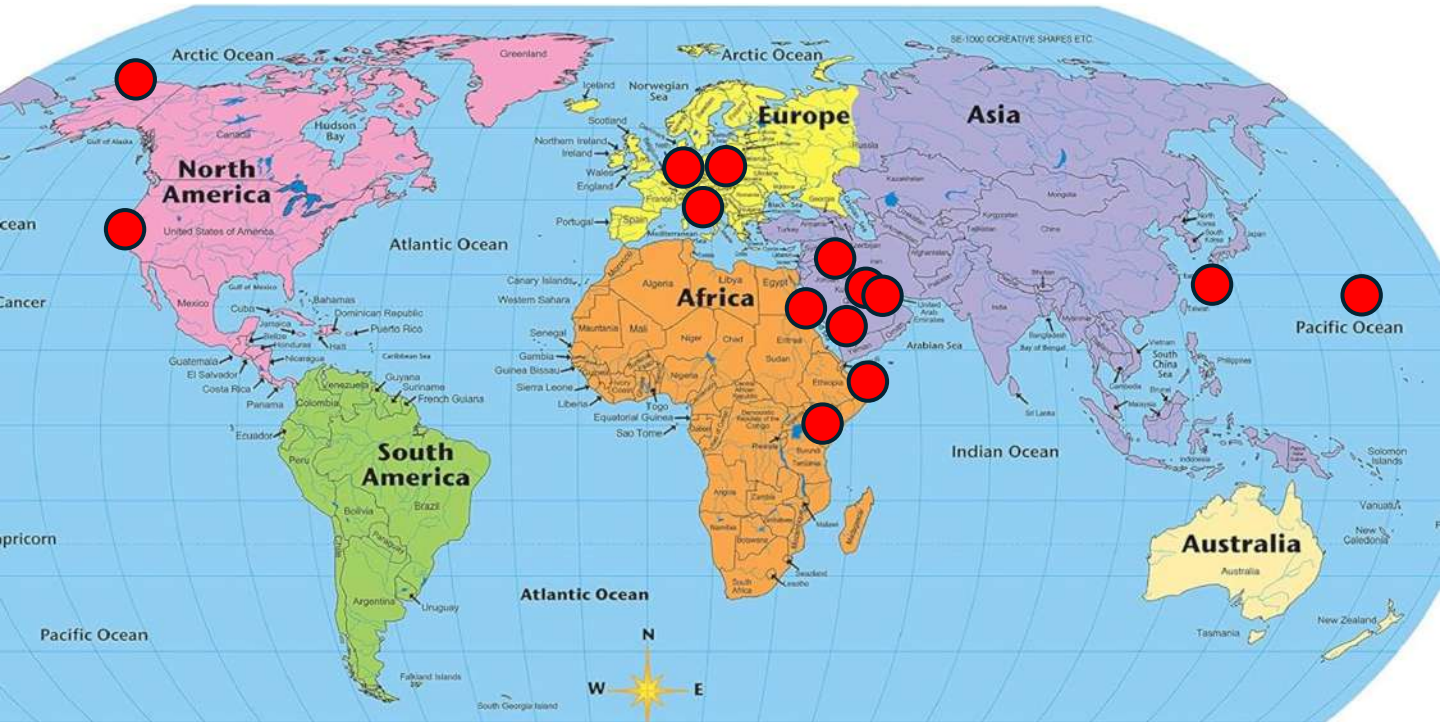


# Emails from service members



From: William Dunn  
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: Garcia, Nichole A SPC USARMY (USA)

Date: Thu, Feb 29, 2024 at 5:08 AM

Subject: Military Service Member

To: 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

From: Michael Hayes

Date: Thu, Feb 29, 2024 at 6:35 AM

Subject: Thank You From MAJ Hayes

To: 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

Date: Sun, Mar 3, 2024 at 10:52 AM

Subject: Package

To: <cheshbrownsr@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

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

Subject: Origami

To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com

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

SF,

The Marine

CF KSA

From: Christopher Beu

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)  
Date: Thu, Mar 28, 2024 at 8:15 AM  
Subject: Thank you from Iraq  
To: 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: Vazquez, Marie Kate Fanny SFC USARMY 364 ESC (USA)  
Date: Thu, Apr 4, 2024 at 6:47 AM  
Subject: Thank you - Military Care Package  
To: [cheshbrownsr@gmail.com](mailto: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

