



# Operation Welcome Home

Hundreds of our Sailors, Airmen, Soldiers and Marines return from the War on Terror every week through the gates of the Baltimore/ Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport.

Upcoming Dates for the Events will be posted as they become available. Please note that flight times can vary greatly and notice regarding cancellation or postponement (due to flight changes) are available on the Operation Welcome Home Hotline (410) 630-1555, always check for updates. ~ The website for Operation Welcome Home is <http://www.operationwelcomehomemd.org/>

*They are also meeting many unexpected flights so keep watching the website calendar for changes; they suggest putting their hotline telephone number in your cell phone to get up to the minute news on new flights we will be meeting...*

***Thank you for supporting our troops and giving them the hero's welcome home they truly deserve!!!***

## **Here's some additional information for the events:**

Park anywhere in the Hourly Garage at the airport (try to park as close to the International Terminal as possible). Once inside the airport, go towards the International Terminal, meet in the lower lobby of that terminal. Please bring your parking ticket with you and present to an Operation Welcome Home representative upon your arrival to get it validated.

~ The estimated time commitment for this event is 1½ to 2 hours.

~ The volunteers are to arrive at the event time however, that is not when the troops arrive. When you arrive you will be creating goodie bags for the arriving soldiers. If you wish to bring something for the goodie bags, please consider bringing handmade "thank you" cards from children or pre-packaged/single-serving snacks (cookies, crackers, granola bars, and candy) and ½ liter bottled water for the goodie bags. **Please do not bring homemade cookies, fresh fruit, or other perishable food items.** Most of the arriving troops are not local and will be waiting for a connecting flight and are hungry, thirsty, and tired.

## **Post 60's Operation Welcome Home Cards**

Members of all ages, children included, are encouraged to design and put together greeting cards for our troops. Supplies with instructions for participation will be available soon in the lounge and at Legion events. This is an easy effective way for us to show our support and to bring a smile to the face of American service members.