

Make a ***“Thank You”*** note for these great persons in the Mid-South!

Coordinated by the Mid-South Chapter of the American Red Cross

**SCS cards should be sent via District Mail to:
SCS Communications (BOE Room 208) by October 13, 2017**



MILITARY	VETERANS
A group of military band members in uniform marching in a parade, carrying several large flags on poles.	A man in military camouflage uniform and a cap, holding a white card with the American Red Cross logo.
Two police officers in dark blue uniforms standing outdoors, looking towards the right.	Three firefighters in full protective gear, including helmets and oxygen tanks, standing in front of a large fire.
LAW ENFORCERS	FIRE FIGHTERS



<p style="text-align: center;">JOIN US</p> <p>Invite schools, businesses, religious groups, community organizations and others to join in making <i>Holiday Mail for Heroes</i> cards from April 1 through October 20, 2017. Cards will be distributed in early December to Military Units (Active Duty, Guard, Reservist), Veterans and First Responders (Fire and Law) throughout the Mid-South area.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>School System Participants</u></p> <p>Schools are to send their cards to their District Office where they will be picked up by the Red Cross.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>All other Participants</u></p> <p>All other businesses, religious groups, community organizations, individuals and others are to drop off at a <i>First Citizens National Bank</i> www.FirstCNB.com near you or a <i>Red Cross Chapter</i> 1399 Madison, Memphis 2201 Charlotte Ave., Nashville 4115 S. Access Road, Chattanooga 19 Stonecreek Circle, Jackson from September 25 through October 20, 2017. See guidelines for cards.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Speaker and/or Slide Presentations Available</u></p> <p>Schools, organizations or churches may invite someone to give a short presentation about the <i>Holiday Mail for Heroes Campaign</i>.</p> <p><u>Card Making Do's and Don'ts:</u></p> <p><u>Do's</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sign all cards.</i> <i>Send a personal message to troops, veterans, first responders and families.</i> • <i>List your school, company, club or religious group.</i> • <i>Draw/create trees, snowmen, presents, ornaments, American Flag</i> • <i>Share thoughts like "Thank You, Happy Holiday, Season Greetings, Our Thoughts are with you, Thanks for your Service, You are in our Thoughts and Prayers", etc. <u>Message to military in general (not specific to troops in combat zones-less these days).</u></i> <p><u>Don'ts</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Send envelopes, care packages or monetary gifts. Include personal photos or personal information.</i> • <i>Use glitter—may aggravate health issues of wounded recipients</i> • <i>Utilize religion specific information/symbols.</i> <p style="text-align: center;">www.redcross.org/midsouth www.firstcitizens-bank.com</p>
<p>Emergency Communications: <i>Contacting military troops when emergencies arise back home contact the Red Cross at: 1-877-272-7337.</i></p>	<p>Questions? <i>Contact David Compton, Vol. Lead, Service Armed Forces:901-483-6860; david.compton2@redcross.org</i></p>