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STOCKTON - Rep. Jerry McNerney, D-Pleasanton, has announced his annual drive to collect holiday greeting cards with messages of gratitude for U.S. military personnel.

This is the fifth year McNerney has offered the program. Last year, residents in his 11th Congressional District sent more than 7,000 cards through the Holiday Cards for Our Troops program.

The cards will be sent to personnel stationed overseas in packages organized by East Bay Blue Star Moms, Pleasanton Military Families, Packed with Pride and the Summerset Veterans Club.

The cards will also be sent to veterans at Bay Area Veterans Affairs hospitals, Camp Parks, Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., and at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.

To participate, purchase a card and write a message of thanks. Deliver the card to McNerney's field office in either Stockton or Pleasanton by Dec. 15.

McNerney asks participants to use a general salutation such as "Dear service member." Cards can not be sent to specific individuals. Do not include inserted materials such as photographs. Leave the envelopes unaddressed and open.

The cards can be dropped off at 2222 Grand Canal Blvd., Stockton.

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