



Write a Note of Gratitude!

We invite you to join us in saying "Thank You" to all who serve

Operation Gratitude sends thousands of Care Packages each year to our nation's Military and First Responders. Every Care Package includes multiple notes, letters, cards, and colorful drawings to remind those who serve that "WE CARE!" Writing a simple note is a meaningful and powerful way to show your gratitude. Your kind words can bring lasting joy and encouragement to the brave individuals who dedicate their lives to serving others.

Tips for Writing a Heartfelt Note

Start your message with a warm salutation like "Dear Hero," "Dear Service Member," or "Dear First Responder." "Whether you're writing to a Deployed Service Member, Veteran, Recruit Graduate, First Responder, or Caregiver, your words of thanks will mean the world to them.

- **Express Gratitude:** Acknowledge their selfless service, dedication, and sacrifice.
- **Keep It Timeless:** Avoid dating your letters, as it may take several months for Care Packages to be delivered.
- **Stay Inclusive:** Refrain from discussing politics or excessive religious content, though mentioning that you are praying for them is always appreciated.
- **Make It Personal:** Share a bit about yourself—your family, hobbies, pets, work, school, or travels.
- **For Adults:** Feel free to include your contact information (mail or email) if you'd like to give them an option to reply.
- **For Kids (under 18):** Use first names only, and skip adding addresses for safety. If you include drawings, let us know their age, but avoid using glitter.

Not sure what to say? Even a simple "Thank you" means the world to those who serve. A colorful drawing or painting can also brighten their day—just add a short note to explain the artwork.

Important Reminder: Please do not place cards or notes in individual envelopes. All letters go through a screening process before they are sent.

By following these tips, your kind words and creativity can bring joy and comfort to those who serve and protect. Thank you for helping us show our gratitude!

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