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CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS FOR BBQ!

January 2009, Omaha, NE—Operation BBQ for our Troops Midwest Division (OBFOT), is looking for individuals interested in volunteering on February 15, 2009 to serve 1,500 individuals. The BBQ meal will be held at the Lancaster Event Center in Lincoln, NE for troops from the 443rd Heavy Equipment Transportation Company (HETC). Volunteers are needed to help the OBFOT Board of Directors with setup, serving, cleanup and general event maintenance.

The unit is made up of over 300 soldiers from Omaha and Lincoln, Kansas, Colorado, and Texas. The troops have been training in California and arrive in Lincoln, Nebraska February 12, 2009 to be deployed on February 15, 2009.

There are different volunteer opportunities to fit everyone's interests or abilities. Volunteers must be at least 12 years of age to volunteer without a parent/guardian present. Volunteers from the age of 8-12 need to have a parent/guardian also volunteering. No one under the age of 8 years of age is allowed to volunteer due to liability. Student volunteers are eligible to earn credit towards high school volunteer requirements as needed.

The organization was established to support our local and national troops, their families and veterans of the United States military through various events in Nebraska.

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OBFOT's main goal is to support the local military members, their families and veterans through a uniquely American meal of barbeque. All meals are free to those attending. The non-profit organization is run by a volunteer six member board of directors. Board member include: Tom Manhart, President; Scott Burke, Vice-President; Charlynn Manhart, Secretary/Treasurer; Jackie Burke, Member-at-Large; Annie Bougger, Member-at-Large; David Bougger, Member-at-Large.

Individuals interested in learning more about the organization, interested in volunteering or would like to provide donations and support can contact Tom Manhart at (402) 709-0152 or can visit www.operationbbqmw.org.

Operation BBQ for Our Troops Midwest Division is a branch of the national Operation BBQ for Our Troops organization which was established in the mid 1990's with a purpose "to honor those who protect our freedoms, and their loved ones, with the hospitality of the uniquely American meal of BBQ."

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