



CARDS TO OUR MILITARY VETERANS IN NURSING/RETIREMENT HOMES

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Description:

Give This Christmas Away will be very different in this unpredictable age of a pandemic-- but the needs of our neighbors are greater than ever.

Isolation has become the new normal for many of us but it has been especially difficult for those in nursing homes who aren't allowed to see their loved ones. These times are particularly stressful for our hundreds of military men and women in veteran homes all over the state of Ohio.

Last year, a group of us met at NWC on GTCA Saturday and wrote cards of Christmas greeting and sincere thank you messages to these brave men and women. This year, due to the pandemic, we can't meet in person but we can still write these cards at home and deliver them to the church where they will be picked up and sent to the veterans. All you need are Christmas cards left over from previous years—some don't have envelopes (which is great—we don't want envelopes) or if you have cards you hesitate to send because you don't want to send the same card you sent last year. Let's put those cards to good use; they would be a blessing to our U.S. veterans.

One of the most beautiful things about this ministry, is that you can make it a family affair—your whole family can sit around the kitchen table and write messages of love and encouragement. You may even want to create homemade cards—that would be a great family project.

If you are interested, I have some sample greetings you can use. Final drop off date at the church is Sunday, Dec. 6th.

EXAMPLE MESSAGES TO VETERANS:

1. Simple “thank you”/appreciation messaging will generally suffice, and, for most veterans, is actually preferable in most cases to longer, more flowery tributes.
2. With gratitude for your service to America.

3. Thinking of you and thanking you for all you did for our country.
4. Those who live in freedom will always be grateful to those who helped preserve it.
5. Ours is a country filled with promise for tomorrow — because ours is a history shaped by heroes like you.
6. A salute to you for serving in the proud and honorable tradition of the United States military.
7. You've helped to make this world a better place with your courage, sacrifice, and dedication to our country.
8. Wishing you a very happy Christmas. You will always be in my prayers.
9. We thank you and salute to your bravery. Merry Christmas.
10. We thank you for being our guardian and protecting our home land.
11. Dear soldiers, we thank you for being our protection and our strength...
Wishing you a very warm and memorable Christmas.
12. Dear Soldier, thank you for serving our country. We wish you a very Merry Christmas.
13. Sending you warm wishes on this Christmas. May this Christmas bring joy and happiness to your life.
14. We really appreciate your service towards the country. Merry Christmas.
15. To us, the soldiers of our country are the real heroes. Warm Christmas wishes to the brave men and women of our country who have always protected us and our families
16. We remember the sacrifices you made to keep us secure. We thank you. May God bless you and with all joy and happiness. Merry Christmas.