



## HOLIDAY MAIL FOR HEROES IS BACK!



Once again, the American Red Cross will partner with Pitney Bowes and proudly support this campaign for the 2010 Holiday Season. Won't you take part?

The holiday season is the perfect time to honor and extend a warm holiday greeting to those who've served and continue to do so for our freedoms *and for our safety!*

Watch a short clip of what it means to them:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MfmBcbcUKFs>

## HOW IT WORKS

- ❖ All cards will be collected through a unique P.O. Box address now **through December 10, 2010.**
- ❖ All cards must be sent to:

**Holiday Mail for Heroes**  
**P.O. Box 5456**  
**Capitol Heights, MD 20791-5456**



- ❖ Every card received will be screened for hazardous materials by Pitney Bowes and distributed to participating Red Cross chapters nationwide. Once the cards arrive at the Red Cross chapters, they are sorted and reviewed by volunteers who then distribute them to service members, their families and veterans in communities across the country.

## DO'S

- Include your heartfelt sentiments and sign all cards
- Entitle cards with generic terms such as "Dear Service Member, Family or Veteran"
- Limit cards to 15 per person or 50 for school class or business group
- Bundle groups of cards in single, large envelopes

## DON'T'S

- Send letters, care packages or monetary gifts
- Include personal information such as home or email addresses
- Use glitter - excessive amounts can aggravate health issues of wounded recipients
- Include inserts of any kind as they must be removed in the screening process

## TIP:

***On a budget? Each year I go through all my "extra" boxed cards and send those. Whatever you can send would be a blessing. Touch a life...a heart forever!***

*Thank you,*  
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