



## LETTER WRITING WITH STUDENTS

Operation Gratitude sends 300,000+ Care Packages each year to Deployed Troops, Veterans, New Recruits, and First Responders. Of all the items included in these Care Packages, personal letters of appreciation are often the most cherished!

Support our efforts from your classroom! Engage your students in a multi-disciplinary activity providing lessons in Writing Skills, Grammar, Civics, History, Social Studies, and Art! Prompt students to write thoughtful letters to our Heroes, at home and abroad.

### LETTER WRITING TIPS

- Write to a: Deployed Troop, Recruit Graduate, Veteran, First Responder, or Wounded Hero & their Caregiver.
- Start with a salutation, such as “Dear Hero” or “Dear Brave One”...
- Express thanks for others’ selfless service.
- Please don’t date the letters, sometimes it can take up to a few months for our Care Packages to be received after they are sent.
- Share personal stories or interests, e.g. Family, Pets, Sports, Hobbies, Movies
- Use students’ **FIRST NAMES ONLY**. Include the School Name, Teacher, and Contact Information (mailing address or email) on every letter so recipients can write back.
- Are your students too young to write letters? We welcome drawings or paintings; please add a note to kids’ drawings with their age. Please also avoid glitter!
- Please **DO NOT** put cards or letters in individual envelopes; all letters must go through an internal screening process

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