

Support Our Troops

Many members of the DHS family are asking what they can do to show their support for servicemembers, especially those serving overseas in this time of war. Below are websites for several organizations that are sponsoring programs for members of the Armed Forces overseas. While it would be inappropriate for DHS to endorse any specifically, servicemembers do value and appreciate such expressions of support:

The Department of Defense has a [Community Relations website](#) with much information on different ways to support the troops. The [FAQs page](#) has additional information, and the [Citizen Support page](#) lists even more ways to help; for instance, how to send phone cards, packages, messages, and financial support.

Families can also volunteer at a [VA Hospital](#) to honor veterans who bore the lamp of freedom in past conflicts as well as support families whose loved ones are being treated at military and VA hospitals through a donation to the [Fisher House](#). Reach out to military families in your community, especially those with a loved one overseas.

Please do not flood the military mail system with letters, cards, and gifts. Due to security concerns and transportation constraints, the Department of Defense cannot accept items to be mailed to "[Any Servicemember](#)." Some people have tried to avoid this prohibition by sending large numbers of packages to an individual servicemember's address, which however well-intentioned, clogs the mail and causes unnecessary delays. The support and generosity of the American people have touched the lives of many servicemembers, over 300,000 of whom are deployed overseas.

The U.S. Postal Service also lists [ways to support the troops](#) on their website.

Important Notes About Contacting Service Members

- All military service members are provided e-mail accounts that they may access from numerous facilities and even field locations. If you have a friend or family member that has been deployed, you may find it easier to contact them or share photos using e-mail.
- Due to personal privacy and family security issues, we are unable to either post rosters or personal information about our activated reservists. If you or someone you know has been deployed, you may wish to share their e-mail address with interested coworkers, friends, or family members.
- Many of our service members are serving in stateside locations or in Europe and may not be in need of items that you may wish to send them. A simple note or email will be greatly appreciated.