

*Congressman to deliver cards to military hospitals, partner with local organizations to send cards to troops overseas*

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Washington, D.C. – Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-11) today offered a reminder that there is still time to participate in his third annual “Holiday Cards for Our Troops” program before the Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline.

“The holiday season can be a difficult time of year for the men and women who serve our country,” Rep. McNerney said. “Being away from friends, family and the comfort of tradition during the holidays is an incredible sacrifice. Thoughtful words of encouragement and support from our community can make a huge difference in boosting the morale of our brave men and women who serve our country with honor.”

Congressman McNerney is collecting cards for service members recovering from injuries and stationed away from their families this holiday season. He will then hand-deliver the cards to soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. and sailors and marines at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD.

Congressman McNerney is also partnering with local organizations to send holiday cards to troops stationed overseas. Cards collected by Congressman McNerney will be included in troop-support packages organized by the Danville Blue Star Moms, Packed With Pride in Stockton and the Pleasanton Military Families and sent to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Last year, Congressman McNerney collected and delivered over 9,000 cards with touching and personal messages of thanks.

To participate in the program make or purchase a holiday card, write a message of thanks inside to a service member, and deliver the card to Rep. McNerney’s office in Stockton or Pleasanton by Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Cards should remain unaddressed and envelopes unsealed.

Below are the addresses of Rep. McNerney’s offices.

Stockton  
2222 Grand Canal Blvd., Suite 7  
Stockton, CA 95207

(209) 476-8552

Pleasanton  
5776 Stoneridge Mall Rd., Suite 175  
Pleasanton, CA 94588  
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