



Soldiers' Angels

Founder's Notes

Dear Angels,

With Valentine's Day coming up this weekend, it's a week of love! And I have two great things to tell you about that are all wrapped up around the ideas of love and gratitude for our troops...

Thanks a Bunch!

Great Love Hath No...



It's hard to find people who more deserve to be thanked and loved than the heroic men and women that put their lives in jeopardy to protect the rest of us. Sometimes our hearts are so full for them it's hard to say what we mean. "Thanks a Bunch" is a great new way to show your love and gratitude to a hero! [\[more\]](#)*

The Heart of It All

Giving for Those Who Gave



Our heroes have shed their blood for us. Why not give a bit of your own blood for others, in their honor? This week, Soldiers' Angels is coordinating with Angel representatives at over 20 blood drives across the nation. "Support the red, white and blue. Give love. Give blood." [\[more\]](#)*

Band of Angels

Mary Ann Bernal, Busy Angel and Leader



Growing up in Yonkers with a father who was a WWII veteran and parents who met on Pearl Harbor Day, it's not surprising that Mary Ann supports the troops. During Desert Storm she wrote 100 "Any Soldier" letters a week, then joined Soldiers' Angels in 2006 through a friend. Now she serves on the Letter Writing, Cards Plus, Wounded TLC and Mentor Teams, and currently has six soldiers who are "letter adoptions." Her tremendous support is fueled by gratitude: "Our military is the reason that we are free today," she says.

As could be guessed from her list of teams, writing is Mary Ann's gift. Her first book, *The Briton and the Dane* (2010), mentions Soldiers' Angels and was dedicated to the fallen son of a woman in her church, as is the sequel she's currently writing. As a Mentor, Mary Ann constantly reminds her Angels to keep it up. "This organization does work, and our military does need our support," she says. "I've gotten letters that say, 'Your letter got there exactly at the right time.'"

What beautiful ways these are of showing love with real meaning that can change lives! From the warm gratitude of a gift of Thanks a Bunch, to life-giving blood in honor of those who shed theirs, to the love of Mary Ann who pours herself out in words.... I hope this week you get a taste of the love all around us!

Wingtip to Wingtip,

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