

POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN (POAM) ANNOUNCES FOURTH ANNUAL DRIVE FOR SOLDIERS AT WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER

POAM will again gather and deliver essential items to recovering soldiers through their 2014 Walter Reed Benevolent Donation Drive

Redford, MI - April 3, 2013 - The Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) announces today their fourth annual donation drive to benefit soldiers recovering at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. This year's donation drive follows what was the most successful drive to date. Last year POAM delivered 20 gift bags to recovering soldiers at Walter Reed with a value of approximately \$1,500 each as well as \$12,000 in cash donations. An anonymous donor contributed an additional \$25,000, which allowed POAM to purchase two Action Track chairs - all-terrain wheelchairs – for two local disabled Vietnam Veterans as well.

POAM aims to surpass last year's donation tallies with the 2014 drive that will run from April 2nd to May 7th, 2014. All donated items will be delivered to Walter Reed during the week of May 12th, which coincides with National Police Week in Washington D.C. "When we started this it wasn't really a donation drive, it was just a small gesture to say thank you. Each year interest in helping out has continued to grow, which has enabled us to consistently do more. Last year the response was overwhelming and we want to continue this upward trend. The outpouring of support has energized us and we're confident 2014 will be the best drive yet thanks to the many giving citizens from across Southeast Michigan," stated POAM President James Tignanelli.

Items that can be donated include the following:

- Gift Cards (Amazon, iTunes, CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, AMEX/Visa)
- MP3 Players (iPods, Touch and Shuffle)
- Nintendo / PSP Portable Game players and games
- Books; hardcover and paperback
- *Sweat Outfits L, XL, XXL
- *Baseball Hats
- *Workout gloves
- *Headphones
- *Small toys (for soldiers' children visiting them in the hospital)

*Please, only new and unopened items.

Donations can be made online at www.poam.net/donate, mailed or hand delivered to the following collection points. Items that are sent or dropped off should be marked "for 2014 Walter Reed Benevolent Donation Drive." Deliveries should arrive on or prior to May 7, 2014. For donation delivery questions please call 313-937-5032.

Walter Reed Donation Drive

POAM

27056 Joy Rd

Redford, MI 48239

Tel: 313-937-5032

Shelby Township Police Department

52530 Van Dyke

Shelby Twp, MI 48316

Tel: 586-731-2121

Heidebreicht Chevrolet

64200 Van Dyke

Washington, MI 48095

Tel: 586-372-6569

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309 B South Main Street (2nd floor)

Royal Oak, MI 48068

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