

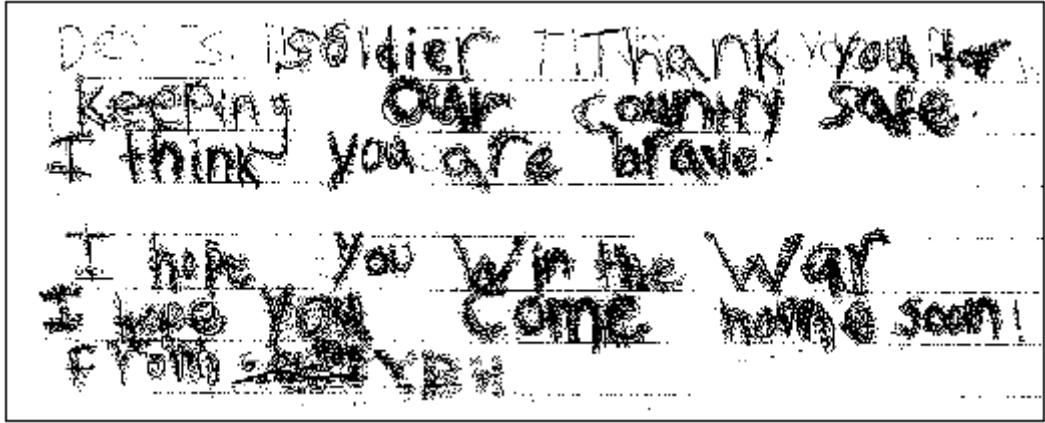
## Veterans' Day Letters

November 11th has been celebrated as Veteran's Day since the end of WW1. It was President Woodrow Wilson who declared this day, on which an armistice was declared, to be the official day of recognition of American soldiers and their contribution to all American citizens. The armistice was officially declared at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of the year, and this is why we celebrate Veteran's Day every year on November 11th. When he declared this an official United States holiday, Woodrow Wilson said:

*"To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."*

In this special section of our newsletter this week, our children offer their thanks to our soldiers who put themselves in harm's way to protect us and our renowned American beliefs in human freedom and equality. Although we have only published one letter per class, we are sending hundreds of letters that our students have written to our soldiers overseas. We wish to thank Mrs. Rochel Besser for providing us with the suggestion and information about how our children's letters can reach our soldiers. And we wish to thank Devorah [redacted] in 7G for inspiring and recommending to the school administrators that we pay tribute to our soldiers.

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Dear American Heroes:

Thank you for protecting our country and leaving your families to do your job that is helping us. You help our land. You have a very important job and the country is lucky to have you help us. Stay well.

Sincerely,  
Russy

Dear American Heroes

Thank you for fighting in the army. Thanks for protecting the U.S.A. I think the country needs it! You should deserve lots & lots of respect. If you are wounded Retuob Shelaimah: I NOT means "Get well" I bet your enemies are from all over the world! Egypt, Russia, Australia & China! Of course, you don't battle Aliens, which aren't real! I hope you stay safe. I wish you luck.

Sincerely,  
Alexander

Dear American Heroes,

11/9/10

I thank you for helping defend our country. We are very lucky to have people like you helping us in war. My name is Shalom Dershowitz. The school I go to is Yeshiva Bet Hillel in Passaic but I live in Hillside. My address is [REDACTED]

in New Jersey. I hope the war ends soon and you stay safe. You are a very very brave and important person for fighting in this war.

You are a hero. We really appreciate you fighting for peace. We are very very proud of our American army and we thank you for joining it and making it better. I

hope someday I will get to meet you. I will be an honor if I can. I have always wanted to meet someone in the army. You have risked your life to save our country and we thank you for it. We are happy to have you protect our country. I hope you eat many meals. Good luck.

Your friend,

Shalom [REDACTED]

Benny [REDACTED]

Dear American heroes,

I appreciate that you are ~~the~~ risking your lives for us. I also really appreciate your courage and faithfulness. I know you are risking your lives for our freedom. I hope that ~~to~~ you guys will win the war. You are as brave as ~~the~~ Captain America. Thank you again for protecting us and letting our lives live in peace. ~~to~~

Sincerely, ~~to~~

Benny [REDACTED]

P.S. When you get home, tell me your experience and mail it to

[REDACTED] Apt 2 ~~to~~

Passaic New Jersey 07055

Dear Freedom Fighter,

I really appreciate the fact that you are protecting our country. You make it possible to live in peace, not in pieces. Everyone in this country celebrates a day devoted to you. You may not know how great you are but every one else does. You should just know you serving your country in such away is amazing. some people work for the president but that don't help saving our country. you really help saving us.

Sincerely,

Leah

Dear Soldier,

Last year, my family and I went to visit the Military Academy at West Point. I know that what I saw and heard is probably as different as possible from the real military, but it gave me a tiny glimpse of what a soldier's life must be like. When I saw a group of cadets marching past me, I felt a *connection* to them—for lack of a better word. More like I *wanted* to feel a connection—I wanted to be able to relate to them.

Writing this letter, I remember that feeling. I know I will never be able to relate to what you sacrificed. I wish I could be able to give our country even a tiny fraction of everything you have given. But I can relate to the one thing I and those cadets at West Point and you all have in common: that we are all Americans. No matter where you might be in the world, please remember that because you are an American, I will always feel connected to you. I owe you everything—my life, the lives of my family and friends. Please keep in mind that I am praying for your safety every day. And remember that wherever you are in the world, you have my complete support and admiration forever. I will always stand behind you.

Sincerely,

Rochel 