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HOLIDAY CARDS FOR HEROES

Each year, the American Red Cross and the Department of Veterans Affairs collects holiday cards sent by thousands of Americans, and delivers them to active-duty service members, veterans, and military families at installations and hospitals around the world. The cards and their personal messages provide a welcome “touch of home” for our troops during the holiday season.

The Western Los Angeles County Council has enlisted the help of its Scout in doing our duty by bringing holiday cheer and support to the troops. Through a generous donation, we have printed 10,000 holiday cards, and we’re up to the task to make sure that each one has a hand-written, personal note from Scouts and school children from our communities. In a few short weeks, the cards will be in the hands of a service member somewhere in the world... just in time for the holiday season!

All cards are reviewed by the American Red Cross and the Department of Veterans Affairs prior to being sent. Please observe the following guidelines to ensure the cards pass the review process:

- Ensure that all cards have a personal message, and are signed. Drawings are permitted.
- Use generic salutations such as “Dear Service Member” or no salutation at all.
- Messages can be any length, as long as it fits within the upper portion of the opened, inside card area. Keep in mind that children’s messages, no matter how short, are heart-felt and meaningful. Below are sample, short messages:
 “Have a safe and happy holiday season.” “Thank you for your service to our country.”
 “We are proud of you and thinking of you.” “Thank you.” “America supports and thanks you.”
- Only the cards are being accepted. Do not send or include supplemental letters.
- Do not include email or home addresses: cards are not meant to foster pen pal relationships.
- Do not include inserts of any kind, including photos: these items will be removed and discarded.

ALL CARDS MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO YOUR UNIT LEADER BY OCTOBER 27th.

UNIT LEADERS: Please return your completed cards to the WLACC Council office in Van Nuys by 11/3/19.



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