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## **SENDING LOVE TO OUR MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN**

Washington, DC – Love may be timeless, but deadlines are not.

Valentine's Day is almost here. Military friends and families who wish to mail cards must send them via First-Class mail by Feb. 4 in order to reach troops stationed overseas by Feb. 14.

"Cupid may have wings, but we have to rely on more conventional methods. There are more than 80 military installations worldwide, so we urge families and loved ones to get Valentine's greetings in the mail a little earlier this year," said Delores Killete, Vice President and Consumer Advocate of the U.S. Postal Service.

Can't make it to the Post Office? Then create and send cards without leaving home, when it's convenient. Simply log on to [www.usps.com/cardstore](http://www.usps.com/cardstore) and start shopping. NetPost CardStore is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, allowing ample time to get that card to sweethearts stationed overseas.

NetPost CardStore offers seven pages of assorted Valentine's Day cards to choose from, waiting online to carry individual messages and wishes. Cover designs are provided, and senders can create their own personalized card sent via First-Class Mail, all at the click of a button. For those romantics seeking an electronic Cyrano de Bergerac, the Postal Service also provides some suggested sentiments to add inside the card.

All First-Class mail must be addressed to individual service members, in accordance with U.S. Department of Defense regulations.

All military units are assigned an APO or FPO ZIP Code and in many cases that ZIP Code travels with the unit. The Postal Service places APO/FPO mail on special charter flights, commercial airlines and military service aircraft to reach armed services members overseas as quickly as possible.

**For more information, log on to [www.usps.com/cardstore](http://www.usps.com/cardstore)**

Since 1775, the Postal Service and its predecessor, the Post Office Department, has connected friends, families, neighbors and businesses by mail. It is an independent federal agency that visits more than 144 million homes and businesses every day and is the only service provider delivering to every address in the nation. The Postal Service receives no taxpayer dollars for routine operations, but derives its operating revenues solely from the sale of postage, products and services. With annual revenues of \$70 billion, it is the world's leading provider of mailing and delivery services, offering some of the most affordable postage rates in the world. The U.S. Postal Service delivers more than 46 percent of the world's mail volume—some 212 billion letters, advertisements, periodicals and packages a year—and serves seven million customers each day at its 37,000 retail locations nationwide.