

## **Tips for Writing a Letter to a Soldier**

1. Tell your first name, age and grade – but don't include specific school location or your street, city, state address.

2. Tell more about yourself -

Names of the people in your family. Your pets' names. Your favorites: (subject in school, sport, food, book, song, or movie, etc.)

3. Tell what you did yesterday and what you're planning to do today. Explain a little about what you're doing in school.

4. Thank him or her for serving in the military.

5. Don't forget to sign your name.

**Please do NOT fold your letter. Max paper size 8 ½ x 11.**

**Art work is appreciated, but no glitter or embellishment please. Flat stickers are fine.**

Mail your letter to:

The Wrightslaw Team  
PO Box 1008  
Deltaville, VA 23043

Remember –

- Your letter can be short, it doesn't need to be very long.
- Soldiers miss their own families- so tell what you and your family are doing.
- Say "thanks" or say you're proud of the job they do as a soldier. Thank them for their previous service.
- Wish them a safe return, or a quick recovery.
- Draw a picture of something – it will likely become part of the soldier's home away from home.

Here's a sample letter for an active duty soldier. You may also want to write to a Veteran or to a Wounded Warrior.

Dear American Soldier,

My name is Evan. I'm 9 years old and in the 4th grade.

My teacher's name is Miss Rice.

I have a brother named Joseph. We play football after school now, but basketball is my favorite sport.

Isabel is my sister. She's only 3, but she loves to draw. I'm sending you one of her pictures.

Yesterday we went to the store to shop for groceries for..... (example)

Thanksgiving and I can't wait for the turkey and mashed potatoes. But my favorite food is pizza.

I'll get to have pizza for my birthday party next week.

It's very cold here now. I wonder what the weather is like where you are.

Thank you for doing the job of an American soldier. I hope you stay safe.

Take care,  
Evan