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Greetings from the Armory!

On behalf of OPERATION GRATITUDE and the United States Military members who receive our care packages, I thank you for your generosity.

Your donation of Many, Many Letters enables us to send over 100,000 'chock full' Care Packages this year to: Tens of thousands of brave men and women still deployed overseas in harsh and remote areas, to their children anxiously awaiting their return and to Veterans, Wounded Warriors and First Responders.

The care packages contain personal care necessities, entertainment items and letters from appreciative Americans. These expressions of love and concern from fellow citizens offer our Military a much-deserved respite from the hardships of service, and are always greeted with enthusiasm and great appreciation.

As one Private First Class wrote:

"I cannot express to you how great it feels to come home after a long day of running missions to find a care package full of love sitting on your bunk. You are exhausted from wearing 50 plus pounds of armor for hours on end, then you open the package, see all that love, and are rejuvenated and ready to face the world again. It may sound small but it really does help enormously. Our location doesn't have a real PX so we rely on the support of people at Operation Gratitude for the items we need--not to mention the morale boosting items such as cookies or candy. You all are the true heroes. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

To read the most current letters of thanks from our troops and to see their photos with your Operation Gratitude care packages, please "Like" us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/OperationGratitude and "follow" us on Twitter: www.twitter.com/OpGratitude and Pinterest: <http://pinterest.com/opgratitude>.

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Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and wonderful patriotic spirit - every donation we receive truly makes a difference to our mission of putting smiles on service members' faces. The brave members of the U.S. Military who receive your generosity will remember your kindness forever. And I will always be appreciative of your support and encouragement for Operation Gratitude.

Fondly,

Carolyn Blashek, President

p.s. To receive email updates on Operation Gratitude's progress, please email me at: opgrat@gmail.com or sign up directly on our website: www.OperationGratitude.com. Thank you for your continued interest!