

Support our troops!

Here are a few ideas on how to support our troops in a tangible way, sent in by Anne in South Carolina. You can send a card or even a blanket.

Operationquietcomfort.com: <http://operationquietcomfort.com/>

Their goal is to honor and comfort America's military men and women who become sick and injured while serving in harm's way. They also provide support to those who care for them. Our sick, injured, and ill troops often arrive for medical care direct from the battlefield and without their belongings. It can take weeks before those belongings catch up with them – sometimes they don't arrive at all. This organization is designed to provide quality of life items at their first stop for medical care.

Anne writes: When a person gives a dollar or more, that is put in a care package of toilet items, cotton pants, and a blanket made out of blue jeans. Some people knit or crochet items to stick in along with a book or letter writing supplies. The most needed items for this group are all supplies and money for postage. All of the work is done by volunteers and done with donations and out of members' pockets.

Anysoldier.com: <http://www.anysoldier.com/>

This organization will connect you with a volunteer Soldier "contact." Click through the names on the "Where to Send" page and select the one(s) you wish to support. They list what the folks they represent want and need. There is a search capability so you can easily identify what the troops need most.

All the Soldiers involved in this effort are military volunteers stationed in areas that are in harm's way. You send your support (letters and/or packages) addressed to them and when they see the "Attn: Any Soldier[®]" line in their address they put your letters and packages into the hands of Soldiers who don't get much or any mail first. Everything is shared.

SoldiersAngels.com: <http://soldiersangels.com/>

Soldiers' Angels is a volunteer-led 501(c)(3) non-profit organization providing aid and comfort to the men and women of the United States Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and their families. Founded by the mother of two American soldiers, they are an international, volunteer-led organization supporting America's men and women in uniform. You can adopt a soldier, submit a soldier's name, and get suggestions for items in packages.

AdoptaPlatoon.org: <http://adoptaplatoon.org/>

AdoptaPlatoon strives to provide a better deployment quality of life by providing cards, letters and care packages to lift the morale of Troops as they serve far from home and assist military families. AdoptaPlatoon provides on-going mail support, creates projects that meet the need of military requests, and establishes special projects for holidays to assist deployed Troops representing all branches of the U.S. military serving our Nation around the world.

Remember that most of these young people may be a long way from home. Some of them never hear from their families and a letter or card from someone will make their day. Below is a list of various hospitals that are where most of the injured soldiers are sent.

Get a box of ten cards from a discount store or dollar store and personalize them. Our listener Anne says she always starts with her daily life. Soldiers she's written tell her that it takes them home when she tells them about something her new puppy has done or making it through another day.

WE SUPPORT YOU DURING RECOVERY

c/o The American Red Cross
PO Box 419
Savage, MD 20763

Hospitals:

Brooks Army Medical Center
Attn: Judith Marbelz, Army Community Service
2010 Stanley Rd STE 95
Fort Sam Houston, Tx
78234-5095

Navy Medical Center
Attn, SSGT Jeremiah M. Holland, USMC
Marine Liaison
8901 Wisconsin Ave,
Bethesda, MD 20889

Trepler Army Medical Center PAO
1 Jarrett White Road
Honolulu, HI 96859

Lanstul Reg. Med Center
Attn: MCEUL-CH/Chaplins Office
CMR 402
APO/AE 09180