

Hero Pack Request Form



Please complete this form and submit to Bernie DeLaCruz (bdelacruz@ucdavis.edu). Forms will only be accepted as submitted by the 4-H State Military Liaison or State OMK Project Director.

State:

4-H State Military Liaison / State OMK Project Director and e-mail:

State Hero Pack POC and e-mail:

Military Unit and Branch of Service supported by this request:

Number of Standard Hero Packs Requested:

Number of Young Hero Packs Requested:

Date Needed for Packing Event:

Address for shipment of Hero Packs:

Phone Number at Shipping Location:

The following information is required for the allocation of Hero Packs:

The OMK Hero Pack Initiative (Hero Pack Guide available at www.4-Hmilitarypartnerships.org) consists of three elements: an appreciation element, a content element, and a support element. Your Hero Pack Request must address all three elements.

I. Appreciation

The Hero Pack as a whole serves as a salute and token of thanks to a military child experiencing the deployment of a parent. Hero Packs include a handwritten letter of thanks and appreciation from a local civilian youth, a collection of family support materials, communication tools, and fun items the recipient can enjoy with their siblings, remaining parent, or friends. It is the intent of the Hero Pack Initiative for non-military youth to hand deliver/present the backpacks to the recipients.

Use the finite space in the box below to explain each of the following:

y How will these Hero Packs be presented to the military children identified above? In what setting?

y What civilian youth will be involved in the presentation? How many civilian youth do you anticipate participating?

y How will OMK Local, State and National Partners be included?

II. **Content**

Local civilian youth and/or community organizations solicit items including family support materials, communication tools, and fun items then pack collected items into the Hero Packs.

Use the finite space in the box below to explain each of the following:

y How do you plan to fill the Standard Hero Packs? Include information on items that address support, communication and fun; all three areas must be represented. How were items obtained? Who will **screen the handwritten letters** of support?

y How do you plan to fill the Young Hero Packs? Include information on items that address support, communication and fun; all three areas must be represented. How were items obtained? Who will **screen the handwritten letters** of support?

y What items/information do you plan to include in the Parent Pouches? Provide a list with brief description.

III. **Support**

OMK Partners work together to create networks in communities across America to support geographically dispersed military families. After completing the Hero Pack assembly process it is important to spend a few minutes talking with the civilian youth and/or community organization about the importance of supporting military children and their families and discuss additional ways they may provide support personally or as a group in their community in an on-going manner.

Use the finite space in the box below to explain each of the following:

y Which community youth group / organization will be involved in assembling these Hero Packs? How many youth & adults might participate?

y How will you incorporate *Ready, Set, Go!* material into the discussion? Describe the content.

y How will this Hero Pack experience build community (especially local) support for military youth?