

Holiday Cards for our Troops

Letters and cards from home have always been an important morale booster for deployed service members. However, during World War II, the volume of letters flowing back and forth internationally was a serious burden on a postal service that was already overtaxed sending vital supplies to the front. To help alleviate this burden, the Army Postal Service introduced V-mail.

V-mail, or Victory Mail, was a postal system used between June 1942 and November 1945 to send letters to troops stationed overseas. Americans wrote their letters on a special form that could be photographed in microfilm. The small film was then mailed, reproduced at a V-mail station overseas, and finally delivered, saving valuable space in transit.

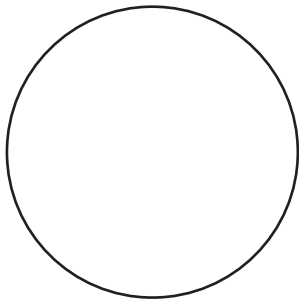
Today, we no longer use the V-mail system to get letters to our troops, but in recognition of this unique moment in military and postal history, we invite you to use this template based on the original WWII V-mail form.

Simply print out the downloadable template, write your message in the blank space, and send to a friend or family member.

Want to send your message or drawing to a service member overseas this holiday season? Send us your mail no later than November 30, 2022.

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Dear Service Member,

My name is _____ and I am _____ years old.

For the Holidays, I like to _____

I hope you _____

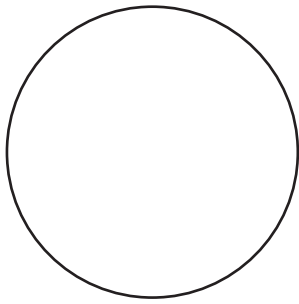
_____ this holiday season.

Thank you for _____

I will be thinking of you while I celebrate _____ this year!

Happy Holidays,





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