

Hero Pack Letter Writing

These letters are placed in backpacks that are given out to children experiencing a deployment in their family. A deployment is when a service member is asked to travel away from their home for a long period of time in order to do their job as a service member. This can be a difficult time for a young person. These notes are included in a backpack of fun items to show the young person support.

DO:

- Keep your note brief and supportive
- Put some thought into what you are writing, the recipient will greatly appreciate it!
- Draw a picture or add a sticker
- Use a half or whole sheet of paper or note card
- Sign the letter with your full name, first name, or your friend, etc.

DON'T:

- Include any religious sayings or information
- Make judgments about the military or war
- Give your personal information

Examples:

Hello,

I want you to know I am thinking of you as you are experiencing what could be a difficult time. I imagine it would be hard to have your family member away for a long time. Just know that I appreciate the challenges you are experiencing and hope that you will be strong. Know that there are people out there supporting you!

Chris

Hi!

I hope you enjoy your Hero Pack. There are lots of neat things inside to enjoy. You are a Hero for your family and I wish you all the best. While this time may be difficult your contributions to your family will make a great difference! Thank you and know that I am thinking of you!

Your friend

Hello friend,

My aunt is in the army and she has been deployed twice. I know it can be difficult, but I also know that it is important to support her and my other family members. I am sending my support to you in this letter, thank you for your support of your family. It's pretty amazing that your family member is serving the country and making a difference and you are too! Thank you.

Claude Clover