

Ensure that all who serve know that his or her sacrifices are APPRECIATED...



WRITE A LETTER!

Operation Gratitude sends 200,000+ Care Packages each year to Deployed Troops, Veterans, New Recruits & First Responders. Of all the items included in these packages, the most cherished are the personal letters of appreciation!

Our goal is to include several letters and colorful drawings in every Care Package and tell our heroes **“WE CARE!”**

Writing a letter is a meaningful way for Americans to show support for all who serve. It only takes five minutes of your day, but will bring lasting joy to the recipients.

Don't know where to start?

- Start with a salutation, such as **“Dear Hero”** or **“Dear Brave One”**
- You can write to a: Deployed Troop, Veteran, New Recruit, First Responder
- **Note:** A Deployed Troop is currently overseas in harm's way. A Veteran has served our country in the past. A New Recruit just completed Boot Camp and has sworn to serve for the next 4+ years. A First Responder serves as a firefighter, a paramedic, or in law enforcement. All deserve to be thanked for their commitment & bravery
- Express your thanks for their selfless service
- Avoid politics completely and religion in excess; however, saying you pray for them, is wonderful
- Share a little about yourself: Family, Hobbies, Work, School, Pets, Travel
- Talk about life & interests: Sports, Weather, Music, Movies, Food, Books
- Adults: Include your contact information (mail or email) so the letter/package recipient can reply. Children: **FIRST NAMES ONLY** and no addresses please
- Can't find the words? Consider drawing or painting a picture instead; please add a note to kids' drawings with their age (Please avoid glitter!)

Put all loose artwork and letters/cards in a large envelope or box, (*Please, NO INDIVIDUAL ENVELOPES) and ship to:

OPERATION GRATITUDE
21100 Lassen Street
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***Please download, fill out and include a [Donation Form](#) in each large envelope/box. (Form is on our website) (Send Deployed Troop / Veteran / New Recruit / First Responder letters separately & label)**

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