

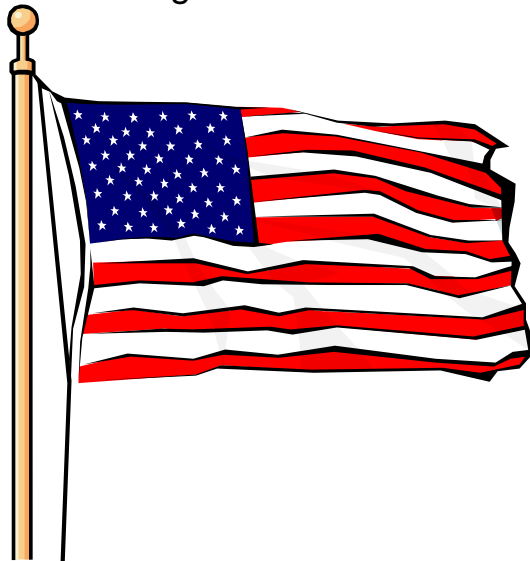
# Letters from Home

## Alamance Community College

### Objectives

Students will

- 1) Develop an abiding respect for the American soldier--those ordinary men and women who volunteer to protect and preserve America even though they personally may face great danger/death keeping freedom alive
- 2) Remember our military men and women by writing letters of appreciation and encouragement to soldiers serving abroad



### Background

Letters from Home were written by ESL students from all campuses. The letters were typed--sometimes by the students themselves and sometimes by teachers (preserving spelling and punctuation as written by the students)--and decorated before being sent to the Marines in Iraq. The letters that were sent did not include the source of the decorative graphics. For purposes of this project, the graphics are credited on each letter.

### Alamance Community College

Two ACC classes--Marie Alston and Granville Simmons' Citizenship class and Donna Webb-Quiros' Beginning ESL class--wrote letters to the Marines for July 4<sup>th</sup>!

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Dear Marine,

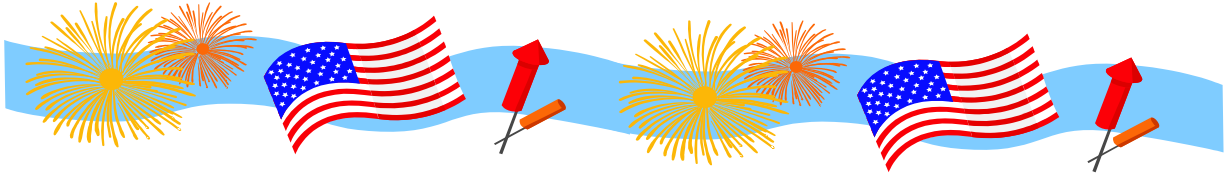
My name is Ernesto Sebastian. I have lived in the United States for over 30 years. I am in the Citizenship class at Alamance Community College.

Thank you for serving our country.

Happy Independence Day To you.

God Bless,

Ernesto Sebastian.



**Dear Marine.**

**My name is Victor Morales Gutierrez.**

**I from Mexico.**

**I have Lived in the United States.**

**For 17 years.**

**Thank you for all you do to**

**Protect Our Country every day's.**

**Happy July 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**God Bless. you Thank you.**

**Victor Morales**



Dear Marine

My name is Geme Linares

I am from Mexico,

But I have lived in the United States

for 20 years. Thank you for  
all you do to protect our  
country.

Happy July 4<sup>th</sup>!

God Bless you. Thank you.

Geme Linares



*Dear Marine.*

*My neme is Esperaza Perez*

*I from Mexico*

*I have lived Now en unitete states for  
18 yiors.*

*Thank you for all you do to  
Protect our Country.*

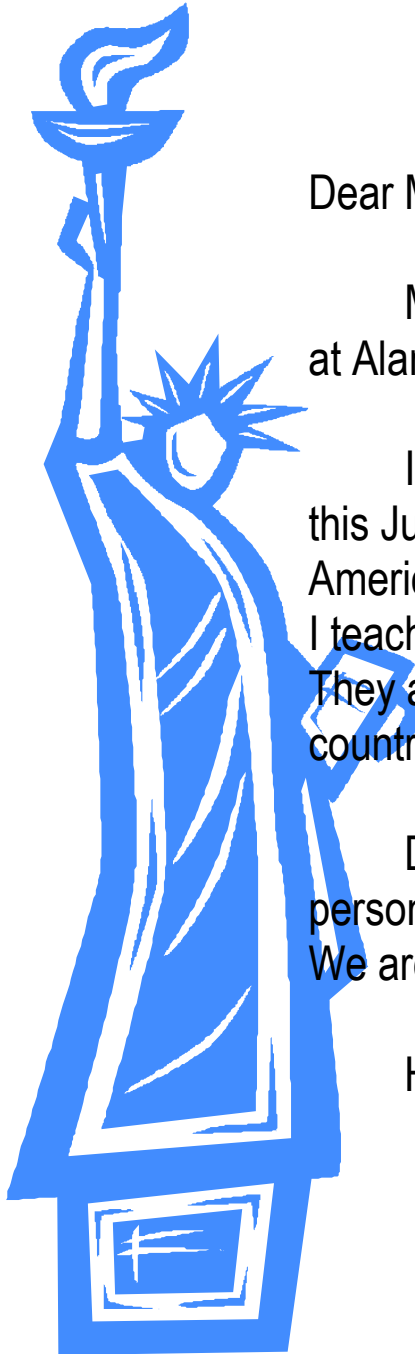
*Happy Indendence Day*

*Sincerely      Esperanza Perez*

*God Bless  
You  
thank you.*



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July 4, 2009

Dear Marines,

My name is Donna and I am an ESL Instructor at Alamance Community College in Burlington, NC.

