

1. Dear Soldier/Patriot/Hero (gender neutral title)
2. Tell the soldier about who you are, your family, your friends, what you like to do.
3. My _____ served in _____. Share how this changed you (share if appropriate to you)
4. Express your gratitude or pride in them.
5. Write about your life – Make them smile or laugh if you can! Below are some possible subjects to work with.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gardening • Cars • Sports • Cooking/Baking • Pets • Nature • Hiking • Fishing • Local events • Holidays | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movies • TV Shows • Hobbies • DIY • Family • Favorite Foods • Grilling/BBQ's • Travel • School • Home Remodeling | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Service/ Volunteer Work • Local Attractions • Collections • Video Games • Books • Careers • Weather • Work (unless it's super negative, then skip this one) |
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6. Add a verse, quote or saying to encourage.
7. Re-Express gratitude/pride in them.
8. Your Name
9. Street Address, City, State, Zip (This line is optional & no guarantee soldier will write back)

Suggestions were adapted from the following resources. Feel free to check them out for further ideas!

WikiHow

<https://www.wikihow.com/Write-Letters-to-Soldiers#Writing-an-Uplifting-Letter-to-a-Soldier>

<https://soldierangels.org/how-to-write-your-first-letter/>

How to Write Your First Letter - Soldiers' Angels

Sandboxx

Sandboxx<https://www.sandboxx.us/blog/have-writers-block-heres-what-to-say-in-a-letter-to-a-soldier/>

<https://www.livingasunshinelife.com/writing-letters-to-deployed-soldiers-what-not-to-write/> WHAT SHOULD YOU SAY TO A SOLDIER?

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