From: Matt "Ninja" Clamp  
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: Swanson, Erika STGC USN, CDS-23  
Date: Fri, Apr 5, 2024 at 12:43 PM  
Subject: From STGC Swanson Onboard USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71)  
To: 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"

Date: Wed, Apr 17, 2024 at 3:49 AM  
Subject: Care Package  
To: 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: Nathaniel Soule  
Date: Wed, Apr 24, 2024 at 6:04 PM  
Subject: Thank you  
To: <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Thank you very much for the note Sam. Brought a smile to my face getting that unexpected note. Stay safe and God bless you.

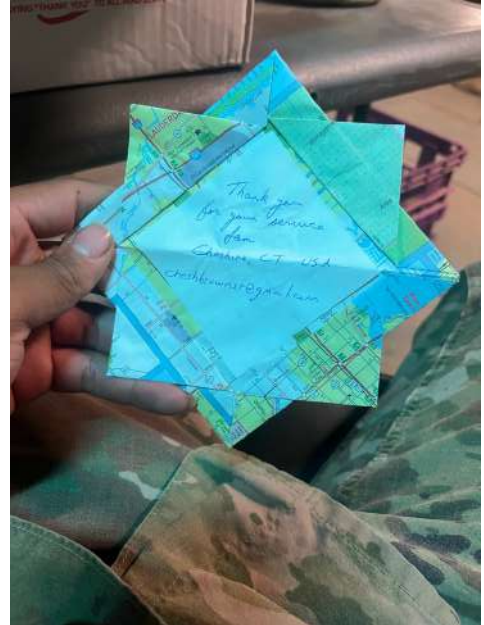
Sincerely,  
SrA Soule  
USAF

Ps. I attached a picture of a sandstorm that rolled through on my first day here.



From: danny !  
Date: Thu, Apr 25, 2024 at 7:17 AM  
Subject: Operation Gratitude  
To: <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Greetings from Saudi Arabia!  
SGT Hendrix here. Thank you for your support  
&& thank you for the box!



From: Elyse Spaulding  
Date: Sun, May 19, 2024 at 6:32 AM  
Subject: Thank you Sir  
To: <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Sir,

Thank you for your support and your beautifully folded Map.

SFC Raymond  
Currently in the Middle East



From: Joshua Womack  
Date: Sat, May 25, 2024 at 1:22 AM  
Subject: Care package letter  
To: <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Well I don't normally email strangers, but since you took the time to put your email address in a care package on the folded map I figured I'd take the time to respond back. My name is Josh. Thank first off for taking the time to send what you did. It means a lot out here to get packages with the things that we take for granted. Things that we can just drive down to the store and buy so easily. Also to knowing that someone cares enough to go out of their way to take the time to think about someone else, it means a lot.

I think often it is assumed that the packages got to soldiers but in fact I am a sailor on board a warship that is currently deployed in the pacific. I have served in the US Navy 14 years and you are the first person I've written. So I look forward to maybe getting to know a little about you. Hope this email finds you well and that I hear back from you soon.

Josh



From: Bennet Podlogar  
Date: Tue, Jun 11, 2024 at 3:50 PM  
Subject: Hello from a Soldier  
To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com

Hello Mr. Brown,

My name is Bennet Podlogar, I'm a specialist in the US Army. I was at our USO here in grafenwoehr, Germany and I saw your letter and the map intrigued me so I snatched it. I like maps. Always wanted to have a study that was wallpapered in maps one day.

I appreciate your letter. We infantry soldiers hate to admit emotion cause it cause earnest passion of something is a means to ample shit-talking from your friends. But I always say, own who you are and no one can use it against you.

So I enjoyed your little map/letter very much.

I hope you're well Mr. Brown.

At your service,

Spc Bennet Podlogar

From: Norman, R J SGT USARMY CENTCOM CJTF OIR (USA)  
Date: Sun, Jun 30, 2024 at 12:23 PM  
Subject: Thank You  
To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com

Hello Sam,

I received your letter saying, "Be safe where you may go."

