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## **CITY SEEKS DONATIONS FOR MARINES RETURNING FROM DEPLOYMENT**

**Rancho Santa Margarita – {September 29, 2015}** The City of Rancho Santa Margarita and Operation Help a Hero are seeking donations for Operation Rack Pack to assist the members of the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, the City's Adopted Military Unit, when they return in November from a six-month deployment.

The goal of Operation Rack Pack is to provide each Marine with a clean room, a full refrigerator, and to ensure that the men and women of the 2/5 return home to a heartfelt welcome and well-stocked barracks.

In a gesture of appreciation, gifts and sentiments of gratitude will be placed in the barracks of over 700 Marines and Sailors to greet them upon their return. Please consider donating some of the following items: deodorant, shaving cream, hand soap, toothpaste, trial size laundry detergent, trial size shampoo, toothbrushes, sports drinks and \$10 food/restaurant gift cards. Welcome home signs are also suggested.

Donations will be collected at the Bell Tower Regional Community Center, 22232 El Paseo, Rancho Santa Margarita, through October 23rd, 2015. For more information contact Wendi Redington at [wredington@cityofrsm.org](mailto:wredington@cityofrsm.org) or call (949) 216-9700.

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