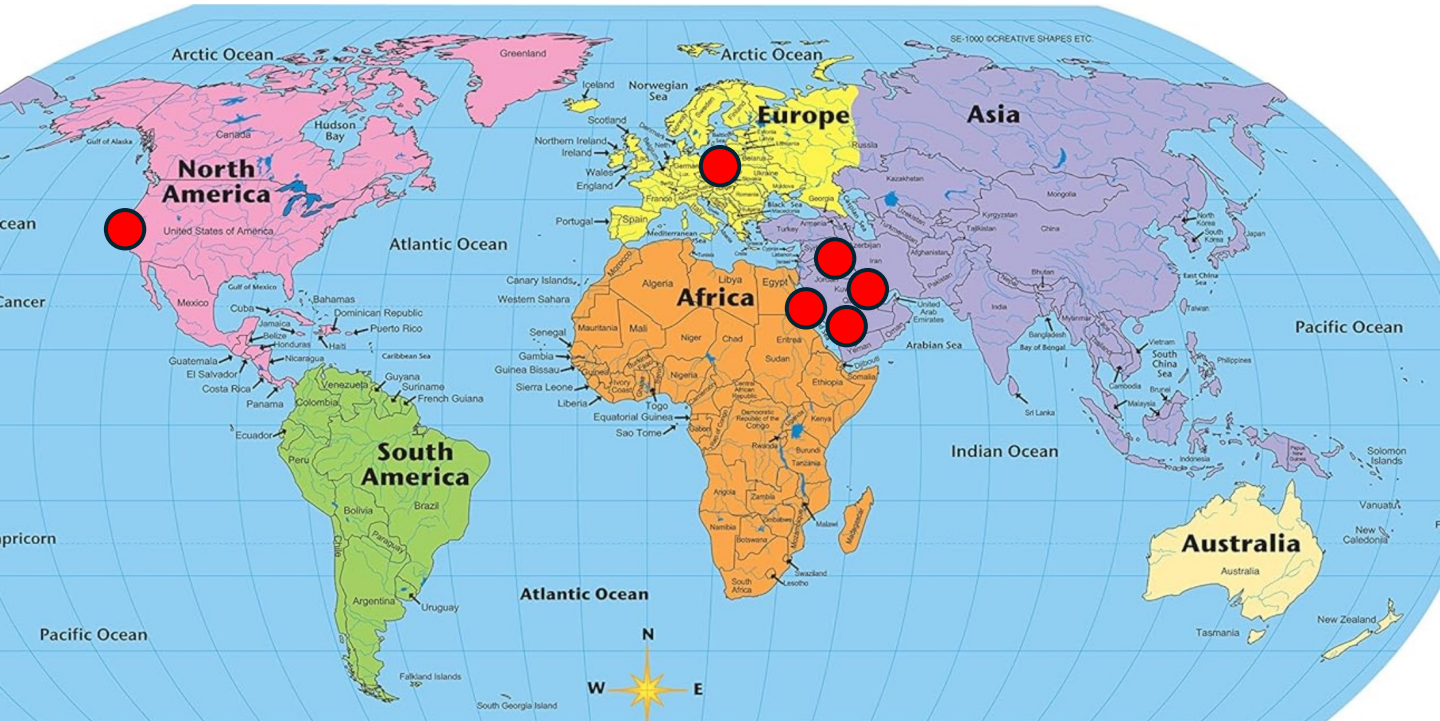


# Destinations of Origami Frames and emails from service members



From: William Dunn <williamarntsendunn@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, Feb 11, 2024 at 8:27 AM

Subject: USAF Care package, thank you!

To: <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Thank you for your care package and thoughtful gifts. My crew enjoyed sharing it. I took your origami star and flew it on our last mission over Iraq. Here are a couple photos.

Sincerely,

Lt Col William Dunn

26th Expeditionary Reacue Squadron



From: Isaiah Padilla <isaiaharnulfopadilla@gmail.com>  
Date: Wed, Feb 28, 2024 at 6:54 AM  
Subject: To whom this may concern.  
To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

I just wanted to let you know I got your letter and thank you for sending it.  
I am on deployment and hope for a safe return. I hope you are doing well and have a good day.  
Your letters give us strength in our duties.  
I will make sure to continue working hard until we get home.

Sincerely,  
Isaiah Padilla

From: Garcia, Nichole A SPC USARMY (USA) <nichole.a.garcia.mil@army.mil>  
Date: Thu, Feb 29, 2024 at 5:08 AM  
Subject: Military Service Member  
To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

To whom it may concern,

Thank you so much for the cool origami map piece that you created for me! It will be hung up in my office for all of my soldiers to see. WE (the Behavioral Health team overseas) appreciate you! Your words and kindness matter and speaks volumes to us. May you have a blessed time.