I wanted to reach out and say thank you on behalf of my unit. Continue to be great and know that this small token made us very happy.

Happy 4th of July in Advance!

V/R,

Reginald J. Norman  
SGT, USA  
C-RAM DET 6 HHB 1-118 FA  
BDSC, IRQ

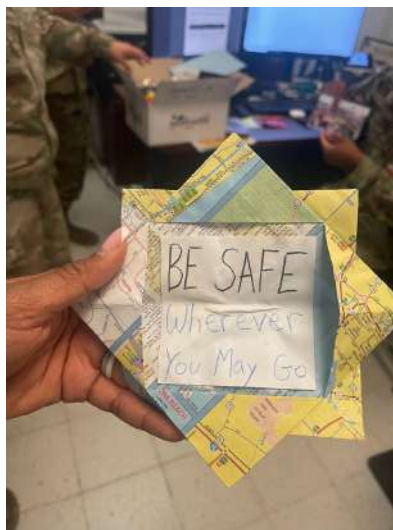
From: Maycala Williams  
Date: Tue, Jul 23, 2024 at 8:25 AM  
Subject: Care Package  
To: <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Hi,

I received your note in a care package! I'm currently in the Middle East and your note made me smile! Thank you so much! God bless!!

Respectfully,

SrA Maycala K. Warren  
USAF 🇺🇸



From: GANN, BRANDIE K Maj USAF AFRC 433 AES/AECC  
Date: Mon, Jul 29, 2024 at 1:17 PM  
Subject: Received letter  
To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com

Good day Sam! I wanted to take this opportunity to send a heartfelt thank you for the very nice, personalized letter on the map that you sent in the care package. I am deployed to the middle east and found the map note to be very thoughtful. Thank you for your support and may God bless you.

Brandie K. Gann, Maj, MSN-Ed, RN, SAMFE-A, USAF, NC  
378th Expeditionary Medical Squadron  
Expeditionary Operational Medical Readiness Flight  
🌴 Prince Sultan Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia 🐪

From: COLLINS, KERRY A Maj USAF AFCENT 378 EMDS/EMDS

Date: Wed, Aug 28, 2024 at 7:04 AM

Subject: Thanks !!!

To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com

Hello!

I'm Kerry Collins, a grateful deployer from PSAB!

Your packages bring us all a TRUE MOMENT OF JOY and gratitude, right backatcha! We realize the effort that goes into preparing these packages--filling them, taping them, writing letters--or getting others to write letters (even harder nowadays!) I LOVE reading the notes. Thank you for making us a little less homesick and a little more strong!!

You're the very best.

I loved your origami star! I have a colleague here from Connecticut, he was charmed to see your map and information. I'm in Maine. I sure missed that New England summer! Happy to serve though. Your mail and amazing messages and gratitude help us all.

Take care.

PS: What music and what books? I've been reading A LOT while here. Introvert 😊

KERRY A COLLINS DVM, Maj, USAF  
Public Health Officer  
378th Expeditionary Medical Squadron  
Prince Sultan Air Base, KSA

From: E.B. Kletzky

Date: Sat, Aug 31, 2024 at 12:19 PM

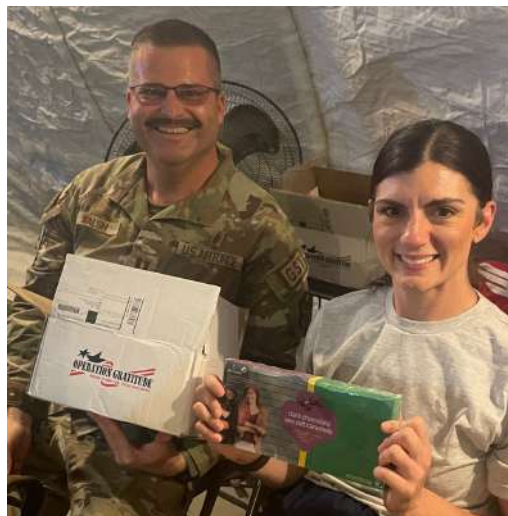
Subject: Good morning

To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com

Hi Samuel

You should be safe wherever you may go, also.  
Thanks for the folded map and in my veteran packet.

