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*****MEDIA ADVISORY*****

Operation Homefront Donates School Supplies to Military Families

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. - Operation Homefront will be at Travis Air Force Base, California, Aug. 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the 10th consecutive year of donating school supplies for military children through the national nonprofit's Back-to-School Brigade®.

Approximately 100 backpacks filled with school supplies will be distributed to military families between paygrades E-1 to E-6 with dependents in K-12.

In 2017, families spent \$500 per student for school supplies on average, a significant increase from \$488 per student in 2016. The Back-to-School Brigade®, which has distributed more than 300,000 backpacks since the program's inception, helps to alleviate some of these financial costs for military families by providing backpacks with a variety of needed supplies, including pens, pencils, paper, scissors, and binders.

Operation Homefront volunteers will collect the supplies and distribute them to military families at more than 40 Back-to-School Brigade® events and through local community partners across the nation this summer.

Media is invited to the base at 9:30 a.m., Aug. 2, with opportunities including photos, b-roll, and interviews.

For more information about the Back to School Brigade, visit:
<https://www.operationhomefront.org/custompage?Id=3260>

For questions and to RSVP, contact 60th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs at 707-424-2011 or email 60AMWPA@us.af.mil.

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West Coast terminal for aeromedical evacuation aircraft returning sick or injured patients from the Pacific area. For more information, go to www.travis.af.mil.