



Tell Them Thanks

Thanking America's Heroes ~ one letter at a time.

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Hello friends! We thought since we have so many new members, and since it's been a while since we did this, we would introduce our Volunteer Staff. And I even forced them all to give me a picture of themselves, as much as they hated to do it! So I guess since they all submitted one, I had to do it too (as much as I hated it). You'll see our pictures and info starting on the next page.

I hope everyone is enjoying some spring weather! Remember that you can find us on Facebook... lots of pictures there and all the latest news!

Thank you for all that you do! We appreciate our Thankers!

~ Mary Ann

Hugs!

Have you noticed that we end all our emails with "Hugs!"? Some of you probably know where that came from, but for those of you that don't... it actually does have a history! Before we started Tell Them Thanks, many of us belonged to a group called Hugs From Home. They always ended their emails with "hugs" because of the name of the group. When we started this group, we thought we'd keep it because we really just liked it!

We're a huggy bunch!

Something else you may have noticed in our emails... Whenever we give out adoption information, we ask you to let us know that you received the email. That's because we've found over the years that occasionally someone will not receive their soldier information and will never tell us. That means that their soldier does not get mail and we definitely do NOT like that! So we ask for everyone to just confirm with us that the information was received.

Thank you for helping us with that!

IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TEAM

This team is designed to support troops who have been sent to us as an entire unit, often in groups of 50 or more. Since the larger groups take a bit longer to adopt out, the purpose of the IRT is to have team members send a one-time letter to a service member knowing that within a week or so they will be adopted out to someone who can support them for the duration of their deployment.

We don't always have a need for the IRT but when we do, an email will be sent to you with the name & contact information for 1 or more service members, depending how many you feel you can commit to writing a one-time letter to.

If you would like to sign up for the IRT, please just send us an email and we'll add you to the team!

Thank you!

NEW SOLDIERS & MARINES

We have lots of folks waiting to be adopted, including a rather large group of Soldiers who are at the beginning of a very long 2-year deployment to Iraq. Send us a quick e mail if you'd like to adopt a new hero!!



Mary Ann Tozer
President & Co-Founder

I live in Upstate New York with my husband, Terry, and our two boys ~ Louie and Ethan. I'm a stay-at-home-Mom with lots of crazy activities to keep me busy! I've been supporting our troops since 2004. Starting Tell Them Thanks with my fellow-troop-supporting friends has been a wonderful, rewarding experience and I appreciate our heroes more today than ever because of this work that we do!



Lana France
Admin Support & Co-Founder

I'm from Williamsport, PA. I have two married daughters and seven grandchildren. I do lots of volunteer work and play tennis and am especially partial to supporting our troops. I've been involved in troop support since February of 2005 and am really pleased to be a part of Tell Them Thanks.



Susie Junek
Recruiter & Co-Founder

I live in Central Texas, and I started supporting our troops in '04 when I adopted my first service member - a Marine located in Ramadi, Iraq. I have to laugh when I think about how

intimidated I was. A Marine? I thought Marines were big, scary mean guys. :) When he and his guys came home, I started searching the net for another organization to adopt through. I adopted my first Soldier through that group, and that's where I met many of the folks now involved in T3 - Mary Ann, Lana, and many more. The prior group didn't have many Soldiers for us to adopt, and no Marines for us. That's when my recruiting began. I would not be able to have the joy of doing what I do if Mary Ann, Lana and our other volunteers weren't willing to do what they do. But, without our members who adopt and write, we wouldn't be here.



Our Volunteer Staff!



Carol Trentelman
Treasurer

I'm a recently retired Physical Therapist, living in northern PA with my husband, Jack. We have a grown daughter who lives in Maine, two dogs and a cat. I love the outdoors (gardening, kayaking, ice skating) and the indoors (knitting, sewing) and get much satisfaction from writing to our Troops. I've been supporting our Heroes since 2006 and have met some truly wonderful people through Tell Them Thanks.



Roxann Freezer
Troops Moderator

I live in Cogan Station, PA. I'm a proud mother of two sons, Jason and Jordan. I'm very happy to be a part of this group because I know first-hand how important it is to show our brave service members how much we appreciate them. I would like to personally thank Jason, all veterans and all who are currently serving for all that they have done in keeping our great nation safe and free. I have been showing my support to our troops since 2004.



Denise Fritschy
New Member Moderator

My husband and I live in Cape Cod. Our son served in the Navy and I consider all the military, "my kids." I have been involved with Tell Them Thanks for several years and have met the most wonderful people through the group. I am a Human Resource Manager and in my spare time I love to make cards, scrapbook, walk the beach and read.



T3 MEETING!

Lana will be hosting a meeting for any member that would like to attend! Please join us if you can... the more the merrier! Just contact Lana if you think you'd like to attend and for more info:

llf2@comcast.net

When: Saturday, April 28

Where: Williamsport, PA

Contact us!

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www.TellThemThanks.com

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*Remember, we may not always get a response back from our
Service Members,
but we keep on writing!*



Thank you!!