Take care, Ed K



From: Marty Quigley  
Date: Sat, Aug 31, 2024 at 4:26 PM  
Subject: Veteran's Response,  
To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com

Dear Samuel,

Thank you for your fancy, folded map note. I hope there will be no need for you or other citizens to serve in future wars to protect our rights as U.S. Citizens.

I was blessed to return from Vietnam, when so many men and women gave their lives for our continued freedom. We are always going to be challenged to continue to preserve our rights in the U.S.A. Unfortunately, there are so many people who have not observed just what a special blessing it is to live in America.

I pray you and no other citizens will be asked to defend our rights with any future wars.

Thanks again for your note and all the best to you.

Marty Quigley  
Boulder Colorado

From: Lee Powell  
Date: Sat, Sep 7, 2024 at 1:45 PM  
Subject: Veterans freedom flight  
To: <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

I just attended the preflight meeting for the Triad Freedom Flight and your origami map, with note, was in my bag. Thank you very much for the time and skill you used to create this memorable item.

I was in the Navy 4.5 yrs. and spent six months in Vietnam. We were protection for the aircraft carriers (Enterprise, Coral Sea, Oriskany). Our ship was the USS Richmond K Turner DLG-20 (<https://rktturner.com/>). We had terrier missiles and never had to fire one in Vietnam. The carriers had a CAP (combat air patrol) and everytime we located a bogey (unidentified aerial contact) the CAP would chase them home. I was a missile technician and we were responsible for testing their readiness. Thank you for your note. I wish you the best.

From: James Landon  
Date: Sun, Sep 8, 2024 at 8:49 PM  
Subject: Veterans Triad Honor Flight  
To: <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Hi Samuel - Thank you so very much for your email thank you note to me. I am proud to have served in the United States Army at Fort Hood, Texas in the 2nd Armored Division for initial basic training and then assigned to the 1st Armored Division for the balance of my tour at Fort Hood in 1959 & 1960. I'm now 88 years old and just attended the initial planning meeting for the Honor Flight which will occur October 2 of this year. I was so impressed with the initial meeting and I'm anxiously looking forward to the flight to Washington DC.

I was very fortunate that I was not involved in any actual battles, but I am proud to have served my country for my tour. I would be interested in learning how you were made aware of the Honor Flight be able to send a thank you to a veteran which you've never met as well as information about yourself. My address is John Knox Drive apartment P111, Colfax, NC 27235.  
Thanks again, Samuel for your very heartwarming thank you. Very best regards, Jim Landon.

Thank you Samuel R Brown for your folded card , it's is different,I served in the USAF ,60th FIS,worked on F-101,T-33 , mostly at Cape Cod, Mass 📍

Date: Tue, Sep 10, 2024 at 10:35 AM  
Subject: Thank you  
To: Cheshbrownsr@gmail.com

Good morning Sam, my name is Dennis Mack and I am a retired Marine who attended a Veterans meeting over this past weekend here in North Carolina regarding an Honor Flight to Washington, DC in October. During the meeting we were given different items from donors and sponsors thanking us for our service to our great country. Your Thank You note is really appreciated and what caught my eye after reading it was it was inside of a folded map of Pennsylvania. I was born and raised in Pa prior to my military career. Again thank you for your support

From: LeighAnn Haglan  
Date: Tue, Sep 10, 2024 at 9:57 AM  
Subject: Map message in my dads packet  
To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com

Good morning,

My dad will be on the honor flight in October and he received a package at his meeting this past weekend. It included a really cool map message that has your email on it. Dad is a Vietnam combat vet (received Purple Heart 2 awards). I wanted to thank you for the message and give a little irony. We are from North Carolina and his last name is also Brown. He serves in the 25th infantry division and will be searching for some of those they lost in the wall. Thank you again for the map-the personalized touch is a special part of giving our Vietnam veterans the welcome home they deserve

Leighann

From: Stephanie Doane  
Date: Sun, Sep 15, 2024 at 9:04 AM  
Subject: Map Note for deployers  
To: <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Good Afternoon!

Thank you for your note/folded map included in the deployment package! The personal touches to our deployment packages mean a lot and help reconnect with home.

