Ensure that a Soldier, Sailor, Airman, or Marine knows that his or her sacrifices are APPRECIATED...



WRITE A LETTER!



Operation Gratitude sends 100,000+ Care Packages each year to deployed Troops and Wounded Warriors. 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 troops "WE CARE!"

Writing a letter is a meaningful way for Americans to show support for our Military. It only takes five minutes of your day, but will bring lasting joy to our troops.

Don't know where to start?

- Start with a salutation, such as "Dear Service Member" or "Dear Hero"
- You can write to a Deployed Troop, a Veteran and/or a Wounded Warrior
- 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, Pets
- Talk about life back home: Sports, Weather, Music, and Movies
- Adults: Include your contact information (mail or email) so the letter/package recipient can reply. Children: FIRST NAMES ONLY with parent mail/email
- Still can't find the words? Consider drawing or painting a picture instead (Please avoid glitter!)

Put all letters and artwork in a large envelope or box and ship to:

OPERATION GRATITUDE 17330 Victory Boulevard Van Nuys, CA 91406

(Send Wounded Warrior/Veteran letters separately and mark as such)

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