Respectfully,

NICHOLE-ALEJANDRA GARCIA-HURTADO  
SGT, USAR, 68X  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TECHNICIAN  
113TH MED DET COSC  
WELLNESS CLINIC  
EMAIL: [NICHOLE.A.GARCIA.MIL@ARMY.MIL](mailto:NICHOLE.A.GARCIA.MIL@ARMY.MIL)

From: Michael Hayes <mbhayes704@gmail.com>  
Date: Thu, Feb 29, 2024 at 6:35 AM  
Subject: Thank You From MAJ Hayes  
To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Mr. Brown,

Good morning and Thank You for your note and Map - I plan to take it with me on my travels here in the Middle East over the coming months and I very much appreciate it! I serve as the Brigade Judge Advocate for the 411th Engineer Brigade, currently deployed across the Middle East. My work often takes me from our Brigade Headquarters at Camp Buehring, Kuwait, to Iraq, Jordan and Syria - so your note will see some good time in different places over the coming weeks and months. Again, Thank You for thinking of all of us - and God Bless America!

Very respectfully,

Michael Hayes  
MAJ, JA  
HHC, 411 EN BDE  
APO, AE 09330

From: Justin Polanco <justinpolanco735@gmail.com>  
Date: Fri, Mar 1, 2024 at 10:15 AM  
Subject: Recipient  
To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Hello Chesh,

I'm a soldier currently located in Poland. I have received your little mail letter and just know that I appreciate what you do and I hope you're having a blessed day!

Sincerely,  
Justin Polanco

From: <eric.gonzalez@psab.afcent.af.mil>  
Date: Sun, Mar 3, 2024 at 10:52 AM  
Subject: Package  
To: <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>  
Cc: <ERICGONZALEZ94@gmail.com>

Good morning,

I wanted to take the time to send you an email. Thank you for the care package I received. I appreciate the support as well as the goodies that were sent to me. My daughter's birthday was today so receiving this package really made my day. Thank you, I hope you take care and be safe wherever you go.

Gonzalez, Eric , SSgt, USAF  
Weapons Load Crew Chief, 119 EFGS  
Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

From: Robertson Cpl Brian E <brian.robertson@usmc.mil>  
Date: Thu, Mar 7, 2024 at 9:53 PM  
Subject: Care Package  
To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Good morning,

On behalf of my Marines and I, thank you for the package we received from you all. We are very grateful, and it gave us a much-needed morale boost. I personally enjoyed watching my Marines open the box with big smiles on their faces and, I got a good chuckle out of the "Lance socks" myself. Thank you very much for sending this to us and for all that you do for the service members.

Semper Fidelis

Respectfully Sent,

Corporal Robertson, Brian, E.  
Warehouse Chief  
FUTURE Property Clerk  
V 2/8 UDP Supply  
Cell # 240-309-9964

From: Hirsch, David AT1 USN, VFA-131 <David.Hirsch@cwv3.navy.mil>

Date: Sat, Mar 9, 2024 at 8:16 PM

Subject: Thank You

To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

I would like to take a moment to thank you for contributing to the care package we received here in the Red Sea! All of the items are quite useful. May you be blessed for your thoughts and good wishes!

V/R,

AT1 Hirsch

VFA-131

W/C 040

J-6335

From: Sam Tito <runtitosam@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Mar 11, 2024 at 2:10 PM

Subject: Origami

To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Thank you for your origami map/card! We appreciate the well wishes 😎

SF,

The Marine

CF KSA

From: Jantomaso, Angela B 1STLT USMC USSOCOM MARSOC (USA)

<angela.b.jantomaso.mil@socom.mil>

Date: Wed, Mar 27, 2024 at 1:09 AM

Subject: Thank you!

To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Hi Chesire,

Thank you so much for all your kind notes in the operation care and comfort packages. We truly appreciate you taking the time to write us. Thank you!

Respectfully,

1stLt Belle Jantomaso

Civil Affairs Team Leader

Special Operations Task Force 511.2

Angela.b.jantomaso.mil@socom.mil

Mobile: +63 977-042-1145

From: Byler, Trenton D MSG USARMY 411 ENG BDE (USA) <trenton.d.byler.mil@army.mil>

Date: Mon, Mar 25, 2024 at 6:03 AM

Subject: Care Packages

To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Good Afternoon,

The 4 section would like to thank you for all the care packages that you have sent. It really is the highlight of the day when Soldiers get to open mail. We share the boxes with other sections as well. Kind of like a community grab box that you can take what you need and leave the rest for the next Soldier. Again, thank you very much.