Hope you have a great day!

God Bless the USA!

v/r,  
Maj Stephanie Doane

From: Robert Jackson  
Date: Thu, Sep 26, 2024 at 1:57 PM  
Subject: The postcards you sent  
To: <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Hello,

My name is Specialist Jackson, I'm a medic in the US Army and recently picked up one of your post cards. Honestly I just wanted to reach out and say the map idea was really cool. It's nice to have people reaching out while we're over here and it's good to see that people still do stuff like that. We have also received letters from school children age 8-18, it's interesting to me because that was me 2 years ago. I remember writing thank you cards when I was kid to soldiers over in Iraq. Obviously what we're doing here is nothing as serious as the war those soldiers fought. Thank you for your words of support. We're almost to the half way point of our deployment and it seems everyone here is in high hopes. I hope everything is good back in the states. Anyways best wishes and hope all is well.

Spc. Jackson  
US Army

From: Robb Robichaud  
Date: Fri, Sep 27, 2024 at 10:18 PM  
Subject: Fwd: Your Origami  
To: <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Dear Samuel,

My name is W. Robb Robichaud and I'm a Disabled Vietnam Veteran living in Colorado. I'm going on the Rocky Mountain Honor trip to Washington DC on October 3, 2024.

I attended a meeting/luncheon this past Thursday with the other Vietnam Veterans who are going on the trip and received a gift pack lunch. Inside were many little items, but the most important one was your origami thanking me for my service. It touched my heart deeply and I will treasure it forever. I truly appreciate the special effort you put into making it. I've received many thank you cards in the past but never an origami. Precious!



In the Army from 1968-1971 I was a Warrant Officer and a helicopter pilot gunship commander (AC). I am so proud to have served my country and will always never have any regrets. I was shot down 3 times and survived with internal injuries. I am including a picture of my "Shadow Box Display" which shows my award history.

Thank you again for the precious gift Samuel and wish you great health and happiness.

Your friend forever,  
W Robb Robichaud

P.S. I was born and raised in Massachusetts. Hi neighbor!

From: Walls, Samuel R PO2 USN (USA)  
Date: Sun, Sep 29, 2024 at 11:38 AM  
Subject: Thank You For Your Support!  
To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com



Dear Mr. Brown,

I hope this letter finds you in good spirits. My name is Samuel. I recently received a care package with your letter inside. I just wanted to reach out and show my appreciation for the things you do for all us service members currently overseas. It really means a lot when we start the day and see that we have received mail from someone who cares. It really is the smallest things that make the biggest impacts. I've never been to CT but I can imagine it isn't the hottest state right now. I will pray for you and your loved ones as that hurricane continues to make its way near you. Please feel free to let me know if there's anything I can do on my end to help you or even if you just need someone to talk. Again, THANK YOU for everything you have done and are continuing to do for all of us! We send our love!!

Well Wishes,

AC2 Walls

Air Operations/ATC

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From: Cuaresma, Samuel E FCA3 USN, USS DEWEY DDG 105

Date: Sun, Sep 29, 2024 at 9:57 AM

Subject: Thank You!!

To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com

Good Evening Samuel R. Brown,

My crew and I recently got your package sent through the “FORGOTTEN SOLDIERS OUTREACH” program sent to Armed Forces around the world.

Thank y’all so much for all the kind words and hopeful messages! (And the really good snacks, keep sending those please haha)

We appreciate the time you and your peers have given us to send us cards and gifts. All of us are glad to serve, and I am personally proud to serve the American People. All the notes are amazing, and your Star-Map note is impressive! Amazing Job!

Please be sure to pass this message onto any other friends, family, teachers, etc. who have helped with sending this gift package!

Stay Safe!

Regards,

FCA3 Cuaresma, Samuel

USS Dewey DDG 105



From: Larry Hines  
Date: Tue, Oct 1, 2024 at 1:30 PM  
Subject: Thank you!  
To: <cheshbrownr@gmail.com>

Dear Samuel,

I just received an Operation Gratitude goody bag full of useful and thoughtful items to take with me tomorrow on the Honor Flight to DC leaving out of Greensboro, NC. One thing I treasure is the folded map with your kind message and email address inside.