I wish to thank you for serving our country. On this July 4<sup>th</sup> remember that there are millions of Americans celebrating their freedom because of you! I teach English to people from all over the world. They also are enjoying the freedom they have in this country because of you.

Don't ever think that we Americans and persons of other countries are not thankful for you! We are!

Happy July 4<sup>th</sup>—a special day for the USA!

Sincerely,  
Donna

*July 4, 2009*

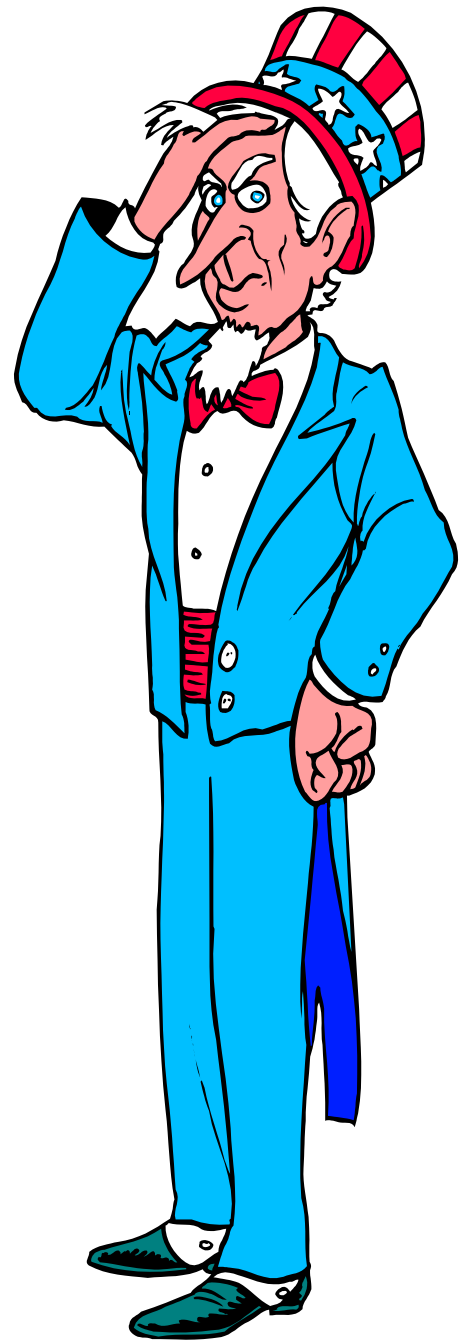
*Dear Marines,*

*I help out in a class that is learning English in Burlington, NC at Alamance Community College. Teaching people to speak English and learn American customs has given me a great appreciation of the country that I am lucky to live in. I especially admire those who have volunteered to serve in the military. I hope and pray you will be safe and come back to your family and friends in the near future. I am grateful to you for your courage and your sacrifice in defending our country. May God bless you.*

*Sincerely,*

*Christine Magrane*

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**July 4, 2009**

**Dear Marine,**

**My name is Jesus Garcia.**

**I live in Haw River N.C. a student  
from ACC learning English.**

**I hope you can return safety to your  
home.**

**I want to thank you country.**

**I thank you for risking your life to save  
ours.**

**Sincerely**

**Jesus Garcia**





July 4, 2009

Hello:

My name is Mariela Cruz. I am from Mexico. I am to study English at ACC in Burlington, NC. I want to say a little words to all ours heroes, what are fighting for our country: I wish you have a beautiful day and I will pray for you to come early to your country and can to see your family. thanks for to care our country and I will wait your are ok there.

Happy July 4<sup>th</sup>.



Mariela

Dear: Marines.

My Name is Marcos Antonio Crespo

I'am going to ACC in North Carolina and taking English classes.

I would Like to Thank all of yall soilders that are fighting for our country and willing to give up yall Lives For all the people in the united states.



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July 4 2009

Dear Marines,

My name Josefa Martinez

I am going to ACC I North Carolina  
and taking English classes. I would like to  
thanks all you for all the work you all ar  
doing where ever you guys are. and  
hoping that all you come home Safe. and  
helfty and one more time thanks

Josefa



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**July 4<sup>th</sup> 2009**

**Dear Marines,**

**Hello my name is Victor Jimenez.**

**I am a student at Alamance  
Community College. I take English  
classes. I would like to thank you  
all soldier that are fighting for our  
country and willing to rist your life  
for all of us in the united states.**

**Thank you**

**Sincerely,  
Victor  
Jimenez**





July 4, 2009

Dear Marines,

My name is: Ana Guzmán

I live in Burlington, NC. I am a student from ACC. Learning English.

I hope you can return safely to your home  
I want to thank you for fighting for our country.

I thank you for risking your life to save ours.

Thank you for every single thing you have done.

Sincerely,

Ana Guzmán Ayalla



**Dear Marines,  
Thank you so  
much for fighting  
and representing  
our country. You  
are in my  
thoughts and  
prayers everyday.**

**All my   
Caitlin Palmer**