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Postal Service Offers First-Time Military Discount For New, Large Flat-Rate Box



WASHINGTON, DC — Planning to send a care package to a U.S. military service member serving abroad? Send it after March 3 to take advantage of a new flat-rate box from the U.S. Postal Service that is 50 percent larger and delivered for \$10.95 to an APO/FPO address — \$2 less than for domestic destinations.

“This is the first time the Postal Service has offered a special price for our armed forces serving overseas,” said Postmaster General John Potter. “We’re proud that family and friends will be able to use this new larger-sized box to send much appreciated packages from home to our dedicated troops overseas.”

The new Priority Mail Large Flat-Rate Box (12" x 12" x 5 ½" or 800 cubic inches) will be available in Post Offices nationwide beginning March 3, but customers can begin ordering them Feb. 20 at usps.com/supplies or by calling 800-610-8734. Some of the new boxes are co-branded with the logo of *America Supports You*, which is a Department of Defense program that connects citizens offering support to the military and their families.

“It’s terrific that the Postal Service continues to think of ways to help Americans support our troops and their families. Postage is always a concern when shipping care packages, and this new flat-rate box means our home front groups and supportive citizens can do more with their resources,” said Allison Barber, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense. “We’re especially pleased that some of the boxes will bear the *America Supports You* logo reminding our service members that they have our nation’s support.”

The \$2 discount is applied when the Priority Mail Large Flat-Rate Boxes are shipped to an APO/FPO destination. The two existing flat-rate boxes (11 ⅞" x 3 ⅞" x 13 ⅝" and 11" x 8 ½" x 5 ½"), which currently retail for \$8.95 for U.S. addresses, are not available for the military discount. All flat-rate boxes can be used for international shipping.

The new flat-rate boxes will be available in Post Offices starting March 3. The *America Supports You* branded box will be available online, at select Post Offices near military bases, or by calling 800-610-8734.

Priority Mail Large Flat-Rate Box Prices	
Domestic Shipping	\$12.95
▪ Military Shipping	
APO/FPO Addresses	\$10.95
International Shipping*	
▪ Canada and Mexico	\$29.95
▪ Other Countries	\$49.95

*20-pound weight limit

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An independent federal agency, the U.S. Postal Service is the only delivery service that visits every address in the nation – 146 million homes and businesses. It has 37,000 retail locations and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to pay for operating expenses, not tax dollars. The Postal Service has annual revenues of \$75 billion and delivers nearly half the world's mail.

America Supports You is a Department of Defense program established to showcase Americans' support for the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families. Since 2004, *America Supports You* has connected more than 350 nonprofit groups providing citizen support to the military and their families, including the shipping of thousands of care packages to deployed forces. To learn more about *America Supports You*, please visit www.AmericaSupportsYou.mil.