I'm including two photos with this email to show me serving in Vietnam (in front of the photo) in a mortar pit out on a remote mountaintop Firebase in Vietnam during the summer of 1969. The top photo is of me 55 years later at the Angel Fire Vietnam Veterans Memorial near Taos, New Mexico in July, 2024.

I served as an American Red Cross "Donut Dolly" in Vietnam in 1968-69. We are the only women who flew out daily in pairs from our basecamps to remote small units of soldiers who lived in remote areas, often on mountaintop locations. We took out comfort items like toothbrushes/toothpaste, mail, stationery/pens, paperback books, puzzles, shoelaces, socks, calendars, and other things to cheer up the troops. We were there with smiles and hugs to be "A Touch of Home in the Combat Zone". We 627 college-educated young (21-27 yrs old) women served between 1965-72. Three of our women were killed in country. Now we are all in our 70s as "Time Marches On".

My husband of 52 years is also a Vietnam Veteran who served as a US Navy Carrier deck pilot flying missions over North and South Vietnam in 1966. He will be on the Honor flight tomorrow too.

Coincidentally, I knit scarves for Operation Gratitude, so I especially feel grateful for your willingness to donate your time, talent, and encouraging words to those of us who have risked our lives to serve our country. Our son is also a true patriot who is serving in his 23rd year in the US Navy. He and his family just returned from 4 years in Okinawa and Yokosuka, Japan.

Thank you so very much for your encouragement and support!

Mary Laraine "Larry" Young Hines  
Raleigh, North Carolina



From: Max Owsley  
Date: Tue, Oct 8, 2024 at 1:06 PM  
Subject: Re: card  
To: Samuel Brown <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Samuel,  
I want you to know that I greatly appreciate your kindness.  
It so happens my wife is an Army veteran, she too received one of your cards.  
We received it in the bag which was given to us for an Honor Flight out of Quincy, Illinois

again, thank you for your kind support

Max Owsley  
Caroline Owsley

On Wed, Oct 9, 2024 at 7:12 AM Jones, Diana M CW2 USARMY USARCENT (USA)  
Good Day Mr. Brown,

To my surprise-this cool map origami came from my home city and state!!! I just had to respond!

Just want to let you know that we appreciate all of those who send us letters of hope, and support,  
care packages, and love!!!!

Many thanks to you! Hope your day ahead is peaceful and productive!

Thank you!  
Wishing you safe & great days ahead,

Mrs. Diana M. Jones, PHR  
CW2, AG, BDE S1  
Task Force RSG  
Camp Beuhring, Kuwait 🐪  
DSN: 318-824-0405

From: RONALD E MEYER  
Date: Tue, Oct 15, 2024 at 11:44 AM  
Subject: Thankyou from Veteran  
To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com

Thank you for recognizing American verterans with cards we received on our 74th honor flight out of Hannibal Missouri. The flight was an experience I will never forget and will always be grateful for. Thank you so much for you support. Your Oragami was beautiful. Respectfully Ronald E. Meyer USN  
Keokuk Iowa

From: Chartier, Lonquenthia T SFC USARMY 4 ID 3 ABCT (USA)  
Date: Wed, Oct 16, 2024 at 9:49 AM  
Subject: RE: Thank you for the Care Package  
To: Samuel Brown <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Mr. Sam,


Thank you for all you do for us! That's a cool idea what you're doing.

v/r

SFC Lonquenthia T. Chartier  
S-3/ OPS SGM  
64th BSB, 3ABCT, 4ID  
Fort Carson, CO 80913 Located DCTC, Poland  
Cell +1-469-474-6173

From: Grant Raber  
Date: Thu, Oct 31, 2024 at 2:53 AM  
Subject: Care Package Letter  
To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com

Good morning,

Came across one of your origami style notes in a care package recently at a US military base in Poland . Naturally caught my eye being made out of a map. This one in particular was made out of the Fort Lauderdale area which I have visited once years ago on vacation. It brought up fond memories so just wants to let you know your time and effort are appreciated. Hope all is well in Cheshire, CT.

