

Letters from Home

By Stanly Community College

Objectives

Students will

- 1) Develop an abiding respect for the American soldier--those ordinary men and women who volunteer to protect and preserve America even though they personally may face great danger/death keeping freedom alive
- 2) Remember our military men and women by writing letters of appreciation and encouragement to soldiers serving abroad



Background

Letters from Home were written by ESL students from all campuses. The letters were typed--sometimes by the students themselves and sometimes by teachers (preserving spelling and punctuation as written by the students)--and decorated before being sent to the Marines in Iraq. The letters that were sent did not include the source of the decorative graphics. For purposes of this project, the graphics are credited on each letter.

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Scott Crisco's class at Stanly Community College wrote letters for Independence Day. The students—many just beginning to learn English--did a draft, followed by corrections, discussion, and a rewrite.

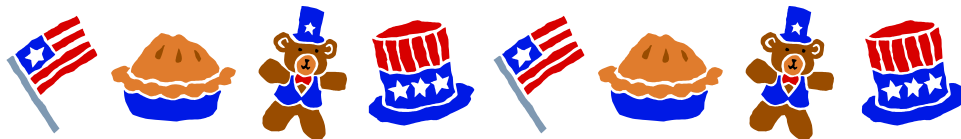
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Happy 4th of July

By Maria Zeloya

Original

They protect the country. They always to think and of families hope that all can come home soon, the July 4 is holiday that hope to unites and families. I will to go to the church and thank a God for have my good health and my family. I also thank God for the soilders that protect me.



Revision

U.S soldiers protect the country. Thank you soldiers for putting us and this country before yourselves. I hope that you all can come home soon. July 4th is a holiday that I hope will unite friends and families. I will to go to church and thank a God for my good health, my family, and my freedom in this county. I also thank God for the soldiers that protect me. Thank you American soldiers for all you do!

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Dear Marine:

U.S Marines protect the country. Thank you for putting us and this country before yourselves. I hope that you all can come home soon. July 4th is a holiday that I hope will unite friends and families. I will to go to church and thank God for my good health, my family, and my freedom in this county. I also thank God for the soldiers that protect me.

Thank you American Marines for all you do!

**Maria Zeloya
Stanly Community College
English as a Second Language Class**

Happy 4th of July

By: Va Yang

Original

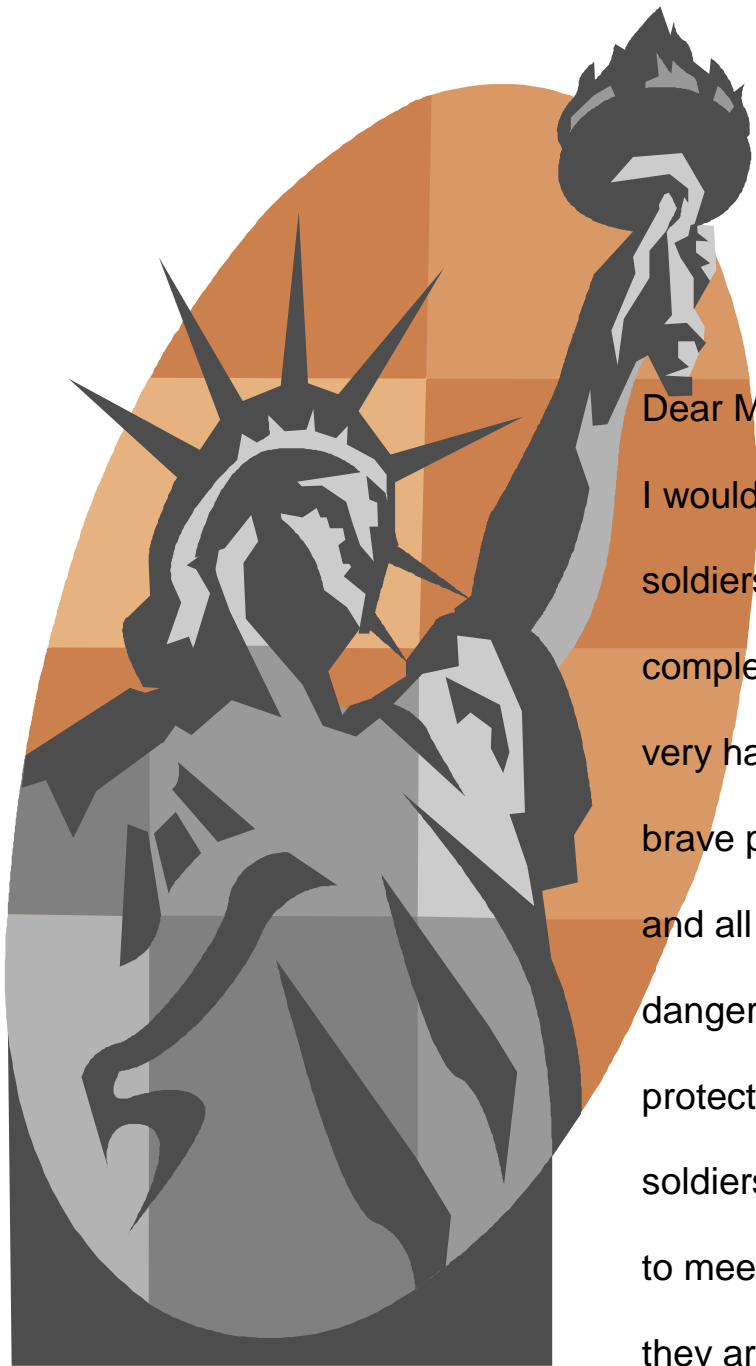
In my opinions I would like to say thank you for all the soldiers you are completely our hero. You all work very hard to protect us. You are very brave people and I very respect. I know you job is very danger. You give your life to protect our country. I hope all the soldiers service and come back to meet your family, because they are waiting for you. We all will pray for the God to protect all you.



