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You can send holiday cards to service members and veterans through the "Holiday Mail for Heroes" program. Last year many were disappointed their cards did not get to troops due to deadlines, security issues and other factors. The American Red Cross has a program to get the cards to service members not only in hospitals' but to GI's in the U.S. and overseas as well as to veterans and their families.

Send greetings cards to this address, following the guidelines below:

Holiday Mail for Heroes
PO Box 5456
Capitol heights, MD 20792-5456

1. Cards must be postmarked no later than 10 December 2008; those mailed after this date are returned to the sender.
2. Cards must have a signature.
3. Send cards, as letters may be delayed by the review process.
4. Do not put home or email addresses on the cards.
5. Anything inserted along with the card will be removed.

Please heed the five cautions shown above - there are no exceptions.

This program is for delivery of holiday cards only. Gifts of phone cards, gift certificates and packages to service members are separate programs. Those who send "care packages" should use www.AmericaSupportsYou.com and click under Homefront Groups, to find out how to send care packages.

Officials at Walter Reed Army Medical Center say any mail/packages addressed to "Recovering Soldier" or "Any Wounded Soldier will not be delivered. This policy assures the safety and well being of patients and staff at Department of Defense medical centers.

Cash donations may be made to any of the more than 300 nonprofit organizations dedicated to supporting our troops and their families listed on the "America Supports You" website www.AmericaSupportsYou.com.

Calling or gift cards may be sent by going to www.aafes.com, then scroll down to "AAFES Community Connection" and click on "Help Our Troops Call Home" or on "Gift Cards/Certificates for Our Troops" to send them.

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