Very Respectively,

Trenton D. Byler

MSG, USAR

S4 NCOIC

Task Force Castle

411 Theater Engineer Brigade

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From: wilson ramos <wilsonramos678432@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Mar 26, 2024 at 3:18 AM

Subject: USO note from you

To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Hello Mr. Brown, my name is CE2 Ramos and i had received a letter from you from operation gratitude through USO! Im currently deployed and wanted to say thank you so much for the package and being one of the many families who sent thoughts and prayers to us. It means the world to me to know that we have people like you in this world who support our worlds greatest navy. I am 25 years old and have been in the navy for 6 years working with the fabulous Seabees! I am originally from Rhode Island and have been working out of California for a couple of years! Just figured i give you a little back story of myself! Thank you so much for your message!

- with all heart and lots of thanks

Ramos

From: Christopher Beu <christopher.d.beu@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Mar 28, 2024 at 8:18 AM

Subject: Map Artwork

To: <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Sir or Ma'am,

I am writing you to let you know that I got your map artwork that was made with Operation Gratitude. I personally wanted to reach out to let you know that I am thankful for the time and effort you put into this beautiful design.

I often wonder if time given to organizations like this are ever fully understood, but I'll have you know, you have brought a smile to my face as I fight in Iraq, and I thank you.

Sincerely,

SGT Beu, Christopher

38th EOD / Special Operations Task Force Lavant

From: Von Reiser, Rutger M 1LT USARMY 52 EOD (USA) <rutger.m.vonreiser.mil@army.mil>

Date: Thu, Mar 28, 2024 at 8:15 AM

Subject: Thank you from Iraq

To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Good Afternoon Sam,

Today I received a care package from Operation Gratitude, and I was fortunate enough to receive your letter/ map origami. I cannot thank you enough for the kind words and effort put forth into the letter. I just wanted to write back because I remember writing the letters to deployed Soldiers and it would have been neat if they responded. Thank you for your support and stay safe.

V/r,

Rutger M. von Reiser

1LT, OD

Operations Officer

38th OD CO (EOD)

Erbil, Iraq



From: Martineziniguez, Noel (Shenyang) <MartineziniguezN@state.gov>

Date: Mon, Apr 1, 2024 at 1:41 AM

Subject: Thank you from the Marines

To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Good afternoon,

My name is Sgt Noel Martinez. I received your letter today in the mail. Thank you, it means a lot that people back home are thinking about us. I most likely will never meet you, but I know I've met you in spirit, and that is all I need to keep myself and the other Marines here moving forward. Keep supporting us, it helps more than you'll ever know.

Semper Fi



From: Vazquez, Marie Kate Fanny SFC USARMY 364 ESC (USA) <mariekate.f.vazquez.mil@army.mil>

Date: Thu, Apr 4, 2024 at 6:47 AM

Subject: Thank you - Military Care Package

To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Good morning! I wanted to share with you that my team received care packages from Operation Gratitude and in one of our care packages was the wonderful card from you. Just wanted to send a big thank you for your support and generosity! It definitely made our day to get these wonderful care packages in the mail.

Respectfully,

Marie Kate Vazquez

SFC, USA

Postal Platoon Sergeant

909th Personnel Company, A2 Platoon

NIPR: mariekate.f.vazquez.mil@army.mil

From: Matt "Ninja" Clamp <mattclamp46@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Apr 5, 2024 at 2:12 AM

Subject: Operation gratitude

To: <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Good afternoon,

This is MA3 Matthew Clamp. I wanted to express how grateful I am for your wonderful note that I received in my care package from operation gratitude. This note, as well as the others that I have received, are very uplifting in a time that feels very tough right now. Thank you very much from the bottom of my heart. Be safe! 😊

From: English, Jay LCDR USN, CDS-23 <jay.english@cvn71.navy.mil>

Date: Fri, Apr 5, 2024 at 1:22 AM

Subject: OPERATION GRATITUDE

To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Dear volunteer,

The little beavers of Destroyer Squadron 23 just received a mass of Operation Gratitude boxes during our at sea replenishment. None of us were expecting these thoughtful boxes to show up, thank you so much to you and your friends! A definite moral boost. It was nice seeing everyone get a box and do the normal candy/snack/goody exchange, smiles everywhere!

I'm a Surface Warfare Officer, commissioned out of Savannah State University in 2010 and have been sailing the seas ever since. Thank you again for your support. Stay safe and God Bless!

