



# Good Deeds for 9/11 Day

## 11 Ideas for Honoring Service Members and Veterans

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### 1. Participate in a Wreath-Laying Ceremony and Honor Flights

Join or sponsor a wreath-laying ceremony at a veterans' cemetery through programs like [Wreaths Across America](#). Additionally, volunteer with [Honor Flight](#) to help accompany veterans on free trips to Washington, D.C. to visit memorials built in their honor.

### 2. Visit a Veterans Home or Hospital

Spend time with veterans at a local VA hospital or state veterans' home. A simple conversation or game of cards can mean a lot. Find facilities using the [VA Facility Locator](#) and [your state's Department of Veterans Affairs](#).

### 3. Send a Handwritten Letter or Make Paracord Bracelets

Brighten a service member's or veteran's day with a heartfelt letter or bracelet through [Operation Gratitude](#) or [Soldiers' Angels](#).

### 4. Donate Toiletries to Veterans' Shelters

Small bottles of soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and other essentials are always appreciated. Find shelters through the [National Coalition for Homeless Veterans](#).

### 5. Send Care Packages

Organizations like [Support Our Troops](#), [Blue Star Moms](#), and [USO Wishbook](#) help assemble and send care packages to deployed troops.

### 6. Make Holiday Stockings for Heroes

Spread cheer by creating stockings for service members and veterans with [Soldiers' Angels](#).

### 7. Provide Transportation Services

Help veterans get to and from medical or mental health appointments. Learn how to volunteer at [Volunteer VA](#).

### 8. Donate Books

Send gently used books to active-duty military members and veterans through [Operation Paperback](#).

### 9. Foster a Military Service Member's Pet or Raise a Service Dog In Training

Volunteer to foster a pet for a deployed service member through [PACT for Animals](#) or [Dogs on Deployment](#). Alternatively, help raise a puppy that will one day become a service dog for a veteran through an [Assistance Dogs International](#) accredited organization.

### 10. Assist with Airline and Hotel Travel

Support military members by donating airline miles or hotel points through [Fisher House](#) and [Mercy Medical Angels](#).

### 11. Wear Red on Fridays

Show solidarity for deployed service members by wearing red on Fridays—also known as [RED Friday](#) (Remember Everyone Deployed).