2020.
- Online at www.IowaMilitarySupport.org via our PayPal link.

MORE INFORMATION? Visit www.IowaMilitarySupport.org or contact Linn Hayden at 515-664-7359 or Katie Stout at 515-669-9971.

Here are just a few of the Veterans you will be supporting:

Trinisha served in the Army Reserves (Sgt.) for 7 years, with active duty for 4 of those years. She was deployed to Bahrain in 2011 in split operations. She suffered an injury and discharged in July of 2017. She is a single mother of four children. Her youngest daughter was born with a heart condition. Trinisha struggles with rising medical bills & often misses work for medical visits. She lives with her four children, Ashton (14), Trinity (11), Serenity (5), and Kinsley (1).



Raymond served in the US Army (SSG) for 10 years as a Signal Support Systems Specialist. He has deployed to both Iraq & Afghanistan, where he suffered severe injuries. Raymond discharged from the Army in May. He is now transitioning to civilian life and struggling financially. He lives with his fiancé & 4 children Carmen (17), Kealani (15), Cade (14), & Micah (10).



Thomas served in the Army Reserves (Sgt.) as a Military Police Officer since 2008. In 2010 he deployed to Iraq and upon his return he began suffering from medical issues, some of which required surgery to repair. Thomas is a single father, struggling to pay for food and rent. He lives with his three children, daughter Emberlyn (9), son Remington (7), and daughter Olivia (18 months).