

Template for Veterans Day Letter

Dear Service Member:

Thank you for your brave service to our country. The freedom I have today is made possible and protected by brave soldiers like yourself.

(Then add a few personal sentences either talking about a person they know who served or serves or why they feel Veterans Day is important.)

Please know that I will have you and all veterans in my thoughts this Veterans Day and every day.

Sincerely,

_____ (First name only)

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Some other guidelines from



<https://www.operationgratitude.com/writeletters/>

We are told again and again that the most cherished items in the packages are the personal letters of appreciation. We want all of our nation's heroes to know how much we care about them, and nothing says that more than your words on a piece of paper that can be saved forever. We receive countless emails every month asking for information about our letter writing program. Here are some FAQ's:

Question: How should I start my letter?

Answer: We suggest that you start with "Dear Hero", "Dear Patriot", "Dear Service Member", "Dear Veteran", or create a greeting of your own. We ask that you **please do not use "Dear Soldier" or "Dear Marine" or "Dear Sailor"** as those terms refer to membership in specific military branches, and we cannot guarantee those letters will be placed in packages going to that service.

Question: What should my letter say, and how long should it be?

Answer: Two paragraphs or more would be nice. One or more paragraphs that express thanks for their service, dedication, sacrifice, hard work, and/or time away from home. And one or more paragraphs about yourself, your work, interesting stories, sports, music, movies, etc., but do not include any personal information, and avoid politics or controversial topics in your letter. Please do not include the date or year, so your letter(s) will always be timely.