Very Respectfully,

LCDR Jay C. English  
COMDESRON 23 N4  
POTS 619.545.5665

From: Swanson, Erika STGC USN, CDS-23 <Erika.Swanson@cvn71.navy.mil>  
Date: Fri, Apr 5, 2024 at 12:43 PM  
Subject: From STGC Swanson Onboard USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71)  
To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Good Day to You, Sam

My name is STGC Erika Swanson currently stationed at COMDESRON 23 onboard USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71).

From COMDESRON 23, we would like to thank you and the ones you hold dear for providing your good will toward our Command and Navy. As someone who joined the military out of Connecticut, I was amused with the map of Ft. Lauderdale/Everglades utilized to make the origami piece while being labeled with a Connecticut address. I-95 truly is a highway when you're making your way down for the winter as my family does back home.

Thank you again for your message and we hope to continue to support you and everyone back home with what we are doing out here. Be safe as well.

V/r  
STGC(SW) Erika M. Swanson  
COMDESRON 23  
Staff Sonar Technician  
"Scientiae Sonae Vincit"

From: Lacy, Sheldon OS1 USN, CDS-23 <Sheldon.Lacy@cvn71.navy.mil>  
Date: Sun, Apr 7, 2024 at 12:58 PM  
Subject: THANK YOU FOR THE CARE PACKAGE  
To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Hi,

I had received your care package from Operational Gratitude and saw your email. I wanted to thank you from the bottom of my heart and show my gratitude and appreciation for thinking about us. Something as small as a care package goes a long way for not just me, but for a lot of people that is out here with me on deployment. I hope everything is well on your end, and hope you have a great day.

Again, thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Sheldon

From: Villegas, Luis QMC USN, CVN71 <luis.villegas@cvn71.navy.mil>

Date: Wed, Apr 10, 2024 at 2:59 AM

Subject: Thank you

To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Good Morning Chesh,

First of all I would like to thank you for the package sent. Not many people may think so but little things like what you have done really makes a difference for me and the rest of us out here. To tell you a little about myself I am a Quartermaster, which means that I am in charge of Navigation the ships. I do this by planning and creating tracks on charts for the ships to maneuver through. I have been in for 20 years and will be looking forward to retiring next year God willing. I am originally from Bronx, New York. The best Pizza ever is made there..lol. Well tell me a little about yourself. Where are you from? Do you like school? What do you want to be when you grow up? What do you like to do?. I look forward to hearing back from you if possible. Please take care of yourself and make sure you are always putting your best efforts in anything you do.

V/r

QMC Villegas Luis M

From: andrew <mistahballoo@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Apr 17, 2024 at 3:49 AM

Subject: Care Package

To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Hey there, Sam!

My name is Andrew and I received your care package in Iraq! I wanted to thank you for your well-wishes, and compliment your map-folding skills. I have the map design hanging on my wall.

I appreciate the support and hope things are going well back in the States!

Sincerely,

Andrew

From: Thomsen, Kade D PO2 USN, LPD25 <kade.thomsen@lpd25.navy.mil>

Date: Fri, Apr 19, 2024 at 1:42 AM

Subject: Thank you!!!

To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Good Afternoon Sir or Ma'am!

This is Kade (EN2 Thomsen) onboard USS Somerset. We received your care packages and are extremely thankful! The 5 hour energy, sun glasses, scarf, and hand written letters were just what we needed. Some of us don't have families back home to send packages (luckily I do). Unfortunately I can't send pictures or videos but I wanted to email you and say thank you since I have your email address.

Just a little bit about myself ; I'm 21 years old and from Leedey Oklahoma. I joined the Navy right out of high school. I chose to be a Diesel Mechanic (Engineman or EN we call it) because I love to tinker and turn wrenches. I've been in for almost 3 years and have been to Sasebo Japan, Tokyo, South Korea, Guam, Thailand, Singapore, and India. Please feel free to email me back, I'm extremely busy (we work about 80 hours a week underway) but as soon as I have a chance to email you I will!

Once again, thank you for the care packages! Greatly appreciated!

Very Respectfully,

EN2 Thomsen, Kade, D.

USS SOMERSET (LPD 25) Engineering Dept.

EM05 Work Center Supervisor

Sexual Assault Victim Advocate

From: Seth Barbrow <seth.t.barbrow@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Apr 24, 2024 at 6:21 AM

Subject: Iraq Care Package

To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Good morning,

I just wanted to say thank you for your Soldier Care Package and the thought you put into it. My company, part of the 82nd Airborne Div, recieved your package here in Iraq. We are an aviation company consisting of Blackhawk helicopter pilots and crew chiefs. Thank you for your support.

Respectfully,

1LT Seth Barbrow