

**California Operation: Military Kids
A US Army Funded Project**

Hero Pack Request Form (2009-2010)

**Please fill out completely
(order will not be processed if not completely filled out)**

Your complete name:

Your Title:

Unit #:

Branch of Service or Name of Organization

Complete Shipping Address:

Contact phone number:

(you must agree that the packs ordered will be given to a military child/youth that has been, is or will be affected by a deployment of a loved one)

Number of Child packs requested:

Number of Teen packs requested:

Who will be donating the age appropriate items to fill the packs? (the packs usually arrive empty)

- **Please fill the packs with recommended items that include:**
 - **A note tablet**
 - **Several envelopes**
 - **Postage Stamps**
 - **A couple of writing pens**
 - **A personal letter of encouragement from a non military child/youth (required)**
 - **A disposable camera**
 - **Your groups contact-membership information**
 - **Other non hazardous, non choke hazard items**
 - **Information for parent/guardian**

What group of children will be receiving the packs? What branch of service?

When will the children receive the packs?

Where will the packs be distributed? (give specific building name/complete address)

Who are the non military children that will write the letters of encouragement for the military child?

What individuals/group will assist you in handing out the packs (children or adults?)

By placing a request for Hero Packs, you agree to furnish CA OMK photos of your volunteer adults, youth or children filling the packs and handing the packs to military dependent children and youth. You agree to email the photos to Berney DeLaCruz, CA OMK State Coordinator, within 5 days of the distribution event. Some or all of the photos may be posted on the California page within www.operationmilitarykids.org

Questions? Contact:

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Hand Written “Letter of Appreciation”
To go inside filled Hero Pack

The handwritten notes of encouragement and thanks are for the military children and youth receiving the Junior or Teen Hero Packs. Your group can use patriotic stationery or your own cards/letters. The letter should be from a non-military child to a military child.

The goal is to have at least one letter in each Hero Pack, but feel free to create additional letters if you’d like. Write from your heart. Think about what you, as a non military child/youth may say to a military child or youth if you were to meet them in person.

Share some of your favorite experiences and pastimes. Let them know that your group is here to support them.

When you write the letter:

- Keep it positive
- Do not include your political opinions
- Do not include words that talk about death, dying, injury, etc.
- Remember that the child/youth receiving the letter might have a parent, guardian, brother or sister in the military
- Do not include your last name, phone number, address, email, etc. (only sign with your first name)
- Do not say that you “feel sorry for them”
- Be sure and thank the child/youth for the sacrifice that they are making (not having their loved one at home)
- Remind the child/youth that they are also a Hero.

Sample letter to military child/youth:

Dear military child/youth:

Thank you for supporting your country. I really appreciate all of the service and sacrifices that you are making while your family member is gone. I filled this Hero Pack for you because you are one of my Heroes. You and your family are heroes for making such a big contribution to our country. I hope that you will enjoy using the things in the Hero Pack to have fun and stay in touch with your loved one while they are away.

(tell the child/youth a little bit about your group). (tell them what you like to do for fun)

Sign the card or letter with only your first name.