



May 10, 2018

Iowa Paralegal Association
Attn: Jody Burns
1000 Main Street
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Dear Jody,

On behalf of Operation Gratitude and the heroes who receive our care packages, I thank you for your generous donation of assorted items & toiletries, Beanie Baby, socks, letters, batteries, cards/envelopes and your dedication to our mission. Your contribution will enable us to send over **250,000 'chock full' Care Packages** this year to the tens of thousands of brave men and women still deployed overseas in harsh and remote areas; to their children anxiously awaiting their return; and to Veterans, New Recruits, First Responders, Wounded Heroes and their Care Givers.

With the help of caring Americans like you, since our inception in 2003, we have sent more than **2 Million Operation Gratitude Care Packages** containing snacks, hygiene products, entertainment and hand-made items, and personal letters of appreciation. These expressions of love and concern from fellow citizens offer our Military & First Responders a much-deserved **"Thank You For Your Service"** and are always greeted with enthusiasm and great appreciation.

As one Navy Sailor and New York Police Department Officer recently wrote:

"Every box, every piece of paper, every cloth, every book, every pen, every pencil, every notebook, every brush, every tooth paste, every shower gel, every puzzle, every magazine, every letter, every piece of candy..... means a lot to us when we are away from home. It gives us Hope, Confidence, Happiness, Strength & Pride that somebody think about us, that someone is there for us. Thank You all. God Bless America."

To read all the current letters of thanks from our recipients and to see their photos with your Operation Gratitude care packages, please "Like" us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/OperationGratitude and "follow" us on Twitter: www.twitter.com/OpGratitude, Pinterest: <http://pinterest.com/opgratitude> and Instagram: <https://instagram.com/opgratitude/>

On December 9, 2017 we celebrated the delivery of our **Two Millionth Care Package** - all made possible by your support! I hope you'll visit our Social Media sites to see pictures of the event!

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness and wonderful patriotic spirit. Every single donation we receive furthers our mission of saying "Thank You" to those who serve. The recipients of your generosity will remember your kindness forever. As a 20-year Marine and the new CEO of this amazing organization, I will always be appreciative of your support and encouragement for Operation Gratitude. You are truly making a difference!

Warm regards,

Kevin M. Schmiegel
Kevin M. Schmiegel, CEO

Operation Gratitude has been granted non-profit status under Section 501 (c) 3 of the IRS Code. Your contribution to this organization is fully deductible in accordance with applicable law for federal income tax purposes as no goods or services were provided in exchange.

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