Thanks again,

Grant Raber

From: Melissa Beasley  
Date: Wed, Nov 13, 2024 at 1:50 AM  
Subject: Thank you note  
To: <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Good morning Samuel,

Just wanted to say thank you myself as it put a smile on my face! 😊  
As me and my husband was at the food bank here in Okinawa JP, ( we have 5 children it's hard here)  
when we got home I see the thank you for your service note in the bag!! My husband smiled and  
thanked you too!

I hope you have a wonderful day and know your message was received!!

Melissa Beasley

From: Eric whitaker  
Date: Tue, Nov 19, 2024 at 7:48 AM  
Subject: Thank you for the care package  
To: <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Hello,  
SGT Redman has shared a care package with us today. Thank you very much! The card made from an  
atlas is really cool. The cookies were amazing too.

Respectfully,

Eric Whitaker  
SGT Technical engineer 947th EVCC CONG  
Engineering technician Buckhorn Engineering  
Owner E3 welding and fabrication LLC.

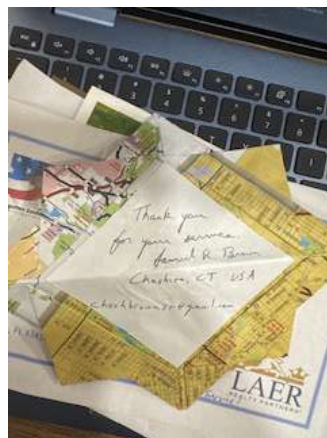
From: Kevin O'Connor  
Date: Mon, Nov 25, 2024 at 9:00 AM  
Subject: Thank you  
To: <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Hello,  
My name is SGT Kevin O'Connor. I am a soldier over seas at the moment and received a "thank you for  
your service" note creatively made of maps in the package. I just want to say thank you. It means a lot  
to us here. Ironically I am from Hamden, CT. Seeing Cheshire hit pretty close to home. Thank you again  
for your support!

From: Shawna Marie  
Date: Sat, Nov 30, 2024 at 12:44 PM  
Subject: Care package  
To: <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Thank you for the care package..... it really means a lot to us service members to find comfort and support from home.

Sincerely,  
SSG Rector



Date: Tue, Dec 3, 2024 at 3:47 AM  
Subject: Army Member thank you  
To: <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Hello Mr. Brown. We received your note and art over in Poland. Thank you so much for spending it to us. It means a lot. Have a great day and God bless.

MAJ Joe

From: Sean Gilmor  
Date: Wed, Dec 4, 2024 at 1:43 PM  
Subject: US Army Care Package  
To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com

Hey there, I'm PFC Gilmor. I received your folded map origami in a care package, the first week I arrived in Poland. I thought it was very cool and wanted to say thank you. You provided your email, so I'm thankful for that.

From my battle buddies and my self, we appreciate the support always! God bless! Merry Christmas!

PFC Gilmor  
4ID on rotation in Poland

From: Alberto Castillo  
Date: Fri, Dec 6, 2024 at 12:55 PM  
Subject: Thank you!  
To: <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Thank you so much for the care package from your community. Got your note along with others posted on my wall locker! People like you are the reason we do what we can to help those in need.

Thank you from all of us here in the Middle East!!!

Very Respectfully,  
SGT Castillo, Alberto  
U.S. Army  
82ND Airborne Division



From: N4SHgames

Date: Sat, Dec 7, 2024 at 2:58 AM

Subject: Thank you!

To: <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Mr. Brown,

My team and I, currently deployed to Kenya to support US forces here in the Horn of Africa, just received a care package with the origami notes that you sent. Thank you for the support and the thoughtful note. Wishing you the best!

Respectfully,

JOHN A. JOHNSON, MSgt, USAF  
Explosive Ordnance Disposal

From: eric stoops

Date: Sat, Dec 7, 2024 at 10:14 AM

Subject: Thank you! (Care Package)

To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com

Good morning Mr. Brown

My team really enjoyed the origami stars. Everyone thought it was really cool as one of the responsibilities that my team has is making maps for our area of operation.