Revision

In my opinion, I would like to say thank you for all the soldiers. You are completely our heroes. You all work very hard to protect us. You are very brave people and I really respect each and all of you. I know your job is very dangerous. You give your life to protect our country. I hope all the soldiers in the service can come back to meet your families soon because they are all waiting for you. We all will pray for God to protect all of you. Thank you very much!

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Dear Marine:

I would like to say thank you for all the soldiers and marines. You are completely our heroes. You all work very hard to protect us. You are very brave people and I really respect each and all of you. I know your job is very dangerous. You give your life to protect our country. I hope all the soldiers in the service can come back to meet your families soon because they are all waiting for you. We all will pray for God to protect all of you.

Thank you very much!

Va Yang
Stanly Community College
English as a Second Language Class

Happy 4th of July

By: Mee Moua

Original

In my opinions I would like to say thank you for all the sodiers you aer because you wil work very bard to protect us . I know your work job is dager for your self but we all will pray for the god to protect all to hepl you and I hope your work is fisnish for you When finish I hope all you cone back to meet your mon and your day and your family they would to do have a happy for you.



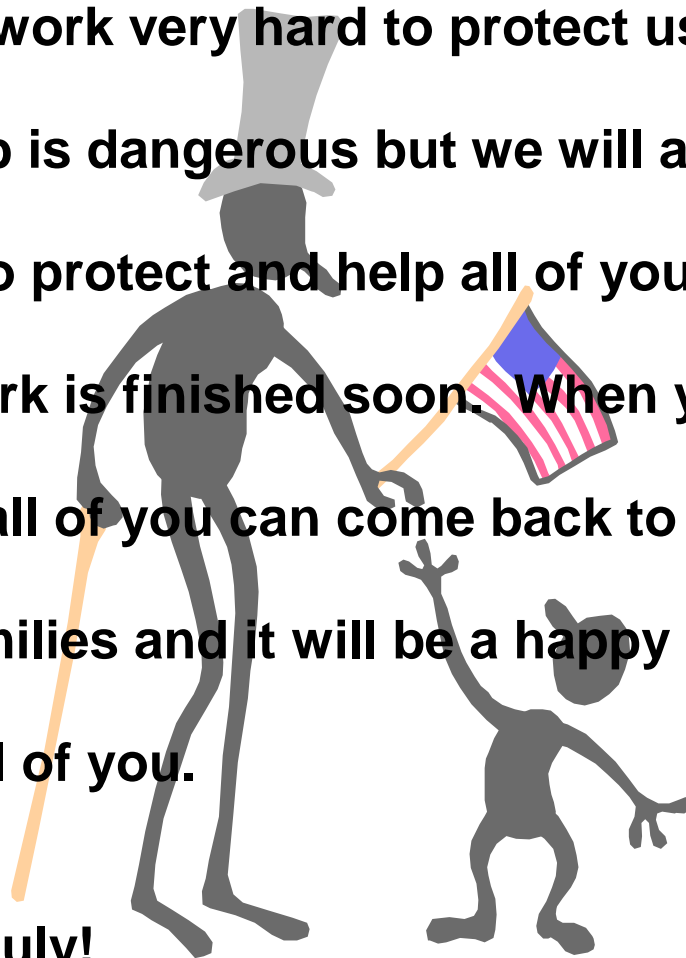
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Happy 4th of July!

**Mee Moua
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English as a Second Language Class**

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Happy July 4th

By: Suparb Jordan

Original

I very want to thank you to American soldiers for keeping our country saved. I want to thank you al American soldiers who gave they life for our country.



Revision

I very much want to thank all American soldiers for keeping our country safe. I want to thank all the American soldiers who gave their lives for our country.

Dear Marine:

I very much want to thank all American marines and soldiers for keeping our country safe. I want to thank all the men and women who gave their lives for this country.

