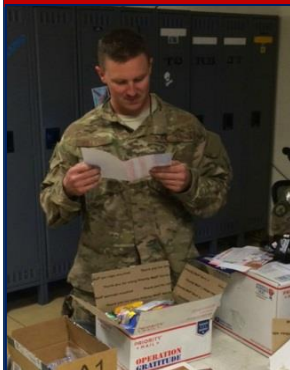


Ensure that all who serve know that his or her sacrifices  
are APPRECIATED...



# WRITE A LETTER!



*Operation Gratitude sends 200,000+ Care Packages each year to Deployed Troops, Veterans, New Recruits & First Responders. 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 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.



## Don't know where to start?

- Start with a salutation, such as **"Dear Hero"** or **"Dear Brave One"**
- You can write to a: Deployed Troop, Veteran, New Recruit, First Responder
- **Note:** 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 the next 4+ years. A First Responder serves as a firefighter, a paramedic, or in law enforcement. All deserve to be thanked for their commitment & bravery
- 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, School, Pets, Travel
- Talk about life & interests: Sports, Weather, Music, Movies, Food, Books
- Adults: Include your contact information (mail or email) so the letter/package recipient can reply. Children: 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!)



Put all loose artwork and letters/cards in a large envelope or box, (\*Please, NO INDIVIDUAL ENVELOPES) and ship to:

**OPERATION GRATITUDE**  
**21100 Lassen Street**  
**Chatsworth, CA 91311**

**\*Please download, fill out and include a [Donation Form](#) in each large envelope/box. (Form is on our website) (Send Deployed Troop / Veteran / New Recruit / First Responder letters separately & label)**

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