

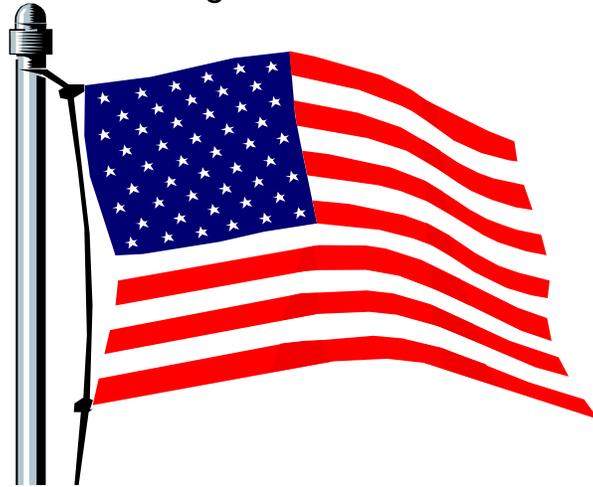
Letters from Home

Rockingham 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, however, the graphics are credited on each letter.

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Knowing that the military need letters from home on more than holidays, Tommiann Hill's beginning class wrote general letters of appreciation. Using a template of idea starters (see the next page), the students expressed their thoughts in their own words.

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Idea Template

Dear Marine,

My name is _____.

I am from _____.

I have lived in the United States
for _____ years.

Thank You for serving/protecting the
United States.

Sincerely,
Thank You,
God Bless,

Your Name



Hi!

The enclosed letters are from adult students who are learning English. Their grammar and spelling have not been changed in these letters.

These students truly thank you for your service to the United States of America and your protection of this country. I thank you, too.

**Sincerely,
Tommiann Hill
Instructor**

Dear Marine

**Take care of yourself. I hope you come
hom soon. For your ime in the army. I'm
away from hom too so-I understan you
miss your familia, understan too for your is
a chanch in oll live
Thank your for poteccian
I hope to become a citizen**

When you discover you road you welcome

I'm Monica Bravo

Dear Marine,

**I've livedn in the United States 9
years.**

**Thank you for protecting us
Good luck and God bless you**

Sincerely Lilia Torres



Dear Marine,

Ive lived in the United States
16 years.

Take care of yourself I hope
you come home soon I'm away
from home too so I understand
you miss your family Thaní
you for protecti
God Bless You

Sincerely,
Vicente Velén



Dear Marine,

I've lived in the United States.

**Take care yourself. I hope
you come home soon. You
family**

Stay safe. Good bless,

Carmen Alvarado



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