



Freedom's Feast MEMORIAL DAY

On-line resources to get the most out of your AMERICAN holiday Celebrations.

TAKING ACTION FOR THOSE WHO ACT FOR US

Seals of the Branches of the U.S. Armed Forces



ACTING FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

First, say thank you to those who are serving.

There are many sites and many ways to do it but here are two:

1. Write a letter. "[A Million Thanks](#)" sends messages year round to our "past and present" US military men and women to thank them for their "sacrifices, dedication and service."
2. Show your gratitude to our men and women in uniform whenever you see them. They'll appreciate it. [This video](#) shows you how to do it.

Send packages and provide needed services. Thousands of organizations provide opportunities for helping to support veterans and active members of our armed forces.

1. Visit this [consolidator site](#) which provides a wide range of options.
2. Consider one of these programs that received top ratings from Charity Watch:
 - Semper Fi and America's Fund:** For Our Combat Wounded, Ill and Injured
 - Fisher House Foundation:** Houses military families during medical treatment
 - K9s For Warriors:** Pairs rescue and shelter dogs as service dogs for warriors

Teach your children about the meaning of military service and sacrifice. Show them by your example that you respect citizens who have chosen to help others in this way. Though members of the armed services are always at risk for combat, many provide essential support to civilians throughout the world in moments of crisis.

The books listed on [our reading list in "Explore More"](#) cover many aspects of military service but all are appropriate for children. Review them on Amazon or look for them at your local library.

Enjoy taking action for those who serve. Thank you for helping to raise the next generation of great American citizens.

Please visit us on [Facebook](#) to share your experiences and visit us again on [Independence Day](#).



INDEPENDENCE DAY LABOR DAY THANKSGIVING MLK DAY PRESIDENTS' DAY

TIPS FOR WRITING TO TROOPS

★ Dear Troops, Dear Hero

★ Thank & acknowledge the military personnel for their service to our country

★ Write something about yourself (favorite color, food, sports team; what you did today; about your family)

★ You can ask a question, tell a joke!

★ Sign your first name, city you live in, and age (optional)

WORD SUGGESTIONS FOR THANKING AND ACKNOWLEDGING OUR TROOPS

Thank you
 Brave
 Selfless
 Amazing
 Honor
 Sacrifice
 Courageous
 Appreciate
 Hero
 Courage
 Patriotic
 Proud
 Protect
 Determined
 USA
 Strength
 American
 Freedom

Source: [The Major Stuart Adam Wolfer Institute](#)