Very Respectfully,  
SGT Stoops, Eric

From: Johnson, Kamren M PO2 USN (USA)

Date: Mon, Dec 23, 2024 at 2:38 AM

Subject: Thanks Mr. Brown - A Grateful Sailor

To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com

Hey there Mr. Brown. I recently received a care package and inside i found your handwritten note. I just wanted to take the time to shoot you an email and say how thankful i am for your support. It may not seem like much but this note has helped alleviate some of the homesickness that plagues me during the holidays while im deployed. I really appreciate this kind act and want you to know that it doesn't go unnoticed. Thanks again. Happy Holidays.

P.S. The origami note was a nice touch. Very nice.

Very Respectfully,  
-AM2 Johnson, Kamren  
VP-16  
W/C 120 Day Shift Supervisor.

From: Onthank, Charles E 1LT USARMY NG WYANG (USA)

Date: Wed, Jan 1, 2025 at 8:53 AM

Subject: Care Package

To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com

Good morning Mr. Brown,

I wanted to reach out and tell you that we have received a care package with a note from you in it at our location in the Middle East. Thank you for your kind note and your willingness to keep us in your thoughts while we're deployed overseas. It means a great deal to all of my Soldiers with the 920th Forward Support Company out of Wyoming. I've attached a picture of the note as well.

We hope you're well and enjoyed your holiday season.

Thank you,

Chad Onthank

Executive Officer

920th Forward Support Company



From: james.m.hajek

Date: Sun, Jan 5, 2025 at 5:48 AM

Subject: Operation Gratitude Thank You

To: cheshbrownsr <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Samuel,

I just received your note from one of my packages; I just wanted to say thank and the origami is very impressive! I didn't open it right away because I was worried I'd mess it up.

What city in TX is the map of?

V/r,

JAMES M. HAJEK, TSgt, USAF

From: David Reyes  
Date: Wed, Jan 8, 2025 at 10:41 AM  
Subject: Thank you!  
To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com

Thank you!! Thats how i wanted to start this email. Im very grateful to you for taking the time and sending this small but meaningful detail! Being away from the family and loved ones at a deployment and during holidays is hard but little details like this gives strength. Thank you! Att: Spc Reyes/ US ARMY



From: chris lumpkins  
Date: Fri, Jan 17, 2025 at 5:05 PM  
Subject: Thank you!  
To: <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>



Greetings,

I am Senior Airman Christopher Lumpkins and I just wanted to reach out because I'm currently deployed and I saw your "thank you for your service" letter and I wanted to thank you because I am also from CT (Plainfield/Norwich) and so it felt really good to see something like that from my home state, we don't really see much from CT outside the state so seeing this while deployed being from my home state meant a lot so thank you very much!

Regards,

Christopher Lumpkins, SrA, USAF.

From: Justys Miller  
Date: Sat, Jan 18, 2025 at 9:02 AM  
Subject: Note you sent to a soldier  
To: <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

I got your letter. thank you so much for the support! I hope u had a good Christmas and new year!





From: Grant Uhrich  
Date: Thu, Jan 23, 2025 at 9:47 AM  
Subject: Thank you  
To: <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Sir,

I wanted to say thank you for your support. I recently got your thank you in a care package and I wanted to take a minute to show you how far your thank you got across the world.

Thank you,  
Technical Sergeant Grant Uhrich  
27 Special Operations Task Group East Africa



From: Jack Jack  
Date: Thu, Jan 23, 2025 at 4:52 PM  
Subject: Hello! Thank you!  
To: cheshbrownsr@gmail.com

Hello Mr. Brown,

My Name is Jack, I am a Veteran here West Los Angeles VA Medical Center, Wilshire Blvd.

I Received your "Thank you Star for my Services"

I Want to Reply you and Thank you for all your Supports and Kindness to us Veterans. Blessings to you.

Thank you



From: Matthew Catalanotto  
Date: Mon, Feb 17, 2025 at 12:05 PM  
Subject: Thank you very much  
To: <cheshbrownsr@gmail.com>

Good evening Samuel,

I just got a care package with your letter in it and I seen your email. I am currently out deployed within the Artic circle. I wanted to respond to let you know that I have received it and I appreciate it so much and it makes me so happy and thankful to serve and help such wonderful people. Thank you for all the support it means so much to me and my fellow service members and these care packages brought smiles to all of our faces.

