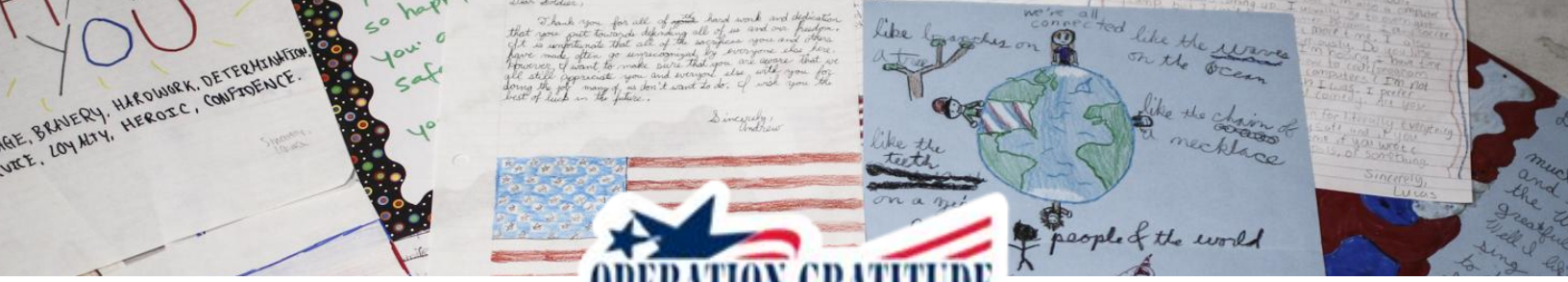

OPERATION GRATITUDE

WRITE A LETTER TO OUR HEROES!

Operation Gratitude sends 250,000+ Care Packages each year to Deployed Troops, Veterans, New Recruits & First Responders. 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. It only takes five minutes of your day, but will bring lasting joy to the recipients.

LETTER WRITING TIPS

- ➔ Start with a salutation, such as “Dear Hero” or “Dear Brave One”
- ➔ Write to a: Deployed Troop, Veteran, New Recruit, First Responder
  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 4+ years.
  A First Responder serves as a Firefighter, a Paramedic, or in Law Enforcement.
  All deserve to be thanked for their commitment and bravery!
- ➔ Express your thanks for their selfless service
- ➔ Please do not include the date or year on your letter or card
- ➔ 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
- ➔ Talk about life and interests: Sports, Weather, Music, Movies, Food, Books
- ➔ Adults: Include your contact information (mail or email) so the recipient can reply.
  Children: USE 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!

Sort and label letters by Deployed Troop, Veteran, New Recruit, and First Responder. Place all sorted letters and artwork in a large envelope or box. (Please, NO INDIVIDUAL ENVELOPES.)

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