

Rep. Adrian Smith (R-NE) has announced the American Red Cross will again deliver holiday cards to American military personnel, veterans, and their families across the country and around the world.

Smith's offices in Scottsbluff and Grand Island will serve as collection points for constituents to drop off postage free cards.

The Red Cross and Pitney Bowes will sort and package the cards and deliver them to military bases, veterans' hospitals, and other locations in the U.S. and abroad during the holidays.

Last year, the Red Cross's Service to the Armed Forces staff and volunteers delivered more than 1 million cards for military men and women and their families.

Cards should be sent to:

Holiday Mail for Heroes

P.O. Box 5456

Capitol Heights, MD 20791- 5456

Postage free cards may also be dropped off at either of Smith's district offices:

Scottsbluff – 416 Valley View Dr., Suite 600, Scottsbluff, NE 69361

Grand Island—1811 W. 2nd Street, Suite 105, Grand Island, NE 68803

To ensure cards reach their destination, the following guidelines apply:

- All cards should be postmarked or dropped off to Smith's offices no later than Thursday, Dec. 9.
- Participants are encouraged to limit the number of cards they submit to 15 from any one person or 50 from any one class or group.
- If mailing a large quantity, cards should be bundled and placed in large mailing envelopes. Each card does not need its own envelope or postage.
- All cards should be signed.
- Cards should be addressed to: "Dear Servicemember, family or veteran."
- Cards may not contain inserts, glitter, monetary gifts, photos, personal letters, or e-mail or home addresses.

"This holiday season, we have a chance to show our support for the men and women who have sacrificed so much for our country. Let's all help make the holidays a wonderful time for our troops," Smith said.