

# Delivering Holiday Cheer to Service Members



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## Mailing Deadlines

Making sure those serving in the nation's armed forces receive their presents and care packages in time for the holidays is a priority for their friends and family — and for the U.S. Postal Service®.

The shipping deadlines for most APO/FPO addresses can be found below. For exceptions and full shipping deadlines, please visit: [usps.com/shippingdates/](https://usps.com/shippingdates/).

APO/FPO Standard Post™	Nov. 08
APO/FPO First-Class Mail® Letters and Cards	Dec. 10
APO/FPO Priority Mail®	Dec. 10
APO/FPO Priority Mail Express™ Military Service	Dec. 17

## Military Care Kit

Since Priority Mail service supplies are the packaging of choice for families preparing care packages for service members overseas, USPS® has created a “Military Care Kit” based on the items most frequently requested.

The kit contains:

- Two APO/FPO Large Priority Box (12" x 12" x 5-1/2").
- Two Medium Priority Mail Boxes 1 (11" x 8-1/2" x 5-1/2").
- Two Medium Priority Mail Boxes 2 (13-5/8" x 11-7/8" x 3-3/8").
- Priority Mail tape.
- Priority Mail address labels.
- Appropriate customs forms.

To order a kit, call 1-800-610-8734.

## Helpful Shipping Tips

Use a Large Priority Mail Flat Rate® box. It costs \$15.90 and includes a \$2 per box discount for military mail being sent to APO/FPO/DPO destinations worldwide.

Use the service member's full name when shipping to ensure it reaches the correct person.

Include the service member's unit and APO/FPO address with the nine-digit ZIP Code™.

Always include a return address.

Use Click-N-Ship® to automatically standardize the APO/FPO address if it has been added to the Postal Service™ database.

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