Suparb Jordan
Stanly Community College
English as a Second Language Class



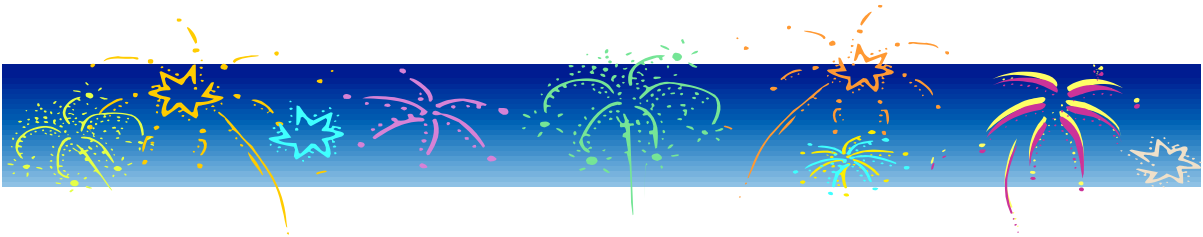
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Happy 4th of July

By: Lilia Martinez

Original

American soldier thanks alot for your sacrifices and take care our nation.



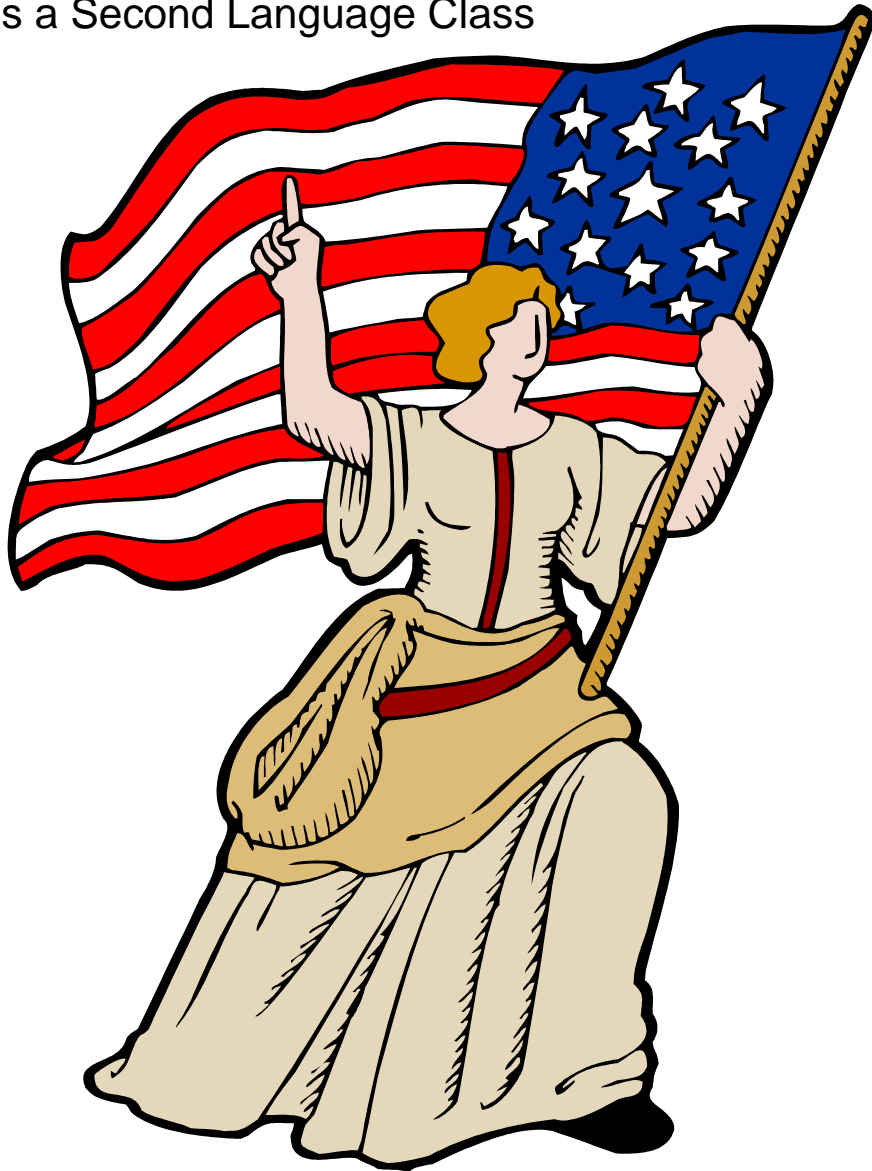
Revision

I want to say thank you very much to all the American soldiers for their sacrifices and for taking care of our Nation.

Dear Marine:

I want to say thank you very much to all the American
Marines for their sacrifices and for taking care of our Nation.

Lilia Martinez
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English as a Second Language Class



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