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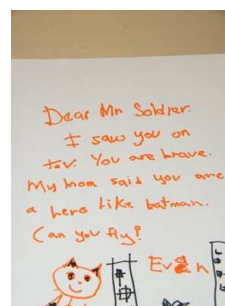
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*Triple Purple Heart recipient,
Red Cross Executive Director Glen Beasley*



*A card from a child
Photos: Diane Mandeville and Karen Melchione*

Red Cross Volunteers Sort through "Holiday Mail for Heroes" and Deliver Greeting Cards to Service Members and Families at MMR

HYANNIS, Mass., December 20th, 2010 — Last week, Red Cross Services to the Armed Forces volunteers sorted through thousands of holiday cards as part of a national campaign, "Holiday Mail for Heroes". They later delivered these cards to military and their families, and sent them to troops deployed overseas. Some cards were also given to CapeCodCares4theTroops and to veterans in the area.

"Holiday Mail For Heroes" continues the Red Cross tradition of service to the armed forces. *"This year, with the opening of the Military and Family Resource Center on the Massachusetts Military Reservation, we are right here on Cape Cod, helping to provide care and assistance to service members, their families and Veterans,"* said Glen Beasley, Chapter Executive Director. *"This is a way for every member of the public to lift the spirits of military members, their families and veterans during this holiday season.."*

About Holiday Mail for Heroes

The American Red Cross and Pitney Bowes Inc. team up to send holiday cards to members of the military and their families in the United States and around the world. Until Friday, December 10, 2010, the public was invited to send holiday cards with their message of thanks and cheer to a special post office box. The Red Cross and Pitney Bowes then screen cards for hazardous materials, sort and package the cards, and deliver them to military bases, veteran's and military hospitals and veterans during the holidays.

The American Red Cross is a charitable organization - not a government agency - and depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its humanitarian mission. For more information about volunteering to support the military, volunteering or training at the Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, visit the web site: cciredcross.org or call toll-free (508) 775-1540. You can also write to: American Red Cross, Cape Cod and Islands Chapter, 286 South Street, Hyannis MA 02601.