



# Write a Letter to Our Heroes!

**We invite you to Join Us On The Journey of saying  
"Thank You" to All Who Serve**

Operation Gratitude sends thousands of care packages each year to deployed troops, veterans, recruit graduates, first responders and wounded heroes & their caregivers. Of all the items included in these care 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. Your kind words could bring lasting joy to the recipients.

## LETTER WRITING TIPS

- Start with a salutation, such as "Dear Hero", "Dear Service Member" or "Dear First Responder"...
- Write to a: deployed service member, veteran, recruit graduate, first responder or a wounded hero & their caregiver -- All deserve to be thanked for their commitment and sacrifice!
- Express your thanks for their selfless service.
- Please don't date your letters, sometimes it can take up to a few months for our care packages to be received after they are sent.
- Avoid politics completely and religion in excess; however, saying you are praying for them is wonderful.
- Share a little about yourself: family, hobbies, work, school, pets, travel.
- Adults: Include your contact information (mail or email) so the recipient can reply. Children: USE FIRST NAMES ONLY and no addresses please. Due to time and location limitations, they might not reply; please do not be disappointed
- 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!
- Please DO NOT put cards or letters in individual envelopes; all letters must go through an internal screening process.

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