*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, Veterans, New Recruits & 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 heroes "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 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, Wounded Warrior, New Recruit
  - 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, Movie, Food, Books
- Adults: Include your contact information (mail or email) so the letter/package recipient may reply. Children: FIRST NAMES ONLY and no addresses please.
- 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 Deployed Troops /Wounded Warriors /Veterans /New Recruits letters separately and mark as such)

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