Cards for Ozanam Manor Veterans



Create a card for a veteran living at Ozanam Manor to thank them for their service! The purpose of these cards is to express your gratitude and remind a veteran going through a difficult time that their courage and service is appreciated! **View these stories to hear from some of our veterans:** <u>Holly's Story and Ronnie's Story</u>

MATERIALS:

- Cards or Paper
- Pencil/Pen
- Envelope
- *Optional*
 - Markers
 - Stickers
 - Paint
 - Stationary
 - Anything to decorate your card

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Decorate a card with "Thank You" on the front, or something similar!
- Write a note on the inside filled with encouragement and positivity. Remind them that their service is appreciated! See below for examples and more inspiration on what to include in your card!
- Sign the card using your first name.
- Email:HelpFromHome@svdpaz.org
- Mail: SVdP c/o Shawn Donnelly 420 W. Watkins Rd. PHX 85003

TIPS AND INSPIRATION:

- Include inspiring and uplifting words and phrases such as, "You are valued," "Thank you for your bravery," "You are strong."
- Add colorful drawings, stickers or paint to make it feel fun and original
- Draw American flags or patriotic symbols
- Tell them something to make them laugh or smile
- Decorate the envelope that you put your letter in
- Read the next page for more specific ideas!

More Examples and Inspiration



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- Incorporate your own skills and interests to the creativity of the card (for example, paint or draw a picture if you're artistic)
- Add stamps or 3-dimensional stickers to make the card more lively
- Make the resident you're writing to feel seen and valued, reminding them that people are thankful for them
- Wish them a great year ahead
- Include comments like, "Thank you for your sacrifice and bravery," and "Thank you for protecting our freedom!"
- Make the card cheerful and positive because they are meant to brighten someone's day and remind them of their value
- Share a quote that inspires you
- Be mindful of their situation
- Share something you love about this country
- Print inspirational quotes, words, or pictures and color them in so the resident can have something positive, colorful and encouraging in their living space
- List some reasons to smile! :)

